



The Constitution of the Literary and Historical Society

GENERAL

1. The Society shall be known as the “Literary and Historical” Society. The Society is the College Debating Union and, as such, shall represent the College in debate.
2. The Society shall consist of:
 - (i) The President of University College Dublin, who shall be ex-officio President of the Society
 - (ii) The Vice-Presidents of the Society
 - (iii) The Honorary Life Members of the Society
 - (iv) The Honorary Fellows of the Society
 - (v) The Enrolled Members of the Society
 - (vi) The Ordinary Members of the Society
3. The core work of the Society shall consist of the reading of papers and the debating of questions of general interest.
4. A session of the Society shall consist of three terms: Trinity, Michaelmas and Hilary, which shall correspond in all respects with College terms. No Ordinary or Extraordinary Meetings of the Society shall take place outside term unless summoned by the Auditor.
5.
 - a) An Ordinary Meeting shall be held on the appointed day save in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Auditor. The appointed day shall be designated by the Auditor before the beginning of the Michaelmas Term and he shall post notice of the appointed day for the session on the Society’s notice-board.
 - b) All Meetings of the Society shall be held in University College Dublin.

THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

6.
 - a) The Society may from time to time elect Vice-Presidents at an Extraordinary Meeting summoned in accordance with Article 49, subject to the following:
 - b) The Auditor shall announce the Extraordinary Meeting at the preceding Ordinary Meeting.

c) A Vice-President shall be elected by a two third majority of the Enrolled Members, present and voting, at an Extraordinary Meeting summoned for that purpose.

d) No more than one person shall be elected Vice-President in any one session.

e) Students of University College Dublin, and past students whose names have not been removed from the College Register for at least five years shall not be eligible for the position of Vice-President.

THE HONORARY FELLOWS

7.

a) Those eligible for conferment of the Honorary Fellowship of the Society must have made a significant contribution to a field of human endeavour.

b) No conferment may take place unless the Auditor and the majority of the Committee are favour of conferring the Hon. Fellowship of the Society upon the individual in question.

c) In order to confirm the majority support of the Committee for a particular individual, a Committee vote, taken at the direction of the Auditor, must be carried at a Committee Meeting, preceding the conferment of the particular Hon. Fellowship of the Society, yet during the current Session of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP

8.

a) All students of University College Dublin, shall be Ordinary Members of the Society.

b) All Ordinary Members shall have the right to take part in the public business of the Society

9.

a) A student of University College Dublin may become an Enrolled Member of the Society by paying the subscription to the Honorary Treasurer during the private business of the Society

b) The Auditor may from time to time provide alternative methods for obtaining Enrolled membership provided four days notice of such procedure is posted on the Society's notice boards.

c) The annual subscription shall be fixed by the Auditor and notice shall be placed of this on the Society's notice boards within two days of the commencement of the Michaelmas term.

d) Enrolled Members of the Society shall not vote as Enrolled Members in private business of the Meeting at which they join the Society.

e) An Enrolled Member of the Society during any session, who is eligible for Enrolled Membership during the succeeding session shall be regarded as a Member up to and including the last Meeting of the Michaelmas term of the succeeding session, even though he has not paid his subscription.

f) Only Enrolled Members of the Society may take part in private business of the Society

g) The Auditor may make occasional/ alternative arrangements for the signing of the Members' Roll of the Society.

10. In this Constitution the term "student" shall be deemed to include the graduates of University College Dublin who are not more than two years standing.

THE AUDITOR

11. The administration of the Society shall be entrusted to the Auditor who shall not be assisted by more than twenty- five.

12.

a) The Auditor shall be ex-officio the Chairman of the Committee and all subcommittees of the Society.

b) The Auditor shall preside at all Meetings of the Society, subject to Article 36. See also Articles 14, 44(a) & 51(c).

13. The Auditor during the period of his Auditorship shall not be Chairman, Auditor, President or their equivalent of any other Society, Club or any other representative student body in the College.

14.

a) The Auditor shall have power to suspend any Member of the Society from any or all of his rights and privileges for such time as he deems advisable.

b) The Auditor shall have complete power to remove any such suspension whether it be imposed by himself or by a previous Auditor and any attempt to limit this power shall be void

15.

