



The  
British  
Psychological  
Society

# Royal Charter, Statutes and Rules

*2008*

# The British Psychological Society

## **he Royal Charter first granted**

*at the court at Buckingham Palace, the 26th day of February, 1965.*

Present,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report of a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, dated the 12th day of February, 1965, in the words following, viz:

“YOUR MAJESTY having been pleased, by Your Order of the 20th day of January, 1964, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of the President of the British Psychological Society and others, praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation to the said Society:

“THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition into consideration and do this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that a Charter may be granted by Your Majesty in terms of the Draft hereunto annexed.”

HER MAJESTY having taken into consideration the said Report, and the Draft Charter accompanying it, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Right Honourable Sir Frank Soskice, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do cause a Warrant to be prepared for Her Majesty's Royal Signature, for passing under the Great Seal a Charter in conformity with the said Draft, which is hereunto annexed.

*W.G. Agnew*

## **and amendments allowed**

*at the court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of December, 1987.*

Present,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS the Council of the British Psychological Society has duly made amendments to the Society's Charter:

AND WHEREAS the said amendments have been submitted to Her Majesty in Council for allowance:

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, having taken the said amendments into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to allow the same as set forth in the Schedule to this Order.

*G.I. de Deney*

## **and**

*at the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 18th day of July, 2001.*

BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE PRIVY COUNCIL

WHEREAS the British Psychological Society has made amendments to its Statutes as set out in the Schedule to this Order:

AND WHEREAS the amendments have been submitted to the Lords of The Privy Council for approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, Their Lordships, having taken the amendments into consideration, are pleased to approve them.

*A.K. Galloway*

**and**

*at the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 22nd day of October, 2002.*

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS the British Psychological Society has duly made amendments to its Statute and Charter as set out in the Schedule to this Order:

AND WHEREAS the Amendments have been submitted to Her Majesty in Council for allowance:

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, having taken the amendments into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to allow them.

*A.K. Galloway*

**and**

*at the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 10th day of October, 2006.*

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS the British Psychological Society has duly made amendments to its Charter as set out below:

AND WHEREAS the Amendments have been submitted to Her Majesty in Council for allowance:

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, having taken the amendments into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to allow them.

[These amendments were brought into effect by the Board of Trustees on 14 September, 2007.]

**and**

*at the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 10th day of October, 2006.*

BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE PRIVY COUNCIL

The Privy Council have approved the amendments to the Statutes of the British Psychological Society set out below.

[These amendments were brought into effect by the Board of Trustees on 14 September, 2007.]

**and**

*at the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 12th day of March 2008.*

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

Her Majesty has allowed amendments to the Charter of The British Psychological Society as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

[These amendments were brought into effect by a Special General Meeting on 7 December, 2007.]

The Privy Council have approved the amendments to the Statutes of The British Psychological Society set out in the Schedule to this Order.

[These amendments were brought into effect by the Board of Trustees on 15 February, 2008.].

*Judith Simpson*

Copies of all original documents are at the offices of the Society, including copies of an additional minor amendment approved on the 28th day of October, 1992.

# Royal Charter

**ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS!

WHEREAS a Petition has been presented unto Us by the President of the British Psychological Society and others praying that We should be pleased to grant a Charter of Incorporation for the purpose of constituting the British Psychological Society a Corporation with the object among others of acquiring and taking over the properties and liabilities of the Institution known as the British Psychological Society now occupying certain buildings at St. Pancras in London and carrying on and developing its work under such regulations and with such powers as to Us might appear meet and expedient:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of all other powers Us enabling to do of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted and ordained and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and ordain as follows:

1. The persons who at the date hereof are members of the old Institution and all such persons as may hereafter become members of the Corporation hereby constituted shall for ever hereafter be one Body Corporate and Politic by the name of “The British Psychological Society” and by that name shall and may sue and be sued plead and be impleaded in all Courts whether of law or equity and shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal which may be changed or varied by them or at their pleasure.

2. In this Our Charter unless the context otherwise requires: “The Society” shall mean “The British Psychological Society” hereby constituted. “The old Institution” shall mean the said existing Society known as “The British Psychological Society”. “The old Governing

Body” shall mean the persons constituting at the date hereof the Council of the old Institution. “The Board of Trustees” shall mean the the Board of Trustees of the Society. “Members” shall mean members of the Society. “The Statutes” shall mean the Statutes of the Society for the time being in force. “The Register” shall mean the Register of Chartered Psychologists. Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice versa.

3. The object of the Society shall be:

- (i) to promote the advancement and diffusion of a knowledge of psychology pure and applied and especially to promote the efficiency and usefulness of Members of the Society by setting up a high standard of professional education and knowledge.

In pursuance of that object and no other the trustees may exercise the following powers:

- (ii) to establish, maintain and extend a library of books, works or manuscripts on psychological science, the applications thereof and other subjects allied thereto, and to make provision for a laboratory or laboratories for research in pure and applied psychology;
- (iii) to maintain a Code of Conduct for the guidance of Members and Contributors and to compel the observance of strict rules of professional conduct as a condition of membership;
- (iv) to keep a List of Members and Contributors with such particulars as the Council shall decide;
- (v) to maintain, with such particulars as the Council shall decide, a Register of Chartered Psychologists, consisting of those Members of the Society who have applied for and been granted admission to the Register in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;
- (vi) to institute and conduct examinations and to issue Certificates and Diplomas to persons qualified to practise and teach psychology;
- (vii) to make grants of money, books, apparatus or other matters or things for the purpose of promoting invention and research in psychological science, or its applications, or in subjects connected therewith;

- (viii) to arrange, provide for, or join in arranging and providing for the holding of conferences, national or inter-national exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes and discussions on subjects of general and special interest to persons interested in psychology, and also for the exhibition of any new, improved or other apparatus for psychological research, and any new or other experiments illustrative of psychological laws or phenomena calculated directly or indirectly to further the objects of the Society or any of them;
- (ix) to print, publish and circulate, gratuitously or otherwise, and to sell, lend, issue and distribute gratuitously or otherwise any papers, treatises, books, pamphlets, leaflets or communications made to the Society, or documents relating to psychology, and any reports of the proceedings and accounts of the Society, and for this purpose to cause translations to be made of any such papers, treatises or communications as shall be in a foreign language, and to illustrate any of the publications as the Society may think expedient in connection with the objects of the Society or any of them;
- (x) to invite and collect subscriptions and donations to the funds of the Society by any lawful means;
- (xi) to act as trustee of any trusts established solely or principally for purposes associated with the objects of the Society;
- (xii) to co-operate with other organisations with a view to the promotion of the objects of the Society or any of them;
- (xiii) in furtherance of these objects to acquire and dispose of real or personal property and to invest moneys of the Society in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;
- (xiv) to do all such acts and things as are or may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the purposes of the Society or the exercise of any of its said powers.

**4.** The Members shall consist of the persons who at the date hereof are members of the old Institution and such other persons who have such qualifications in pure and applied psychology as may be required by the Statutes for the respective classes of membership hereinafter set out and as may be admitted to membership by the Board of Trustees in accordance with such

regulations as may be issued from time to time by the Board of Trustees in this behalf. Every Member including those who at the date hereof are members of the old Institution shall be classed according to his or her qualifications and experience as one of the following:

- (i) Honorary Fellow
- (ii) Fellow
- (iii) Associate Fellow
- (iv) Graduate Member
- (v) Ordinary Member

and his or her name entered in the List of Members. Provided that no person shall hereafter be admitted as an Ordinary Member.

**5.** Subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes, the Board of Trustees may admit other persons as Contributors who may be Foreign Affiliates, Affiliates and Student Subscribers to such privileges and benefits of the Society as may be provided by the Statutes excepting always the right to vote at General Meetings of Members.

**6.** The qualifications, mode of election, rights, privileges and obligations of Members shall, subject as herein provided, be as prescribed by the Statutes.

**7.** Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter, the rights and obligations of Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Associate Fellows, Graduate Members and Ordinary Members insofar as they are provided for by the Statutes may be varied or abrogated by any amendment of or addition to the Statutes without any sanction, approval, consent or resolution by any individual or class by a General Meeting of Members.

**8.** The Statutes shall provide for the payment of entrance fees, transfer fees and subscriptions payable by Members.

**9.** The Board of Trustees shall maintain a Register of Chartered Psychologists. Application to be entered on the Register may be made by suitably qualified Members. Those whose names appear on the Register, except those who have Conditional Registration, shall be entitled to use the designation "Chartered Psychologist" and to use after their name the abbreviation "C.Psychol."

**10.** The Statutes shall provide for Registration Fees and any Practising Certificate Fees payable by those on the Register of Chartered Psychologists.

**11.** There shall be a Professional Conduct Board of the Society appointed by the Board of Trustees comprising:

- (i) at least three Fellows or Associate Fellows of the Society; and
- (ii) a greater number of psychologists whom the Board of Trustees consider are of suitable character and have appropriate experience to serve as members of the Board. Conduct and health Committees shall be appointed as necessary from among the members of the Professional Conduct Board in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Statutes.

**12.** Any member who shall, in the opinion of a Conduct or Health Committee have acted in breach of this our Royal Charter, the Statutes or the Rules of the Society, or of the Society's Code of Conduct, or who shall have been admitted as a Member as a result of false representation, or who shall have been guilty of such conduct as shall have rendered him or herself unfit to continue to be a Member of the Society or who shall show that his or her professional practice is likely to be affected by health matters shall be liable to have his or her membership terminated in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Statutes. The decision of a Conduct or Health Committee shall be binding on the Board of Trustees. Any Member who is refused entry to the Register or who is removed from the Register on the grounds that the Board of Trustees considers that he or she is unfit for the professional practice of psychology shall have the right of appeal to an Appeals Committee.

**13.** There shall be held a General Meeting of the Society once in each calendar year and Special General Meetings at such times as may be necessary or desirable, in every case in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes.

**14.** There shall be a Board of Trustees of the Society totalling not less than twelve members comprising the President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary General Secretary, President-Elect, Vice President, the Chairs of the other Boards of the Society and other persons elected or appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in a manner prescribed by the Statutes.

**15.** The Board of Trustees may establish Branches, Sections, Divisions and Special Groups of the Society, as hereinafter mentioned, to assist in the promotion of its objects and the Statutes

shall provide for the activities and conduct of the established and future Branches, Sections, Divisions and Special Groups;

- (i) Branches in any part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;
- (ii) Sections concerned with special branches or aspects of psychology;
- (iii) Divisions concerned with the standards of professional education and knowledge and professional conduct of their Members;
- (iv) Special Groups (which may be otherwise designated) concerned with principal areas in which psychologists provide advice, tuition or services.

**16.** The income of the property of the Society whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society set forth in this Our Charter and no portion shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever for profit to the Members of the Society. Provided always that with the exception of Members of the Board of Trustees nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any Member of the Society, for any services actually rendered to the Society, nor the payment of royalties to an author or editor under contract, nor the payment of reasonable and proper fees to any examiner appointed by the Board of Trustees whether a Member of the Board of Trustees or not provided also that at any given time the President and Honorary General Secretary may receive payment out of the property of the Society to compensate them for the sum or sums of money deducted from their earnings by their employers in respect of time spent on the conduct of the business of the Society, provided that:

- (a) a Member so appointed shall not vote on any resolution or question relating to any fee payable to him or her, or to his or her conditions of service;
- (b) nothing in this Article shall prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum on money which may be borrowed for the purposes of the Society from any Member of the Society;
- (c) nothing in this Article shall prevent the payment of any premium in respect of any indemnity insurance to cover the liability of the trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in

respect of any negligence, default, breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Society: Provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the trustees in reckless disregard of whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of an unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the trustees in their capacity as trustees of the Society.

