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CHAPTER I.

OF THE NAME AND OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

I. The name of the Society shall be "THE BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY."

II. The Society is established for the encouragement and promotion of Numismatic Science, and particularly in connection with the coins, medals and tokens of Great and Greater Britain and of the English-speaking races of the world. Archaeology, History, Heraldry, Art, and Genealogy, in so far as they respectively affect numismatics, are declared to be within the objects of the Society.

III. The Journal of its Proceedings shall be called "The British Numismatic Journal."

IV. The address of the Society shall be 43, Bedford Square, London, W.C., or such other place as the Council may from time to time determine.

V. In the construction of these rules words importing the masculine gender only shall be deemed to include the feminine gender also. The term "Member" shall also include any Corporation, Committee, Library, Association, Institution, Club, Company, or any Office or Appointment, but the subscription for such membership shall not be compounded under Section II. of Chapter IV.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE ELECTION AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

I. Every Candidate for election as a Member of the Society shall be proposed by a certificate in writing at an Ordinary Meeting. The certificate shall be signed by three or more Members, one of whom shall certify from personal knowledge, and two others from general knowledge, or from acquaintance with the works of the Candidate; it shall specify the names, profession, or occupation, chief qualifications, and usual place of abode, of the Candidate for election; it shall be delivered to the
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Secretary, and be read at an Ordinary Meeting. Such certificate, marked with the date of the day when so read, shall be fixed up, and remain in the Meeting Room of the Society until the said Candidate shall be put to the ballot at a subsequent Ordinary Meeting.

II. The number of Members shall be limited to Five hundred, exclusive of those who may hereafter be elected under Sections iv. and v. of this Chapter, and Chapter X., and exclusive also, in the first instance, of Members elected on the recommendation of the Council, under the next succeeding section.

III. The Council may, in any year, propose for election not more than two persons, distinguished for knowledge of Numismatic Science, notwithstanding there may be no vacancy in the body of Five hundred Members; but as vacancies occur in that body, they shall be deemed to be filled by the persons elected as Members in pursuance of this Section, in the order of their seniority in date of admission. Such proposal shall be made by certificate in writing, and shall be subject to the provisions of Section I.

IV. Members of the Royal Families of this and other Countries may, on the proposal of the Council, be elected as titular Members, without ballot, and shall be called Royal Members.

V. Any Peer of the Realm, or the eldest son of a Peer, or any of His Majesty's Privy Council, or any of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England, or of the Superior Courts of Scotland or Ireland or the Colonies, may be proposed by a single Member, and put to the ballot for election on one and the same day.

VI. No Candidate shall be put to the ballot for election unless the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, or the Director, and six other Members at least, be present.

VII. Ballots for the election of Members other than those who may be elected under Sections iv. and v. of this Chapter and under Chapter X., shall take place, if there be vacancies, at any Ordinary Meeting during the Session of the Society. No Member whose annual subscription is in arrear for more than three calendar months shall be capable of giving a vote. The ballot shall commence and terminate at the times appointed by the Chairman of the meeting. The Candidates shall be put to the ballot in the order in which their names have been proposed; and the Council shall decide on the number of ballots to take place at each Meeting having regard to the approximate number of existing Members. At the Ordinary Meeting of the Society previous to that at which the ballot is to take place, a list of the Candidates to be put to the ballot shall be read from the chair, and a copy of such list shall be suspended in the Meeting Room.

VIII. The Election shall in all cases be determined by a majority of four-fifths of the votes of the Members present and balloting on the occasion.

IX. The Secretary of the Society shall, immediately after every Election, communicate the result to each of such Members as are elected and furnish each with a copy of the Rules.
CHAPTER III.

OF THE OBLIGATION TO OBSERVE THE RULES.

I. Every person elected a Member of the Society shall, as a condition of Membership, be deemed to accept the following Obligation:

"I do hereby promise that I will, to the utmost of my power, promote the honour and interest of the British Numismatic Society, and observe the Rules of the said Society, so long as I shall continue a Member thereof."

II. If any person elected refuse to accept the said Obligation, such Election shall thereupon become null and void.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE PAYMENTS BY THE MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY.