- a) In the absence of the Auditor from any function of the Society, the Committee shall elect a Chairman from amongst the Enrolled Members of the Society, unless the Auditor shall in writing have appointed a deputy.
- b) No deputy shall read an Inaugural Paper.
- c) Every deputy shall be a Member of the Society.

16.

- a) It shall be at the discretion of the Auditor to determine which and in what order Members of the Society shall address the Society.
- b) The Auditor shall provide a procedure whereby Ordinary Members can indicate, in advance, their wish to speak in the public business of the Society.
- c) The procedure shall be posted on the Society's notice boards within two days of the commencement of the Michaelmas term.
- d) Where possible the Auditor shall have posted a provisional list of the speakers for Public Debate before noon on the day on which the debate is to be held.

17. Subject to Article 40, the Auditor shall at Ordinary Meetings of the Society be the sole interpreter of the Constitution and shall have full power to rule upon it as he thinks fit. He shall decide upon all matters of order not provided for in the Constitution, or the Rules of Procedures.

18.

- a) The Auditor for each Session shall place in the Archives of the Society a copy of his Inaugural Paper, plus all correspondence pertaining to his Session.
- b) All Ex-Auditors of the Society shall be Honorary Life Members.

HONORARY TREASURER

19.

- a) The Auditor shall, on his election, appoint an Honorary Treasurer who shall be an ex-officio Member of the Committee.
- b) The Honorary Treasurer shall keep the financial records of the Society.
- c) The Honorary Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions due to the Society.

- d) The Honorary Treasurer shall issue a receipt immediately to the payer of any subscription.
- e) The Honorary Treasurer shall keep a roll of Enrolled Members to whom receipts have been issued and shall make the said roll accessible to the Members of the Society, whether for signing or for reference.
- f) The Honorary Treasurer shall at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in each session present a Report of the Financial condition of the Society.
- g) Should the Honorary Treasurer be absent from any Meeting of the Society, the Auditor shall appoint a Member to receive subscriptions.

HONORARY RECORD SECRETARY

20.

- a) The Auditor shall, on his election, appoint an Honorary Record Secretary who shall be an ex-officio Member of the Committee.
- b) The Honorary Record Secretary shall keep all the minutes of Meetings of the Society and of the Committee and shall keep all current records of the Society except the financial records.
- c) The Honorary Record Secretary shall keep all notices posted on the Society's notice boards.
- d) The Honorary Record Secretary shall at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in each session present a Report of the work done by the Society during the session.
- e) Should the Honorary Record Secretary be absent from any Meeting of the Society, the Auditor shall appoint an Enrolled Member to fulfil his functions.

HONORARY CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY

21.

- a) The Auditor shall, on his election, appoint an Honorary Correspondence Secretary who shall be an ex-officio Member of the Committee.
- b) The Honorary Correspondence Secretary shall be responsible for the written communications of the Society.

HONORARY SOCIAL SECRETARY

22.

- a) The Auditor shall, on his election, appoint an Honorary Social Secretary who shall be an ex-officio Member of the Committee.
- b) The Honorary Social Secretary shall be responsible for the entertainment of the guests of the Society.

HONORARY DEBATES CONVENOR

23.

- a) The Auditor shall, on his election, appoint an Honorary Debates Convenor who shall be an ex-officio Member of the Committee.
- b) The Honorary Debates Convenor shall be responsible for organising the public business of Meetings of the Society.

THE COMMITTEE

24.

- a) The Auditor shall, on his election, appoint up to twenty ordinary Members of the Committee, one of whom shall fulfil the functions of an Honorary Public Relations Officer.
- b) These Members shall have such duties as the Auditor may from time to time set out.

25.

- a) The Society in the Michaelmas term shall elect a representative to the Committee form amongst those Enrolled Members who are in their first year of College.
- b) The Electorate for this election shall consist of those qualified to be candidates.
- c) The Auditor shall announce, at or prior to the third Meeting of the session, the date on which the nominations are to close.
- d) Nominations shall be in the form as for Annual Election. The proposer and seconder need not be first year students.

26. The Committee shall meet at least once a fortnight during terms. Six Members shall constitute a quorum. Two days notice of every Meeting shall be posted on the Society's notice boards.