**17.** Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and of the Statutes the Board of Trustees shall have the management and control of the affairs of the Society and the administration of all the property and income thereof with power to delegate all or any of their powers to Committees or Sub-Committees from among their own number or otherwise appointed for the purpose. Provided that no resolution passed at a meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee shall take effect unless a majority of the persons present at such meeting are Members or the resolution is confirmed by the Board of Trustees.

**18.** The Statutes set forth in the Second Schedule hereto shall be the Statutes of the Society until the same shall be amended in manner hereinafter provided.

**19.** The Board of Trustees shall have full power but subject always to the provisions of this Our Charter to make and when made to amend Statutes touching the government of the Society, the appointment and removal of all persons employed in or in connection with the Society and any other matters whatsoever relating to the administration and management of the Society. Provided that no amendment to the Statutes shall have any force or effect unless and until the same shall have been approved by resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members voting at a General Meeting of the Society convened by notice specifying clearly the substance of the amendment proposed nor until it shall have been approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

**20.** True accounts shall be kept of the income and expenditure of the Society. There shall be an audit of the Accounts of the Society made every year by one or more duly qualified Auditors to be appointed by the Members of the Society in General Meeting. The Auditors shall make a report to the Society. If more Auditors than one be appointed the continuing Auditor or Auditors shall have power to act notwithstanding any casual vacancy. No person shall be qualified for appointment as Auditor unless he or she is a person who would be approved by the Board of Trade as an auditor for a public company with limited liability.

**21.** It shall be lawful for the Society with the sanction of two consecutive Special General Meetings thereof called for the purpose to surrender this Our Charter subject to the sanction of Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council and upon such terms as We or They may consider fit and to wind up or otherwise deal with the affairs of the Society in such manner as shall be directed by such General Meetings or in default of such directions as the Board of Trustees shall think expedient having due regard to the liabilities of the Society for the time being. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Society there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Society, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Society, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their Members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Society under or by virtue of Article 16 hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the Members of the Society at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object. Throughout this our Charter and the Statute of the Board of Trustees, 'charitable' means charitable in accordance with the law of England and Wales provided that it will not include any purpose which is not charitable in accordance with any statutory provision regarding the meaning of the word 'charitable' or the words 'charitable purposes' in force in any part of the United Kingdom. For the avoidance of doubt, the system of law governing the constitution of the charity is the law of England and Wales.

**22.** The Board of Trustees may by resolution in that behalf passed at any meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees present and voting (and being an absolute majority of all members of the Board of Trustees) and confirmed at a Special General Meeting of the Society held not less than one month nor more than four months afterwards by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members voting, amend or add to this Our Charter and such amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. The provision shall apply to this Our Charter as amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

**23.** Lastly We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare that these Our Letters shall be in all things valid and effectual in law according to the true intent and meaning thereof and shall be taken, construed, adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the Society as well in Our Courts of Record as elsewhere by all Judges, Justices, Officers, Ministers and other subjects whatsoever for Us and Successors any non-recital or other omission, defect or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the third day of May in the Fourteenth year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN  
MANUAL

**FIRST SCHEDULE  
MEMBERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL**

R.G. Andry, MA, PhD; E. Anstey, MA, PhD; R.J. Audley, BSc, PhD; L.B. Birch, BSc, MA; D.E. Broadbent, MA; S.M. Chown, BSc, PhD; D.R. Davis, MD, MRCP, DPM; G.C. Drew, MA, Dip Ed; G.H. Fisher, BSc, PhD; H.J. Hallworth, MA; R.R. Hetherington, BSc, PhD; I.M.L. Hunter, BSc, D Phil; M. Jahoda, PhD; H.G. Jones, BSc, Dip Ed; T. Kyle, MA, Ed B; J. Lumsden, MA, BEd; T.R. Miles, MA; K.M. Miller, PhD; G.A.V. Morgan, BA, PhD; J.G. Morris, MA, Ed B; G. Rawlings, BA, Dip Ed; M. Rodda, BSc; A. Rodger, MA; L.H. Rubinstein, MD, DPM; R.R. Skemp, MA PhD; B.M. Speak, BSc, PhD, Dip Psych; D. Straker, MA; R.G.A. Stretch, BA, PhD; A. Summerfield, BSc Tech, BSc; P.H. Venables, BA, PhD; T. Veness, BA; W.D. Wall, BA, PhD; F.W. Warburton, MA, PhD; G. Westby, MA, Dip Psych; P. Williams, MA, BSc, PhD.

# Statutes

## 1. Interpretation

In these Statutes the following words shall have the meanings assigned to them that is to say:

- (i) "Member" shall include Honorary Fellow, Fellow, Associate Fellow, Graduate Member and Ordinary Member;
- (ii) "Contributor" shall include Foreign Affiliate, Affiliate and Student Subscriber.

## 2. Members and Contributors

Every person whose name is entered on the List of Members of the British Psychological Society shall thereupon become and be a Member of the Society. The names of all persons who were Members of the old Institution or who shall be elected Members in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes shall be entered on the List. No person shall be elected to be a Member until he or she shall have signed an undertaking as provided by the Rules. Every person who shall apply to become a Member, Affiliate or Student Subscriber shall be proposed by at least two Members who have personal knowledge of him or her and are prepared to furnish information as to his or her qualifications. An application for election as a Member or a Contributor shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Rules.

## 3. Ordinary Members

Ordinary Members of the old Institution shall be Ordinary Members.

## 4. Graduate Members

- (1) All persons who were elected Graduate Members of the old Institution and all persons who are elected as hereinafter provided shall be Graduate Members.
- (2) A candidate for election as a Graduate Member:
  - (a) shall satisfy the Board of Trustees that he or she has one of the following qualifications and such higher qualifications as may be provided in the Rules:
    - (i) a University or Council for National Academic Awards degree for which psychology has been taken as a main subject; or
    - (ii) a postgraduate qualification in psychology awarded by an authority recognised by the Board of Trustees; or

- (iii) such other qualification in psychology as the Board of Trustees shall accept as not less than the foregoing; or
- (b) shall pass to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees such of the Society's examinations as may be required by the Rules.
- (3) The Board of Trustees may elect such eligible candidates to be Graduate Members as it thinks fit.

## 5. Associate Fellows

- (1) Associates of the old Institution shall be Associate Fellows.
- (2) To be eligible for election as an Associate Fellow a candidate shall be a Graduate Member and shall satisfy the Board of Trustees that, since first being eligible for Graduate Membership, he or she has either:
  - (i) met the postgraduate requirements to be a Chartered Psychologist set out in Statute 12(3)(b); and has successfully completed a further period of study or practice of psychology, this further period being an aggregate of at least two years full-time or an equivalent period part-time; or
  - (ii) engaged in the application, discovery, development or dissemination of psychological knowledge or practice for an aggregate of at least seven years full-time or for an equivalent period part-time; or
  - (iii) by the publication of works of a psychological nature or the exercise of specialised psychological knowledge or otherwise demonstrated that he or she has achieved standards or made contributions not less than those implied in (i) or (ii) above.
- (3) The Board of Trustees may elect such eligible candidates to be Associate Fellows as it thinks fit.

## 6. Fellows

- (1) Fellows of the old Institution shall be Fellows.
- (2) No person shall be eligible for election as a Fellow unless he or she shall:
  - (a) either be an Associate Fellow or satisfy the Board of Trustees that he or she possesses the requirements for Associate Fellowship by fulfilling the conditions of Statute 5; and
  - (b) satisfy the Board of Trustees that he or she has the following additional qualifications

and such additional higher qualifications as may be provided in the Rules:

- (i) has been engaged in work of a psychological nature (other than undergraduate training) for a total period of at least ten years; and
  - (ii) possesses an advanced knowledge of psychology in at least one of its fields; and
  - (iii) has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement or dissemination of psychological knowledge or practice either by his or her own research, teaching, publications or public service, or by organising and developing the work of others; or
- (c) pass to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees such of the Society's examinations as may be required by the Rules.
- (3) The Board of Trustees may elect such eligible candidates to be Fellows as it thinks fit.

## **7. Honorary Fellows**

- (1) Honorary Fellows of the old Institution shall be Honorary Fellows.
- (2) The Board of Trustees may recommend, for election by a General Meeting as Honorary Fellows, persons of distinction who have contributed to the advancement of psychology.

## **8. Affiliates**

- (1) All persons who were elected Subscribers of the old Institution and who are elected as hereinafter provided shall be Affiliates.
- (2) No technical qualification shall be required of a candidate for election as an Affiliate.
- (3) An Affiliate shall be proposed in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.
- (4) The Board of Trustees may at its absolute discretion elect any person to be an Affiliate in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.
- (5) All provisions with regard to Affiliates shall save as provided in these Statutes be prescribed by the Rules.

## **9. Student Subscribers**

- (1) All persons who were Student Subscribers of the old Institution or who are elected as hereinafter provided shall be Student Subscribers.
- (2) A candidate for election as a Student Subscriber shall satisfy the Board of Trustees:
  - (a) that he or she has such qualifications or has passed such examinations as may be specified in the Rules; and

- (b) that he or she is a bona fide Student.

- (3) A Student Subscriber shall be proposed in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.

- (4) The Board of Trustees may at its own absolute discretion elect a candidate satisfying the required conditions to be a Student Subscriber.

- (5) The length of time that a person may be a Student Subscriber shall be prescribed by the Rules.

- (6) The Board of Trustees may at any time terminate the rights, privileges and benefits of any Student Subscriber.

- (7) All provisions with regard to Student Subscribers shall save as provided in these Statutes be prescribed by the Rules.

## **10. Foreign Affiliates**

- (1) All persons who were elected Foreign Affiliates of the old Institution or who are elected as hereinafter provided shall be Foreign Affiliates.

- (2) The Board of Trustees may at its absolute discretion elect any person to be a Foreign Affiliate in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.

- (3) The Board of Trustees may at any time terminate the rights, privileges and benefits of any Foreign Affiliate.

## **11. The Register of Chartered Psychologists**

- (1) The Board of Trustees shall maintain a Register of Chartered Psychologists in accordance with the Charter, to include the names and addresses and such additional information about their appointments, skills, qualifications, titles or affiliations as it considers appropriate and in the public interest.

- (2) To the Register may be appended a list of those who have been given Conditional Registration under Statute 12(7), although such persons shall not be deemed to be included in the Register.

- (3) The Register shall be published by the Board of Trustees. A copy shall be kept at the Society's principal office and shall be open to inspection by members of the public free of charge. The Board of Trustees shall determine what further provision is appropriate for distribution of and public access to the Register.

- (4) The Register shall be maintained by such officials as the Board of Trustees may appoint to carry out the task.

- (5) The Board of Trustees may make regulations with respect to the form and keeping

of the Register and the making of entries and alterations therein and in particular:

- (a) regulating the making of applications for registration and providing for the evidence to be produced in support of any such applications;
- (b) determining procedures by which candidates for registration whose applications are rejected may appeal to the Society for reconsideration;
- (c) providing for the notification to the Society's officials of any changes in the particulars relating to psychologists on the Register and for the removal of such information from the Register;
- (d) determining a period of time by which all Chartered Psychologists whether or not they hold Practising Certificates, must notify the Society of a change of address;
- (e) providing for the entry in the Register of such additional information relating to psychologists on the Register as the Board of Trustees shall deem appropriate and for the removal of such information from the Register;
- (f) authorising the Society's officials to erase from the Register the name of a person who after the prescribed notice and warnings fails to supply information required to ensure that the particulars entered in the Register are correct;
- (g) determining a period of time after which if a Practising Certificate fee remains unpaid, the Board of Trustees may authorise its officials to remove from the Register the name of the psychologist whose fee is unpaid;
- (h) determining, subject to the approval of the Privy Council, fees chargeable to persons not on the Register for the scrutiny of qualifications in relation to registration;
- (i) determining procedures for establishing whether the Society's requirements to engage in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and to maintain professional competence have been met.