I. Every person elected a Member of the Society after Lady Day, 1905, shall pay the sum of One Guinea as an Admission Fee: and also shall pay one year's subscription for the current year; and if any person, after being elected, fail to pay such Admission Fee and subscription within three months from the day of his election, such election shall be absolutely null and void, unless the Council, upon special cause being assigned to them, shall extend the period for making such payments.

II. Every Member of the Society shall pay the annual sum of One Guinea, such sum to become due on the 1st of January in every year, and to be paid in advance.
If any Member pay to the Society the sum of Fifteen Pounds, over and above the Admission Fee (if any) and all arrears (if any) then due, all future annual payments shall be compounded.

III. A list of the names of all Members whose subscriptions are in arrears at the end of December in every year shall be suspended in the Meeting Room of the Society, at the first Ordinary Meeting in January of the succeeding year. Every such Member who shall not pay all moneys due to the Society before the then next Anniversary Meeting, shall, for such default, cease to be a Member of the Society, as from the date of that Meeting. The names of such defaulting Members shall be read from the Chair at the Anniversary Meeting, and the Chairman shall, at the same Meeting, make an entry of their amoval against their names in the Register of the Society. No person so amoved shall be competent for re-election, unless and until the arrears in default of which he was amoved shall have been paid. The Treasurer of the Society shall send written notice to every Member whose name has been so suspended, notifying the fact and calling attention to the provisions of this Section.

IV. Works published by the Society shall be delivered only to those Members who have paid their annual subscription.

v. If any Member not in arrear of his subscription signify, in writing, to the Secretary of the Society that he desires to withdraw from the Society, such Member shall from that time cease to be a Member of, and be free from any future obligation to, the Society; the Council may, however, in their discretion accept the resignation of a Member whose subscription is in arrear, without payment of such arrears, and remit the same.

vi. If any person, who has once been a Member of the Society, and has voluntarily withdrawn from the same, or who, having been amoved from the Society under Section III., has paid the arrears of subscription in default of which he was amoved, be desirous of re-election, and, upon a proper proposal and vote by ballot in the usual manner, be re-elected, no Admission Fee shall become payable upon such re-election.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

I. The Ordinary Meetings of the Society shall be held on such days as the Council shall, at the commencement of each Session, appoint; the Meetings shall commence at half-past eight o'clock in the evening, or at such other hour as the Society, at any one of its Ordinary Meetings, shall from time to time determine; and at these Meetings, in the absence of the President, and of the Vice-Presidents, the Director, Treasurer, or a Member of the Council, or (in the absence of any of these) a Member chosen by those present shall preside, but no Meeting shall be
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held unless five Members at least be present. This law shall not preclude the Society from holding Ordinary Meetings on other days, or at other hours, if the Council shall see occasion.

II. Any Member may introduce two visitors at an Ordinary Meeting, and upon such other occasions as the Council may determine. The names of visitors must be entered by their introducers in a book provided for the purpose.

III. As many Members reside over the seas, it shall be in the discretion of the President to determine whether the questions at issue warrant, or the circumstances admit of sufficient notice being given before any Special or Extraordinary Meeting of the Society for such Members to exercise their powers of voting; and if he shall so think proper he may also determine the form and period of such notice.

IV. The President and Council may, and, on the written requisition of fifteen Members, shall summon Special or Extraordinary Meetings of the Society. Such Meetings shall be convened by a particular summons, addressed by the Secretary to each Member, to be delivered to him, or left at his residence, or transmitted to him by post, a week at least before the day appointed for the Meeting. This summons shall specify the business to be discussed at such Meeting; and no other business shall be discussed. This Clause shall be read as subservient to Section III., above.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE METHOD OF VOTING.

I. In the election or amoval of Members, and in all other questions which can be decided at an Ordinary Meeting, and which the Chairman may deem of sufficient moment, the votes shall be taken by way of ballot of the Members then present; and, in case of an equality of votes upon any ballot, the Chairman shall have a second, or casting vote.

