

Cambridge University Young Jains Society

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME:

The name of the Society shall be the “Cambridge University Young Jains Society” hereafter referred to as “the Society”.

2. OBJECTS:

(1) The Society’s aims shall be to provide an opportunity for students at Cambridge University to participate in social and cultural activities and be a part of the national Young Jains student network.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

(1) Membership of the Society shall be open to all members of the University and any others that have an interest in the Cambridge University Young Jains Society.

(2) There shall be an annual fee for membership which shall be determined by the Society from time to time

(3) The Society may offer Life Membership and Honorary Membership on such terms as it may decide.

(4) The Executive Committee may expel any member whose conduct seems likely to bring the Society into disrepute. Such expulsion shall be subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting of the Society.

4. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

(1) The day-to-day management of the Society’s affairs shall be in the hands of the Executive Committee, which shall normally be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

(2) The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, Secretary and Junior Treasurer and up to three other members. The Committee may fill vacancies by co-option, to serve until the next AGM. In addition there shall be a Senior Treasurer, who shall be a resident member of the Senate or other person approved by the Junior Proctor. The Senior Treasurer shall be appointed by the elected members of the Executive Committee and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Executive Committee.

(3) A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall be full-time undergraduate or postgraduate students in the University or members of the Regent House and a majority of the Principal Officers (President, Secretary and Junior Treasurer) shall be full-time undergraduate or postgraduate students in the University.

(4) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be chaired by the President, but if he or she is absent the remaining members shall elect a chairperson for that meeting. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be three members and a written record

of each meeting shall be kept. In the event of a tied vote, the person chairing the meeting shall have an additional casting vote.

5. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) during each academic year. The AGM shall be held in Cambridge during Lent Full Term. All members, other than honorary members, shall be entitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting. At least fourteen days written notice shall be given to members before the AGM.
- (2) The AGM shall approve minutes of the last General Meeting and the Society's Accounts for the preceding year, elect the Executive Committee for the year ahead and conduct such other business as is necessary.
- (3) Candidates for election to office shall be proposed and seconded by two other members. Every motion at a General Meeting shall be proposed and seconded by two members. Voting shall be by secret ballot and if there are more than two candidates for a post or more than two options on a motion, voting shall be by Single Transferable Vote.
- (4) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be held at any time during Full Term. It shall be held in Cambridge and may be called by the Executive Committee or at the written request of at least ten members. Twenty-one days written notice shall be given to members before an EGM is held. An EGM shall have the same powers as an AGM.
- (5) The President shall take the Chair at any General Meeting. In the absence of the President the meeting shall then elect a Chairperson for that meeting. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be seven members and a written record of every General Meeting shall be kept. In the event of a tied vote the person chairing the meeting shall have an additional casting vote.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- (1) The Society shall maintain a banking account with a suitable Bank or Building Society to hold the Society's funds.
- (2) It shall be the responsibility of the Junior Treasurer to ensure that monies received are properly accounted for and that the Society's financial records are kept in good order.
- (3) The Senior Treasurer shall make arrangements for the Society's Accounts to be properly audited, either by himself or herself, or by some other person approved under University Ordinances.
- (4) The Senior Treasurer shall not be liable for any financial debt or other obligation of the Society unless he or she has personally authorised such a debt in writing.
- (5) For so long as the Society shall be Registered with the Junior Proctor, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to ensure that the Society complies with the requirements for Registration as a University Society.

7. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution may be amended at a General Meeting.

8. DISOLUTION:

- (1) The Society may be dissolved at a General Meeting provided that at least twenty-one days written notice of the intention to dissolve the Society has been given to the members. At least two thirds of those present and voting at the General Meeting must vote in favour of the motion for Dissolution for it to be effective.
- (2) Any motion for Dissolution of the Society shall provide that assets remaining after all liabilities have been met shall be transferred either to another Registered University Society, or to the Societies Syndicate.

9. CHARITY:

The Society shall give a percentage of its funds to a chosen charity every year. This shall be decided by the Committee who will be responsible for researching the charity and ensuring that any associations will not bring the Society into disrepute.