

# SOCIETY FOR MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY

## CONSTITUTION

1. The Society shall be known as The Society for Medieval Archaeology.

2. The office of the Society shall be situate within Great Britain.

3. The object of the Society is the furtherance of the study of unwritten evidences of British history since the Roman period by the publication of a journal and in any other way that may be approved from time to time by the Council.

4. The membership of the Society shall comprise Ordinary Members, Student Members and Institutional Members.

5. The expenses of the Society shall be met from the subscriptions and from such funds as the Society may by donation or otherwise acquire.

Each member shall pay his subscription on joining the Society and shall then be entitled to receive a copy of the journal for the current year and to take part in all activities of the Society.

The annual subscription for each member shall be for ordinary members and institutional members £2 2s. per annum, and for *bona fide* student members under the age of 25 £1 1s. per annum. The subscription for two members of the same household jointly shall be £3 3s. and this shall entitle them to all the privileges of membership and to receive one copy of the journal jointly. Subscriptions shall fall due on 1 April of each year.

Any member whose subscription is twelve months in arrears, and who fails to pay the amount due when requested to do so, may be struck off the list of members by the Council and shall thereupon cease to be a member.

The subscriptions and all other property acquired for the purposes of the Society shall be deemed to be vested in the Officers of the Society as trustees for the members.

6. The Council of the Society shall consist of the President, Hon. Vice-Presidents, three Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor of the journal and nine ordinary members, and shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office for one year, but shall be eligible for re-election at an Annual General Meeting of the Society except as provided in rules 7 and 8. At least fourteen days' notice shall be given to members of the Society of the names of candidates for election.

7. Subject to any resolution of the Society at the Annual General Meeting, the President shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years.

8. Ordinary members of Council shall serve for a term of three years, save that for the first two years of the Society's existence no member shall be compelled to retire; after that three members shall retire in each year, the choice of retiring members from the first Council in the third, fourth and fifth years of the Society's

existence being made by ballot. Retiring members of Council shall not be immediately eligible for re-election.

9. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Council. At any meeting of the Council the presence of seven members shall constitute a quorum. The Council shall present a report of its proceedings to the Annual General Meeting of the Society. Casual vacancies among the Officers or among the other members of the Council may be filled by cooptation by the Council until the next Annual General Meeting.

10. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held on such date as the Council shall fix. Special General Meetings shall be held at such times as the Council may decide, or on the written request of not less than forty members of the Society.

11. Council shall have power to appoint from the members of the Society an Editorial Committee and any other Committees which may from time to time be required.

12. The Council shall have power to fix the amount of any fees that it may be desirable for members or guests to be charged for attendance at conferences or other functions of the Society.

13. Any proposal for the amendment of the Constitution of the Society must be submitted to the Annual General Meeting. The text of the proposed amendment shall be circulated to the members with the notice convening the meeting. No amendment shall be regarded as adopted unless two-thirds of the members present at the meeting vote in favour of it.