



Molecular Graphics and Modelling Society (MGMS)

Registered Charity, number 1104962

Rules and Constitution of the MGMS

1. Title

The Group should be entitled the Molecular Graphics & Modelling Society and shall be a charity in law.

2. Objects

To promote and advance public education in the science of molecular graphics and related subjects, and to promote research into such subjects and make available to the public the results of such research.

In furtherance of the above objects but not further or otherwise the Society may:-

- (a) hold meetings, seminars, and discussions
- (b) prepare and issue publications
- (c) correspond and share information and ideas with anyone interested in the above objects
- (d) support, financially, research into molecular graphics and related subjects, provided that the results of such research shall be made available to the public
- (e) accept donations, grants and subscriptions and generally raise money for the purposes of the Society by such lawful means as it thinks fit providing that no form of permanent trading is undertaken
- (f) do any such other things as shall be necessary for the promotion of the foregoing objects.

3. Membership

One class of membership shall exist on an individual basis.

4. Management

(a) The Officers of the Society shall be the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

(b) The management of the Society shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Officers and a maximum of six Ordinary Members, a total of five to make a quorum.

(c) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancies, to co-opt additional temporary members in an advisory capacity, and to appoint sub-committees for special purposes, providing that all undertakings, deeds and proceedings of any such sub-committees shall be fully reported back to the Committee as soon as possible. These casual and temporary positions shall be reviewed annually.

(d) Where appropriate, the Committee shall encourage the formation of affiliated groups to cater for the interests of members based in particular linguistic or geographical regions. However, the Committee shall not be held responsible for the activities of such groups, which shall be managed independently by local committees.

(e) Officers and Ordinary Committee Members shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Society, each for a term of three years duration.

(f) No individual shall occupy the Office of Chairman for a continuous period of more than three years.

(g) No individual shall remain as an Ordinary Member of the Committee for a continuous period of more than three years.

5. Procedure

(a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year, within 15 months of the previous Annual General Meeting.

(b) Members wishing to bring any matter before the Group shall do so either at a General Meeting of the Society or by letter to the Secretary. Such letters shall receive consideration by the Committee at its next meeting. At least twenty-eight days notice of any matter to be raised at a General Meeting shall be sent to the Secretary in writing.

(c) Upon receipt of a requisition signed by not less than twelve members, the Secretary shall call a General Meeting within three months. Such a requisition shall state the matter to be discussed.

6. Finance

- (a) Annual subscription fees shall become payable on 1st May. Subscription rates may be varied from time to time by resolution of the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Reduced subscription fees shall apply to individual members who are full-time bona fide students.
- (c) The financial year of the Society shall run from 1st January until 31st December.
- (d) All funds and property of the Society shall be under the control of the Committee.

7. Discipline

The Committee reserves the power to expel any member who, in the Committee's opinion, brings or has intent to bring the Society into disrepute provided that the person shall have the right to attend and be heard by the Committee before the decision is made.

8. Alterations to the Constitution

Alterations to this Constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the Constitution must be received by the Secretary of the Society at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least 14 days notice of such a Meeting must be given by the Secretary to the membership and must include notice of the alteration proposed, provided that no alteration to Clause 2 (Objects), 9 (Dissolution), or this Clause shall be made and no alteration which would have the effect of causing the Society to cease to be a Charity at law.

9. Dissolution

The Society may be dissolved by a Resolution passed by two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days' notice shall have been given to the members. Any assets remaining on dissolution of the Society shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the Society as the Society may with the approval of the Charity Commissioners determine.