

Changes to the Constitution of the Cambridge University Scientific Society

To be voted upon at the AGM on 06 March 2021

1. The list of events which the Society may hold was edited to include internship or careers events. This reflects the popularity of the Academic Internship Event which has been organised four times thus far.
2. A clause has been included to allow the Society to exercise flexibility in organising events in the face of unforeseen circumstances. This was added to reflect the difficulty organising certain events including the Annual Founders' Dinner during the Covid-19 pandemic.
3. A sentence was added to clarify that membership to the Society will be made open to persons outside of the University. This reflects the growing interest of non-members of the University in our events and the increasing global scope of the Society.
4. The terms 'core EC' and 'extended EC' are used to ensure consistency and clarity throughout the Constitution.
5. The role of Vice-President has been removed as it is thought to be redundant.
6. It is clarified that the 'Presidents' and 'Co-Presidents' are interchangeable, and that the Junior Treasurer may be referred to as simply 'Treasurer' in common usage such as on our website and on our committee uniforms.
7. Several roles in the extended EC have been removed as they are thought to be redundant. The removed roles are Director for Membership Affairs, Director for Speaker Affairs, Director for College Representatives and Director for Outreach Activities.
8. The role of Director(s) for Publicity has been expanded to include two positions to reflect the amount of work required in this role.
9. The role of 'Director for Social and Academic Events' has been renamed to 'Director(s) for Events' for simplicity.
10. The role of 'Director for Events and Logistics' has been renamed to 'Director(s) for Logistics' to reflect that its role is mainly to provide logistical support rather than organising events.
11. The role of 'Director for IT' has been renamed 'Director for Technical Affairs' to reflect the broader scope of its role.
12. The responsibility for the counting of votes has been assigned to the outgoing Presidents(s) to remove the need for appointing a returning officer during the AGM.
13. The outgoing President(s) are given the power to make the final decision of the most suitable candidate(s) in the event of a tie. This removes the need for a coin flip, which was thought not to be the most appropriate method of settling a tie.
14. It is clarified that any member of the AAB who does not fulfil the duties of their role or acts in a manner that is obstructive to the goals of the Society can be dismissed by a simple majority of the EC. The previous wording was ambiguous.
15. The nature of voting majorities was clarified throughout the Constitution.
16. It is clarified that the AGM is where members of the Executive Committee are elected.