

THE FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE  
AND  
POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

1, WIMPOLE STREET, W.1.

(By kind permission of the Royal Society of Medicine.)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

1. The Fellowship of Medicine and Post-Graduate Medical Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Fellowship," exists for the following purposes, viz. :—

- (a) To provide the medical profession with an organisation that will facilitate intercommunication on all subjects of professional interest and will promote mutual hospitality between Fellows and also with Overseas or foreign visitors.
- (b) To provide in Great Britain and Ireland facilities for Post-Graduate Education to be open to all persons qualified to practise in their own countries, and to assist in obtaining similar facilities for members in other countries.

2. Membership of the Fellowship shall be open to members of the medical profession and to other duly approved persons who are in sympathy with and can assist in carrying on the work of the Fellowship.

3. The amount of the Annual Subscription\* shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and shall be due on January 1 in each year. Each member shall be entitled (a) to receive the Fellowship's Bulletin or other literature, (b) to attend and to vote at the Annual or other General Meetings. A member whose subscription is twelve months in arrear shall be deemed to have resigned his membership.

4. Membership shall be open to any approved Hospital or other Institution engaged or interested in Post-Graduate education and willing to assist in the work of the Fellowship. Each such institution may nominate one representative to attend and to vote at the Annual or other General Meetings.

\*The minimum Annual Subscription at present is 10/-. For Members joining after September 30th in each year the subscription for the remainder of the current year shall be 5/-.

Such institutions, as may be from time to time invited to do so by the General Council, shall be each entitled to elect annually a representative, being a member of the Fellowship, as a member of the General Council during the current year.

5. An Annual General Meeting of members shall be held in February of each year unless the Executive Committee shall fix another date. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be :

- (a) To receive the Reports of the Honorary Treasurers and Secretaries.
- (b) To elect (1) the representatives of the individual members on the General Council, (2) the Honorary Officers of the Fellowship, (3) the Auditors.

6. There shall be a General Council, which shall consist of (a) the Honorary Officers of the Fellowship, (b) representatives of co-operating hospitals and other institutions, as defined in By-law 4, and (c) twenty members elected annually and for the current year by the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for election to the General Council must be sent to the Honorary Secretaries at least 10 days before the Annual General Meeting.

The General Council shall meet one month before the Annual General Meeting and shall nominate for election the Honorary Officers for the ensuing year ; also after the Annual General Meeting to elect the Executive Committee. The names of those nominated for Office shall be circulated to the members at least two weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

The General Council shall have power to elect such number of Vice-Presidents as they think fit.

7. The Honorary Officers shall be a President, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, a Treasurer or Treasurers, two Secretaries.

8. A Special General Meeting of the Fellowship or a special meeting of the Council may be called at any time by the President or on a requisition signed by 10 members of the Council, who shall state in writing the object or objects of the meeting.

9. Subject to any instructions given by the General Council the business of the Fellowship shall be under the control of the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Honorary Officers and seven other members elected by ballot by the General Council at its meeting to be held as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting.

Two of the elected members of the Executive Committee shall retire annually and shall be ineligible for re-election

within an interval of one year. Four members shall form a quorum.

The Executive Committee shall remain in office until their successors are appointed as prescribed by By-law 9, par. 1.

The Executive Committee may appoint such ad hoc committees as from time to time they shall see fit.

The Executive Committee shall have power to issue a Bulletin and such other literature as they think desirable.

The Executive Committee shall have power to fill up any casual vacancies which may occur among the Honorary Officers or the Executive Committee.

10. Subject to the Executive Committee, the business of the Fellowship shall be conducted by a secretariat with such assistance as may from time to time be approved of by the Executive Committee.

11. The accounts of the Fellowship shall be audited by a chartered accountant and shall be submitted for approval to the Annual General Meeting.

12. The General Council may remove from the roll of members any person who in the opinion of the Council is deemed unsuitable as a member of the Fellowship. The Council shall not in any such case give a reason for its decision, and the vote on any such question shall be taken by ballot, and be determined by the vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

13. Additions to or alterations of the above By-Laws shall be made only at the Annual General Meeting or at a special general meeting and on the vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting. Notice of any such proposed addition or amendment shall be given in writing to one of the Honorary Secretaries at least one month before the Annual General Meeting at which the proposal is to be considered.

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Approved and adopted at the Annual General Meeting held at 1, Wimpole Street, London, W.1, on July 13th, 1923.