

WEST OF LONDON
ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be the WEST OF LONDON ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY.

2. AIMS

The aims of the Society shall be to encourage astronomical observation and the study of astronomy and allied subjects.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Society shall be open to any person with an interest in astronomy.

4. MEETINGS

The Meetings of the Society shall be as follows:

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year in June for the election of President, Vice Presidents, Officers and Committee, for consideration of reports and the balance sheet, for the alteration of the Constitution and such other business as may be brought before the meeting.
- b) A Special General Meeting may be called at any time, either by the Committee or upon a requisition stating the object of the required meeting and signed by not less than ten members: such a meeting shall be held not less than fourteen days or more than twenty-eight days after receipt of the requisition by the Honorary Secretary. The only business to be discussed at such meetings shall be that stated on the requisition.
- c) Such Ordinary Meetings as shall be arranged from time to time by the Committee for the purpose of astronomical observation or lectures on or discussion of topics of astronomical interest.

5. PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS

The President of the Society and not more than six Vice

Presidents shall be elected annually by the Annual General Meeting from members proposed for election by the Committee.

6. OFFICERS

- a) The Officers of the Society shall be an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer, both of whom shall be members elected annually by the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Honorary Auditor shall be a member of the Society and shall be elected annually by the Annual General Meeting from persons proposed by the Committee.

7. THE COMMITTEE

- a) The affairs of the Society shall be carried out under the authority of a Committee consisting of the President, Vice Presidents, Officers and up to six members of the Society who shall be elected annually by the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Committee shall elect a Chairman from its members at the Committee meeting immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
- c) The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than four members, when circumstances require.
- d) Four members of the Committee, including the Committee chairman, or in his absence, the Chairman's appointed representative, shall form a quorum.
- e) The Committee shall have power by majority vote to demand the resignation or relinquishment of post of any member subject to the right of that Member to appeal to the Committee and/or a General Meeting.
- f) The Committee shall have power to reduce or waive the annual subscription of any Member in special circumstances.

3. VOTING

- a) The nominee(s) for each post shall be proposed and seconded by Society members and shall be elected individually by votes counted by the Chairman
- b) Voting shall be by show of hands if there is only one nominee for

each post. When there are more than six nominees for the general Committee or more than one for an Officer, a written ballot shall be taken, each member having one vote for each post vacant

- c) Except as required by paragraphs 11 and 13 of this Constitution all motions at any meeting shall be carried by a simple majority of the members voting.

9. YEAR OF THE SOCIETY

The year of the Society shall be from 1st April to 31st March of the following year.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a) The annual subscription shall be due on the first day of the Society's year.
- b) Any change in the subscription shall be determined by a General Meeting.
- c) Any member whose subscription is three months in arrear shall relinquish his/her membership.

11. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

The Society may be dissolved by resolution of a Special General Meeting called for the purpose and carried by a majority of two thirds of the members voting.

12. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

If upon the Society being dissolved there remain after satisfaction of its debts and liabilities any money or property remaining the same shall be divided equally in terms of value and one part paid or transferred to each of the British Astronomical Association and the Society for Popular Astronomy or if either shall have been dissolved at the time the whole shall be given to the other or if both shall have been dissolved the whole shall be given to the Royal Astronomical Society, or similar body.

13. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

- a) This Constitution shall not be amended, altered or rescinded except with the consent of a General Meeting by a majority of two thirds of the members voting and provided that the proposed amendment, alteration or rescission has appeared on

the Agenda.

- b) The proposer of any such notion must give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than twenty-one days before the date of the meeting.

END OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution incorporates all amendments made since the Inaugural Meeting of the Society on 1967 May 2nd, up to and including 1994 June 13th.