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CHAPTER I.

OF THE NAME AND OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

I. The name of the Society shall be "THE BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY."

II. The Society is established for the encouragement and promotion of Numismatic Science, and particularly in connection with the coins, medals and tokens of Great and Greater Britain and of the English-speaking races of the world. Archaeology, History, Heraldry, Art, and Genealogy, in so far as they respectively affect numismatics, are declared to be within the objects of the Society.

III. The Journal of its Proceedings shall be called "*The British Numismatic Journal*."

IV. The address of the Society shall be 43, Bedford Square, London, W.C., or such other place as the Council may from time to time determine.

V. In the construction of these rules words importing the masculine gender only shall be deemed to include the feminine gender also. The term "Member" shall also include any Corporation, Committee, Library, Association, Institution, Club, Company, or any Office or Appointment, but the subscription for such membership shall not be compounded under Section II. of Chapter IV.

vi. The term "Secretary" shall include one or more Members who have been elected to that office.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE ELECTION AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

I. Every Candidate for election as a Member of the Society shall be proposed by a certificate in writing at an Ordinary Meeting. The certificate shall be signed by three or more Members, one of whom shall certify from personal knowledge, and two others from general knowledge, or from acquaintance with the works of the Candidate; it shall specify the names, profession, or occupation, chief qualifications and usual place of abode, of the Candidate for election; it shall be delivered to the Secretary, and be read at an Ordinary Meeting. Such certificate, marked with the date of the day when so read, shall be fixed up, and remain in the Meeting Room of the Society until the said Candidate shall be put to the ballot at a subsequent Ordinary Meeting.

II. The number of Members shall be limited to Five hundred, exclusive of those who may hereafter be elected under Sections iv. and v. of this Chapter, and Chapter X., and exclusive also, in the first instance, of Members elected on the recommendation of the Council, under the next succeeding section.

III. The Council may, in any year, propose for election not more than two persons, distinguished for knowledge of Numismatic Science, notwithstanding there may be no vacancy in the body of Five hundred Members; but as vacancies occur in that body, they shall be deemed to be filled by the persons elected as Members in pursuance of this Section, in the order of their seniority in date of admission. Such proposal shall be made by certificate in writing, and shall be subject to the provisions of Section I.

iv. Members of the Royal Families of this and other Countries may, on the proposal of the Council, be elected as titular Members, without ballot, and shall be called Royal Members.

v. Any Peer of the Realm, or the eldest son of a Peer, or any of His Majesty's Privy Council, or any of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England, or of the Superior Courts of Scotland or Ireland or the Colonies, may be proposed by a single Member, and put to the ballot for election on one and the same day.

vi. No Candidate shall be put to the ballot for election unless the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, or the Director, and six other Members at least, be present.

vii. Ballots for the election of Members other than those who may be elected under Sections iv. and v. of this Chapter and under Chapter X., shall take place, if there be vacancies at any Ordinary Meeting during the Session of the Society. No Member whose annual subscription is in arrear for more than three calendar months shall be capable of giving a vote. The ballot shall commence and terminate at the times appointed by the Chairman of the meeting. The Candidates shall be put to the ballot in the order in which their names have been proposed; and the Council shall decide on the number of ballots to take place at each Meeting, having regard to the approximate number of existing Members. At the Ordinary Meeting of the Society previous to that at which the ballot is to take place, a list of the Candidates to be put to the ballot shall be read from the chair, and a copy of such list shall be suspended in the Meeting Room.

viii. The Election shall in all cases be determined by a majority of four-fifths of the votes of the Members present and balloting on the occasion.

ix. The Secretary of the Society shall, immediately after every Election communicate the result to each of such

Members as are elected and furnish each with a copy of the Rules.

x. Every person elected a Member, provided he has paid his Admission Fee (if any) and subscription, shall be admitted at some Meeting of the Society, in manner following: the President, or his Deputy, or the Director, or Treasurer, or Member of Council, or Senior Member, presiding in the chair at such meeting, shall take him by the hand if present, or if he shall be unable to attend, shall state the fact, and say these words:

“By the authority, and in the name, of the British Numismatic Society, I admit you (or such absent person) a Member thereof.”

No person elected a Member shall be entitled to vote at any Election, or Meeting, or to serve on the Council, or on any Committee, until he has been admitted in the manner above specified.

XI. No person shall be proposed or elected a Member at any other than an Ordinary Meeting of the Society.

XII. The Election, Admission, Withdrawal, or Death of every Member, with the date thereof, shall be entered in a Register.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE OBLIGATION TO OBSERVE THE RULES.

I. Every person elected a Member of the Society shall, as a condition of Membership, be deemed to accept the following Obligation:

“I do hereby promise that I will, to the utmost of my power, promote the honour and interest of the British Numismatic Society, and observe the Rules of the said Society, so long as I shall continue a Member thereof.”

ii. If any person elected refuse to accept the said Obligation, such Election shall thereupon become null and void.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE PAYMENTS BY THE MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY.

i. Every person elected a Member of the Society after Lady Day, 1905, shall pay the sum of One Guinea as an Admission Fee: and also shall pay one year's subscription for the current year; and if any person, after being elected, fail to pay such Admission Fee and subscription within three months from the day of his election, such election shall be absolutely null and void, unless the Council, upon special cause being assigned to them, shall extend the period for making such payments.

ii. Every Member of the Society shall pay the annual sum of One Guinea, such sum to become due on the 1st of January in every year, and to be paid in advance.

If any Member pay to the Society the sum of Fifteen Pounds, over and above the Admission Fee (if any) and all arrears (if any) then due, all future annual payments shall be compounded.

iii. A list of the names of all Members whose subscriptions are in arrears at the end of December in every year shall be suspended in the Meeting Room of the Society, at the third Ordinary Meeting in the succeeding year. Every such Member who shall not pay all moneys due to the Society before the then next Anniversary Meeting, shall, for such default, cease to be a Member of the Society, as from the date of that Meeting. The names of such defaulting Members shall be read from the Chair at the Anniversary Meeting, and the Chairman shall, at the same Meeting, make an entry of their removal against their names in the Register of the Society. No person so removed shall be competent for