

# Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Standing Orders of the Archimedean

For the Annual General Meeting of March 6, 2007

February 22, 2007

## Amendments to the Constitution

### 1 Subscriptions

#### Summary

People who join for 1 year but then wish to join for Life currently have to then pay for full membership again. The first part of this amendment gives the option of 'upgrading' the membership, whilst also leaving the incentive to join as a Life Member to start of with (since the upgrading process clearly causes more work for the Committee, and some additional costs).

For the last two years it has been agreed at a Plenum meeting in Easter Term that the Subscriptions be reduced to £10 for Life or £5 for a Year up to and including the first talk of the term in order to encourage more people to join and make joining at the Fresher's Squash much easier (almost no float is required thanks to the nice round amounts involved). Recently the Society has been running at an overall profit (excluding a one-off cost last year, which brought the accounts around break even) thanks to the increased number of people joining each year. Hence it is proposed that the rates are permanently reduced to these figures.

#### Proposal 1a:

Robert Crowston proposes that:

1. Constitution §§5: Renumber §2 as §3 and add a new item §2 to read 'If a member with an Annual Subscription wishes to upgrade to Life Membership, they may do so by paying 120% of the cost of the difference between the current life and annual subscription rates. This may be done any time during their Annual Membership, or any time within a year of the membership expiring.'
2. Standing Orders §1: 'shall be £6.00' should be replaced with 'shall be £5.00'
3. Standing Orders §2: 'shall be £12.00' should be replaced with 'shall be £10.00'

### **Proposal 1b:**

If items 2 and 3 of Proposal 1 are not passed, Robert Crowston proposes that:

1. Standing Orders §1: 'shall be £6.00' should be replaced with 'shall be £6.00, or £5.00 if joining between the start of Michaelmas Term and the First Talk of Michaelmas Term inclusive'
2. Standing Orders §2: 'shall be £12.00' should be replaced with 'shall be £12.00, or £10.00 if joining between the start of Michaelmas Term and the First Talk of Michaelmas Term inclusive'

## **2 Bookshop**

### **Summary**

Over the last term non-members have been allowed to buy books at a rate 20% higher than the rate for members. This proposed amendments makes this policy constitutionally correct. It also adds a constitutional guarantee of the benefits of the bookshop to non-members. Only members still will be able to sell books back to the Society, and defines the rates in the standing order in line with this guarantee.

### **Proposal**

Robert Crowston proposes that:

1. Constitution §§8, §1: "The Bookshop shall only be available to Members.' should be replaced with 'The bookshop will buy books only from members'
2. Constitution §§8, §2: to add to the end of the item 'The rates at which books are sold to non-members shall be at least 15% higher than the rate charged for members'.
3. Standing Orders §3: 'and sell books at 55%, of their retail price new.' should be replaced with 'and sell books at 55% to Members, and 75% to non-Members, of their retail price new.'

## **3 Scarf**

### **Summary**

Removing a remaining reference to the role of Publicity and Entertainment Officer which was split at the EGM on 8th February 2006.

### **Proposal**

1. Standing Orders §4 'Publicity and Entertainments Officer' with 'Publicity Officer'