

Regulations of Agora Britannika (British Studies Society)

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Chapter 1: General Rules

(Name)

Article 1: This society is to be called Agora Britannika [British Studies Society] (henceforth called "this Society").

(Definition)

Article 2: In this society, Britain shall refer to the Commonwealth of Nations [British Commonwealth], and it shall include the United Kingdom [U.K.] and the sovereign states which used to be the colonies of the U.K.

(Objective)

Article 3: The objective of this Society is that those who are interested in British Studies shall contribute to the broad progress of British Studies through exchange of research results or information beyond their research fields and business, or through offering opportunities for human interaction and research support.

(Activities)

Article 4: This society shall conduct the following activities, in order to achieve the objectives mentioned in the preceding article:

- (1) Promotion of the exchange of research and cooperation among the members;
- (2) Holding of workshops and the presentation or publication of research outcomes;
- (3) Issuing a newsletter, the membership list, and other publications;
- (4) Interaction and cooperation with organizations inside and outside Japan;
- (5) Projects to develop young researchers; and
- (6) Other necessary activities accepted as suitable to achieve this Society's objectives.

Chapter 2: Membership

(Requirements for Membership)

Article 5: The members are those who have been admitted by the General Meeting based on their application; the applicants shall be those who agree to the objective of this Society, including researchers, students, employees in related companies and organizations who pursue British Studies in various fields, such as law, economy, literature, education, and medicine.

(Types of Members)

Article 6: The membership is composed of regular members and student members.

(Loss of Membership Qualification)

Article 7: In the following case, a member shall lose his/her qualification.

- (1) Withdrawal from the membership;
- (2) Death; or
- (3) Expulsion.

2 As to the expulsion stipulated in the preceding article, the approval of the General Meeting shall be required.

(Annual Fee)

Article 8: The member shall be required to pay an enrollment fee and an annual fee. In addition to this, when required, the member may be asked for contribution of support money. The amount of the annual fee shall be provided for separately.

Chapter 3: Officer

(Types of Officers)

Article 9: In order to organize this Society, the following officers shall be placed:

- (1) Chairperson, one person
- (2) Vice-chairperson, one person
- (3) Secretaries, a few persons
- (4) Management Committee Members, approximately ten persons
- (5) Auditors, two persons

(The Chairperson and Vice-chairperson)

Article 10: The Chairperson shall be recommended by the Management Committee and be appointed at the General Meeting.

2 The Chairperson shall represent this Society, set the headquarters office, appoint the Chief and other Secretaries, and supervise the duties of this Society.

3 The Chairperson shall appoint the Vice-chairperson.

4 When the Chairperson is unable to perform his/her duties, the Vice-chairperson shall perform his/her duties by proxy.

(Secretaries)

Article 11: The Secretaries shall be appointed by the Chairperson. The Secretaries shall share the duties of this Society under supervision of the Chairperson.

(Management Committee Members)

Article 12: Management Committee Members shall be appointed by the Secretaries and process this Society's duties under supervision of the Secretaries.

(Auditors)

Article 13: The auditors shall be delegated by the chairperson and audit the accounting of this Society.

(Term of Office)

Article 14: The term of the officers stipulated in article 9 of this regulation shall be three years respectively; it shall be renewable.

2 The term of office of a substitute officer shall be the remaining terms of the predecessors.

3 The term of office shall end on the last day of the General Meeting held in the officer election year.

Chapter 4: Management Committee

(Holding the Management Committee)

Article 15: The Management Committee shall open once or more per year, and deliberate and determine the following matters:

(1) Determination of matters regarding the editing and publication of a

bulletin and Society magazine etc.;

(2) Determination of matters regarding the General Meeting and researchers' meetings, etc.;

(3) Making a budget draft and an accounts settlement draft; and

(4) Other matters that the Management Committee finds necessary.

(Operation of the Management Committee)

Article 16: The Management Committee consists of the Chairperson, the Vice-chairperson, the Secretaries, the Management Committee Members, and the Chief Secretary.

2 The Management Committee shall be held when at least three quarters of its members (including the number of authorization document) are present.

3 Determination of the proceedings in the Management Committee requires the consent of two-thirds or more of the attendants.

Chapter 5: General Meeting

(Holding the General Meeting)

Article 17: The General Meeting shall be this Society's highest voting unit and shall be held in each year to deliberate and determine significant matters.

(Management of the General Meeting)

Article 18: The General Meeting shall take place with 1/10 or more of the constituents (the number of letters of attorney is included) in attendance.

2 The determination of proceedings in the General Meeting requires the consent of the majority of attendants.

Chapter 6: Accounts

(Expenses and Income)

Article 19: The expenses of this Society are financed by the Membership Fees and support money provided in article 8, and other income.

2 The annual fee shall be as follows and the payment must be made by the last day of April every year:

(1) Regular members: 10,000 yen

(2) Student members: 5,000 yen

3 The enrollment fee shall be as follows:

(1) Regular members: 5,000 yen

(2) Student members: 500 yen

4 Those who have newly become members shall be required to pay the annual fee and enrollment fee of the fiscal year concerned within one month from the day following their membership being approved by the General Meeting.

5 Annual and enrollment fees for employees based on an limited-period contract among regular members shall be as follows:

(1) For those whose working situation is the same as that of a full-time teacher, such as an assistant professor, and for those employed with a limited-period contract:

The annual and enrollment fees are the same as those of regular members.

(2) For those who are not working as full-time employees, such as retired employees or part-time teachers:

The annual fee and enrollment fees are the same as those of student members.

(Fiscal Year)

Article 20: The fiscal year of this Society starts on April 1st every year, and ends on March 31st of the following year.

Chapter 7: Miscellaneous Regulations

(Revision of Regulations)

Article 21: Revision of these regulations shall be determined at the General Meeting through the approval of the Management Committee.

(Others)

Article 22: Any matter not stipulated herein shall be determined by the Management Committee.