

**Rules of
The Joint Neurosciences Council
(Company Number: 10316279)**

A company limited by guarantee and not having share capital

Interpretation

1. In these rules the definitions and interpretations are the same as those set out in the Articles of Association unless the context otherwise requires.

Membership

2. There shall be three classes of membership of the Charity.
 - 2.1.1. Any incorporated organisation which is a non-statutory, non-profit organisation which specifically exists to serve persons with neurological conditions or professional entities who care for people with neurological conditions and whose activities are consistent with the objects of the Charity.
 - 2.1.2. Any individual who is a nominee of any unincorporated organisation which is a non-statutory, non-profit organisation which specifically exists to serve persons with neurological conditions or professionals who care for people with neurological conditions and whose activities are consistent with the objects of the Charity.
 - 2.1.3. Individuals elected to an officer role within the Joint Neurosciences Council will cease to represent their association and be treated as an individual member.
- 2.2. Candidates for membership of the Charity shall be proposed for membership at any general meeting of the Charity. All candidates must be proposed by an existing member and seconded by another existing member. A member so proposed can be elected to membership by a simple majority of members present and voting at the meeting.
- 2.3. A member which is an incorporated organisation shall:
 - 2.3.1. Pay an annual subscription as laid down from time to time by the board;
 - 2.3.2. Be a member and therefore have the right to vote at general meetings.
- 2.4. A member who is a nominee of an unincorporated organisation shall:
 - 2.4.1. Ensure the organisation that he/she represents pays an annual subscription as laid down from time to time by the board;
 - 2.4.2. Be a member and therefore have the right to vote at general meetings.

2.5. Elected officers become independent members upon election. They are not required to pay an annual subscription, but do have the right to vote.

Associated organisations and individuals

3. The Board of Trustees of the Charity may also appoint national, international or other non-profit organisations, whether corporate or unincorporated, including statutory authorities and professional associations and individuals who support the objects of the charity as an Associate.

3.1. An Associate:-

3.1.1. shall be entitled to be given notice of and attend all General Meetings of the Charity but may not vote;

3.1.2. shall not be required to pay a subscription to the Charity.

Attendance at General Meetings

4. The board shall have the right to invite all such persons as it deems fit to attend meetings organised by the charity. No person who is invited to attend who is not a member shall have the right to vote at a general meeting.

Subscriptions

5. Membership subscription rates may only be changed at the annual general meeting and a resolution must be passed by a simple majority to that effect.

Accounting

6. Bankers shall be appointed and may be changed by the board.

7. Any bank account in which any part of the assets of the charity is deposited shall be operated by the trustees and shall indicate the name of the charity.

8. Funds drawn in favour of any trustee, member or officer of the charity shall be authorised by two trustees or other signatories, so authorised by the board.

Officers

9. There shall be a President of the Charity

9.1. The President will chair the Board of trustees and directors meetings and general meetings.

9.1.1. The post will be appointed by a ballot of the Members, which must be held every 2 years.

9.1.2. The President shall be a Trustee and Director of the Charity.

9.1.3. The President shall be elected as an individual member of the charity and may not represent a Member organisation.

9.1.4. The appointment is for a period of 4 years normally commencing at the annual general meeting. The President first acts after his/her appointment in accordance with Rule 9.1.2 as President Elect for one year, then acts for two years as President, and in the fourth year acts as Past President.

9.2. There shall be a treasurer of the Charity

9.2.1. The post will be appointed by a ballot of the Members.

9.2.2. The Treasurer shall be a Trustee and Director of the Charity.

9.2.3. The Treasurer shall be elected as an individual member of the charity and should not represent a Member organisation.

9.2.4. The appointment is for a period of 4 years normally commencing at the annual general meeting.

9.3. There shall be a Secretary of the Charity

9.3.1. The post will be appointed by a ballot of the Members.

9.3.2. The Secretary shall be a Trustee and Director of the charity.

9.3.3. The Treasurer shall be elected as an individual member of the charity and should not represent a Member organisation.

9.3.4. The appointment is for a period of 4 years normally commencing at the annual general meeting.

9.4. The President may serve as President only for a single term of 4 years. The Secretary and Treasurer may serve for 2 terms of 4 years but may not be reappointed thereafter, and no individual may act as trustee in any capacity for a period or periods in aggregate of more than 8 years.

Interim officers

10. If an officer stands down before the term is completed, the members can appoint an Interim Officer (Interim President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President or President elect) to act in the role until the 4 year term has run its course.

10.1. The interim officer will become an individual member and have the right to vote but will not pay an annual subscription.

10.2. On appointment, the interim officer will cease to represent their association and an additional individual may be appointed by that association.

10.3. The interim officer will be entitled: Interim President, Interim Secretary, Interim Treasurer, Interim Past President, or Interim President Elect.

General meetings

11. One general meeting a year shall be the Annual General Meeting
12. All general meetings of the Charity shall be known as Council meetings. Any number of general meetings can be held each year in addition to the Annual General Meeting