

# **THE EXETER MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY**

## **RULES OF THE SOCIETY**

1. The Society shall be called "THE EXETER MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY".
2. The object of the Society shall be the promotion of Medico-Legal knowledge in all its aspects. This object shall be attained by holding meetings at which there shall be presented and discussed papers, and by such other means as the Committee shall approve.
3. The Society shall consist of members of the legal and of the medical professions, and of such other persons as may be interested in Medico-Legal work. Members of the Society may be elected by the Committee on such terms and conditions and for such period or periods as the Committee may from time to time think fit.
4. Election for membership shall rest with the Committee. Every candidate for membership, shall submit a membership application with the appropriate fee.

## **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

5. The Officers of the Society shall be: -  
  
The Chairman  
Treasurer  
Vice Chairman  
Secretaries (Legal and Medical)
6. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee, which shall consist of the Officers and at least three other fully paid up members of the Society. Four shall form a quorum.
7. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretaries shall be elected annually.
8. Any casual vacancy occurring in the office of Officer or of the Committee may be filled by the Committee, but any person so chosen shall retain his office so long only as the vacating member in whose place he is appointed would have retained the same if no vacancy occurred.
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  - a) Any committee member including Officers who do not attend 50% of Committee business meetings during a business year will be deemed to have resigned from the Committee. The business year will run from the 1<sup>st</sup> July to the 30<sup>th</sup> June.
  - b) The Committee may from time to time appoint for such purposes as the Committee thinks fit a Sub-Committee with or without power to add to their number, where matters of specific expertise require the appointment of such Sub-Committees.

## **MEETINGS**

10. The Committee shall submit to the Annual General Meeting nominations for each of the offices and Committee. Any two fully paid up members of the Society may nominate any fully paid up member of the Society for election to the Committee or to any office, provided that such nomination is sent in writing to one of the Secretaries not less than four weeks before the Annual General Meeting. The Committee may nominate any fully paid up members of the Society for election to any office or to the Committee at or before its meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting. All nominations, whether by the

Committee or by individual members of the Society, shall be printed on the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

11. An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held not later than the first week of July in each year, at which a report of the proceedings since the preceding Annual General Meeting shall be presented and the Officers of the Society and members of the Committee shall be elected. The statement of accounts duly audited shall be presented at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Society. Only fully paid up members of the Society shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and to vote thereat.
12. The Secretaries or one of them on the direction of the Committee, or on the request of at least fifteen fully paid up members of the Society, shall convene a General Meeting of the Society, of which not less than fourteen days' notice specifying the business to be transacted shall be given.
13. No rule shall be made, altered, or rescinded, except by the Society in General Meeting.

#### **ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION**

14. There shall be an entrance fee of £10.00 and the Annual Subscription of each member of the Society shall as from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1996 be £40.00 payable on application for election for membership and on each succeeding 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July. The annual subscription and entrance fee shall be subject to review from time to time.
15. The membership of any member whose subscription is one year in arrear is terminated automatically, but any such member may be reinstated by the Committee on such terms as the Committee think fit.

## **ADDENDUM**

### **COMMENCEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

1. The inaugural meeting of the Exeter Medico-Legal Society took place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1996.
2. For the first year of the Society, the rules of the Exeter Medico-Legal Society shall apply save as varied by this Addendum.
3. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee which shall consist of the Officers and Committee members electing themselves. After the first year of the Society, the Officers and Committee members shall be elected annually in accordance with the rules of the Society.
4. Election for membership shall rest with the Committee. Every candidate for membership shall submit a membership application with the appropriate fee. After the first year of the Society, membership shall be proposed and seconded in writing by members of the Society in accordance with the rules of the Society.
5. The first Annual General Meeting of the Society shall take place not later than 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1997.