27. A Member of the Committee is deemed to have resigned and shall cease all function and authority if:

- (i) He tenders his resignation in writing to the Auditor and the Correspondence Secretary.
- (ii) The Auditor asks in writing for his resignation.
- (iii) If he absents himself for any reason, without an apology, from three consecutive Meetings of the Committee, or two consecutive Ordinary Meetings of the Society.

28.

a) It shall be open to any Enrolled Member of the Society to review without notice of motion the actions of the Committee at an Ordinary Meeting of the Society.

b) It shall be open to any Enrolled Member to request any detailed knowledge as to the functions of any Member of the Committee provided written notice is given.

c) Such questions should be handed into the Auditor, to the Committee Member concerned, or to the Correspondence Secretary at least twenty-four hours before the Meeting at which it is intended to raise the question.

d) An Enrolled Member shall be entitled to a detailed reply to any such questions.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

29. At the end of each session an Auditor shall be elected for the succeeding session and shall come into office immediately on the completion of such election.

30.

a) A Member qualified to vote at the Auditorial Elections must have fulfilled the following conditions:

- (i) He must have been an Enrolled Member of the Society before the end of the Michaelmas term of the session.
- (ii) He shall not at any time have been the Auditor of the Society.

b) Section a) of this Article shall be posted alongside all notices of election posted in accordance with Article 34.

31. To be eligible for the office of Auditor an Enrolled Member shall have fulfilled the following conditions on or before Nomination Day:

- (i) He shall not have been previously at any time Auditor of the Society.
- (ii) He shall have pursued a degree or diploma course for not less than four terms in University College Dublin.
- (iii) He shall have become an Enrolled Member of the Society before the end of the Michaelmas term of the said session.
- (iv) He shall not have held office in the Society after the last Friday in January.

(v) He must have spoken during the current session at least four times in public business of the Society.

(vi) He shall have signed a declaration pledging himself on his honour to uphold the Constitution and Traditions of the Society if elected.

32.

a) During the current session, until the end of the Michaelmas Term, all members of the Society shall refrain from (i) publicly announcing their intention to participate as a candidate in any future Auditorial election, or (ii) any form of canvassing for such an election either in public or in private.

b) Should it be brought to the attention of the Auditor that any member of the Society may be in breach of subsection (1) of this article, the Auditor shall bring such to the attention of the Legal Assessors who shall appoint, at their discretion, an Investigator to conduct a full and fair investigation at the earliest possible opportunity.

c) Further to an investigation under subsection (2) of this article, if any member is found, on the balance of probabilities, to have been in material breach of subsection (1) the Investigator shall recommend a sanction such that if that member is subsequently nominated as a candidate in the Auditorial Elections during that session then the total of that member's permitted electoral spending, as provided for under Schedule A, shall be reduced by between a minimum of 10% and a maximum of 100% or shall have that member's right to be nominated as candidate removed entirely. The Auditor shall impose the sanction recommended by the Investigator.

d) Any sanction imposed by the Auditor under subsection (3) shall be brought to the attention of the member in question, the Honorary Records Secretary and the Legal Assessors within five working days of the conclusion of the Investigator's investigation, and shall be binding upon any Returning Officer appointed for the purposes of the Auditorial election.

e) Any action or decision of the Auditor or Investigator made pursuant to this article may be directly appealed to the Legal Assessors of the Society by any Enrolled Member for their determination.

33.

a) Up to 6pm on the day of preceding Nomination Day the Auditor shall rectify any errors occurring in the List of Voters, providing his attention is drawn to such errors in writing by a Member of the Society. Such notice shall be given by announcing the date of the Nomination Day at an Ordinary Meeting of the Society.

b) Candidates for the Auditorial elections must be proposed and seconded by Enrolled Members of the Society at an Ordinary Meeting held on Nomination Day. Nomination papers signed by the proposer and seconder and the candidate shall be handed to the Auditor at this Meeting. The Auditor shall at once investigate the

eligibility of the candidates and shall declare the names of the accepted candidates before the conclusion of the Meeting.

c) Any appeal from the Auditor's decision on the eligibility of candidates must be made in writing to the Legal Assessors signed by five Members of the Society before 6 p.m. on the third day following the Nomination Day. The Legal Assessors shall thereupon decide the matter in accordance with the Constitution of the Society and shall announce his decision in writing on the Society's notice boards.

d) Where there shall be only one eligible candidate he shall enter into office at the AGM.