## **12. Chartered Psychologists**

(1) All Fellows and Associate Fellows of the Society at the date this Statute comes into force who shall apply for inclusion in the Register within eighteen months of that date shall be eligible for inclusion in the Register of Chartered Psychologists.

(2) Such other persons as are or have become Members of the Society and have been engaged

in the practice of psychology in the United Kingdom for at least three of the five years prior to the date this Statute comes into force, which practice is regarded by the Board of Trustees as sufficient to render them competent to practise psychology, and who apply for membership and registration within eighteen months of this date, may at the discretion of the Board of Trustees be deemed eligible for inclusion in the Register of Chartered Psychologists.

(3) Thereafter, to be included in the Register of Chartered Psychologists an applicant shall be a Member of the Society and shall both:

- (a)
  - (i) have passed a Qualifying Examination set by the Society; or
  - (ii) have obtained a first degree conferred by a University or the Council for National Academic Awards for which psychology has been taken as a main subject and which is regarded by the Board of Trustees as covering the general areas of psychology at least as broadly as required by the Qualifying Examination referred to in (i) above and to the same standard; or
  - (iii) for graduates not covered under (i) and (ii) above, have such further experience or postgraduate qualifications in psychology as shall assure the Board of Trustees that the applicant has at least as broad a grasp of the general areas of psychology as that required by the Qualifying Examination referred to in (i) above and to the same standard;
- (b) since the date of passing the Qualifying Examination or from the first date of becoming eligible for exemption from it under (a) (ii) or (a) (iii) above shall have successfully completed a period of study of, or practice in, psychology, or a combination of both, acceptable to the Board of Trustees and shall be judged by the Board of Trustees to have reached a standard sufficient for professional practice in psychology, the relevant period being of three years duration if full-time or an equivalent period if part-time or such greater period as the Board of Trustees may stipulate.

Candidates for registration who have the qualifications referred to in (a) (i), (a) (ii) or (a) (iii) above may be referred to as having the "Graduate Basis for Registration".

(4) The Board of Trustees may enter on the Register of Chartered Psychologists such other Members of the Society as it thinks fit.

(5) The Board of Trustees shall have the right to refuse to register an application for registration if, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the applicant lacks an adequate knowledge of the practice of psychology in the United Kingdom or of the language in which it would be practised.

(6) The Board of Trustees shall have the right to refuse to register an applicant for registration who, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, is in a state or condition that renders him or her unfit for the professional practice of psychology, or whose professional conduct has been such as to render him or her unfit for the professional practice of psychology. The Board of Trustees shall also have the right to remove from the Register the name of any Member who, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, is in a state or condition that renders him or her unfit to continue the professional practice of psychology. Applicants who are refused registration, or Members whose names are removed from the Register in accordance with this paragraph, shall have the right of appeal to a Conduct or Health Committee. Those wishing so to appeal shall notify the Honorary General Secretary of the Society, who shall request the Chair of the Professional Conduct Board to appoint a Conduct or Health Committee to hear the appeal. The Chair of the Professional Conduct Board shall decide whether a Conduct or Health Committee shall hear the appeal. The Committee shall be appointed according to the provisions of Statute 15(8). The Clerk to the Professional Conduct Board shall as soon as possible inform the appellant of the place and date at which (subject to any observations by the appellant with regard to the date) the appeal will be heard, and advise him or her of the practice of the Committee with regard to the hearing of appeals, including the manner in which he or she may be represented before the Committee. The appellant shall have the same rights of representation before the Committee as are provided under Statute 15 for those appearing before a Conduct or Health Committee for alleged misconduct or health matters.

(7) The Board of Trustees shall have the right to remove from the Register the name of any member who, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, has failed to meet the Society's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements. Members, whose names are

removed from the Register in accordance with this paragraph, shall have the right of appeal to the Society as set out in the Society's CPD Policy as published by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

(8) The Board of Trustees may grant Conditional Registration to Members or Contributors of the Society who have met the requirements of (3) (a) above and who are engaged in a period of study or practice of psychology intended to meet the requirements of (3) (b). Such Conditional Registration will be granted for a specified period not exceeding three years, with provision for renewal on application to the Board of Trustees and, normally, subject to the applicant being supervised by a Chartered Psychologist during his or her period of Conditional Registration and to such other terms and conditions as the Board of Trustees may consider appropriate.

(9) No Member shall be entered on the Register of Chartered Psychologists until he or she shall have signed an undertaking as determined by the Board of Trustees, to abide by the Code of Conduct and other regulations with regard to the form and keeping of the Register.

### **13. Practising Certificates**

(1) Upon admission to the Register, Chartered Psychologists who are claiming to be offering or agreeing to provide psychological services, including any services derived from the application of psychological knowledge but excluding services provided in connection with the acquisition or dissemination of knowledge about psychology for academic purposes will be required to hold a current Practising Certificate which shall be issued annually upon payment of the requisite fee. If the loss of a Certificate is proved to the Society's satisfaction, a duplicate Certificate may be issued at such fee as may be prescribed.

(2) Chartered Psychologists holding Practising Certificates will be required to engage in Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as set out in the Society's CPD Policy and to maintain their professional competence to provide the psychological services they are offering or agreeing to provide. Requirements for CPD will be set out in the Society's CPD Policy as published by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

#### 14. The Investigatory Committee

(1) The Board of Trustees shall appoint at least four Fellows or Associate Fellows of the Society and an equal number of non-psychologists, whom the Board of Trustees decide are suitable for this role, to the Investigatory Committee. At least two of the psychologist members of the Committee shall be appointed from the Officers of the Society listed in Statute 22(1). No member of the Investigatory Committee shall be a member of the Professional Conduct Board. Each member shall normally be appointed to serve for a period of four years subject to reappointment, except for those members who are officers of the Society who shall be appointed to serve for a period of two years subject to reappointment.

(2) The Board of Trustees shall appoint one or more persons, who may be members of the staff of the Society, to serve as Clerks to the Committee. The functions of the Investigatory Committee, except for deciding whether any complaint or concern discloses evidence of professional misconduct or ill health which is likely to affect a member's ability to practise and whether further action is necessary, can be delegated by the Chair of the Investigatory Committee to the Clerks to the Committee.

(3) The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Chair of the Investigatory Committee from among the members of the Committee. The quorum of the Committee shall be three at least one of whom shall be a non-psychologist. The functions of the Investigatory Committee can be delegated by the Chair to a member or members of the Committee as he or she sees fit. Where a decision about whether there is evidence of professional misconduct has been made under delegated powers, the parties to the matter shall have a right to request a review of the decision by the full Committee.

(4) Complaints or concerns that any Member or Contributor of the Society may have become liable to action under the conduct or health procedures shall be brought to the attention of the Investigatory Committee by the Clerk. All complaints and concerns shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by as full an account of the relevant facts or information as possible.

(5) The Investigatory Committee shall decide whether any complaint or concern discloses evidence of professional misconduct or ill health which is likely to affect a member's ability to practise and whether further action is necessary.

(6) Having considered any observations that the subject of the complaint or concern has

made, and taken such additional steps as it deems necessary to decide whether further investigation is justified or necessary, if the Investigatory Committee considers that further investigation is necessary to allow it to reach a decision and make a recommendation, it shall appoint a Lead Investigator to carry out an investigation and report back to the Committee.

(7) The persons whom the Investigatory Committee can instruct to carry out an investigation shall be members of staff of the Society, or Fellows, or Associate Fellows of the Society, who have been appointed by the Investigatory Committee, following such consultations as may be deemed necessary, to the Panel of investigators.

(8) The Lead Investigator may appoint advisers to assist him or her in carrying out the investigation, who may be members of staff of the Society. The Lead Investigator may also seek such specialist advice as he or she sees fit. This may include specialist advice on the member's health where the Lead Investigator has reason to suspect that the member may be suffering from ill health that may affect their ability to practise.

(9) The Lead Investigator shall have power to call for, and it shall be the duty of every Member or Contributor to provide, such further information (if any) as the Lead Investigator may consider necessary for the investigation.

(10) The Lead Investigator must be satisfied that the person against whom the complaint or concern is made has been given the opportunity of making written representations to him or her or shall give the individual such opportunity. The Lead Investigator shall have the discretion, if he or she chooses, to give the individual against whom the allegation is made an opportunity of being heard before him or her and any advisers appointed.

(11) The Lead Investigator shall make a written report of the investigation to the Investigatory Committee, which the Investigatory Committee will consider in deciding whether further action is required.

(12) The Investigatory Committee can make the following decisions:

- (a) That there is no *prima facie* evidence of professional misconduct and that no further action is necessary;
- (b) That there is evidence of professional misconduct, and that a letter should be sent to the member warning him or her that his or her conduct had not met the required standards of the Society;

- (c) That the allegations against the member should be formally considered by a Conduct or Health Committee.
- (13) If a member who is the subject of a complaint or concern has been issued with a warning letter on two previous occasions, the complaint or concern will normally be referred to a Conduct Committee.
- (14) If the Investigatory Committee decides that prima facie there is a case to answer which warrants referral to a Conduct or Health Committee it shall be referred to a Conduct or Health Committee in accordance with the procedures set out in Statute 15.
- (15) If the Investigatory Committee considers that a member's ill health or conduct may be placing his or her clients in danger of imminent harm, it can recommend to the Chair of the Professional Conduct Board, or the non-psychologist member nominated by him or her to act on his or her behalf, that the procedures for emergency suspension set out in Statute 15 should be followed while the Committee's investigation is carried out.
- (16) If a Member or Contributor wishes to resign his or her membership of the Society upon notification by the Society that a complaint or concern against him or her is being investigated, his or her resignation shall not take effect until the complaint or concern has been resolved.
- (17) The decisions of the Investigatory Committee shall be binding on the Board of Trustees.

## **15. The Professional Conduct Board and its Conduct or Health Committees**

- (1) In pursuance of Article 11 of the Charter, the Board of Trustees shall make appointments to fill, in accordance with sections (2) and (3) of this Statute, any vacancies arising on the Professional Conduct Board.
- (2) The Board of Trustees shall have previously invited applications from non-psychologists to be appointed to the Board in pursuance of Article 11 of the Charter. The non-psychologists shall normally be appointed to serve for a period of four years subject to re-appointment. Should any non-psychologist retire before completion of his or her term of office another appointment to serve for the remainder of the period shall be made as soon as possible by the same procedure.
- (3) The Board of Trustees shall appoint at least three Fellows or Associate Fellows of the

Society to serve on the Board but fewer in number than the non-psychologists appointed under Section (2) of this Statute. Each shall normally be appointed to serve on the Board for a period of three years subject to reappointment.

(4) The Board of Trustees shall appoint a person to chair the Professional Conduct Board and a Deputy from among the non-psychologist members of the Board. In the absence of both the Chair and Deputy, the President with the authority of the Board of Trustees may appoint a non-psychologist member of the Committee to exercise the functions of the Chair.

(5) The Board of Trustees shall appoint one or more persons, who may be members of the staff of the Society, to serve as Clerks to the Board and the Conduct or Health Committees. The Chair of the Professional Conduct Board can delegate such administrative functions of the Board as he or she sees fit to the Clerks to the Board.

(6) The quorum for the Board shall be three including at least two non-psychologists.

(7) (i) Whenever a case is referred for hearing by a Conduct Committee or a Health Committee the Chair of the Professional Conduct Board or his or her nominee shall appoint from among the members of the Board a Conduct Committee or a Health Committee of at least three members to hear the case comprising at least one psychologist and at least two non-psychologists. One of the non-psychologists shall be appointed to Chair the Conduct Committee or Health Committee.