II. But in the making, altering, or revocation of Rules, in the election of the President, Council, and Officers of the Society, and in all questions to be decided at the Anniversary Meeting, or which shall require a Special or Extraordinary Meeting, or which the President shall consider of sufficient importance, the votes shall be taken in the following manner: The question at issue shall be clearly stated in a printed form, approved by the President, with a space left for the vote and for the signature of the member, and this, subject to the provision of Section III. of Chapter V., shall be forwarded to every Member of the Society if the President shall so direct, or to every Member resident within the British Isles, in time for a reply to be received thereto before the date fixed for the voting. Members exercising their vote must do so, in writing and in ink, upon such printed form and must sign the same and return the same post paid, endorsed “Vote,” and addressed to, or deliver the same in a closed envelope similarly endorsed, to the Hon. Secretary, at 43, Bedford Square, London, W.C. (or at such other address at
which the Society may for the time being hold its meetings), so that in either case it shall be received at least 24 hours previous to the time fixed for the meeting at which the votes are to be taken, or, in the alternative, the Members may deliver the form, duly filled in and signed as before-mentioned, provided they do so in person, to the Scrutators at such meeting. It is essential that the vote shall be upon the printed form and shall be signed by the Member voting. The Secretary, or his deputy, shall deliver all votes received by him, within the limit of time mentioned, unopened to the Scrutators, who alone shall be aware of their contents, and shall preserve secrecy thereon. At the close of the meeting the scrutators shall, after making their return, either destroy the votes or preserve them under seal as the President shall instruct, and if any question shall arise as to any alleged informality the President's decision shall be absolute, and in case of an equality of votes he shall have a second or casting vote.

CHAPTER VII.


I. The Anniversary Meeting of the Society shall be held on St. Andrew's Day, the 30th of November, unless the same do fall on a Sunday, when the Anniversary Meeting shall be held on some convenient day to be fixed by the Council.

II. The property and management of the affairs of the Society shall vest in the President, six Vice-Presidents, the Director, the Treasurer, the Librarian, Secretary and fifteen Members of the Council. The President, Vice-Presidents, Director, Treasurer, Librarian and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of the Council.

III. The Annual Election, for the ensuing year, of the President, Vice-Presidents, Director, Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary and Council shall take place at the Anniversary Meeting. At the two Ordinary Meetings of the Society next preceding the day of the Anniversary Meeting, the President shall give notice of the hours fixed for holding the said elections respectively; and no Member, whose annual subscription is unpaid, shall be capable of giving a vote at such election.

IV. Every Member of the Society resident within the British Isles shall be called to the Anniversary Meeting by a particular summons from the Secretary, which shall be delivered to every Member, or left at his residence, or transmitted to him by post, a week, at least, before the day appointed for the Meeting. This summons shall state the time of meeting, and also the hours fixed for opening and closing the voting.

V. The President and Council shall, in each year, not later than the Ordinary Meeting of the Society preceding the Anniversary Meeting, nominate not more than nine Members of the existing Council, whom they recommend to the Society for election as the continuing Members of the Council for the ensuing year, and
also not fewer than six Members, not being of the existing Council, whom they recommend to the Society for election into the Council for the ensuing year. They shall also, at the same time, and in the same list, nominate those persons, being Members of the Society, whom they recommend to the Society for election to the offices of President, Vice-Presidents, Director, Treasurer, Librarian and Secretary, for the ensuing year; but as often as any President will, on the next Anniversary, have held that office for five consecutive years, they shall omit his name from such nomination for election as President for the ensuing year. No Member whose profession, business, employment or occupation is connected directly or indirectly with Numismatics shall be eligible as President, Vice-President, Director, Librarian or Secretary, nor shall more than two such Members serve upon the Council at the same time.

vi. At the Ordinary Meeting of the Society preceding the Anniversary Meeting, the names of the Members so recommended for election as President, Vice-Presidents, Director, Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary and Council for the ensuing year, shall be announced from the Chair.

vii. A printed voting form containing, respectively, the names of the persons nominated and recommended by the President, Officers, and Council for election as the President, Vice-Presidents, Director, Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary and Members of the Council for the ensuing year, and each of them having a blank column opposite to the names for the substitution of other names by any Member, shall be prepared and forwarded to the Members resident within the British Isles with the summons, under Section iv., to the Anniversary Meeting, as is provided for by Section ii. of Chapter VI.