THE RETURNING OFFICER

34.

a) The Returning Officer for the Annual Election shall be selected from the Members and the ex-Members of the Society. The Returning Officer shall be appointed by the Auditor with the unanimous approval of the Auditorial candidates by public notice on the Society's notice boards. Such notice shall be signed by all the Auditorial candidates and published within 48 hours of the declaration of the final list of accepted candidates.

b) In the event of the Auditorial candidates failing to agree on this appointment unanimously the Returning Officer shall be appointed in writing by the Legal Assessors forthwith.

35.

a) On the appointment of the Returning Officer, the Auditor and the Committee shall cease to exercise any administrative, executive or any other authority in the Society, and those powers shall rest in and be exercised by the Returning Officer exclusively.

b) No Ordinary Meeting of the Society shall be held between the Nomination Day and the date when the new Auditor takes up office as laid down in article 37.

c) The Returning Officer on his appointment shall take possession of, and shall be responsible for, the records, documents, and all other property of the Society until the new Auditor takes office.

36.

a) The Returning Officer, within 24 hours of his appointment, shall fix the date and place of the election which must take place within two weeks of the Nomination Day and within the precincts of University College Dublin. He shall give one week's public notice on the Society's notice boards of the date, place and time of the election. He shall hear the claims of Members whose names are alleged to have been

omitted from the List of Voters and objections to any names included thereupon and determine such allegations and objections in accordance with the Constitution provided that they be made in writing prior to 6 p.m. on the day preceding the Election Day. He shall have prepared a sufficient supply of ballot papers on which the names of the candidates shall be arranged alphabetically. He shall appoint three individuals to assist him in the polling.

b) The Returning Officer shall be responsible for the production of the election material of the candidates. Within 48 hours of his appointment, with the assistance of the Auditor, the Returning Officer should provide the candidates with a reasonably comprehensive list, as defined by Schedule A of expenditure options of which they may avail themselves. Within three days of the Nomination Day, the candidates shall provide to the Returning Officer copies of their material, which he will cause to be produced in accordance with Schedule A. The candidates shall pay to the Returning Officer the fee for the production as set down in Schedule A. The Returning Officer shall take all necessary precautions to ensure that candidates can not produce their own duplicate material. Candidates may only use material (as defined in Schedule A) that has been produced by the Returning Officer. If any candidate violates this rule, he shall have all his material withdrawn by the Returning Officer, and suffer such other punishments as the Returning Officer deems fit, up to and including expulsion from the election

POLLING

37.

a) Polling shall take place for a period of not less than five hours on the polling day according to the following procedure:

The polling shall take place in a room in the presence of the Returning Officer and his assistants but no other person whatsoever. The voters shall be admitted one by one or at the discretion of the Returning Officer. On admission the voter shall declare his name. When the voter's name is found and marked on the list of voters by one of the assistants the voter shall be issued a small blank envelope, and a larger envelope on which is written the voter's name. The voter shall then sign his name on the election roll in the presence of the second assistant who shall be a witness thereof, and who shall thereupon issue him with a validated ballot paper. The voter shall privately mark the figure 1 opposite the name of his first choice, 2 opposite his second choice, 3 opposite his third choice, et cetera. He shall enclose his ballot paper in the small blank envelope in the larger envelope on which his name is inscribed and seal this envelope. He shall then place his envelope in the ballot box in the presence of the Returning Officer.

b) The candidates or their representatives may lodge an objection to the voter at any time before the ballot paper is placed in the ballot box. Such objections should be made in writing, and shall be decided by the Returning Officer at once.