(ii) A Clerk to the Professional Conduct Board shall inform the person against whom the complaint or concern is brought that it is to be formally considered by a Conduct or Health Committee and advise him or her of the practice of the Committee with regard to the hearing of the case and the manner in which he or she may be represented before the Committee.

(8) (i) Conduct or Health Committees shall appoint a Solicitor or Counsel to sit with them for the purpose of advising them as to the manner in which they shall exercise their functions.

(ii) Conduct or Health Committees may appoint up to two Fellows or Associate Fellows of the Society with special expertise in the matters under investigation as advisers. These advisers

may give advice to the Committee at its request but they shall not share in its judgements.

(iii) The Chair of the Health Committee shall appoint a specialist advisor to advise in relation to health matters. The specialist advisor shall be either a registered medical practitioner or a Chartered Psychologist who has not considered the case prior to the Committee hearing.

(9) The Investigatory Committee, acting on behalf of the Society, and the subject of the complaints or concerns shall each be given a full and fair opportunity of being heard and of calling witnesses and cross-examining any other witnesses testifying before the Conduct or Health Committee. They shall be allowed to conduct their own case or, if they prefer, to be represented by a Solicitor or Counsel or by another person of their choice.

(10) Written evidence may be submitted by the subject and by the Society. The Committee may take into consideration, and act on, advice as to whether information would or would not be admissible as evidence in a court of law.

(11) The Conduct Committee shall determine whether the Member or Contributor of the Society is guilty of misconduct. The Conduct Committee shall be guided by Article 12 of the Charter, and by the Code of Conduct maintained by the Society but the mention or lack of mention in the Code of Conduct of a particular act or omission shall not be taken as conclusive on any question of professional conduct. In the event that it finds an individual guilty of professional misconduct the Conduct Committee may take one or more of the following courses of action:

- (a) reprimand or severely reprimand the Member or Contributor;
- (b) suspend the Member or Contributor from: the Register; the Society; Fellowship or Associate Fellowship grades of Membership; any of the Society's Branches, Sections, Divisions, Special Groups; or any combination of these, the period of suspension to be determined by the Conduct Committee, but not to exceed three years, and to attach conditions to the suspension as and if deemed necessary by the Conduct Committee;
- (c) expel the Member or Contributor from: the Register; the Society; Fellowship or Associate Fellowship grades of Membership; any of the Society's

Branches, Sections, Divisions, Special Groups; or any combination of these.

When making an order to expel a Member or Contributor, the Conduct Committee shall specify the number of years from the date of the Committee hearing during which the Member or Contributor shall not be eligible to apply for readmission.

- (d) place conditions upon the membership of the Member or Contributor as deemed appropriate by the Conduct Committee. Those conditions may be appealed, removed or varied by way of a Conduct Committee hearing;
- (e) any breach of conditions imposed by a Conduct Committee will be referred to a further hearing of a Conduct Committee, where the Committee may remove, amend or replace the conditions with any penalty available to it under Statute 15.

Where the Conduct Committee decides on any of the above actions, the Clerk to the Committee shall send to the individual a copy of the decision and any statement by the Conduct Committee.

(12) The Health Committee shall determine whether the Member or Contributor of the Society is, or is likely to be, affected by health matters. The Health Committee shall be guided by Article 12 of the Charter and by the Code of Conduct maintained by the Society but the mention or lack of mention in the Code of Conduct of a particular act or omission shall not be taken as conclusive on any question of professional conduct. In the event that it finds a Member's professional practice is, or is likely to be, affected by health matters the Health Committee may take one or more of the following courses of action:

- (a) require the Member or Contributor to comply with conditions as deemed appropriate by the Health Committee, for a maximum of two years after which the Health Committee may reconsider the matter and impose new sanctions;
- (b) suspend the Member or Contributor from: the Register; the Society; Fellowship or Associate Fellowship grades of Membership; any of the Society's Branches, Sections, Divisions, Special Groups; or any combination of these, the period of suspension to be determined by the Health Committee, but not to exceed two years, after which the Health Committee may reconsider the matter and impose new sanctions;

(c) expel the Member or Contributor from: the Register; the Society; Fellowship or Associate Fellowship grades of Membership; any of the Society's Branches, Sections, Divisions, Special Groups; or any combination of these. When making an order to expel a Member or Contributor, the Health Committee shall specify the number of years from the date of the Committee hearing during which the Member or Contributor shall not be eligible to apply for readmission.

Where the Health Committee decides on any of the above actions, the Clerk to the Committee shall send to the individual a copy of the decision and any statement by the Health Committee.

(13) Failure to comply with conditions imposed under Statute 15(12)(a) will result in referral of the matter to the Investigatory Committee. The Investigatory Committee shall, following further investigation if necessary, decide whether the matter should be formally considered by a Conduct Committee or Health Committee.

(14) A Conduct Committee may conclude its consideration of any case and refer it to the Investigatory Committee with a recommendation that it carries out further investigation or decides to refer the case to a Health Committee if it sees fit. Similarly, a Health Committee may conclude its consideration of any case and refer it to the Investigatory Committee with a recommendation that it carries out further investigations or decides to refer the case to a Conduct Committee if it sees fit.

(15) Where the Chair of the Professional Conduct Board or a non-psychologist member nominated to act on his or her behalf considers that the ill health or conduct of a member or contributor may be placing clients in danger of imminent harm, he or she shall appoint, from among the members of the Board, an Emergency Suspension Committee consisting of at least one psychologist and two non-psychologist members. The Emergency Suspension Committee shall decide whether the member or contributor should be suspended from the Society, or from the Register, or both, on an emergency basis, such suspension to last until a full investigation can be concluded and a decision has been taken about whether the concerns or allegations warrant a formal hearing of the Conduct or Health Committee. If the matter is referred to a Conduct or Health Committee, the suspension will remain in place until the hearing has been concluded.

(16) The Emergency Suspension Committee shall appoint a Solicitor or Counsel to advise it about the method and manner in which it exercises this function. It can also appoint a specialist advisor to advise it on health matters.

(17) The Emergency Suspension Committee will normally hold a hearing which shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Statute 15(9) and (10). However, where it is considered necessary to do so, the decision to suspend a Member or Contributor on an emergency basis can be made without giving him or her the opportunity to make representations.

(18) When a decision has been made to suspend a Member or Contributor on an emergency basis, the Clerk to the Professional Conduct Board shall send a copy of the decision and a statement from the Chair of the Professional Conduct Board or a non-psychologist member nominated to act on his or her behalf, to the Member or Contributor by recorded delivery. The suspension will take effect from the date on which the copy of the decision is delivered to the Member or Contributor.

(19) Where a decision is made to suspend a Member or Contributor on an emergency basis without the Member or Contributor having the opportunity to be heard, the Member or Contributor is entitled to request a formal hearing by those who made that decision and were consulted on it, to review the decision. This hearing will be held within four weeks of the request being made. The suspension will remain in force pending the review hearing.

(20) Decisions of the Conduct and Health Committees can be appealed by the member or contributor affected. The Professional Conduct Board shall publish an appeals procedure setting out the requirements for an appeal, the grounds on which an appeal can be allowed, and the time limit for making an appeal.

(21) The decisions of the Conduct or Health Committees shall be binding on the Board of Trustees.

(22) The Conduct Committee shall publish the names of those disciplined but the names of Members and Contributors who appear before a Health Committee shall not be published. Decisions of an Emergency Suspension Committee may be published at the discretion of that Committee, but will be provided to any employer or known client of the subject of the decision.

(23) Any Member or Contributor suspended or expelled from the Society shall forfeit all rights and privileges as a Member or Contributor of

the Society, during the period of suspension or unless and until reinstated respectively.

(24) A Member or Contributor removed from the Register, expelled from the Society, Fellowship or Associate Fellowship grades of Membership or any of the Society's Branches, Sections, Divisions or Special Groups shall have the right to apply to the Honorary General Secretary of the Society for reinstatement, but not sooner than the expiry of the number of years specified by the Conduct or Health Committee that decided to expel the Member or Contributor, or one year from a previous application for reinstatement. The name of the person who has been removed from the Register, expelled from the Society, Fellowship or Associate Fellowship grades of Membership, or any of the Society's Branches, Sections, Divisions, Special Groups shall not be re-entered until an application for re-instatement has been made in writing and the agreement of the Professional Conduct Board or its Chair has been secured.

(25) A general meeting of the Professional Conduct Board shall be held each year at which the reports of all investigations in that year, and the results of all hearings of its Conduct, Health and Emergency Suspension Committees shall be made available.

## **16. Meetings of Members**

(1) The Society shall hold three kinds of meetings of Members called General Meetings, Scientific Meetings and Ordinary Meetings.

(2) A General Meeting shall be held once in every calendar year and shall be known as the Annual General Meeting. At this meeting the business to be transacted shall include the consideration of the accounts, the reports of the Board of Trustees and Auditors, the election of Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees as requisite. Special General Meetings shall be held from time to time as directed by the Board of Trustees or upon requisition of the President or of Members as hereinafter provided.

(3) Only business relating to the management and government of the affairs of the Society shall be transacted at General Meetings and only scientific proceedings at Scientific Meetings and other business at Ordinary Meetings.

(4) The President shall take the Chair at all General Meetings and in his or her absence the President-Elect or the Vice-President but if none of these be present then the Members present shall choose someone of their number to be Chair of such meeting. The Chair of Scientific Meetings shall be the person prescribed by the Rules.

(5) At every General Meeting ten Members present in person at the commencement of the business and entitled to vote shall be a quorum. If within half an hour from the time appointed for a General Meeting a quorum is not present the meeting, if convened on the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall be adjourned to the same day in the following week at such time and place as the Chair of such meeting shall announce. If at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting then the Members present shall be a quorum. No quorum shall be required for a Scientific Meeting.

(6) The Chair may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn a General Meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned General Meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

## **17. Resolutions**

Members may bring to the notice of the Honorary General Secretary resolutions within the objects of the Society for consideration by the Board of Trustees. If the Honorary General Secretary or the Board of Trustees fails to act on the resolution to the satisfaction of the Members concerned then upon the requisition of one percentum of the Members as recorded in the Annual Report presented by the Board of Trustees to the last Annual General Meeting, the Honorary General Secretary shall either convene and hold a Special General Meeting to vote on the resolution or arrange for a postal ballot of all Members on the resolution. The Board of Trustees or the President may call and hold a Special General Meeting or call for a postal ballot of the Members at any time upon due notice. If upon a requisition the Honorary General Secretary fails to convene and hold a Special General Meeting or to arrange for a postal ballot within three months of a requisition, then a Special General Meeting or a postal ballot to be held within forty-two days of the expiration of the said period of three months may be convened by the President or not less than half those making the requisition.

## **18. Notices**

(1) Meetings shall be called by not less than the undermentioned number of clear days' notice: Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings at which resolutions are to be proposed for the purpose of amending:

<i>The Charter or Statutes</i>	<i>Twenty-one days</i>
<i>All other General Meetings</i>	<i>Fourteen days</i>
<i>Scientific Meetings</i>	<i>Seven days</i>

If any General Meeting is adjourned for more than thirty days then fresh notices shall be given for the appropriate period.

(2) Every Member entitled to receive notice of an Annual General Meeting shall be given a copy of the Accounts and Auditor's Report fourteen days in advance of the Meeting.

(3) Notices shall be given to all Members entitled to receive them. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non receipt of a notice of a meeting by, any Member entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

(4) Subject to the provisions of these Statutes, the Rules shall prescribe those Members entitled to receive notices and the mode and place of service.

## 19. Votes

(1) At any General Meeting a resolution put to the Meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a postal ballot is demanded by the Chair or at least twenty Members present. On any matter for which a vote is to be taken, the Board of Trustees, the President or the Honorary General Secretary may arrange in advance for the taking of a postal ballot, the results of which shall be announced at a General Meeting. A declaration by the Chair that a resolution has been carried or lost or carried or not carried by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the Society shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour or against the resolution.