viii. Two Scrutators at this and at all other Meetings at which their services may be required, shall be nominated by the Chairman at the Meeting, with the approbation of the majority of the Members present, to examine the lists at the ballots.

ix. The voting and election shall then proceed under the provisions of Section ii. of Chapter VI.

x. The Scrutators, after examining the lists, shall report to the Meeting the names of those Members having the majority of votes for filling the offices of President, Vice-Presidents, Director, Treasurer, Librarian, Secretary and Members of the Council for the ensuing year, the names of which persons shall be announced from the chair.

xi. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, Vice-President, Director, Treasurer, Librarian or Secretary, or in the Council, occurring in the intervals of the Annual Elections, unless the same shall occur within two calendar months of the date of the Anniversary Meeting, the President or the Secretary shall cause the Council to be summoned to elect a Member to fill such vacancy, and the Officers and Council, or any six or more of them, meeting thereupon in the usual place, shall proceed to the said election.
CHAPTER VIII.

OF THE COMMON SEAL, AND DEEDS.

I. The Common Seal of the Society shall be of the pattern and device reproduced on the title page hereof and shall be in the custody of the President.

II. Every deed, or writing, to which the common seal is to be affixed, shall be passed and sealed in Council, and signed by the President, or Vice-President in the Chair, the Director and the Secretary, or (in the absence of either the Director or the Secretary), by three of the Members of the Council present.

CHAPTER IX.

OF THE AMOVAL OF MEMBERS.

I. If there be any alleged cause, other than non-payment of Subscription (see Chap. IV., Sec. III.), for the amoval of any Member, the same shall be submitted to the Council, who may, at their discretion, bring it before the Society at one of its Ordinary Meetings, and if, upon the question being put to the ballot, the amoval of such Member shall be carried, the Chairman shall pronounce him amooved in these words:

"By the authority and in the name of the British Numismatic Society I declare A. B. to be now amooved, and no longer a Member thereof."

And the Chairman shall, at the same Meeting, make an entry thereof against the name in the Register.

II. No such amoval shall be determined by a majority of less than four-fifths of the votes of the Members balloting on the occasion.

CHAPTER X.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

I. Any persons of distinguished reputation or learning may be proposed by the President and Council for election as Honorary Members of the Society, without being subject to any annual or other contribution. The proposal shall be made by certificate in writing, and read at an Ordinary Meeting, and it shall be suspende in the Meeting Room of the Society until put to the ballot. Such certificate shall be put to the ballot at any Meeting the Council may appoint, provided that such meeting be not earlier than the second Ordinary Meeting following that at which it was read. The number of such Honorary Members shall not exceed Twenty. Section IV. of Chapter II. shall be independent of this Rule, and Members of the Royal Families so elected Honorary Members may be in addition to the limit of Twenty.
II. Honorary Members may attend all Meetings of the Society, but shall not have any vote. They shall be entitled to receive the *Journal* and *Proceedings* of the Society if they should express a wish to do so.

CHAPTER XI.

OF THE PRESIDENT.

I. As the head of the Society, the President shall have the general supervision of its affairs.

II. He shall, as often as may be consistent with other duties, attend the Meetings of the Society, and of the Council.

III. He shall be, *ex officio*, a Member of the Council and of all Committees.

IV. He may, at any time, summon Extraordinary Meetings of the Council.

V. In the exercise of his functions, he shall in all things consult the honour and interest of the Society, over which he is appointed to preside.

CHAPTER XII.

OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS.

I. The Vice-Presidents shall be limited to six in number and shall be, *ex officio*, Members of the Council.

II. One of the Vice-Presidents shall supply the place of the President in his absence, and, in exercising his office each shall remember that he is equally bound with him to attend the Meetings of the Council and of the Society, and to promote its honour and interests.

CHAPTER XIII.

OF THE DIRECTOR AND THE SECRETARY.

I. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents the Director shall preside over the Meetings of the Society.

II. The Director and the Secretary shall, with the President, be the chief superintendents of the publications of the Society.

