REVISED RULES FOR THE JOHN SANFORD SALTUS MEDAL

1. The obverse of the medal shall bear a device representing Britannia on the seashore, surrounded by the legend THE BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. The reverse shall bear the legend THE JOHN SANFORD SALTUS TRIENNIAL MEDAL, awarded to .................... BY THE VOTE OF THE MEMBERS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIETY’S PUBLICATIONS (the name of the recipient and date of the award being engraved in spaces left for that purpose).

2. In case such device and legend, other than the name of Mr John Sanford Saltus, shall from constitutional changes or other unforeseen circumstances become inappropriate or obsolete, they may be changed or varied by resolution of the Society’s Council.

3. The John Sanford Saltus Medal shall be awarded every third year.

4. The medal shall be awarded to the member of the Society whose paper or papers appearing in the British Numismatic Journal shall receive the highest number of votes from the Members, as being in their opinion the best in the interest of numismatic science.

5. A successful candidate shall not again be eligible for the award.

6. Where the paper or papers appearing in the British Numismatic Journal by different Members of the Society eligible for the award may seem to be of equal merit, it shall be open to Members in casting their votes to take account of other published work on British numismatics by the individuals concerned.

7. The award will be by ballot, and a form for this purpose shall be sent out together with the voting papers for the election of President, Officers and Council, and shall be returnable and counted with them at the Anniversary Meeting in each year in which the medal is to be awarded. Such a form shall include the words ‘I vote for the award of the John Sanford Saltus Medal to . . .’, with a space left for the Member’s signature. It shall also contain the names of those previous recipients who are therefore no longer eligible for the award.

8. Council, acting on the advice of a committee of such disinterested persons (normally being previous recipients of the medal) as in its absolute discretion it shall have appointed for the purpose, shall on every such occasion distribute to Members a list of not fewer than two nor more than four Members of the Society who are considered as particularly well-qualified for the award, together with a note of their principal paper or papers that have appeared in the British Numismatic Journal. Council shall also advise Members that in casting their votes they should not be biased by the presence or absence of plates or illustrations to the papers, and that where a paper or papers are of joint authorship these should be considered as part of the total contribution to the British Numismatic Journal by any of the individuals concerned, but should not by themselves be regarded as sufficient to qualify those individuals for the award.

9. No contributor to the British Numismatic Journal who is not a Member of the Society when the voting papers are despatched shall be eligible for the award.

10. Any canvassing by or on behalf of a candidate shall render his or her success inoperative, and the decision of Council shall be absolute on this head, nor need Council express any reasons for such a decision.

11. The result of the ballot shall be announced by the President or Chairman at the Anniversary Meeting in the year concerned.

12. The medal shall, if circumstances permit, be presented by the President or Chairman to the successful candidate in person at a subsequent Ordinary or Anniversary Meeting of the Society. On this occasion he shall use the formula ‘You have been awarded the John Sanford Saltus Medal for the year . . ., by the vote of the Members of the British Numismatic Society, for your contributions to the British Numismatic Journal’.

13. The foregoing rules shall, so far as is possible, evolve with and upon any constitutional changes in the Society, but it shall be open to the Society’s Council to make such alterations to them as shall from time to time be required.

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