(2) On a show of hands every Member present and in a postal ballot every Member shall have one vote unless at the date of the meeting or in a postal ballot the date of despatch of the ballot papers his or her subscription is in arrears for more than three months.

(3) In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands, or on a postal ballot the Chair of the Meeting at which a show of hands takes place or at which the resolution of the postal ballot is announced shall have a second or casting vote.

(4) A vote demanded on the election of the Chair or on any question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. In all other cases the vote shall be taken at such time and in such manner as directed by the Chair in accordance with the Rules.

## 20. Subscriptions

(1) Every Member and Contributor shall, upon election, pay an annual subscription for the year in which elected unless waived in accordance with the Rules and shall on the First Day of January in each subsequent year pay such annual subscription as may be fixed by the Rules. Honorary Fellows shall not be required to pay subscriptions.

(2) Every Member on transfer to a higher grade of Membership shall pay such transfer fee to the Society as may be fixed by the Rules.

(3) The annual rates of subscription by Members and Contributors of the Society shall be determined by the Society in General Meeting and shall be incorporated in the Rules.

(4) Every Member and Contributor may purchase copies of the Society's publications at rates fixed by the Rules.

(5) The Board of Trustees may in any special case reduce or remit any annual subscription, transfer fee or the arrears of annual subscriptions of any Member or Contributor.

## 21. Fees associated with Registration

(1) The Board of Trustees shall determine such fees as it considers necessary to cover the reasonable expenses of establishing and maintaining the Register.

(2) Every successful applicant for registration shall before entry on the Register be required to pay a Registration Fee.

(3) A fee shall be payable annually by each Chartered Psychologist for the issue of a Practising Certificate; provided that any Chartered Psychologist in one of the categories specified in Statute 13(1) who has been granted permission not to hold a Practising Certificate shall be exempt from payment of an annual fee.

(4) The Board of Trustees may determine such other fees as are reasonable or necessary in connection with such matters as: (a) the restoration of a name to the Register; (b) the inclusion in the Register of additional information relating to a Chartered Psychologist; and (c) the revision or review of information contained in the Register.

(5) The Board of Trustees shall determine such fees as are appropriate for those granted Conditional Registration.

(6) The Board of Trustees may in any special case reduce or remit the Registration Fee or the Practising Certificate Fee of any Chartered Psychologist.

(7) The amount of all fees determined in accordance with this Statute shall be subject to the approval of the Privy Council.

## **22. The Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees shall comprise the Officers of the Society and other members as defined below:

- (1) Presidential team: The President-Elect shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The President shall hold office for one year after his or her term as President-Elect. The Vice President shall hold office for one year next following his or her retirement as President.
- (2) Officers: The Honorary Treasurer and Honorary General Secretary shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting for a three-year period of office.
- (3) The Board of Trustees shall include the following other members:
  - (a) The Chair of the Professional Conduct Board or his or her nominee;
  - (b) The Chairs of the other Boards of the Society;
  - (c) At least two and not more than five other members co-opted to the Board in a manner determined by the Representative Council in accordance with the Rules.
- (4) An officer or member of the Board of Trustees who is adjudged bankrupt, or becomes of unsound mind, or who refuses to act or is unfit or otherwise unable to act, or who notifies the Honorary General Secretary of his or her wish to resign or who is absent from all meetings during the period of one year, or ceases to be a member of the Society, or has been removed from office by a resolution of Members of the Society in General Meeting shall, thereupon, cease to be a member of the Board of Trustees.
- (5) The Board of Trustees shall take action to ensure that vacancies on the Board of Trustees are filled without delay according to the normal processes of appointment for that vacancy. Should the number of serving members of the Board of Trustees fall below the stipulated quorum for conducting its business the Board of Trustees shall make emergency appointments to bring the number up to that threshold.

## **23 Powers and duties of the Board of Trustees**

- (1) The Board of Trustees shall conduct the general business of the Society consistently with provisions of the Charter and these Statutes and shall supervise the expenditure of all moneys on account of the ordinary business of the Society and do all such other things as are necessary for the transaction of the business of the Society and the furtherance of its objects, subject always to the directions of General Meetings.

- (2) The Board of Trustees may appoint and engage such officials and servants who shall perform such duties and exercise such powers and hold Office upon such terms for such period and upon such conditions as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time determine.

## **24. Proceedings of the Board of Trustees**

- (1) The President shall chair all meetings of the Board of Trustees at which he or she is present and in his or her absence the President-Elect or the Vice President but if none of these be present then the members present shall choose someone of their number to be the Chair of such meeting.
- (2) Subject to the Statutes, the Board of Trustees may meet for the despatch of business and adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings, as it thinks fit. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes and in the case of equality of votes the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.
- (3) No business transacted by the Board of Trustees shall be valid unless at least one-third of the appointed members of the Board of Trustees, or five persons, whichever is the larger number, participate in the decision.
- (4) The Honorary General Secretary shall, on the requisition at any time of any three members of Board of Trustees, summon a meeting of the Board of Trustees by giving at least seven clear days' notice to all members of the Board of Trustees; provided that no notice need be sent to any member of the Board of Trustees for the time being absent from the United Kingdom who has given notice of this fact to the Honorary General Secretary.
- (5) The Board of Trustees may, from time to time, at their discretion appoint from among their members or otherwise such Committees as shall appear expedient and may, from time to time, modify or dissolve any Committee.
- (6) Any Committee so appointed shall in exercise of the powers delegated to it conduct its affairs in accordance with such regulations as may be imposed on it by the Board of Trustees.
- (7) All acts done by the Board of Trustees or any Committee thereof or by a person acting as a member thereof shall, notwithstanding that it was afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such member or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been appointed or qualified and continued to be a member of the Board of Trustees or such Committee as the case may be.

## **25. The Representative Council**

- (1) There shall be a Representative Council which shall advise the Board of Trustees. It will comprise:
  - (a) The Officers of the Society; the President, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, President-Elect and Vice President;
  - (b) The Chairs of the Professional Conduct Board and the other Boards of the Society;
  - (c) A representative from each of the subsystems approved by the Board of Trustees;
  - (d) Twelve Members of the Society elected by the membership each to serve for a three-year term;
  - (e) Co-opted Members as prescribed in the Rules.
- (2) At the Annual General Meeting one third of the elected Council members shall retire from office and be ineligible for re-election as such for one year. If the number of such members retiring is not a multiple of three then the nearest number not exceeding one-third shall retire. For the purpose of determining which such members shall retire the grounds shall be: firstly, ineligibility for further service; secondly, those with the longest service on the Council and lastly, in default of agreement, by lot between those of equal length of service.
- (3) Any member may, with his or her written consent, be proposed for election to the Council and as an Officer either by the Council or by any two or more members by submitting to the Honorary General Secretary a proposal in such form and manner as the Council may from time to time direct but in any event not later than eight clear weeks before the date fixed for the Annual Meeting at which the election is intended to take place.
- (4) Election to the Council shall, subject to the Rules, be by ballot carried out in accordance with the directions of the Board of Trustees. The result of each election shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting at the end of which the new elected Council shall take office for the ensuing year.
- (5) Any vacancy amongst the Officers or in the membership of the Council may be filled by the Council, except that in the case of a President-Elect the vacancy shall be filled as provided in the Rules. Any member of the Council so appointed shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting and for the purpose of re-election shall not count as a retiring member of the Council.

## **26. Examiners**

- (1) The Board of Trustees shall, from time to time, and as may be requisite, appoint such competent and proper persons, as they shall think fit, to be Examiners for such period as the Board of Trustees may direct to conduct all such examinations as the Board of Trustees may require for admission to Membership or the Register or the issue of diplomas or otherwise.
- (2) Notwithstanding that members of Boards of Examiners may be Officers of the Society or members of the Board of Trustees they shall, nevertheless, be entitled to be paid all reasonable and proper fees as Examiners.

## **27. The Seal**

- (1) The Board of Trustees shall provide for the safe custody of the Common Seal which shall be affixed to an instrument only in the presence of either two members of the Board of Trustees and of the Honorary General Secretary or three other persons appointed by the Board of Trustees and in pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Trustees.
- (2) The Honorary General Secretary shall keep a Seal Book in which shall be entered the date of each occasion on which the Seal is affixed and the nature of the instruments sealed and the date of the resolution authorising the sealing.

## **28. The Rules**

- (1) The Society in General Meeting may from time to time make, vary and revoke Rules for the regulation of the business of the Society, its Branches, Sections, Divisions, and Special Groups, provided that no Rule shall amend any provision of these Statutes.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding paragraph any Rules made by the Board of Trustees within one year of the date of the Charter shall be effective only during such period of one year unless approved by a Special General Meeting.

## **29. Branches, Sections, Divisions and Special Groups of the Society**

- (1) The Branches, Sections, and Divisions of the old Institution shall be the Branches, Sections and Divisions of the Society.
- (2) No further Branch, Section, Division or Special Group shall be formed unless the proposal for its formation is supported by not less than such number of Members as may be specified in the Rules and is approved by a General Meeting of the Society.

(3) If the membership of any Branch, Section, Division or Special Group shall fall below the minimum number respectively specified in the Rules the same may be dissolved by a meeting of its members or by the Board of Trustees.

(4) Membership of a Branch shall be confined to Members of the Society resident within the area of that Branch.

(5) Members may join or be elected to a Branch, Section, Division or Special Group in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.

(6) The activities and business of each Branch shall be to carry on the functions of the Society within its area. Their respective meetings, committee meetings and affairs generally shall be conducted in the same manner as meetings of Members of the Society and Board of Trustees Meetings are required to be conducted by these Statutes except in so far as the Rules or the Board of Trustees shall otherwise prescribe or direct.

(7) The objects of any Section, Division or Special Group that may hereinafter be formed shall be prescribed by the Board of Trustees at the time of such formation.

(8) The affairs of all Sections, Divisions and Special Groups shall be conducted in the same manner as that of Branches as hereinbefore mentioned, and their activities shall be to carry on the functions of the Society in relation to the objects for which they have respectively been established.

### **30. The List of Members**

(1) The Board of Trustees shall, in accordance with the Charter, maintain the List of Members which shall, subject to the provisions of the following paragraphs, include the name and address of every Member, particulars of all Certificates or Diplomas granted to each Member by the Society and such other particulars as may be prescribed by the Rules.

(2) The Society shall forthwith upon the election of each Member, provided such Member has complied with the provisions of these Statutes, arrange for the particulars of that Member to be entered on the List of Members and upon his or her ceasing for any reason to be a Member, or being suspended from Membership, shall remove his or her name from the List.

(3) At the request of any Member, the Society shall issue to him or her a Certificate of Membership. If the loss of the Certificate is proved to the Society's satisfaction then a duplicate Certificate may be issued at such fee as may be prescribed.

### **31. Descriptions**

(1) To indicate Membership of the Society the following descriptions may be used by the various classes of Members; viz:

Honorary Fellow of the British Psychological Society; Fellow of the British Psychological Society; Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society; Graduate Member of the British Psychological Society; Ordinary Member of the British Psychological Society.

(2) No Member or Contributor shall use any description indicating Membership or Contributorship in any personal notice inserted as an advertisement in the Press or elsewhere.

(3) No Ordinary Member or Graduate Member shall use the description "[Member] [Graduate Member] of the British Psychological Society" and no Foreign Affiliate, Affiliate or Student Subscriber shall use the description "[Foreign Affiliate] [Affiliate] [Student Subscriber] of the British Psychological Society" (as the case may be) in any context, professional or otherwise, whatsoever, except in such circumstances as may be determined by the Board of Trustees.

