



The Laws of The Herodoteans

Chapter I Of the Nature of the Society

- Sec. 1 The name of the Society shall henceforth be "The Herodoteans".
- Sec. 2 The Object of the Society shall be:
- i To encourage interest in all areas of Classical scholarship, chiefly by means of regular fora for the exposition and exegesis of the aforementioned, including social occasions held for the benefit of its Members, provided that they are conducted in an appropriate and decorous manner.
 - ii To act as a conduit for communication between its Members and Cambridge University and other bodies, in furtherance of Chapter I, Sections 2.i and 2.ii of these Laws.
 - iii To maintain for as long as is desirable its own existence by means of registration with the Junior Proctor of Cambridge university, and doing nothing, save enacting the dissolution of the Society, which might cause such registration to be withdrawn.
- Sec. 3 Nothing in these Laws of the Society shall in any way whatsoever be understood to imply or permit distinction between Members or persons eligible for Membership on grounds of gender, creed or descent.
- Sec. 4 The Society will abide by the rules of the Societies Syndicate of the University of Cambridge and all regulations made by the University and the Junior Proctor shall be binding upon all Members of the Society.

Chapter II Of Membership of the Society

- Sec. 1 Eligibility for Membership of the Society:
- iv Shall be available to all Members of the University of Cambridge or to any persons who make a successful application to the Officers of the Society.
 - v Shall not be refused by the Society on grounds of gender, creed or descent.
- Sec. 2 Membership of the Society:
- i Shall consist of two types, these being: Ordinary Membership and Honorary Membership. Ordinary membership is assumed by all members of the University of Cambridge reading Classics upon entrance to the University, and may be assumed by members of the University reading other subjects at the discretion of the Officers of the Society.
 - iii May additionally be refused or terminated by the Officers of the Society on grounds that an applicant or Member is held to have behaved in such a manner as might bring or have brought the society into disrepute, termination being effected immediately,
- Sec. 3 All members shall be entitled to:
- i Attend all Meetings of the Society
 - ii Vote on Motions debated at the aforementioned Meetings.
 - iii Use all facilities provided by the Society.
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- Sec. 4 Honorary Members shall be entitled to:
- i All the aforementioned entitlements of Ordinary Members except the entitlement to vote at Meetings of the Society, as provided under Chapter II, Section 3.ii of these Laws.
- Sec. 5 The Subscriptions for Membership:



. Shall be paid to the Society by all those wishing to become Ordinary Members before Membership is granted, except as provided for under Chapter II, Section 6 of these Laws.

- ii Shall be of a cost determined at the discretion of the Junior Treasurer.
- Sec. 6 those persons granted Honorary Membership by the Society shall not be required to pay Subscriptions for Membership
- Sec. 7 Any Member may resign from the Society by notifying the Secretary,

Chapter III Of Meetings of The Society

- Sec. 1 Meetings of the Society shall consist of:
 - i Ordinary Meetings, which shall be held from time to time and at least once during the course of each Term in order to further the Object of the Society.
 - ii The Annual General Meeting of the Society (AGM), which shall be held each year during the Lent Term, the time and venue of this meeting shall being determined and publicised by the Society at least fourteen Term days in advance.
 - iii Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM), which the Society may call from time to time by giving seven full term days' notice or which may also be called on the written request of twelve Members of the Society stating the reason for the request in the form of a motion to be proposed, which must be held within fourteen Full Term days of the request with any motions submitted with the request published with the notice.
 - iv Meetings of the Officers of the Society which shall be held from time to time and at least once during the course of each Term in order for the Officers of the Society to manage the general business of the Society in furtherance of the Object of the Society.
- Sec. 2 Motions at Meetings of the Society:
 - i Shall be put to an AGM or EGM, requiring the support of at least two Members of the Society.
 - ii Shall, if such a motion is to be debated at an AGM and sent in writing to the Secretary before the start of Lent Full Term, be published by the Society with the notice of the AGM.
 - iii Shall, if such a motion does not affect the content or interpretation of these laws, require a simple majority to be passed.
 - iv Shall, if such a motion does indeed affect the content or interpretation of these laws, require to be passed the favourable vote of at least twelve Members, or two-thirds of those Members present at the meeting, whichever is greater, at least two of whom must be Officers of the Society.
- Sec. 3 No motions will be debated at an EGM except those submitted when the EGM was called to be held.
- Sec. 4 A Chairman shall be appointed at all AGMs and EGMs who shall be in the first instance an undergraduate member of the Faculty Board of Classics or a Member of the Society appointed by the President if the former option is not possible and who shall hold the casting vote on all motions.
- Sec. 5 The business of the AGM shall additionally include:
 - i A report detailing the Society's activities during the previous year from the Officers of the Society.
 - ii Presentation of the audited accounts for the previous year.
 - iii The election of the new Officers of the Society for the ensuing year.
 - iv it shall be permissible for previous Officers of the Society to stand for re-election.



