

The Haemophilia Society Articles of Association

Summary of changes for EGM

Following a review by pro bono charity law specialists, the Articles of Association have been updated for members at the EGM, the summary of key changes are as follows:

1. **Para 2.1 – Objects of the charity**

The A of A currently reads:

1.1 The Objects of the Charity are for the public benefit and specifically restricted to

- (a) The relief of people suffering from Haemophilia and related or associated bleeding disorders

It is proposed that this should read:

- (a) People with genetically inherited bleeding disorders and their acquired equivalents, within the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies.

Decision: Amended wording accepted?

2. **Paragraph 3.3**

The A of A currently reads:

to carry out campaigning and advocacy, in particular but not exclusively in relation to the Government's Infected Blood Inquiry and its outcomes, provided that the Trustees are satisfied that any proposed campaigning and advocacy will further the Objects to an extent justified by the resources committed and that such activity is not the dominant means by which the Charity promotes the Objects;

Should now read:

to carry out campaigning, advocacy and education, to improve access to treatment, care, and quality of life, provided that the Trustees are satisfied that any proposed

campaigning and advocacy will further the Objects to an extent justified by the resources committed and that such activity is the means by which the Charity promotes the Objects;

Decision: Amended wording accepted?

3. Paragraph 4.3

Amendments – Board of Trustees

“There shall be at least ten and not more than twelve Trustees of which seven shall be elected by the Members under Article 14.9 and up to five shall be appointed by the Trustees under Article 4.9 all of whom must meet the criteria for appointment

4. Paragraph 4.6

Trustees, including those appointed under a 3 year term in accordance with the previous Articles of Association shall be appointed for terms of five years and a Trustee who has served their term must retire at the next Annual General Meeting that occurs nearest to the expiry of their term. Trustees may stand for a 2nd consecutive five year term

Decision: Amended terms for trustees accepted?

5. Paragraph 4.8

The Trustees may, in circumstances which they consider to be exceptional, permit one or more of the Trustees in particular, but not exclusively a Trustee with relevant medical, legal or academic expertise and the Treasurer to serve one or more additional consecutive terms of office, provided that any such further appointment may only take effect with the consent of a majority of the other Trustees.

Decision: Amended trustee terms accepted?

6. Paragraph 4.10

Subject to Article **4.11.**, a Trustee's term of office automatically terminates if they:

- (a) reach the end of their term of office in accordance with Articles 4.7, 4.8 or 4.9
- (b) resign by written notice to the Trustees (but only if at least ten Trustees will remain in office);

Decision: Amended clause accepted?

7. Paragraph 4.12

The Trustees may confer the honorary title of President and Patrons from among their number from time to time.

Paragraph 4.13

Such honorary titles shall be conferred for a period of 5 years

Paragraph 4.14

Honorary titles shall be conferred by a majority vote of the board of trustees as well as any period of renewal

Decision: Honorary titles and terms accepted?

9. Paragraph 14. General Meetings

Decision: Voting restricted to 18 years old and over

10. Paragraph 14.10 – Honorary Titles

Decision: Only for adult members

11. Paragraph 15.4

Unless a poll is duly demanded, a declaration by the chair of the meeting of the result of a vote shall be conclusive evidence of the fact. The result of the vote must be recorded in the minutes of the Charity along with the number or proportion of the votes cast.

Decision: Do record numbers?

13. Paragraphs 19.1 & 19.2

Communications

Re paragraphs 2.1 (Objects), 12 (Membership), 14 (General Meetings)

19.2 The only address at which an Adult Member is entitled to receive notices sent by post is an address in the United Kingdom and Crown Dependencies shown in the register of Members.

Decision: