

# **Constitution of the Association**

## **I NAME**

The name of the Association is the Bedford Physical Education Old Students' Association.

## **II OBJECTS**

1. The relief of members of the Association who are in conditions of need, hardship and distress.

2 The advancement of education in physical education and movement studies, particularly amongst persons involved in studying or teaching physical education and movement studies. In furtherance of the above objects but not further or otherwise, the Association shall have the following powers:-

(a) to arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, seminars and training courses;

(b) to procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise such papers, books periodicals, pamphlets, or other documents or films as shall further the above purposes.

(c) to provide scholarships, grants, bursaries and exhibitions.

(d) to promote and carry out or assist in promoting and carrying out research, surveys and investigations and publish the results thereof.

(e) to do all such other lawful things as are necessary to the attainment of the above objects.

## **III MEMBERSHIP**

1. Ordinary Members. Qualifications:

(i) completion of an appropriate course of Human Movement Study in the University of Bedfordshire, leading to a graduate or postgraduate award.

(ii) completion of an appropriate course of study in the former De Montfort University Bedford or Bedford College of Higher Education or Bedford College of Physical Education or Bedford Physical Training College leading to a certificate in education, postgraduate certificate, diploma in education or degree award.

(iii) fourth year students on an appropriate course of Human Movement Study in the university of Bedfordshire.

2. Associate Members. Qualification: Present or past members of the College Staff who are not Old Students

3. Honorary Members. Honorary membership may be offered to anyone who takes an interest in the College work and who is elected at the General Meeting.

#### **IV THE PRESIDENT**

The President shall be elected from the membership of the Association and shall retire after 4 years in office, but shall be eligible for immediate re-election by postal ballot.

#### **V OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

The Officers shall be a Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant

Treasurer and Editor of the Report. They shall retire after four years in office, but shall be eligible for immediate re-election by postal ballot.

Vice-Presidents may also be appointed.

The Committee shall consist of the Officers and one representative from each chronological group, elected by postal ballot within his or her own group, to serve for a period of two years and eligible for immediate re-election for one more period only. One half of these representatives shall retire annually from 1971, when those groups II, IV, VI, etc. shall retire. Each set leaving College shall elect a representative who shall stand for one year only. The groupings of sets shall be reviewed periodically.

Each cohort of year 4 students shall elect a representative who will stand for that year.

The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies and to co-opt not more than three members for not more than two years without further co-option.

The Committee shall appoint a Finance Sub-Committee, members of which shall act as Trustees of the Association.

#### **VI GENERAL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held in June.

Extraordinary General Meetings may be called by the Committee.

Notices of resolution to come before a General Meeting, other than those affecting the Constitution, must be sent in writing to the Secretary at least seven days before a General Meeting. A Committee Meeting shall be held at least once a year. Other Committee Meetings may be called at the request of not less than five members of the Committee. Seven members shall form a quorum at all meetings of the Committee and of these three must be representative of chronological groups.

#### **VII SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Annual Subscription shall be determined by the Committee. Subscriptions are due on June 1st of each year. If subscriptions remain unpaid for two years, the defaulting

member will be struck off the roll; such member can be re-admitted on payment of one year's arrears plus the current year's subscription.

## **VIII LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Life membership subscriptions shall be determined by the Committee. Members who have paid forty annual subscriptions shall become Life Members without further payment.

## **IX ACCOUNTS**

The financial year shall end on December 31st

The account shall be audited by a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, who shall be appointed at the General Meeting.

## **X AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. A resolution for the amendment of the Constitution must be received by the Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least 14 days' notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to the membership and must include notice of the amendment proposed. No alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Association to cease to be a charity at law.

## **XI DISSOLUTION**

If winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.

## **GENERAL DETAILS**

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

A Report shall be issued annually to the members, containing Secretary's Report, Balance Sheets, News, First Destinations of Leaving Students and the Group Lists. A list of their addresses is available from the Secretary.

### **ADDRESSES**

Members are requested to notify the Secretary of any change of address, name, etc. as soon as possible.