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Name and Objects

1. The organisation shall be called the "SAVE BRITISH SCIENCE" Society". The Society may also operate under the name "CAMPAIGN FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING".
2. The Objects of the Society shall be to communicate to the public, Parliament and the Government a proper appreciation of the economic and cultural benefits of scientific and technological research and development, and of the consequent importance to the nation of adequate funding of research by Government and industry. To further these aims the Society will: establish working relationships with industry and the professional scientific societies; educational institutions and relevant individuals; monitor and comment on the actions and the proposals of Government in the fields of education, and the economy, especially as they affect scientific and technological research and development; collect appropriate data and carry out, or commission, studies of relevant activities in the UK and the comparable nations; prepare reports and reviews for publication and for the submission to appropriate bodies such as Parliamentary Select Committees and Departments of Government. The Society is a completely independent organisation seeking to advance the causes of scientific and technological research; it is not affiliated with any other organisation or political body, and is not concerned with questions relating to the relative distribution of resources between areas of research.

Membership

3. Membership of the Society (henceforth referred to as SBS [CaSE]) is open to all individuals and bodies corporate and unincorporated approving its objects and willing to comply with the Rules.
4. The following are the categories of membership:
 - a) Ordinary Members;
 - b) Concessionary Members (i.e. undergraduate and graduate students, and others not in full time employment);
 - c) Society Members: being societies, associates or other unincorporated institutions;
 - d) Company Members; being corporate bodies engaged in trade;
 - e) Premium Members;
 - f) Educational Institutions.
5. All applications to become Members must be made on the application form prescribed for the time being by the Executive Committee (henceforth to be referred to as EC), and be forwarded with the appropriate subscription or signed Bankers Order, to the address given on the form.



6. Each Society Member, Educational Institute Member and Company Member may be represented at General Meetings by up to four voting representatives, each of whom shall have one vote. If such representatives are also Ordinary Members they shall nevertheless be entitled to one vote.
7. No member shall be entitled to vote or to enjoy any privileges of SBS [CaSE] so long as his subscription shall be in arrears for more than six months.

Advisory Council

8. The Advisory Council shall consist of eminent scientists, engineers, and other distinguished individuals who agree to serve the SBS [CaSE] in an advisory capacity.

Executive Committee (EC)

9. The EC shall consist of a Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer plus 15 other elected members and shall be elected by the members of SBS [CaSE] at the Annual General Meeting. Members of the EC shall hold office for 4 years and shall then be eligible for re-election.
10. The EC shall have power to co-opt, to fill casual vacancies. All co-opted members must be confirmed at the following AGM.
11. The quorum for meetings of the EC shall be six including at least one of the honorary officers.
12. Members of the SBS [CaSE] unable to be present at the AGM may participate in the election of members of the EC by using the postal ballot paper enclosed with the notices of the AGM; all members voting at the AGM must do so on that ballot paper.
13. The EC shall have power to invite eminent scientists, engineers, and other distinguished individuals to be appointed to the Advisory Council.

Finance

14. The first subscription of members shall be due and payable on application for membership. Future subscriptions determined in accordance with Paragraph 15 shall be due and payable in advance on the 1st January in each year. However, members joining after September in any one year shall be deemed to have paid until the end of the following year.
15. The annual subscriptions to SBS [CaSE] shall be determined from time to time by the AGM on proposals made by the EC provided that no annual subscription shall be less than the amount proposed by the EC; at the date of the adoption of the rules they shall be:
 - (a) Ordinary Members £10
 - (b) Student and Retired Members £5



- (c) Society Members, a minimum of £500; The EC shall have discretion to vary the Society Membership subscription if so requested; such payment for Society Membership does not confer Ordinary Membership upon individual members of the societies.
 - (d) Company Members, a minimum of £500; such payment for Company Membership does not confer Ordinary Membership upon individual employees of the Company.
16. The Accounts of SBS [CaSE] shall be inspected annually and presented to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

Property

17. The property of SBS [CaSE] may be vested in two or more Trustees. The first Trustees shall be appointed by the EC.
18. The Trustees shall deal with the property of SBS [CaSE] as directed by resolution of the EC (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence) and shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the property of SBS [CaSE].
19. The Trustees other than the first Trustees shall be elected at an Annual General meeting on the nomination of the EC. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed from office by a resolution of the EC or of a General Meeting. Any casual vacancy in the Office of Trustee may be filled by the EC and the person so nominated shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting after such appointment, but he may be re-appointed by the Members on the nomination of the EC.

General Meetings

20. The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held between 30th September and the 31st December in each year.
21. The business which shall be transacted at the AGM shall be to receive and consider the Annual Report of the EC, to consider the Accounts, to elect candidates to fill the vacancies for elected members of the EC and to consider such business as shall be brought forward by or with the sanction of the EC and which shall have been stated in the notice convening the Meeting.
22. A Special General Meeting may be called if the EC so decide, and shall be called by the Honorary Secretary on receipt of a requisition stating the object of the Meeting and signed by 25 Members of SBS [CaSE]. Notice of such a meeting shall state the object for which it is called and no other business shall be entered upon or discussed at the Meeting.
23. The conduct of all General Meetings shall be determined by the Chairman of the Meeting, who shall be the Chairman of the EC, SBS [CaSE] or such other person as the EC may appoint.



24. Notice of General Meetings

- (a) Notice of all general Meetings shall be sent to every member not less than twenty-one clear days before the day of such Meeting, who has registered an address in the United Kingdom. Such notice shall be in the form prescribed for the time being by the EC.
- (b) The accidental omission to give notice to any Member entitled to receive notice of any Meeting of SBS [CaSE] or the non-receipt of a notice by such Member shall not invalidate anything done at the Meeting.
- (c) Any notice sent by second-class post shall be deemed to have been served three days after the envelope or wrapper containing the same is posted.

Indemnity Provisions

25. In the execution of the Objects hereof and their powers and duties no Member of the EC shall be liable for any loss to the property of SBS [CaSE] arising by reason of an improper investment made in good faith (so long as he or she shall have sought professional advice before making such investment) or for the negligence or fraud of any agent employed by him or by any other member of the EC although the employment of such agent was strictly not necessary or expedient or by reason of any mistake or omission made in good faith by any member of the EC or by reason of any other matter or thing other than wilful and individual fraud on the part of the member of the EC who is sought to be made liable.
26. The members of the EC shall be entitled to be reimbursed and to pay and discharge out of the capital and income of the society all reasonable costs, charges and expenses properly incurred in or about the execution of the Objects of SBS [CaSE] or powers imposed or conferred upon them by virtue of or under the Rules or by law.
27. Salaried officials appointed by the EC shall be entitled in a similar manner as are members of the EC under paragraphs 25 and 26.

Changes in the Rules

28. Any amendment of or addition to the Rules recommended by the EC may be made only by a General Meeting at which at least two-thirds of those present and voting together with at least two thirds of ballot papers received are in favour of the amendment.

Dissolution Provisions

29. SBS [CaSE] shall be dissolved if at any General meeting a resolution for the dissolution of SBS [CaSE] is passed by a majority of three-fourths of such of the Members entitled to vote as shall be present and vote thereon, provided that three months' notice shall be given of any such proposal.

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30. If upon dissolution of SBS [CaSE] there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall be paid and distributed among the Members in proportion as nearly as may be to the total amount of subscriptions they shall have paid since becoming Members, and for this purpose SBS [CaSE] records shall be conclusive.

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