(4) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (5) below, Members whose names are included in the Register of Chartered Psychologists other than those to whom only Conditional Registration has been granted will use the designation "Chartered Psychologist", or use after their name the abbreviation "C.Psychol." (but no other), in any appropriate professional context including personal notices or advertisements, but Members conditionally registered shall not use such designation or abbreviation.

(5) Chartered Psychologists may insert an additional term between "Chartered" and "Psychologist" to indicate their particular area of psychological expertise (but may not use an abbreviation other than that authorised in paragraph (4) above). Only such additional terms may be employed in this context as are explicitly sanctioned by a resolution passed in a postal ballot of Members. In the case of terms referring to areas of psychology for which the Society has a Division, use of the term shall be restricted to those eligible for membership of the Division concerned.

### **32. Investments**

Any moneys of the Society not needed immediately for the current purposes of the Society may, by way of investment, be used:

(1) for the purchase of investments authorised by Part I or Part II of the First Schedule of the Trustee Investments Act 1961 as amended from time to time; or

(2) for the purchase of securities of any Government, state legislature, local authority or statutory undertaking in countries within the Commonwealth or in the United States of America or in Japan or in countries which are members of the European Economic Community: or for the purchase of securities of any company quoted on a Stock Exchange the Board of Trustees of which is a member of the Federation of Stock Exchanges in Great Britain and Ireland or on one or more of the following Stock Exchanges – Adelaide, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Brisbane, Brussels, Copenhagen, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Lisbon, Luxembourg, Madrid, Melbourne, Milan, New York, Oslo, Paris, Perth, Singapore, Stockholm, Sydney, Tokyo, Toronto, Vienna and Zurich. Provided always that at the time of investment the paid up capital and the capital reserves of such company shall together total £1,000,000 at least or its equivalent at the rate of exchange current at the date of investment and so that in the case of a company having shares of no par value such paid up capital shall be deemed to include the capital sum (other than capital surplus) appearing in

the company's accounts in respect of such shares. Provided always that no investment shall be made in any ordinary stocks or shares unless the company shall have paid a dividend thereon for at least four years prior to the date of investment. Provided always that the total amount at any time standing invested in securities of companies authorised in this paragraph, as shown in the books of the Society, shall not exceed  $66 \frac{2}{3}$  per cent of the total amount invested by the Society in securities hereby authorised; or

(3) for the purchase of unit trusts registered in the United Kingdom; or

(4) for the purchase of freehold ground rents or freehold or leasehold land, messuages, tenements and hereditaments, within the United Kingdom, provided that, as regards leaseholds, the term thereof shall have at least sixty years to run; or

(5) for the acquisition of mortgages of any Government, state legislature, local authority or statutory undertaking in any country within the Commonwealth or in the United States of America or in the European Economic Community; or

(6) for placing on deposit with any banker, public authority, institution or company in the United Kingdom whose normal business includes the acceptance of such deposits; and the Board of Trustees may from time to time vary such investments.

# Rules

1.(a) These Rules are subject to the Charter and Statutes of the British Psychological Society and shall be read in conjunction with the Charter and Statutes.

(b) No Rule shall have the power to vary any of the powers and responsibilities contained within the Charter and Statutes.

2. In these Rules the following words have the following meanings: 'the Trustees' shall mean the Board of Trustees; 'the Council' shall mean the Representative Council; 'Foreign' shall mean outside the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands; 'Member' used generically shall include Honorary Fellow, Fellow, Associate Fellow, Graduate Member and Ordinary Member; 'Contributor' used generically shall include Foreign Affiliate, Affiliate and Student Subscriber.

## Qualifications for election as Student Subscriber

3. To qualify for election under Statute 9 as a Student Subscriber, a candidate shall be undergoing a course of instruction in psychology with an institution recognised by the Trustees. A person holding a qualification that makes him or her eligible for Graduate Membership, shall not be elected as a Student Subscriber.

## Election, obligations, transference, retirement and expulsion of Members and Contributors

4.(a) Any Member considering himself or herself qualified and wishing to be transferred to the class of either Associate Fellow or Fellow shall apply to the Honorary General Secretary naming two referees and stating the grounds on which the claim is made.

- (i) Candidates for Fellowship shall name as referees two Fellows of the Society.
  - (ii) Candidates for Associate Fellowship shall name two referees who shall be Fellows or Associate Fellows.
- (b) Associate Fellows of the Society, in addition to meeting the requirements of Statute 5, shall satisfy one of the following requirements:
- (i) (1) be eligible for full membership of one of the Society's Divisions; and  
(2) have to the satisfaction of the Trustees been successfully engaged in the professional application of a specialised

knowledge of psychology for an aggregate of at least two calendar years full-time, or for an aggregate of such a period part-time as the Trustees shall consider equivalent to two calendar years full-time; or

- (ii) (1) possess a research qualification in psychology, awarded by an authority recognised by the Trustees; and  
(2) have to the satisfaction of the Trustees since first being eligible for Graduate Membership pursued research or otherwise engaged in the application, discovery, development or dissemination of a specialised knowledge of Psychology for an aggregate of at least four calendar years full-time, or for an aggregate of such a period part-time as the Trustees shall consider equivalent to four calendar years full-time; or
  - (iii) by the publication of works of a psychological nature or the exercise of specialised psychological knowledge or otherwise satisfy the Trustees that they have achieved standards or made contributions not less than those implied in (b)(i) or (b)(ii) above.
- (c) Applicants for Associate Fellowship shall, at the time of application, be engaged in work of a psychological nature either full-time or part-time to the satisfaction of the Trustees. The Trustees may waive this requirement in such cases as they think fit.

5. In the case of elections to Associate Fellowship and Fellowship no record shall be made in the minutes of the meeting of the Trustees of the names of candidates not elected, but such a record may be made in the minutes of a meeting of a Committee of the Trustees.

6.(a) An Ordinary Member considering himself or herself qualified and wishing to be transferred to Graduate Membership shall apply to the Honorary General Secretary stating the grounds on which the claim is made.

(b) A candidate for election as a Graduate Member who is not an Ordinary Member shall be proposed by at least two Members.

7.(a) A candidate for election as a Foreign Affiliate shall meet such criteria as are determined by the Trustees.

(b) If a Foreign Affiliate resides in the UK for more than twelve months, he or she shall apply for election as a Graduate Member.

**8.(a)** A candidate for election as an Affiliate shall be proposed by at least two Members.

(b) In the case of a candidate for election as a Student Subscriber, an official university stamp from a recognised Higher Education Institution will need to be provided to confirm that the candidate is a bona fide student at that Institution.

**9.** An applicant holding a qualification that makes him or her eligible for Graduate Membership shall not be elected as an Affiliate. Any existing Affiliate who becomes eligible for Graduate Membership shall forthwith notify the Honorary General Secretary of that fact and on becoming so eligible shall cease to be an Affiliate.

**10.** The application of every candidate for election as a Member or Contributor shall be:

(a) considered by a Committee authorised by the Trustees;

(b) made on a form determined by the Trustees and signed by the proposers;

(c) accompanied by an undertaking in a form approved by the Trustees signed by the candidate;

(d) accompanied by payment of fees which are appropriate to that election.

**11.** Any Member or Contributor whose subscription remains unpaid for six months may, after due notice has been sent to his or her address as shown in the List of Members, be removed from Membership or Contributorship of the Society by a resolution of a Committee authorised to do so by the Trustees.

**12.** The transfer of a Member, Foreign Affiliate, Affiliate or Student Subscriber shall not become effective until the appropriate fees and subscriptions payable on such transfer have been paid, and if such fees and subscriptions remain unpaid at the end of six months after the date when it was decided that the transfer should be made, the transfer may be rendered void by a resolution of a Committee authorised by the Trustees.

**13.** Any Member or Contributor may resign from the Society, subject to the provisions of Statute 14(11), by depositing at the office of the Society a notice in writing signed by him or her and stating that he or she wishes to resign.

**14.** Any Member or Contributor who shall resign or be expelled from the Society, or shall otherwise cease to be a Member or Contributor of the Society, shall forthwith return to the office all such books, papers or other property of the Society, or for which the Society is responsible, as he or she may have in his or her possession, or as may have been entrusted to him or her, and he or she shall remain liable for the payment of all moneys due from him or her at the date of his or her resignation, expulsion or cessation of Membership or Contributorship.

**15.** No transfer shall be made in the case of a Member or Contributor payment of whose annual subscription is in arrears.

### **Meetings**

**16.** At a Scientific or Ordinary Meeting of the Society, if the appointed Chair is not present at the time appointed for the holding of the Meeting, the Members present shall choose someone of their number to be Chair of such a Meeting.

### **Notices**

**17.** A notice may be served by the Society or the Trustees or Officers upon any member of the Trustees or any Member, either personally or by sending it prepaid through the post addressed to him or her at his or her address as registered in the List of Members, or in the case of a person not being a Member at his or her last known address.

**18.** Any notice, if served by post, shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which the same is posted; and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted for next day delivery.

**19.** A Member not having in the List of Members an address within the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands shall not be entitled to receive any notice; and all proceedings may be had and taken without notice to him or her in the same manner as if he or she had had due notice; save (as aforesaid and save as herein otherwise expressly provided) that every Member shall be entitled to notice of a General Meeting.

## Subscriptions

**20.** Each Fellow, Associate Fellow, Graduate Member and Ordinary Member shall pay an annual subscription as set out in the Schedule of Subscriptions, except that either:

- (a) each Graduate Member, who shall apply to the Trustees, may be authorised by a Committee authorised by the Trustees to pay a reduced annual subscription as set out in the Schedule for each of the first three years from the First Day of January next following the day on which he or she first became eligible for election to Graduate Membership of the Society; or
- (b) each Graduate Member who shall satisfy the Committee authorised by the Trustees that he or she is both a bona fide student and in receipt of insufficient income to be subject to tax by the Inland Revenue shall, until these conditions no longer obtain, pay an annual subscription as set out in the Schedule of Subscriptions.

**21.** Each Contributor shall pay to the Society an annual subscription as set out in the Schedule of Subscriptions.

**22.** Subscriptions are payable in advance, and become due on the First Day of January in each year. Any Member or Contributor first elected to the Society, or to one of the classes mentioned, after 30 June in any year shall, for that year, pay half the subscription.

**23.** Without prejudice to Rule 22, Members and Contributors may opt to have their subscriptions Direct Debited via Bankers Automated Clearing Services Ltd (BACS) in quarterly stages provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) a valid Direct Debit Mandate is held by the Society throughout the year;
- (b) the option is taken for the whole subscription year;
- (c) written Notice of the intention to opt in or out of quarterly payment is sent to the Society's office by 31 August before the subscription year;
- (d) a quarterly payment fee as set out in the Schedule of Subscriptions is added to each payment;
- (e) the amount of each quarterly payment including payments for Journals and subscription fees is not less than £15.

**24.**(a) Every Graduate Member or Ordinary Member on transfer to the class of Associate Fellow shall pay a transfer fee of £25.00 (Sterling).

(b) Every Associate Fellow on transfer to the class of Fellow shall pay a transfer fee of £40.00 (Sterling).

(c) Every Graduate Member or Ordinary Member on transfer to the class of Fellow shall pay a transfer fee of £65.00 (Sterling).

**25.** Each Member and Contributor shall be entitled to purchase any of the Journals published by the Society, upon payment annually to the Society of a sum determined by a Committee authorised by the Trustees for each Journal required.

**26.**(a) Members who have been Members of the Society for at least thirty years and are not in employment of any kind, shall on application in a form determined by the Trustees, be exempt from further payment of subscriptions and fees and be entitled to continue to receive without further payment those Journals to which they have subscribed for the five years immediately prior to their availing themselves of this privilege. Members so exempt shall retain all the rights and privileges of Membership. Members so exempt shall retain all the rights and privileges of Membership.

