

**STATUTE
OF
THE MALTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

I. — NAME.

The Society shall be known as "The Malta Historical Society". Hereinafter it shall be referred to as "The Society".

II. — AIMS.

(1) The aim of the Society shall be the study of the History of the Maltese Islands, and the diffusion of its knowledge. By History is meant History proper and its auxiliary sciences.

(2) The study of Maltese History shall be promoted mainly by:

- (a) the indexing of local archives;
- (b) the cataloguing of documents in foreign archives connected with Maltese History;
- (c) the collection and the publication of inscriptions and of documents, ecclesiastical and civil, bearing on the History of Malta;
- (d) the cataloguing of manuscripts on the History of Malta;
- (e) the compilation of an up-to-date bibliography of all publications of local historical interest.

(3) The Society shall undertake the publication of research work on Maltese History.

(4) The Society shall hold lectures and study circles on Historical Methodology and on items of local history.

III. — MEMBERSHIP.

(1) There shall be three classes of members: honorary, ordinary and associate.

(2) Such distinguished persons as are interested in the objects of the Society may be elected Honorary Members by not less than six members of the Committee of the Society. Such members will be able to take part in all the activities of the Society, but they may not stand for election, and they shall not have the right to vote.

(3) Ordinary members shall pay in advance a subscription fee of ten shillings per annum.

(4) Students of matriculation standard who do not draw an income from any employment, trade, business, profession or vocation may be accepted as Associate Members and shall not pay a subscription fee. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote or to stand for election.

(5) The Committee shall have the power:

- (a) to accept applications for membership;
- (b) to terminate the membership of any person whose actions are in its opinion incompatible with the principles or interests of the Society,

or of any person who shall have ceased to pay his subscription. Provided that, in the former case, the members concerned shall have the right to appeal to a general meeting, at which the decision of the Committee, in order to take effect, shall have to be approved by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

IV. — THE COMMITTEE.

(1) The Society shall be governed by a Committee consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and four other members.

(2) The Committee shall be elected for one year, by secret ballot, at a general meeting to be held, as a rule, in the month of January.

(3) In case of a vacancy occurring in the Committee it shall be filled by a new election to be held at a general meeting.

V. — MEETINGS.

(1) Of the Committee.

The sittings of the Committee shall be held at least once every quarter. Sittings may be called by the President or at the written request of at least two members of the Committee; in either case, an eight days notice is to be given.

(2) General.

(a) A general meeting shall be held :

(i) whenever the President of the Committee deems it necessary;
or

(ii) when any ten members of the Society request it, stating the reason for their request.

In either case, an eight days notice is to be given.

(b) At the annual general meeting held for the election of the Committee, the Treasurer shall present a Balance Sheet. Two auditors shall be appointed at the same meeting to examine it, and they shall submit their report at the next general meeting.

VI. — LANGUAGE.

(1) The official acts of the Society shall be drawn up in English.

(2) For the reading of papers and during discussions members are at liberty to use any language.

(3) Papers shall be published by the Society in the language in which they are written.

VII. — REPRESENTATION.

The Society shall be represented by the President, (or, in his absence, the Vice-President), the Secretary, and the Treasurer, or by any one of them.

VIII. — QUORUM.

(1) The meetings of the Committee must be attended by at least three members, of whom one must be an official.

(2) At general meetings, the quorum shall consist of ten, saving the provision of section IX.

IX. — AMENDMENTS.

The Statute of the Society may be amended by a two-thirds majority of votes taken at a general meeting attended by not less than one-third of the ordinary members.