



**THE
BAHRAIN
SOCIETY**

Rules

1. NAME

The Society shall be called "The Bahrain Society".

2. OBJECTS

The activities of the Society shall focus on but not be confined to London. The objects of the Society, which are social and non-political, include the following: -

- (a) to promote friendship and a close understanding between Bahrainis and British.
- (b) to enable former residents of Bahrain to keep in touch with each other.
- (c) to provide help and guidance to young Bahrainis visiting the United Kingdom.
- (d) to provide a medium through which hospitality may be offered to Bahrainis on their visiting the United Kingdom.
- (e) to act in such other ways as may be deemed by the committee from time to time desirable in the interests of the objects of the society.

3. CONSTITUTION

The Society shall consist of a Patron, a President, Vice-Presidents, a Committee and Ordinary, Honorary, Associate and Corporate Members.

The Patron, the President and the Vice-Presidents shall be appointed by invitation of the Committee.

There shall be at least two Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be British and another shall be a Bahraini.

4. MANAGEMENT

The management of the Society shall be vested in a Committee to be elected by the members at each Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall consist of a maximum of twelve members and shall elect from their number a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Membership Secretary. Three members shall form a quorum.

Four members of the Committee including officers will retire each year in rotation and will be eligible for re-election if they so desire. The Committee shall appoint such staff as the activities of the Society may require.

5. POWER TO CO-OPT

The Committee shall have power to co-opt members to fill casual vacancies and members so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the member in whose vacancy they are appointed.

6. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

The Committee shall meet either on notice being given by the Honorary Secretary or Chairman, or when any three members of the Committee convene a meeting. In either event, seven days' notice is required.

7. CHAIRMAN AT MEETINGS

The Chairman, or in the Chairman's absence, the Vice-Chairman or any member nominated by those present, shall preside at meetings of the Committee and have a casting vote.

8. MEMBERS

Membership of the Society shall be open to Bahraini and British subjects who reside or have resided in Bahrain or who have interests there whether commercial, cultural or otherwise and to any Bahraini or British subjects who are interested in fostering the aims of the Society.

Acceptance of any person into any category of membership is at the discretion of the Committee.

9. HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Members need not be either British or Bahraini and may be proposed by the President or a Committee member for consideration by the Committee.

10. CORPORATE MEMBERS

The Committee shall have power to invite commercial and other organisations to become Corporate members of the Society at an agreed subscription.

11. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate membership shall be open to any persons of any nationality other than Bahraini or British who have resided in Bahrain or who are interested in furthering the objects of the Society. The proportion of Associate members shall not exceed 30% of the total Ordinary, Honorary and Associate membership and such members shall pay the same subscription as that payable by Ordinary members.

12. RECORD OF ELECTION

The election of every member, Ordinary, Associate or Corporate, and the appointment of any Honorary Member shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Committee and the Honorary Membership Secretary shall notify the new member accordingly.

13. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual rate of subscription shall be determined by the committee for

- (a) Ordinary and Associate Members. (This subscription covers only one person.)
- (b) Corporate members. (Such members shall nominate up to four persons to exercise voting rights and attend meetings.)
- (c) Bahraini students in the United Kingdom.

14. PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTION

All subscriptions are due on election and thereafter annually on 1 October.

No election of an Ordinary or Corporate member shall be complete, nor shall there be any right to exercise any of the privileges of a member, until the first subscription has been paid; and unless this payment be made within three calendar months from the date of the election, such election shall be void, provided that the time allowed for payment may be extended at the discretion of the Committee.

15. ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

If any member fails to pay the annual subscription by the end of the third month it is due, the Honorary Treasurer or the Honorary Membership Secretary shall be authorised to request the same.

If the arrears be not discharged within 30 days following such demand, the defaulting member shall be suspended and due notice be given of such suspension. The defaulter shall remain suspended unless in the interval the arrears be discharged, until the Annual General Meeting next ensuing, when, if the subscription be not paid, the membership will cease, always provided that it shall be in the Committee's power to remit arrears of subscription and/or to reinstate defaulters to membership should remission or reinstatement appear to be expedient or justifiable.

16. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Subject to the provisions of Rule 13, any member may, before the end of the period for which his current subscription is valid, by letter addressed to the

Honorary Membership Secretary resign from membership with effect from the commencement of the ensuing year

Whenever there shall appear to the Committee to be cause for expulsion of any member of the Society, an explanation or defence of the member's conduct shall be invited by the Honorary Membership Secretary; and the subject, after receipt of the explanation or defence (if any) and any further enquiry necessary, shall be laid before the Committee; the Committee shall, after due deliberation, have power to terminate the membership of such a member.

17. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meetings shall be held within each calendar year on such date as the Committee may direct.

18. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

At the desire of five members of the Committee or on the written requisition of ten members of the Society the Honorary Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Society.

19. CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

The Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Committee, shall take the chair at any General Meeting, or failing them, such person as may be nominated by those present.

20. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

A fortnight's notice at least of the time when (and in the case of a Special General Meeting, the object for which) every general meeting is to be held shall be sent to every available member whose address is known, and in the case of the Special General Meeting no other business than that of which notice has been given shall be discussed or entered upon at such Meeting.

21. QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting of the Society unless a quorum shall be present. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be fifteen members.

22. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

At all General Meetings of the Society every member of the Society shall be entitled to be present and to give one vote and no more upon every question, provided that in the case of equality of votes the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote.

23. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The Minutes of the proceedings of every business meeting of the Society or Committee shall be recorded and stored by the Honorary Secretary and nothing which is not so recorded shall bind the Committee or any member of the Society.

24. SOCIETY ACCOUNTS

The funds of the Society shall be kept by the Honorary Treasurer under the supervision of, and in such place and manner as shall be determined by the Committee. The financial year of the Society shall end on 30th September in each year to which day the accounts of the Society shall be balanced. An abstract of the accounts and a balance sheet made up to the end of the year, signed by the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and certified by the Auditors shall be printed and made available to all Members who attend the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Secretary shall send a copy of the Accounts to any other Member who so requests in writing.

25. ALTERATION IN RULES

No addition or alteration in these Rules shall be made without the sanction of two thirds of the members who are present at the Annual General Meeting of the

Society or at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose. Any such addition or alteration must be proposed and seconded.

26. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

Should the need for dissolution of the Society arise, the Committee shall so recommend to a Special General Meeting. In the event of dissolution, any funds remaining after the Society's liabilities have been cleared will be distributed to Bahrain charities as decided by the Committee.

As agreed at the Annual General Meeting held at the Oxford and Cambridge Club, 24 March 2017.