- c) Proxy voting shall not in any circumstances be permissible.
- d) In the event of a voter claiming a vote which is found to have already been cast, if the Returning Officer is satisfied:
- (i) as to the identity and the right of the claimant to vote, and
 - (ii) that the said claimant has not already voted in the election, he shall permit the claimant to vote in accordance with the constitution and shall append his own signature to the voter's name on the larger envelope before putting the vote in the ballot box.
- e) The Returning Officer shall keep a record of all judgements given by him in the course of the election.
- f) At the conclusion of the polling the Returning Officer shall seal the ballot box, and all documents relating to the election, and deposit them in a safe place where they will remain until the time appointed by the Returning Officer for the count.
- g) If no appeals have been lodged, the Returning Officer shall count the votes herewith at the appointed time in accordance with the procedure outlined in Appendix IV thereof.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

38.

- a) On the day of the count the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held. This Meeting shall be called by the Returning Officer, who shall preside thereat until he shall have declared the result of the election.
- b) The order of business at this Meeting shall be as follows:
1. Confirmation of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
 2. Reading of the Financial Report
 3. Reading of the Secretarial Report
 4. Reading of the Auditorial Report
 5. Reading of the Returning Officer of the Declaration of Election Results, signed by the Returning Officer and Acting Legal Assessors
 6. New Auditor takes the Chair
 7. Declaration of Medal Awards by the new Auditor
 8. Such business as may properly arise
- c) Where there has been but one Auditorial Candidate and therefore no Auditorial Election, the outgoing Auditor shall act as the Returning Officer. He shall call the Annual General Meeting in the same manner as provided for with respect to the Returning Officer.

d) Where there shall have been no election the Annual General Meeting shall take place on the next Appointed Day following Nomination Day. The order of business shall be as in Section b) of this rule, substituting for 5: "Declaration of Unopposed Return of New Auditor by Outgoing Auditor."

VACATION OF OFFICE BY AUDITOR

39.

a) The Auditor shall be deemed to have vacated his office if (i) he tenders his resignation in writing to the Honorary Record Secretary, (ii) a motion of censure is passed on him by a two thirds majority at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society convened for that purpose. The quorum for such an Extraordinary Meeting shall be thirty enrolled Members of the Society.

b) No motion of censure may be moved unless leave to propose such a motion has first been obtained at an Ordinary Meeting of the Society by a Motion on Notice.

c) Such leave shall be deemed to have been obtained if a majority of enrolled Members present and voting, vote in favour of such a Motion on Notice. See Article 47(e).

d) This article shall only be altered at an Extraordinary Meeting convened for that purpose. The quorum for such an Extraordinary Meeting shall be thirty Enrolled Members of the Society.

40.

a) In the event of an Auditor vacating his office on or prior to the last day of Michaelmas term in any session, a new election shall be held.

b) For the purpose of this election the second appointed day after the vacation of office by the Auditor shall be Nomination Day and thereafter the election shall be conducted as far as possible according to this Constitution.

c) The authority of the Auditor between his vacation of office and the appointment of Returning Officer shall vest in the Committee.

41. In the event of the Auditor vacating office subsequent to the last day of Michaelmas term in any session, the Committee shall appoint as Enrolled Member of the Society as Deputy Auditor.

THE LEGAL ASSESSORS

42.

- a) For each session there shall be three Legal Assessors, that is to say, the three ex-Auditors immediately preceding the Junior ex-Auditor. Any Legal Assessor may appoint a Deputy.
- b) It shall be open to any five Enrolled Members of the Society, in writing, to draw the Legal Assessors' attention to any one or more of the following occurrences:
 - (i) The use by the Auditor of his powers of suspension of Members of the Society for the purpose of distorting a vote of the Society on any matter.
 - (ii) The failure of the Auditor to obey the Constitution.
 - (iii) The use by the Auditor of his power of interpretation of the Constitution or of his power in dealing with extraordinary situations in a manner inconsistent with the spirit of the Constitution.
 - (iv) The holding of an Extraordinary Meeting for the purpose of amending the Constitution at a time or in a place inconsistent with ascertaining the true opinion of the Society.
- c) The Legal Assessors shall determine whether or not the allegations are justified, in such a manner as they see fit.
- d) If they find that the allegations are justified, they shall order the Auditor to rectify the fault concerned and may make such subsequent orders as may seem appropriate to ensure the injustice is rectified.
- e) The decision of the Legal Assessors on any matter shall be read during the private business of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Society.
- f) The Legal Assessors may provide for one of their Member to attend any such Meetings as their representative and in such a case he should have the right to address the Society on the matter of their inquiry.

