

## **JESUS OLD MEMBERS' GROUP (XL Network)**

### **Rules of Association**

- 1 The purpose of the Jesus Old Members' Group is:
  - a. to renew, create and foster friendships through a programme of social activities;
  - b. to renew and foster links with Jesus College Oxford.
- 2 Membership is offered to all Members of Jesus College Oxford who were admitted to the college at least 40 years ago, and to partners of deceased members of the Group, and is also available to all Old Members of the College who support the Group's purpose.
- 3 There is no membership fee.
- 4 Written communication between the Group and its members is normally by email.
- 5 The Group accepts the principle of Freedom of Speech and will:
  - a. Follow the Jesus College 'Code of Practice for the Protection of the Freedom of Speech' for any events held in Jesus College and any events held jointly with Jesus College;
  - b. Adopt its own 'Code of Practice' for all its other events;
  - c. Withdraw membership from anyone who intentionally or recklessly breaches either 'Code of Practice'.
- 6 The Group must hold an Annual General Meeting, of which at least 14 days written notice must be given; this may be a virtual meeting. At least 3 months advance notice must be given of the expected date of the Meeting.
- 7 At each Annual General Meeting:
  - a. the accounts for the preceding financial year must be presented for approval;
  - b. a report must be presented on the Group's activities since the last annual meeting;
  - c. the members must elect a Committee, comprising 2 officers (Secretary and Treasurer) and up to 7 further members, to manage the Group until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 8 Nominations for membership of the Committee must be received by the Secretary at least 42 days before the expected date of the Annual General Meeting. If 2 or more

members are nominated for the position of Secretary or Treasurer respectively, or 8 or more members are nominated for the other 7 positions on the Committee, a ballot must be held for the relevant position(s).

If a ballot is to be held, votes may be cast by email or post but must be received by the Secretary not less than 48 hours before the time of the meeting.

- 9 The Committee:
  - a. shall appoint its own Chair from amongst its members;
  - b. must appoint another member (whether or not currently a member of the Committee) to fill any office which becomes vacant during the year;
  - c. may co-opt members to the Committee subject to the total number of officers, elected and co-opted Committee members not exceeding 10;
  - d. is empowered to operate a bank account;
  - e. must endeavour to provide a programme of social events, to which members and their families are invited, and may appoint ad hoc convenors to organise these events.
- 10 In the event of a winding up of the Group the closing balance in the accounts must be donated to the Jesus College Annual Fund to support awards to students.
- 11 A proposal for a change to these rules may be made by any member of the Group or by the Committee but must be submitted to the Secretary at least 63 days before the expected date of the Annual General Meeting. If the proposal is by a member of the Group it must be supported by at least 4 other members and may be accompanied by a statement of support for the proposal; the Committee may issue its own statement on the proposal. The Committee may decide to call an Extraordinary General Meeting, of which at least 14 days written notice must be given, to consider the proposal. A ballot will be held and votes may be cast by email or post, but must be received by the Secretary not less than 48 hours before the time of the meeting.
- 12 These rules were approved by the AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and came into effect on that date, superseding and replacing any previous version.

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