Chapter IV Of the Officers of the Society

- Sec. 1 The entire management of the Society, except as otherwise provided by these Laws, shall be deputed to the Officers of the Society.
- Sec. 2 The Officers of the Society shall consist of consist of the President, the Secretary, the Junior Treasurer, the President Elect, any President Ex Officio in *statu pupilari* of the University of Cambridge and any other officerial positions created at the discretion of the Society.
- Sec. 3 The undergraduate Members of the Faculty Board of Classics shall be invited to meetings of the Society and kept informed of the activities of the Society and the election of new Officers of the Society.
- Sec. 4 Responsibility shall formally pass from the Society-incumbent to the Society-elect on the first day of Easter Term.
- Sec. 5 Between the election of new Officers of the Society and their assumption of office there shall be a handover period of consisting of at least the latter four weeks of Lent Term during which time officers-elect are invited to shadow the activities of the outgoing Officers.
- Sec. 6 The responsibilities of the Officers of the Society shall be held to include but by no means exclusively be the following:
- i The President shall oversee the general business and meetings of the Society.
 - ii The Secretary shall keep a History of the Official Activities of the Society, take and distribute the minutes of meetings, manage Membership lists, oversee mailing lists and deal with correspondence.
 - iii The Junior Treasurer shall hold a bank account in the name of the Society, maintain all financial records, prepare the accounts of the Society for audit by the Senior Treasurer and determine the cost and oversee the collection of any Subscriptions for Membership.
 - iv All Officers must keep the President properly informed of all business they conduct in seeing to these responsibilities.
- Sec. 7 The Officers of the Society shall present the minutes of the AGM, together with the report detailing the Society's activities during the previous year and the audited accounts, to the Student-Staff Committee of the Faculty of Classics.
- Sec. 8 The election of the Officers of the Society shall proceed as follows:
- i Nominations shall be made in writing to the Secretary by any Member of the Society at least three Term days before the start of the AGM, at which there may be hustings.
 - ii Nominees shall be elected by a simple majority vote of those Members present at the AGM, with the Chairman holding the casting vote.
 - iii The Officers of the Society may at their discretion co-opt additional Society Members to their number where they perceive the need, or to fill any vacancies that may arise as a result from the resignation of an Officer.
- Sec. 8 Any Officer of the Society may resign from his position by notifying the Secretary at least two weeks prior to his intended time of resignation, provided that at the same time he makes arrangements to have his details removed from any official documents of the Society.
- Sec. 9 Dismissal of an Officer of the Society by its Members shall proceed as follows:
- i Dismissal shall be affected by a motion at a General Meeting, which shall be treated as a motion affecting the Laws, except that it shall require the favourable vote of a majority of the Officers of the Society.
 - ii Vacancies arising subsequent to a successful dismissal shall be filled in the same manner as that by which the post was originally filled: either by co-optation or by election, with any such bi-election being held at a General



Meeting no later than fourteen full term days after the successful dismissal of an Officer.

Chapter V Of the Finances of the Society

- Sec. 1 The Society's financial year shall run from 1 July to 30 June .
- Sec. 2 A Senior Treasurer shall:
- i Be appointed by the Officers of the Society in order that he might audit the Society's accounts, in accordance with the rules laid down by the Junior Proctor governing registered University Societies.
 - ii Have the rights of Honorary Members whilst under appointment to the Society.
- Sec. 3 The Junior Treasurer shall hold a bank account in the name of the Society, the signatories for which shall be the Junior Treasurer and the President.
- Sec. 4 The funds of the Society shall be applied solely for the furtherance of its Object. The Officers and Members of the Society shall not receive direct payment from the Society for their services as Members of the Society or for any reason other than to recompense legitimate expenses incurred in the furtherance of the Object of the Society.
- Sec. 5 The Society shall keep any bank account statements and financial reports for a minimum period of six years.
- Sec. 6 Neither the Senior Treasurer, nor any Officer or Member of the Society shall be liable for any debt or obligation of the Society.
- Sec. 7 Upon the dissolution of the Society, it is herein suggested that the assets of the Society shall be distributed to the Standing Committee on Finance of the Faculty Board of Classics.

Chapter VI Of the Dissolution of the Society

- Sec. 1 The dissolution of the Society shall be affected by a motion at a General Meeting, which shall be treated as a motion affecting the Laws, except that it shall require the favourable vote of all Officers of the Society.

Chapter VII Of the Laws Themselves

- Sec. 1 A copy of these Laws shall be kept available at the Faculty of Classics Enquiries Office desk for persons eligible for Membership and Members to read in order that they might be given notice of the provisions that bind the Society and its Members.
- Sec. 2 In the event that circumstances beyond the control of the Society lead to a requirement of these Laws being unfulfilled which cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of those present, the Society shall be mandated to resolve the issue and present their solution to an Extraordinary General Meeting as soon as possible.
- Sec. 3 In the event of any dispute arising touching the meaning of these Laws, the matter shall be referred to the President, whose decision or interpretation shall be regarded by all Members as final and shall be recorded by the Secretary, along with the date on which the said decision or interpretation was dispensed and the name of the President by whom it was thus provided, in Appendix A of these Laws.



Appendix A Presidential Interpretations

- 25.09.2004 As provided under Chapter IV, Section 8 of these Laws, in the event of the Secretary of the Society wishing to resign, he may and indeed ought to in effect notify himself of his intention and mark this formally in his own records, since he is in any case obliged to subsequently inform the President of this action under Chapter IV, Section 5.iv. (Baylis-West, ALS)
- 26.09.2004 With additional reference to Chapter IV, Section 8, it clear that this Section is intended to safeguard the smooth running of the society, and so if the Officers of the Society are fully agreed that it is in the best interests of the Society for an Officer to be allowed to resign in another manner, for instance by notifying the Secretary of his intention to do so less than the stated two weeks prior to his intended time of resignation, there is no reason why he may not resign in such a manner. (Baylis-West, ALS)