

THE SCOTTISH GAELIC TEXTS SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

Objects:

1. The Society is instituted for the purpose of promoting the publication of Texts in the Scottish Gaelic Language, accompanied by such Introductions, English Translations, Glossaries, and Notes as may be deemed desirable.

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2. The Society shall consist of an Honorary President, a President, Vice-Presidents, an Executive Council, and Ordinary Members, and shall be styled "The Scottish Gaelic Texts Society".

Officers:

3. The Officers of the Society shall be the Honorary President, the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Supervisory Editor, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, and such other Officers as may be deemed appropriate.

Executive Council:

4. The entire management of the Society shall be entrusted to the Executive Council, consisting of the Officers of the Society and not more than ten other Members. The EC shall have power to create sub-committees, and to co-opt members of the Society to serve on the EC or on such sub-committees, as required. The Council shall have power to co-opt Members to fill casual vacancies occurring throughout the year.
5. To manage its affairs the Society shall appoint a Management Group, consisting of the three signatories to the Society's accounts, and two other Members of the Executive Council, at least one of whom must always be present at any meeting of the Group. Any member of the Executive Council may attend any meeting of the Management Group.
6. The Management Group shall be answerable to the Executive Council, and shall present a Report at each meeting of the Executive Council. The Management Group shall operate in accordance with rules laid down for it by the Executive Council.
7. Members of the Management Group shall serve for three years in its foundational period, namely 2016-2019, and thereafter shall retire by a process of rotation.
8. All property of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Council, and can be disposed of **only** as they shall be directed by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual General Meeting.
9. The Executive Council and Officers shall retire each year by rotation at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Executive Council shall meet twice in the calendar year, in June and December.
10. The Management Group shall meet between Meetings of the Executive Council, as requested by, and at the discretion of, the President.

Membership:

11. Membership of the Society shall be open to individuals or organisations (e.g. Societies, Libraries, other organisations) wishing to affiliate. The membership subscription payable by each affiliated organisation and by each individual Member shall be fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting. Payment of the annual fee shall entitle the organisation or the Member to one copy (post free) of all volumes published by the Society for the year, and give the right to cast a vote on all questions submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
12. The financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December and subscriptions shall be payable at the beginning of each financial year.
13. The publications of the Society shall be sold to persons other than Members at a price to be fixed by the Executive Council.

Annual General Meeting:

14. The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year on a date normally to be fixed at the preceding Annual General Meeting, when the Council shall submit their Report and the Accounts of the Society for the preceding year, and when vacant seats on the Council shall be filled, and the business of the Annual General Meeting transacted.
An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called if required.

Each affiliated organisation shall be entitled to be represented at the Annual General Meeting by one of its own Members, who shall have all the rights as to casting a vote, etc., of an ordinary member.

Audit:

15. The accounts of the Society shall be examined each year by an independent person, as recommended by the current Charities Regulator, appointed at the preceding Annual General Meeting.

Change in These Rules:

16. With the notice summoning the Annual General Meeting the Executive Council shall give notice of any change proposed by them in these Rules. Members proposing any change in the Rules must give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary twenty-one clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

N.B. This constitution was formally adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Society held in Glasgow on Saturday, 11th December, 1965, the revisions thereto being adopted at the Annual General Meeting held in Glasgow in June 2010; and subsequent revisions approved at the Meeting of the Executive Council in December 2015, adopted with minor revisions at the Annual General Meeting on 27 February 2016.