

Leicester & District Organists' Association

(Registered Charity No. 508033)

affiliated to
INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION OF ORGANISTS

Constitution

Constitution as modified by the Annual General Meeting 1989

1. The name of the Association shall be LEICESTER & DISTRICT ORGANISTS' ASSOCIATION.
2. The objects of the Association shall be to advance the education of members and public in the study of the art of music with special reference to liturgical and organ music. To facilitate the achievement of these objects, the Association may arrange and present:
 - i. Public lectures, discussions and debates on this subject.
 - ii. Public demonstration of instruments.
 - iii. Public demonstration of music for organ and voices.
 - iv. Open competitions for playing, singing and composition of liturgical and organ music.
 - v. Meetings to facilitate the exchange of information and views with other organisations and persons concerned with composition, presentation, interpretation, teaching or publication of liturgical or organ music.
 - vi. Advice to performers, teachers, students, churchmen and other members of the public concerned with the improvement of standards of composition or performance of liturgical or organ music.

The Association may also do such other lawful things as are necessary or desirable for the attainment of these objects.

3. Membership of the Association shall be open without restriction to any member of the public who is interested in organ, choral or any other kind of music. Membership shall become effective on payment of the first year's subscription.
4. The proceedings of the Association shall be open to members of the public (not being members of the Association at that time) on payment of such fee as shall be from time to time determined by the Association.
5. Each member shall pay a minimal annual subscription of such amount as shall be decided at a GENERAL MEETING of the Association. The period of grace is nominally fixed at three months from when it becomes due for payment and members who have not paid their subscription by 31st July in the year in which it falls due shall have their names removed.
6. Lapsed members may rejoin the Association by completion of an application form and payment of the subscription in effect at that time without any other requirement or penalties.
7. Persons under the age of 18 or who are full-time students may be admitted to membership of the Association on payment of a reduced fee as the Association may determine. Any member so admitted shall pay the full annual subscription for that year in which he or she attains the age of 18 or ceases to be a full-time student.
8. The business of the Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Officers of the Association as designated in the following (8b) together with the Immediate Past President and eight other selected members who shall retire in accordance with the provision of (8c). At all meetings of the Committee, FIVE shall form a quorum.

- 8b. The Officers of the Association shall be the President, two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Such Officers shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting.
- 8c. At each Annual General Meeting the four elected members longest in office shall retire from the Committee and four members shall be elected by ballot to fill the vacancies so caused. Any member of the Association may be nominated for election to the Committee.
- 8d. The Committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies in its ranks.
- 8e. The members of the Association shall at their Annual General Meeting elect one of their number to act as President for the ensuing year, and another to act as President-Elect and to follow the President in that office. The President shall retire at the end of the year on the election of his successor and shall not be eligible for re-election for the space of one year.
- 8f. One Honorary Auditor shall also be elected annually.
9. The Annual Election of Officers shall take place at a General Meeting to be held on the last Saturday in April of each year, and convened after not less than 21 days' notice.
10. There shall be not less than one ordinary meeting of the Association during each quarter of the year.
11. The Committee is also empowered to elect Honorary Life Members who shall be eligible to serve on the Committee if invited by the existing Committee.
12. The income or property of the Association shall be applied solely to the promotion of the objects in paragraph 2 and no payment or transfer of any part of such income or property shall be made to or for the benefit of any member of the Association. Provided that nothing shall prohibit any payment in good faith by the Association of reasonable and proper remuneration of any member of the Association not being a member of the Committee for any services rendered to the Association, or to any of its Officers of out of pocket expenses.
13. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to nor distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution having objects similar to the objects of the Association.
14. These Rules shall not be altered nor added except by Resolution at a General Meeting of which 21 days' notice shall be given to the members, and no alteration shall be made which would cause the Association to cease to be a charity at law.
15. Any member of the Association is entitled to demand and receive a copy of these rules.

ERNEST CHESTER

Secretary,
January 1990.

8f changed to “ One Honorary auditor” at 2013 AGM, and **9**, the date of the AGM enacted from the proposition at the 2013 AGM, commencing 2015.

PHILLIP J HERBERT

Hon Secretary
May 2014