(b) Members who have been Members for less than thirty years, and who have retired, and are no longer in paid employment of any kind and do not hold a Practising Certificate, shall be entitled, on application in a form determined by the Trustees, to a reduction in subscriptions and fees to the level of a recent Graduate (as per Rule 20a).

**27.** A Committee authorised by the Trustees to do so may in any special case reduce or remit any payment, transfer fee or annual subscription, or the arrears of annual subscriptions, of any Member or Contributor.

## The Representative Council, Trustees, President Elect

**28.**(a) The Representatives of Branches, Sections, Divisions or Special Groups of the Society shall be appointed to the Representative Council from amongst the Members of the Society by the respective Branch, Section, Division or Special Group Committee concerned, and shall retire at the Annual General Meeting next following their appointment.

(b) There shall be one representative from each Branch, Section, Division and Special Group.

**29.** The number of elected Representative Council Members shall be twelve.

**30.** The Representative Council shall have the power to co-opt up to six Members of the Society to attend and participate in meetings of the Representative Council. All such co-opted members of the Representative Council shall retire at the end of the first meeting of the Representative Council following the Annual General Meeting following their appointment.

**31.** The Representative Council shall appoint annually and by secret ballot a Chair Elect from amongst its members at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The Chair Elect in the following year will become Chair and the following year will become Vice Chair.

(a) Nominations for the Chair Elect must be in writing, supported by two proposers who are members of the Representative Council and signed by the person nominated.

(b) The elected Chair Elect of the Representative Council will automatically become an observer at meetings of the Board of Trustees.

**32.(a)** The Representative Council, at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting, shall elect for a three year term of office at least two and up to five of its members to serve as co-opted members of the Board of Trustees.

(b) Nominations for these posts must be in writing, supported by two proposers who are members of the Representative Council and signed by the persons nominated.

**33.** The Terms of Reference of the Representative Council shall be approved from time to time by the Trustees. No changes to the Terms of Reference of the Representative Council shall be made until the Representative Council has had a formal opportunity to review and be consulted upon the suggested changes. Should the Representative Council by resolution oppose the changes suggested by the Trustees, then the suggested changes shall be put to a General Meeting of the Society. The decision of the General Meeting shall be final.

**34.** Any proposed changes to the Trustees' Terms of Reference shall be passed to the next meeting of the Representative Council for their view, comment and advice. Any and all proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the

Trustees shall be formally put to a Society General Meeting. The decision of the General Meeting is final.

**35.(a)** If during his or her term of office the President Elect shall die or retire, or his or her office shall be vacated under the provisions of Statute 22(3), the office of President Elect shall remain vacant for the remainder of such year.

(b) At the Annual General Meeting after which such President Elect would have become President of the Society, the Members of the Society shall elect as President for the ensuing year a Member of the Trustees or Representative Council who held office as such during the year in which the President Elect shall have died, retired or vacated office, and the appropriate provisions of Statute 25(3) shall apply.

### **Branches**

**36.(a)** A proposal to explore support among membership for the formation of a new Branch shall require the support of at least twenty Fellows, Associate Fellows or Chartered Psychologists, and shall be made by them in writing to the Trustees giving reasons for the proposal.

(b) If the proposal is approved by the Trustees, notice of the proposal shall be given to Members of the Society living in the geographical area specified.

(c) If ten per cent or more of the Members living in the area specified in the proposal, including not fewer than ten Fellows or Associate Fellows, shall indicate their wish to form a Branch, a detailed proposal shall be presented to the Trustees for consideration.

(d) If the Trustees agree to the formation of a new Branch, then a resolution will be put to a General Meeting of Members.

**37.** The First Meeting of a Branch, formation of which has been approved by the Society in a General Meeting, shall be convened by the Honorary General Secretary. Notice of the Meeting shall be given to all Members resident in the area. The Chair, Honorary Secretary (or Honorary Secretary-Treasurer) and Committee of the Branch shall be nominated, elected and appointed by this First Meeting.

**38.** The Members of a Branch shall be Members of the Society who reside in the defined geographical area of that Branch and each such Member shall be entitled to receive notice of its meetings.

**39.** Contributors of the Society in the defined geographical area of a Branch are Contributors of that Branch. Contributors shall have no right to vote on any matter concerning the administration of a Branch.

**40.** If at any time it is desired to vary the boundary of any Branch or Branches, a meeting of the Branch or Branches concerned shall be called for the purpose of considering a resolution to vary the boundaries of the Branch or Branches as the case may be. Resolutions passed at any such Meeting shall be reported by the Branch Honorary Secretary or Honorary Secretaries concerned to the next meeting of the Trustees, and if approved by the Trustees, the resolutions shall immediately take effect.

**41.(a)** A proposal to close a Branch shall be made in writing to the Trustees and shall require the support of at least twenty Fellows and Associate Fellows, or a Resolution of a General Meeting of the Branch concerned.

The Trustees will make and consider such a proposal if the number of members of the Committee of the Branch falls below five.

(b) If the proposal is approved by the Trustees, a General Meeting of the Branch shall be convened by the Honorary General Secretary.

(c) If the meeting supports the proposal, or there is no quorum, the Branch shall be closed forthwith.

(d) If the meeting does not support the proposal, it shall be put to a General Meeting of the Society and that decision shall be final.

**42.(a)** The Trustees shall grant to each Branch permission to incur such expenditure as may be necessary for the work of the Branch, the amount of such expenditure to be determined by the Trustees.

(b) The Branch Committee shall be responsible for providing the Trustees with annual estimates and for the keeping of a proper account of such expenditure and shall furnish such accounts as the Trustees shall require.

**43.** A Branch shall have Rules, and it shall be the duty of the Committee of a newly formed Branch to prepare Rules for the Branch. All such Rules shall be subject to the Charter, Statutes and Rules of the Society. To have effect, any Branch Rule shall have been approved at a Meeting of the Branch called for the purpose and shall have been approved by the Trustees.

**44.** Each Branch shall present an Annual Report, to be contained within the Annual Report of the Society, and presented to each Annual General Meeting of the Society.

### **Sections**

**45.(a)** The proposal to form a new Section shall require the support of at least twenty Fellows, Associate Fellows or Chartered Psychologists and shall be made by them in writing to the Trustees giving reasons for the proposal and stating the aims and purposes intended for the Section proposed.

(b) If approved by the Trustees, notice of the proposal shall be given to Members of the Society, who shall be invited to notify the Trustees of their wish to become Members of the Section if formed.

(c) If the Trustees shall find that one per cent, or more, of the Members recorded in the Annual Report presented by the Trustees at the last Annual General Meeting desire to become members of the Section, including not fewer than ten Fellows or Associate Fellows, shall so notify the Trustees, the proposal that the Section be formed shall be put to the vote at a General Meeting of the Society called for that purpose.

**46.** The First Meeting of a Section, formation of which has been approved by the Society in General Meeting, shall be convened by the Honorary General Secretary. Notice of the meeting shall be given to all Members, and any Member wishing to become a Member of the new Section shall be entitled to attend. The Chair, Honorary Secretary (or Honorary Secretary-Treasurer) and Committee of the Section shall be nominated, elected and appointed by this First Meeting.

**47.(a)** Membership of a Section shall be confined to Members of the Society. The first Members of a new Section shall be those Members of the Society who shall attend the First Meeting of the Section together with any Member who, though not present at the First Meeting, shall have given notice in writing to the Honorary General Secretary of his or her desire to become a Member of the Section prior to the First Meeting.

(b) To become a Member of a Section after the First Meeting of the Section, a Member shall apply for election by the Section as is hereinafter provided.

(c) A person not already a Member of the Society may stand for election as a Member of a

Section at the same time that he or she stands for election as a Member of the Society, but such a candidate shall not be deemed elected a Member of the Section unless he or she is elected both a Member of the Society and a Member of the Section.

**48.** A candidate for election to membership of a Section shall apply to the Honorary Secretary of the Section concerned stating his or her qualifications. If the Section Committee, at a meeting of the Section Committee, shall approve the application, they shall elect the applicant and it shall be the duty of the Section Honorary Secretary to inform the Honorary General Secretary of the names of the candidates so elected. The application shall be in a form as the Trustees shall from time to time determine.

**49.** In every case where a Section Committee shall not elect a candidate, it shall be the duty of the Section Honorary Secretary to report the name of the candidate to the next meeting of the Trustees together with a statement of the grounds on which the Section Committee has withheld election, whereupon the Trustees shall decide whether the candidate shall be elected. The decision of the Trustees shall be final.

**50.(a)** A person who has been elected an Affiliate or Student Subscriber of the Society may be elected an Affiliate or Student Subscriber of a Section of the Society. Affiliates and Student Subscribers of Sections shall have notice of, and shall be entitled to attend, Scientific Meetings of the Section to which they belong, but they shall have no right to vote on any matters concerning the administration of the Section.

(b) A candidate for election as an Affiliate of a Section shall be an Affiliate of the Society, and otherwise all the provisions of these Rules that govern the election of Members of Sections shall apply to the election of Affiliates of Sections.

(c) A candidate for election as a Student Subscriber of a Section shall be a Student Subscriber of the Society. The election of Student Subscribers to a Section shall be decided by the Section Committee at a Meeting of the Section Committee.

**51.** A Section Committee may, subject to the consent of the Trustees, terminate all connection with the Section of any Student Subscriber if, in its opinion, it is advisable that such Student Subscriber should not continue to be a Student Subscriber of the Section. Neither the Section

Committee nor the Trustees shall be obliged to give any reason for such termination.

**52.** If the membership of a Section shall fall below fifty, or if the number of Fellows or Associate Fellows who are Members of the Section shall fall below ten, a General Meeting of the Section shall be held to consider abolition of the Section.

**53.(a)** If at any time it is desired to abolish any Section or Sections, to subdivide any Section or Sections, or to amalgamate two or more Sections, a Meeting of the Section or Sections concerned shall be called for the purpose of considering a resolution to abolish or to subdivide or to amalgamate the Section or Sections as the case may be.

(b) Resolutions passed, at any such meeting, shall be reported by the Section Honorary Secretary or Honorary Secretaries concerned to the next Meeting of the Trustees, and, if approved by the Trustees, the resolutions shall immediately take effect. But should the Trustees formally express disapproval of any or all of the said resolutions, these resolutions shall be considered by a General Meeting of the Society. The decision of this Meeting shall be final.

**54.** The Trustees shall grant to each Section permission to incur such expenditure and expenses as may be necessary for the work of the Section. No Section may incur expenditure and expenses beyond the estimated level of income for that Section or any reserves that the Section may have accrued. The Section Committee shall be responsible for keeping proper accounts of all monies expended and shall provide to the Trustees such financial information as may be required in order that proper Annual Accounts can be prepared and audited.

**55.** Subject to the approval of the Trustees, a Section may, by resolution at a General Meeting of the Section properly convened and held, impose or vary a fee payable in respect of membership of the Section. Any imposition or change of fee shall be submitted for approval by the Trustees by 31st August of the year previous to that in which the imposed or changed fee will operate.

**56.** A Section shall have Rules, and it shall be the duty of the Committee of a newly-formed Section to prepare Rules for the Section. All such Rules shall be subject to the Charter,

Statutes and Rules of the Society. To have effect, any Section Rule shall have been approved at a Meeting of the Section called for the purpose and shall have been approved by the Trustees.

**57.** Each Section shall present an Annual Report, to be contained within the Annual Report of the Society, and presented to each Annual General Meeting of the Society.

### **Divisions**

**58.(a)** The proposal to form a new Division must be made by at least twenty Fellows, Associate Fellows or Chartered Psychologists themselves possessing the proposed qualifications for membership, and shall be made by them in writing to the Trustees, giving reasons for the proposal and stating the aims and purposes intended for the proposed Division and the qualifications to be required of Members of the Division.

