

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK RETIRED MEMBERS OF STAFF (RMOS)

ARTICLE - 1 TITLE

The name of the society shall be *The University of Limerick Retired Members of Staff (RMOS)*.

ARTICLE - 2 OFFICERS

The officers of the society shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

The committee shall consist of the officers and outgoing chair (if not re-elected as an officer), and up to 5 ordinary members who shall be elected each year at the AGM.

ARTICLE - 3 ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

- a) The committee shall be elected each year at the AGM and shall retire after one year: they shall be eligible for re-election at subsequent AGMs.
- b) Nominations for members of the committee shall be accepted at the AGM. In the event of there being more than one nomination for the same post, election shall be by a simple majority vote taken by those present at the AGM.
- c) Only members of the society shall be eligible for nomination and only members of the society attending the AGM shall be eligible to vote.

ARTICLE - 4 MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY

- a) The committee shall have the sole authority to run and manage the affairs of the society.
- b) The committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees who shall be delegated tasks (e.g. Events) by the committee and who shall report to the committee.
- c) The committee shall have the power to co-opt ordinary members to fill any vacancy arising on the committee or on sub-committees.
- d) The committee shall be the sole authority with regard to society events.
- e) At any committee meeting four shall form a quorum.
- f) Each member of the committee shall have one vote on any matter and the Chairperson of the society shall have a second or casting vote in the event of a tied ballot.

- g) Any member of the committee, who fails to fully attend 5 monthly meetings without being excused by the Chairperson from attending, will be considered to have resigned from the committee.

ARTICLE - 5 MEMBERSHIPS

- a) Membership of the society shall include present members.
- b) The criterion for eligibility for membership shall include being a retired staff member of the University of Limerick, NIHE or Thomond College.
- c) The committee, at its discretion, may propose that membership be offered to individuals who have an exceptional and long standing involvement with the University. Such proposals must be put to a ballot of members at the AGM and shall be carried by obtaining a majority vote.

ARTICLE - 6 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Every retired member of staff of the University of Limerick, NIHE and Thomond College is automatically invited to be a member of the society.

ARTICLE - 7 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

A member shall be deemed to have terminated membership of the society if they state that they no longer wish to be considered a member.

Persons whose membership is terminated shall be eligible to re-apply in accordance with Article 6.

ARTICLE - 8 CONFIDENTIALITY

All matters discussed at committee level are to be considered confidential. No committee member should discuss the Society business with any other organisation or person unless this has been agreed at committee level.

To do so will be considered a breach of the constitution.

ARTICLE - 9 COMPLAINTS

Complaints concerning the operation or conduct of a society member must be made in writing, signed and forwarded to the Hon. Sec. who will present it to the committee at the earliest possible opportunity.

ARTICLE - 10 WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall have the power, at a specially convened EGM or at an AGM, to withdraw membership of the society from any member whom it deems to have infringed any of the articles of the society and/or is deemed by the committee to have brought the society into disrepute.

ARTICLE - 11 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at the request of the committee or by a written petition submitted to the Honorary Secretary, and signed by at least fifteen ordinary members stating the business to be brought forward. The EGM shall be called within fourteen days from receipt of the written request and shall be convened within twenty-one days thereafter.

ARTICLE - 12 COMMITTEE DECISIONS

All decisions taken by the committee shall be binding on all members of the society provided such decisions are consistent with the constitution.
Committee meetings shall be at all times conducted through the Chair.

ARTICLE - 13 ALTERATION

Any alteration to these rules will require a motion to be passed by a majority vote at an AGM.

Patricia Lynch
Chairperson

Esther Fearnley
Honorary Secretary

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