43. The Auditor may refer any matter he thinks fit to the Legal Assessors for their consideration and ask them to report thereon to the Society.

44.

- a) At each election of the Society with the exception of a first year Member to the Committee, the Legal Assessors shall appoint three Acting Legal Assessors for that election.
- b) The Acting Legal Assessors shall hear and decide all appeals from decisions of the Returning Officer, or arising from any matter connected with the election. Such appeals must be made in writing before the start of the count and must be

accompanied by the deposit of the sum of £1 to be forfeited and credited to the Society's account in the event of a frivolous appeal.

c) The Acting Legal Assessors shall have the power to postpone the count for a period not exceeding seven days pending their decision on such appeals. In the case of disagreement amongst the Acting Legal Assessors the opinion of the majority shall hold.

d) If the Acting Legal Assessors shall find a candidate guilty of any dishonest practices in connection with the election they shall disqualify him forthwith.

e) Should the Acting Legal Assessors find that any voter has been deprived of his vote by a decision of the Returning Officer, they shall permit him to vote before the count.

f) Where two have placed in the Ballot Box in pursuance of Article 35(d), the Acting Legal Assessors shall decide before the count which of them is to be destroyed, and destroy it.

g) On the conclusion of the count the Acting Legal Assessors shall sign the Returning Officer's Report, which signatures shall make the results final, and legally binding on all parties.

INAUGURAL MEETING

45.

a) The Inaugural Meeting of the Society shall if possible take place in the Michaelmas term.

b) The order of business shall be:

1. The President, or his Deputy, shall take the Chair

2. Minutes

3. The Chairman shall present the medals for the Preceding Session

4. The Auditor shall deliver his Inaugural Address

5. The following Motions shall be proposed:

"That the best thanks of the Society are due to the Auditor for his Address."

"That the Literary and Historical Society merits the support of the Governing Body and the students of the College."

6. The Chairman may then invite responses from the floor.

7. The Chairman shall make the closing remarks.

ORDINARY MEETINGS

46.

- a) The Auditor shall preside at Ordinary Meetings of the Society except during the course of public debate for which an outside Chairman has been provided.
- b) For Ordinary Meetings of the Society the quorum shall consist of twelve Members. The Chairman shall not, however, declare the Meeting void, unless a Member draws his attention to the fact that no quorum is present.

47.

- a) The Rules of Procedure of Meetings shall be those contained in Appendix 1 of this Constitution and in the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure in Palgrave's Chairman's Handbook.
- b) A ruling of the Auditor shall be a binding precedent in the Society only during the current session. A particular ruling affirmed by three Auditors of the Society shall be a binding precedent in all subsequent sessions.
- c) The rulings of an external Chairman shall not have the force of precedence in the Society.
- d) The decision of the Chairman shall be final on all questions of order raised at the Meeting; but a Member shall be entitled to have registered upon the minutes of the Society any objections to such a decision, provided he states the grounds of his objections, and refers to the passage in the Constitution (Appendix) or in the Chairman's Handbook, or to precedents in the records of the Society which he regards as inconsistent with such decision. Decisions so objected to shall not be regarded as precedents.
- e) The Honorary Records Secretary shall keep a record of all rulings made during the sessions when he holds office.

48.

- a) The order of business at Ordinary Meetings shall be as follows:
 1. Reading of Minutes of the last Meeting
 2. Reading of Correspondence
 3. Questions on notice
 4. Questions not on notice
 5. Motions on notice
 6. Motions not on notice
 7. Elections
 8. General Business
 9. Public Business

b) It shall be open to any two Enrolled Members of the Society to propose that any particular section of private business shall be postponed until the close of public business which shall close automatically at 10.30pm. If the resolution is carried, the public debate shall so close and the arrears of private business shall then be proceeded with. See Appendix I Rule 23.

c) Each speaker in ordinary debates shall be allowed no more than 10 minutes, save in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Auditor.

