

The Quintic Society

Rules of 1925 with alterations of 1951, 1954, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1975, 1979, 1982, 1984 and 1987.

Name and object of the Society

- 1.1 That this Society be called the “Quintic Society”.
- 1.2 The object of the Society should be to promote interest in mathematics and allied subjects.

Of Membership

- 2.1 That the Society shall consist of full members and honorary members.
- 2.2 That persons eligible for full membership be members in residence of Corpus Christi College, Darwin College, Newnham College, Pembroke College, Peterhouse, Queens’ College, St. Catherine’s College, Selwyn College or Wolfson College.
- 2.3 That the committee have the power to elect as honorary members Masters of Arts and members of higher standing of the above colleges, not mathematical fellows thereof, and any other persons of distinction at its discretion.
- 2.4 That mathematical fellows of the above nine colleges be invited to be Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society.
- 2.5 That any member may resign by giving notice to the Secretary.

Of Subscriptions

- 3.1 That subscriptions to full membership be available as follows:
 - for one academic year, on payment of the sum $x/2$
 - for two academic years, on payment of the sum $3x/4$
 - for life, on payment of the sum x .
- 3.2 That the current value of the sum x be determined at a meeting of the committee, or at a General Meeting, held no later than the end of the Easter Term of the academic year preceding that current.
- 3.3 That if subscriptions of total validity of not fewer than three years be taken out for one person, they shall compound to life membership.

Of Re-election

- 4.1 That any person who for any reason has ceased to be a member of the Society shall become eligible to become a member again on payment of a subscription as set out in rule 3.1, the period of membership to last for the appropriate length of time.

Of ordinary meetings

- 5.1 That the Society shall meet at least 6 times in each academic year.

Of Officers

- 6.1 That the officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Graduate Representative (who shall be a graduate), chosen from the full members of the Society, who shall constitute a committee for the management of the affairs of the Society.
- 6.2 That a College Representative for each of the nine colleges mentioned in rule 2.2 be chosen before, at, or as soon as possible after, the Annual General Meeting each year for the ensuing year.
- 6.3 That no more than four officers of the Society be from the same college.
- 6.4 That the officers be elected by the Society at an Annual General Meeting to be the last

meeting of the Society in the Lent term, at which ten full members including an Officer shall form a quorum, and that the term of office be one year dating from this meeting.

Of the President

- 7.1 That the President take the chair at all meetings of the Society, except that in his absence the Vice-President or in the absence of both of them one of the other members of the committee shall take the chair. In the absence of all these persons the meeting may elect any other full member of the Society who is present to take the chair at the meeting.
- 7.2 That the President or other member in the chair shall not vote on any question brought before the meeting except when a casting vote is necessary to decide the question, in which case he shall be requested to give such a casting vote.

Of the Vice-President

- 8.1 That the Vice-President be responsible for any social events that the Society may care to hold, and shall make arrangements with the Secretary for the booking of rooms for this purpose.

Of the Secretary

- 9.1 That the Secretary, or his nominated deputy, shall attend all meetings of the Society and Committee and take minutes of all the proceedings, and shall enter them into a minutes book from which he shall read them for the approval of the Society or Committee respectively at the next meeting if the meeting so require, with the exception that the Annual General Meeting minutes be read out at the next Annual General Meeting.
- 9.2 That the Secretary have charge of all the correspondence of the Society subject to the direction of the Committee and shall at least three weeks before a paper is to be read to the Society take steps to confirm with the author the arrangements for the meeting.
- 9.3 That the Secretary be responsible for the arrangements for all meetings of the Society, and that he shall give due notice to members of the Society of these meetings.

Of the Treasurer

- 10.1 That the Treasurer shall have charge of all the financial transactions of the Society, shall keep regular accounts of money paid into the Society's account, and shall present to the Society at the Annual General Meeting an audited balance sheet.

Of the Graduate Representative

- 11.1 That the Graduate Representative shall represent the views of graduate members to the Committee.
- 11.2 That the Graduate Representative shall give due notice to graduate members of the Society of all meetings of the Society.

Of college representatives

- 12.1 That each College Representative be responsible for the distribution of newsletters and any other written material that the Committee may wish to be distributed to all members of the Society in the college of which he is a member, and shall also aid the Secretary in publicising meetings of the Society.

Of the Committee

- 13.1 That the Committee shall manage and direct the affairs of the Society subject only to the control of the Annual General Meeting or in exceptional cases of Special General Meetings of which the Secretary shall give each full member of the Society at least five days' notice and at which ten full members including an Officer shall form a quorum.

- 13.2 That the Committee of which three members shall form a quorum shall meet at least once in each of the Easter and Michaelmas terms to make arrangements for papers to be read and to discuss any other business. The Secretary shall give at least five days' notice of such a meeting to all members of the Committee.

Of Visitors

- 14.1 That members of other Colleges in residence who are members of their college mathematical society be entitled to attend all ordinary meetings of the Society, and that any person neither eligible for full membership nor a member whose account is in arrears may attend an ordinary meeting of the Society if introduced by a full member of the Society, provided no such person may attend more than one meeting in any one term, and that no member of the Society shall introduce more than one visitor at any meeting of the Society.

Of alterations to the rules of the Society

- 15.1 That the rules of the Society may be changed only at a General Meeting of the Society, and such alteration can only be effected provided there vote for it two-thirds of the members voting. That notice of the proposed alteration to the rules together with the signatures of the proposer and seconder be sent to the Secretary at least one week before the meeting at which it is to be put to the Society or notice must be given at two ordinary meetings of the Society, and the Secretary must give all full members five days' notice thereof.

Of voting

- 16.1 That only full members of the Society may vote at a General Meeting.
16.2 That all matters except changes of the rules may be decided by a majority of members voting.

Of resignation from the Committee

- 17.1 That a Committee member may resign by giving notice to the Secretary.
17.2 That in the event of a Committee member resigning, the Committee (inclusive of the resigning member) has the power to co-opt a new member to the Committee.
17.3 That five days' notice of the proposed change be given to the Society by the Secretary.