



RULES OF THE BRASENOSE ALUMNI SOCIETY

1. Name

The Society shall be called The Brasenose Alumni Society.

2. Object

The object of the Society shall be the advancement of the welfare and interests of Brasenose College by:

- (i) encouraging closer relations between past and present members of the College, and fostering interests which they have in common;
- (ii) keeping members of the Society informed of events in the College;
- (iii) any other methods which from time to time appear likely to achieve the Society's object.

3. Membership

- (i) The following shall be members of the Society:
 - (a) any matriculated student of the College shall become a member on going down, unless they inform the Secretary of the Committee that they do not wish to be a member
 - (b) any former employee, or any former academic, of the College, as might be determined by criteria agreed between the Bursar and the Society from time to time, on acceptance of an offer to become a member
 - (c) ex officio members of the Committee.
- (ii) Membership entitles a member to receive The Brazen Nose and Brazen Notes on terms to be agreed with the College from time to time and to attend General Meetings of the Society.
- (iii) Nothing in (ii) above shall be taken to imply an obligation on the College to continue with publication of The Brazen Nose and Brazen Notes.

4. Officers

- (i) Elected Officers

- (a) The elected Officers of the Society shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- (b) Such Officers shall be elected at an annual General Meeting.
- (c) Any member shall be eligible for election if nominated by two or more members, one of whom may be the nominee him or herself.
- (d) The President and Vice-President shall hold office from the day following the annual General Meeting at which they were elected until the next annual General Meeting.
- (e) The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office until resignation or removal by a simple majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting.
- (f) Should any elected office at any time be vacant for any reason, the Committee may appoint any member of the Society to hold that office until the next annual General Meeting.

(ii) Ex officio Officers

The ex officio Officers shall be the Principal of the College, an Academic Representative to be chosen by the College from time to time, the Bursar, and the Director of Development & Alumni Relations.

If an ex officio Officer is unable to attend a Society meeting, he or she shall be entitled to nominate an alternate to attend in his/her place.

5. The Committee

- (i) Management of the Society shall be by a Committee.
- (ii) The Committee shall consist of the Officers, not more than 12 members of the Society, and former Presidents remaining on the Committee pursuant to paragraph (v) below.
- (iii) Members of the Committee (other than the Officers, former Presidents remaining members under paragraph (v) below, and co-opted members) shall be elected or re-elected at each annual General Meeting. Members who have failed to attend at least three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall not be eligible for re-election at the next annual General Meeting.
- (iv) Any member shall be eligible for election if nominated by two or more members, one of whom may be the nominee him or herself.
- (v) A former President shall remain on the Committee for three years after his or her term of office expires.

- (vi) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt (for a period of one year from an annual General meeting) no more than three further members of the Society.
- (vii) The quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be the President or Vice-President and four other members of the Committee (at least two of whom shall be those elected pursuant to paragraph (iii) above).

6. Annual Dinner

- (i) There shall be an annual Dinner at the College or such other venue as the Committee shall decide.
- (ii) Wherever practicable, announcements relating to the annual Dinner shall be given in *The Brazen Nose*.
- (iii) The President and Vice-President of the Junior and Hulme Common Rooms shall be invited to attend the annual Dinner as the Society's guests.

7. General Meetings

- (i) The annual General Meeting shall be held immediately before the annual Dinner.
- (ii) Other General Meetings shall be held when decided by the Committee or within forty-two days after receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by at least twenty-five members of the Society.
- (iii) Whenever practicable, announcements relating to the annual General Meeting shall be given in *The Brazen Nose*.
- (iv) Not less than twenty-eight days' notice of any other General Meeting and of its agenda shall be circulated to all members of the Society.
- (v) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be the President or Vice-President and ten other members of the Society.

8. Alterations to rules

A General Meeting may make any alteration to these rules (except rule 2 and this rule 8) by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, but no proposal to alter the rules shall be put to a General Meeting unless at least 56 days' written notice of the proposal has been given to all members preferably through *The Brazen Nose* but otherwise by letter or email.

Notes to Rules

Rule 2:

The Committee resolved (17 February 2021) that the Society's activities for the time being should be

- (a) Fostering closer relationships between BNC alumni and between alumni and the College Community (whether students, fellows, staff, the Alumni Office or the institution itself)
- (b) Holding a President's Summer Party and Society Dinner annually

- (c) Professional networking with past and present members of the College
- (d) Social networking with past and present members of the College and encouraging special interest groups and societies
- (e) Encouraging (but not financing) alumni attendance at or participation in College events
- (f) Bringing less-connected alumni and their ideas and skills closer to the College
- (g) Recognising the DO's primary role in these, and with their support and guidance, the Committee and Year Reps should be involved in:
 - supporting the College's reputation, helping to spread pride-building news about the College via social media and beyond
 - building a better understanding of the College's strategic aims and needs
- (h) The Society no longer sees its role as keeping members of the Society informed of events in the College (as set out in Rule 2, which cannot be changed) but to encourage their attendance and participation.

Rule 3(i)(b)

The Committee resolved (18 September 2021) that the criteria should be:

All College Fellows and employees who leave the College after a period of service of 10 years will be eligible for Society membership, subject to being in "good standing" and nomination by the Bursar.