49.

a) The Chairman at each of the Society's public debates shall be supplied with a marking sheet and shall be instructed to award marks to the speaker, the maximum being 10.

b) The marking sheet shall be signed by the Chairman and preserved by the Auditor who shall post same on the Society's notice board before noon on the fourth days following the Meeting. A copy of this marking sheet shall be included in the minutes of the corresponding Meeting of the Society.

c) No Motion on notice shall be entertained or no Member shall address the Society on any Motion on notice of which two clear days notice in writing signed by the mover has not been posted on the Society's notice board. This does not apply in cases of adjournment, votes of thanks, Suspension of Standing orders and other Motions not on notice.

d) If a Member who has given a notice of Motion be not present in person or represented by a substitute to bring forward the motion when called on by the Chairman, such Motion shall lapse and may not be renewed without ordinary notice.

e) The Standing Orders of the Society shall be understood to be the rules governing the procedure of Meetings of the Society and rules governing notice of motions, but shall exclude those rules concerning the notice to given with respect to motions dealt with in Article 37.

MEDALS

50.

a) No Auditor or ex-Auditor shall be eligible to compete for a medal in the Society.

b) A Member of the Society who has once obtained the President's Gold Medal for Oratory shall not again be eligible to receive said medal, nor to receive the Society's Silver Medal for Oratory.

- c) A Member of the Society who has once obtained the Society's Silver Medal for Oratory shall not again be eligible to receive said medal but shall be eligible to receive the President's Gold Medal for Oratory.
- d) The Society's Silver Medal for Impromptu debate shall be awarded on such terms as the Auditor shall determine.
- e) A Member to be eligible to compete for the President's Medal for First Year Speakers must be a registered student, in his first year in college.
- f) Should any medal be won by a Member who is ineligible to receive same, the medal shall be awarded to the next on the list who is eligible.
- g) The Conditions relating to the award of all medals shall be published on the Society's notice boards, for the first four weeks of each session or the first four weeks of the Michaelmas term.
- h) Though the Conditions relating to the award of all medals shall be at the discretion of the Auditor, the following procedure is recommended:
At the end of the year, after the last Ordinary Meeting of the Society, each speaker's four best marks are added and the average thereof taken and the medals awarded on the results thereof, except in the case of the medal for first year speakers, when the best three marks are taken into account. The marks in respect of the impromptu debates shall be kept separately and the awards made in each case independently. In the event of a tie, the next highest mark in each case shall be added, continuing until one total shall exceed the other.
- i) The Society in each session shall award the following medals:
 - (1) The President's Gold Medal for Oratory
 - (2) The Society's Silver Medal for Oratory
 - (3) The Society's Silver Medal for Impromptu Debate
 - (4) The President's Silver Medal for First Year Speakers

EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

51.

- a) The Auditor shall have the power to summon an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society, provided that notice thereof be posted for at least four days previously on the Society's notice board, stating the business to be dealt with at such Meeting. The quorum for an Extraordinary Meeting shall consist of twelve Enrolled Members except in the circumstances outlined in Article 37 (a) and (d).
- b) Any twelve Enrolled Members of the Society shall have the power to call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society by a simple requisition signed by the said Enrolled Members provided that notice thereof be posted for at least four days

previously on the Society's notice boards, stating the business to be dealt with at such Meeting.

c) No other business except the business for which the Meeting was called shall be discussed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society unless two thirds of the Enrolled Members, present and voting, vote in favour thereof.

d) The minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society shall be read and confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Society.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN

52.

a) The Auditor shall be empowered to appoint an Honorary Librarian to the Society from among the Members and ex-Members of the Society.

b) The Honorary Librarian shall be responsible for the non-current records of the Society, and shall perform the duties as may be assigned him by the Auditor.

SUB-COMMITTEE

53.

a) The Auditor may from time to time appoint sub-committees of the Society. Such subcommittees shall be appointed by notice on the Society's notice boards.

b) Such notice shall contain details of :

(i) The Members of the sub-Committee

(ii) The purpose for which it has been set up

(iii) The functions it shall fulfil

c) The Auditor shall be ex-officio Chairman of all sub-committees. He may delegate this responsibility to any Committee Member.

AMENDMENT TO THIS CONSTITUTION

54. No alteration in this Constitution shall be made, save at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society convened in accordance with Article 49, subject to the provisions of Article 37 (d). Notice of such Meeting must state which Article or Articles of the Society's Constitution it is proposed to amend and the Amendment or Amendments.