

British Society of Gastroenterology (“the Society”) – Note on proposed amendments to the Articles of Association

A review of the current Articles and Regulations of the Society has been undertaken to ensure that they reflect current practices.

Attached to this note are the proposed new Articles, with the proposed changes to the current Articles showing in track.

We have summarised the proposed changes below.

General:

We have updated the gender references throughout the document.

Definitions:

A “Council” definition has been added, to make is clear that the Council is constituted pursuant to the Regulations.

Article 26.2:

This Article has been amended so that membership of the Society is not automatically terminated in circumstances where a member suffers from mental disorder and either is admitted to hospital, in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under any statute relating to mental disorder, or an order is made in relation to his / her / their personal welfare or property and affairs under legislation relating to mental health or mental capacity. Such removal is subject to confirmation by the Trustees.

Article 51A to 51F:

Following the recent success of virtual and hybrid general meetings, we are proposing to add these new Articles to make it clear that virtual and hybrid meetings are permitted.

Articles 69, 71.9, 71.10, 72 and 72A

These new Articles should be read together. They clarify the current position with regard to appointment of officers and the terms of office for Trustees. The amendments reflect the current practice.

Article 88

The deletions in this Article permit Trustees to amend the Regulations without the consent of the members of the Society. As you can appreciate, there are a large number of members, and general meetings only take place once a year, so being able to amend the Regulations in this way, assists the Trustees from an administration perspective.