

AMENDED CONSTITUTION FEBRUARY 2014
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THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH SENIOR FELLOWS CLUB

- (1) The Club shall be known as “The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh Senior Fellows Club”.
- (2) (a) All Fellows and Collegiate Members of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh who have retired from their substantive medical posts or are close to retirement shall be eligible for membership.
- (b) Any Fellow or Collegiate Member *qua* Physician of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow or Fellow or Collegiate Member of the Royal College of Physicians of London, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health or the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, who lives in Edinburgh or its environs and who has similarly retired shall be eligible for membership
- (c) Any other proposals for membership shall be considered on their individual merits and decided by vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose should circumstances justify this.
- (d) The election of new members shall take place at the AGM or, except in the case of category (c) above, at any of the ordinary meetings and nominations shall be submitted in writing with the names of the proposer and seconder for each nomination to the Honorary Secretary not later than four weeks before the AGM or ordinary meeting and announced in writing to Club members not later than two weeks before the AGM or ordinary meeting and elections shall be decided by a simple majority of Club members attending.
- (3) The Objectives of the Club are:
- (a) To maintain fellowship and promote social contact between retired Fellows and retired Collegiate Members.
- (b) To organise periodic meetings within the College or elsewhere.
- (c) To organise other activities as may be determined by the Club from time to time.
- (d) To lend support for the activities of the College in any way appropriate.
- (4) Office Bearers shall consist of a Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and with three other members, the Ordinary Members, they shall constitute a Management Committee.
- (5) (a) All members of the Management Committee shall be elected or re-elected at each AGM.
- (b) All members of the Management Committee shall serve for a period of three years.

- (c) The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall each retire in rotation, as shall each of the three Ordinary Members of the Management Committee, so that one Office Bearer and one Ordinary Member will retire in any given year, the object being to maintain a body of continuity of experience within the Committee while encouraging the election of new Committee members.
 - (d) No member of the Management Committee shall be eligible for immediate re-election to the same post at the end of his/her three-year term unless in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Committee.
 - (e) Ordinary Members of the Management Committee shall be eligible for immediate re-election to an Office Bearer post at the end of their three-year term.
 - (f) The Management Committee shall have powers of co-option to a maximum of two additional Ordinary Members.
 - (g) Any situation arising out of the membership of the Management Committee not covered in the foregoing points (5)(a-f) shall be resolved at the discretion of the Committee, but always with the intent of retaining or re-establishing as soon as possible the sequential system of membership detailed in clause (5)(c) above.
- (6) The Management Committee will meet at its own discretion.
- (7) The AGM will be held in the month of October and will be for the purpose of electing or re-electing the Office Bearers and Ordinary Members of the Management Committee; for electing new members to the Club not already elected at an ordinary meeting; and for deciding any other appropriate business. A simple majority of Club members attending the AGM shall determine the result of the elections and of any other business which is subject to a vote.
- (8) Recommendations for changes in the Constitution shall be submitted in writing with the names of the proposer and three seconders to the Honorary Secretary not later than four weeks before the AGM and announced in writing to Club members not later than two weeks before the AGM. A simple majority of Club members attending the AGM shall then be sufficient to change or amend the Constitution, providing there is a quorum of 20 members or more present.
- (9) An annual subscription will be payable by each member during his or her first and subsequent years of membership. The amount of the annual subscription will be determined at each AGM.