III. They shall be, *ex officio*, Members of the Council and of all Committees.

IV. They shall arrange, with the approval of the President, the business of the Ordinary Meetings of the Society.

V. They shall see that proper estimates are procured for all work, within their department, proposed to be executed for the Society by any artist, engraver, printer or other person; and they shall not direct nor allow such work to be entered upon until such estimates have been sanctioned by the Council.
VI. In the exercise of their office they shall endeavour to promote the objects of the Society, and shall (so far as in them lies) take care that the publications of the Society are consistent with its position and importance.

VII. They shall render any assistance, by correspondence or otherwise, to Members towards the furtherance of the objects of the Society.

VIII. If either resigns his office in an interval between the Annual Elections, he shall thereby also cease to be a member of the Council.

CHAPTER XIV.

OF THE TREASURER.

I. In the absence of the President and of the Vice-Presidents and Director, the Treasurer shall preside over the Meetings of the Society.

II. He shall be, ex officio, a Member of the Council and of all Committees.

III. He shall keep the Accounts of the Society in proper books, to be provided for that purpose.

IV. He shall not make any payment (other than current and petty cash expenses) without the previous order of the Council.

V. He shall, from time to time, pay in to the Bankers of the Society all moneys received on its account, and he shall invest surplus moneys as directed by the Council.

VI. He shall keep the property of the Society insured in such sums as the Council shall from time to time direct.

VII. He shall, with the aid of the Finance Committee (if any), exercise a vigilant superintendence over the expenditure of the Society, and shall in all things consult its interests.

VIII. He shall produce his accounts and bank pass books at every Council, and shall submit the same, personally, to the Auditors.

IX. If he resigns his office in an interval between the Annual Elections, he shall thereby also cease to be a member of the Council.

CHAPTER XV.

OF THE LIBRARIAN.

I. In the absence of the President and of the Vice-Presidents, Director, and Treasurer, the Librarian shall preside over the meetings of the Society.

II. He shall be, ex officio, a member of the Council and of all Committees.

III. He shall be the chief custodian of the Library, Museum, Cabinets, and Antiquities or Curios of the Society, and shall see that the same are preserved and kept in proper order and condition. He shall keep proper catalogues of the same in books, to be provided for the purpose, and shall, from time to time, report.
thereon to the Council, and advise as to acquisitions; but shall not incur any expense without the previous sanction of that body.

iv. With the aid of the Assistant Secretary or Clerk, he shall regulate the lending of books to Members and keep a careful record thereof.

v. He shall assist Members, by correspondence or otherwise, in literary matters, towards the furtherance of the objects of the Society.

vi. If he resigns his office in an interval between the Annual Elections, he shall thereby also cease to be a member of the Council.

CHAPTER XVI.

OF THE COUNCIL.

i. The management of the estate and revenues of the Society, and the conduct of its business, shall be entrusted to the Council.

ii. No debts are to be incurred without its sanction, nor any payments (except petty cash and ordinary current expenses) made without its order. Any proposal for an expenditure, other than the publication of the Journal of the Society, exceeding the sum of Fifty pounds shall be laid before the Society at one of its Ordinary Meetings, to receive its sanction at the next following Ordinary Meeting, previously to incurring the same.

iii. The Council shall meet once a month, or oftener, during eight months, at least, of each year.

iv. Five Members shall be a sufficient number to proceed with business, except in those cases only in which the presence of a greater number is required by these Rules.

v. The Council shall regulate the proceedings of its Committees, the Minutes of which shall, at every Meeting, be laid before it.

vi. The Treasurer's Accounts shall, at every Meeting, be laid on the table for examination.

vii. The Council shall decide what papers shall be published in the British Numismatic Journal, or otherwise, and generally, shall regulate the publications of the Society.

viii. The question of the publication of any paper and of any engravings in illustration thereof, shall, unless the Council are unanimous, be determined by ballot.

ix. The Council may, from time to time, appoint Committees for special purposes.

x. The Council may, from time to time, appoint an Assistant Secretary or Clerk to assist the Treasurer, Director, and Secretary in conducting the business of the Society, or for any special or temporary purpose, subject to the ratification of such appointments by the Society, at some Ordinary Meeting.

xi. The Council shall exercise a vigilant superintendence over the Officers of
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The Society, and shall take care that the duties attaching to each Officer are duly performed.

xii. The Council shall, from time to time, report all important matters to the Society, and shall endeavour in all its proceedings to advance the prosperity and increase the usefulness of the Society.

