

STATUTES OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF  
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

AT THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, HELD IN THE APARTMENTS OF THE SOCIETY IN THE CASTLE OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, ON MONDAY THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1878,

IT IS PROPOSED that the Statutes of this Society, which were made or passed at a General Meeting of the Society, held on the 6th day of February, 1813, and which have been from time to time altered under a provision contained therein, should be further altered, and that such further alteration should be effected by the total repeal of the existing Statutes, and the substitution of the Statutes hereinafter set forth, and such proposal having been announced and inserted in the Transactions of a General Meeting held on the 2nd day of January, 1878, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Statutes of this Society made and passed on the 6th day of February, 1813, and all other statutes, laws, rules and regulations now in force, be and the same are hereby repealed, and that the Statutes hereinafter set forth shall be and are hereby adopted for the regulation and government of this Society.

I.—This Society, under the style and title of "THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE," shall consist of ordinary and honorary members. The persons named in the first schedule hereunto subjoined are and shall be the present ordinary members, and the persons named in the second schedule hereunto subjoined are and shall be the present honorary members.\* Candidates for election as ordinary members shall be proposed in writing by three ordinary members at a general meeting, and be elected or rejected by the majority of votes of ordinary

Constitution  
of the Society  
and Election  
of Members.

\* See Minute Book for these Schedules.

members at that meeting, unless a ballot shall be demanded by any member, which in that case shall take place at the next meeting, and at such ballot three-fourths of the votes shall be necessary in order to the candidates election. The election of honorary members shall be conducted in like manner.

Obligations  
of Members.

II.—The ordinary members named in the said first schedule, and the ordinary members who shall be elected in manner above mentioned, shall be bound to conform to the Statutes for the time being and all future statutes, rules, and ordinances, and to pay in advance an annual subscription of £1 1s.; and so long as they so conform, and so long as they make such payment, and no longer, they shall be and continue ordinary members. The subscription shall be due on election and afterwards annually on the day of the Annual Meeting; but a member elected at or after the meeting in October shall be exempt from a further payment at the then next Annual Meeting.

Officers of  
the Society.

III.—The officers of the Society shall consist of a Patron, a President, four Vice-Presidents,\* two Secretaries, twelve other members, who, with the President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretaries (shall constitute the Council); one Treasurer, and two Auditors. These several officers shall be elected annually, except the Patron, who shall be elected for life. The elections shall be out of the class of ordinary members by lists to be delivered by the members in person at the Annual Meeting. The Council shall have charge of the property and the direction of matters not provided for by the general meetings of the Society. Five of the Council must be present in order to constitute a meeting of the Council, and the Council may regulate their times of meeting and the order of their proceedings as they may see fit.

Meetings of  
the Society.

IV.—A General Meeting of the members of the Society shall be held on the last Wednesday of every month, in the Castle of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The meeting in January shall be the Annual Meeting, and shall be held at one o'clock in the afternoon, and the meeting in every other month shall be held at seven o'clock in the evening. But the Society or the Council may from time to time appoint any other place or day or hour for any of

\* Amended by substitution of six for four Vice-Presidents.

the meetings of the Society. The presence of seven ordinary members shall be necessary in order to constitute the Annual Meeting, and the presence of five ordinary members shall be necessary in order to constitute any other meeting. A Special General Meeting may be convened by the Council if, and when, they may deem it expedient.

V.—The ordinary members only shall be interested in the property of the Society. The interest of each member therein shall continue so long only as he shall remain a member, and the property shall never be sold or otherwise disposed of (except in the case of duplicates hereinafter mentioned) so long as there remain seven members; but should the number of members be reduced below seven and so remain for twelve calendar months then next following, the Society shall be *ipso facto* dissolved, and after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities the property of the Society shall be delivered unto and become the property of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, if that Society be then in existence and willing to receive the same; and should that Society not be in existence and willing to receive the same, then the same shall be delivered to and become the property of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Property of  
the Society.

VI.—All papers shall be read in the order in which they are received by the Society. A paper may be read by the author, or by any other member of the Society whom he may desire to read it, or by either of the Secretaries; but any paper which is to be read by the Secretaries shall be sent to them a week previous to its being laid before the Society.

Reading of  
Papers.

VII.\*—The Council shall annually appoint three of the ordinary members (whether of the Council or not) to be, with the Secretaries, a Committee, to whom shall be entrusted the duty and charge of selecting papers for publication in the Transactions, and of revising and printing the papers so selected.

Committee of  
Revisal.

VIII.—All donations to the Society shall be presented through the Council; and a book shall be kept in which shall be regularly recorded their nature, the place and time of their discovery, and

Donations to  
the Society.

\* Repealed.

the donors' names. All duplicates of coins, books, and other objects, shall be at the disposal of the Council for the benefit of the Society. Duplicates.

IX.—Every ordinary member shall be entitled to such publications of the Society as may be printed after his election; and he may purchase any of the previous publications, of which copies remain, at the price at which the same are furnished to the booksellers. Members entitled to publications.

X.—Each member shall be entitled to the use of the Society's library, subject to the condition (which applies to all privileges of membership) that his subscription for the current year be paid. Not more than two volumes at a time shall be taken out by any member. Books may be retained for a month, and if this time be exceeded, a fine of one shilling per week shall be payable for each volume retained beyond the time. All books must, for the purpose of examination, be returned to the library on the Wednesday preceding the Annual Meeting, under a fine of 2s. 6d.; and they shall remain in the library until after that meeting. Manuscripts, and illustrated works of special value, shall not circulate without the leave of the Council. The Council may mitigate or remit fines in particular cases. The use of the library.

XI.—These statutes, and any statutes which hereafter may be made or passed, may be repealed or altered, and new, or altered statutes, may be made and passed, at any Annual Meeting, provided notice of such repeal or alteration, and of the proposed new or altered statutes, be given in writing at the next preceding monthly meeting. Repeal or alteration of Statutes.

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At the Anniversary Meeting of the Society, held in the apartments of the Society in the Castle of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Wednesday the 31st day January, 1883,

IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Statute limiting the number of Vice-Presidents to four be repealed, and that in future there be six Vice-Presidents appointed annually; that Statute VII. be repealed; and that, instead of a Committee of Revisal, a sole editor of the Society's Transactions be appointed.