(b) If approved by the Trustees, notice of the proposal, together with a statement of the qualifications to be required, shall be given to Members of the Society. Members who believe themselves to be qualified and wish to become Members of the Division if formed shall be invited to notify the Trustees, stating their qualifications.

(c) If the Trustees shall find that one per cent or more of the Members recorded in the Annual Report presented by the Trustees at the last Annual General Meeting desire to become Members of the Division and are qualified, the proposal that the new Division be formed shall be put to the vote at a General Meeting of the Society called for that purpose.

**59.** The First Meeting of a Division, formation of which has been approved by the Society in General Meeting, shall be convened by the Honorary General Secretary. Notice of the meeting shall be given to those Members who have applied to become Members of the Division and have been found to be suitably qualified by the Trustees. The Chair, Honorary Secretary (or Honorary Secretary-Treasurer) and Committee of the Division shall be nominated, elected and appointed by this First Meeting.

**60.** After the First Meeting of a new Division, any Member considering himself or herself qualified and wishing to become a Member of the Division shall apply to the Honorary Secretary of the Division stating his or her qualifications. If the Division Committee, at a

meeting of the Division Committee, shall approve the application, they shall elect the applicant and it shall be the duty of the Division Honorary Secretary to inform the Honorary General Secretary of the names of the candidates so elected.

**61.** If the membership of a Division shall fall below twenty-five, a General Meeting of the Division shall be held to consider abolition of the Division.

**62.(a)** If at any time it is desired to abolish any Division or Divisions, to subdivide any Division, or to amalgamate two or more Divisions, a Meeting of the Division or Divisions concerned shall be called for the purpose of considering a resolution to abolish or to subdivide, or to amalgamate the Division or Divisions as the case may be.

(b) Resolutions passed at any such meeting shall be reported by the Division Honorary Secretary or Honorary Secretaries concerned to the next Meeting of the Trustees, and, if approved by the Trustees, the resolutions shall immediately take effect. But should the Trustees formally express disapproval of any or all of the said resolutions, these resolutions shall be considered by a General Meeting of the Society. The decision of this Meeting shall be final.

**63.** The Trustees shall grant to each Division permission to incur such expenditure and expenses as may be necessary for the work of the Division. No Division may incur expenditure and expenses beyond the estimated level of income for that Division or any reserves that the Division may have accrued. The Division Committee shall be responsible for keeping proper accounts of all monies expended and shall provide to the Trustees such financial information as may be required in order that proper Annual Accounts can be prepared and audited.

**64.** Subject to the approval of the Trustees, a Division may, by resolution at a General Meeting of the Division properly convened and held, impose or vary a fee payable in respect of membership of the Division. Any imposition or change of fee shall be submitted for approval by the Trustees, by 31st August of the year previous to that in which the imposed or changed fee will operate.

**65.** A Division shall have Rules, and it shall be the duty of the Committee of a newly formed

Division to prepare Rules for the Division. All such Rules shall be subject to the Charter, Statutes and Rules of the Society, and shall be in a form approved by the Trustees. The Rules of a Division may provide for the establishment and conduct of Groups of Members of the Division in particular places, and of other forms of organisation of Members of the Division. To have effect, any Division Rule shall have been approved at a Meeting of the Division called for the purpose and shall have been approved by the Trustees.

**66.** Each Division shall present an Annual Report, to be contained within the Society's Annual Report, and presented to each Annual General Meeting of the Society.

### **Special Groups**

**67.(a)** The proposal to form a new Special Group must be made by at least twenty Fellows, Associate Fellows or Chartered Psychologists themselves working in the field concerned, and shall be made by them in writing to the Trustees, giving reasons for the proposal and stating the aims and purposes intended for the proposed Special Group and the qualifications to be required of Members of the Special Group.

(b) If approved by the Trustees, notice of the proposal, together with a statement of the qualifications to be required, shall be given to Members of the Society. Members who believe themselves to be qualified and wish to become Members of the Special Group if formed shall be invited to notify the Trustees, stating their qualifications.

(c) If the Trustees shall find that one per cent or more of the Members recorded in the Annual Report presented by the Trustees at the last Annual General Meeting desire to become members of the Special Group and are qualified, the proposal that the new Special Group be formed shall be put to the vote at a General Meeting of the Society called for that purpose.

**68.** The First Meeting of a Special Group, formation of which has been approved by the Society in General Meeting, shall be convened by the Honorary General Secretary. Notice of the meeting shall be given to those Members who have applied to become Members of the Special Group and have been found to be suitably qualified by the Trustees. The Chair, Honorary Secretary (or Honorary Secretary-Treasurer) and Committee of the Special Group shall be nominated, elected and appointed by this First Meeting.

**69.** After the First Meeting of a new Special Group, any Member considering himself or herself qualified and wishing to become a Member of the Special Group shall apply to the Honorary Secretary of the Special Group stating his or her qualifications. If the Special Group Committee, at a meeting of the Special Group Committee, shall approve the application they shall elect the applicant and it shall be the duty of the Special Group Honorary Secretary to inform the Honorary General Secretary of the names of the candidates so elected.

**70.** In every case where a Special Group Committee shall not elect an applicant it shall be the duty of the Special Group Secretary to report the name of the applicant to the next meeting of the Trustees, together with a statement of the grounds on which election has been withheld, whereupon the Trustees shall decide whether the applicant shall be elected and the decision of the Trustees shall be final.

**71.** If the membership of a Special Group shall fall below twenty-five, a General Meeting of the Special Group shall be held to consider abolition of the Special Group.

**72.(a)** If at any time it is desired to abolish any Special Group or Special Groups, to subdivide any Special Group, or to amalgamate two or more Special Groups, a Meeting of the Special Group or Special Groups concerned shall be called for the purpose of considering a resolution to abolish, or to subdivide, or to amalgamate the Special Group or Special Groups as the case may be.

(b) Resolutions passed at any such meeting shall be reported by the Special Group Honorary Secretary or Honorary Secretaries concerned to the next Meeting of the Trustees, and, if approved by the Trustees, the resolutions shall immediately take effect. But should the Trustees formally express disapproval of any or all of the said resolutions, these resolutions shall be considered by a General Meeting of the Society. The decision of this Meeting shall be final.

**73.(a)** If at any time it is desired to redesignate a Special Group as a Division, a General Meeting of the Special Group concerned shall be called for the purpose of considering a resolution to redesignate the Special Group and to approve revised qualifications for new members wishing to join the Special Group once it is redesignated as a Division.

(b) Resolutions passed at any such meetings shall be reported by the Special Group Honorary Secretary concerned to the next meeting of the Trustees and, if approved by the Trustees, the resolution that the Special Group concerned be redesignated a Division, with revised qualifications for new members wishing to join the redesignated Division, shall be put to the vote at a General Meeting of the Society called for the purpose.

(c) If the resolution to redesignate a Special Group as a Division is approved by the Society in General Meeting, the members of the former Special Group shall become the members of the redesignated Division, and the Chair, Honorary Secretary (or Honorary Secretary-Treasurer) and Committee of the Special Group shall become the Chair, Honorary Secretary (or Honorary Secretary-Treasurer) and Committee of the redesignated Division, whereafter the provisions of Rule 65 shall apply.

**74.** The Trustees shall grant to each Special Group permission to incur such expenditure and expenses as may be necessary for the work of the Special Group. No Special Group may incur expenditure and expenses beyond the estimated level of income for that Special Group or any reserves that the Special Group may have accrued. The Special Group Committee shall be responsible for keeping proper accounts of all monies expended and shall provide to the Trustees such financial information as may be required in order that proper Annual Accounts can be prepared and audited.

**75.** Subject to the approval of the Trustees, a Special Group may, by resolution at a General Meeting of the Special Group properly convened and held, impose or vary a fee payable in respect of membership of the Special Group. Any imposition or change of fee shall be submitted for approval by the Trustees, by 31st August of the year previous to that in which the imposed or changed fee will operate.

**76.** A Special Group shall have Rules and it shall be the duty of the Committee of a newly formed Special Group to prepare Rules for the Special Group. All such Rules shall be subject to the Charter, Statutes and Rules of the Society, and shall be in a form approved by the Trustees.

**77.** Each Special Group shall present an Annual Report, to be contained within the Society's Annual Report, and presented to each Annual General Meeting of the Society.

### **Honorary appointments**

**78.** The Trustees may appoint their own members, or other Members of the Society to the positions of Honorary Librarian, Honorary Curator of Test Materials, Honorary Archivist, and Honorary Visual Archivist, and to such other positions within the Society as the Trustees may from time to time decide to establish, tenure of any such position being determined by the Trustees.

**79.** Editors of the Journals of the Society shall be Members of the Society and shall be appointed by the Committee duly authorised by the Trustees for a term not exceeding six years. Such an appointment having been held shall not be renewable during the six years next following.

### **Visitors**

**80.** Each Member, Foreign Affiliate and Affiliate shall have the privilege of inviting two visitors, and each Student Subscriber the privilege of inviting one visitor, to any Scientific Meeting of the Society.

Alternatively, the Committee of the Society holding an Ordinary Meeting shall have the privilege of inviting such visitors as it sees fit. The Trustees shall, however, have the power of closing any meeting to visitors or Contributors, or both, provided notice to the effect shall have been given in the notice convening such Meeting or Meetings. Each Branch Committee, Section Committee, Division Committee and Special Group Committee shall similarly have the power of closing any Meeting or Meetings of the Branch, Section, Division or Special Group as the case may be, provided notice to the effect shall have been given in the notice convening the Meeting or Meetings.

### **Rules**

**81.** A copy of every alteration or addition made to the Rules shall be sent to every Member and Contributor at his or her registered address, and in default thereof no person shall be liable to suspension through any act or omission which, but for such alteration or addition, would not have rendered him or her so liable. The accidental omission to send such copy to, or the non-receipt thereof by, any such person shall not invalidate such alteration or addition.

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**The Society has more than 46,000 members and:**

- has offices in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales;
- accredits undergraduate programmes at 117 university departments;
- accredits 143 postgraduate programmes at 84 university departments;
- confers Fellowships for distinguished achievements;
- confers Chartered Status on professionally qualified psychologists;
- awards grants to support research and scholarship;
- publishes 11 scientific journals, and also jointly publishes *Evidence Based Mental Health* with the British Medical Association and the Royal College of Psychiatrists;
- publishes books in partnership with Blackwells;
- publishes *The Psychologist* each month;
- supports the recruitment of psychologists through the Psychologist Appointments section of *The Psychologist*, and [www.psychapp.co.uk](http://www.psychapp.co.uk);
- provides a free 'Research Digest' by e-mail and at [www.bps-research-digest.blogspot.com](http://www.bps-research-digest.blogspot.com), primarily aimed at school and university students;
- publishes newsletters for its constituent groups;
- maintains a website ([www.bps.org.uk](http://www.bps.org.uk));
- has international links with psychological societies and associations throughout the world;
- provides a service for the news media and the public;
- has an Ethics Committee and provides service to the Professional Conduct Board;
- maintains a Register of nearly 15,000 Chartered Psychologists;
- prepares policy statements and responses to government consultations;
- holds conferences, workshops, continuing professional development and training events;
- recognises distinguished contributions to psychological science and practice through individual awards and honours.

**The Society continues to work to enhance:**

- recruitment – the target is 50,000 members;
- services to members – by responding to needs;
- public understanding of psychology – addressed by regular media activity and outreach events;
- influence on public policy – through the work of its Policy Support Unit, Boards and Parliamentary Officer;
- membership activities – to fully utilise the strengths and diversity of the Society membership;
- operates a Psychological Testing Centre which sets, promotes and maintains standards in testing.

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