CHAPTER XVII.

OF THE ASSISTANT-SECRETARY OR CLERK TO THE COUNCIL.

i. An Assistant-Secretary, or Clerk to the Council, may be appointed by the Council, and shall, when appointed to the office, either not be a Member of the Society, or, if a Member, shall cease to be so on his appointment.

ii. He shall be paid for his services according to the determination of the Council.

iii. He shall be subject to such rules and orders as shall from time to time be made or given by the President and Council, and shall be constantly in attendance at the Meetings of the Society, Council, and Committees.

iv. He shall assist the Director, Treasurer, Librarian, and Secretary in conducting the business of the Society.

CHAPTER XVIII.

OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND LOCAL SECRETARIES.

i. The Council may from time to time appoint Corresponding Members of the Council or Local Secretaries in this or in other Countries; whose duty, when appointed, shall be to communicate regularly with the Council, and to give the earliest intimation of any discovery relating to Numismatics or other matters or events coming within the object of the Society in their respective localities. They shall endeavour to advance the knowledge of Numismatics in such localities, and render any assistance they can to their fellow Members in such localities or countries.

ii. Every such appointment shall continue only during the pleasure of the Council, and shall terminate with the Council Elections in every year, for no Council can bind its successors.

CHAPTER XIX.

OF THE AUDITORS.

i. The Society shall, at one of its Ordinary Meetings in the month of October in each year, on the nomination of the President, appoint two Members to be Auditors of the Accounts of the Society for the past year. One of such Members
shall, if possible, be nominated from the Auditors of the preceding year, so that each Auditor may serve two years.

II. The Auditors shall examine the Accounts of the Treasurer.

III. They shall check his receipts, examine the vouchers for his payments, and make such investigation into the general financial condition of the Society as they shall think proper, and they shall report to the Society thereon.

IV. The Report of the Auditors shall be read to the Society at the Anniversary Meeting, and shall be printed in the *Proceedings*.

CHAPTER XX.

OF THE MAKING, ALTERING, AND REVOCA TION OF RULES.

I. The draft of any Rule proposed to be made, in addition to, or for the revocation or alteration of any existing Rule of the Society, shall be submitted in print, or in writing, by the Council, or by at least fifteen Members, to one of the Ordinary Meetings of the Society, at which it shall be publicly read, but only received as a notice, and not enlarged upon or discussed. A copy of such draft shall be hung up in the Society’s Meeting Room, and shall remain so hung up until the day of the Meeting at which the draft is to be discussed. The draft shall be discussed at a Special Meeting for that purpose, which shall be convened for a date later than the Second Ordinary Meeting next after the one to which the draft was submitted: provided that, if the Anniversary Meeting falls later than such second Ordinary Meeting, the draft may, at the option of the President and Council, be discussed at the Anniversary Meeting. A copy of the draft shall be forwarded to the Members, and the question whether the draft shall pass or not, in whole or in part, all be determined as is provided by Section II. of Chapter VI.

II. No proposed amendment to such draft, or to any part of it, shall be discussed, or put to the vote, at the Anniversary or Special Meeting, unless such Amendment shall have been submitted in print or in writing, and publicly read, by way of notice only, at the Ordinary Meeting of the Society next following that to which such draft was submitted. Copies of all amendments so submitted shall be hung up in the Society’s Meeting Room, before the close of the Meeting at which they are submitted, and shall remain so hung up until the day of the Anniversary or Special Meeting, and shall similarly be forwarded to the Members.

III. Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, no addition to, alteration or revocation of any Rule of the Society shall be made unless the same shall be carried by a majority of four-fifths at least of the votes tendered, but this restriction shall not apply in the event of the Society receiving the privilege of a Royal Charter of Incorporation.