



British Lingual Orthodontic Society

Constitution 2010

MISSION STATEMENT

- A. To hold meetings to encourage orthodontists to increase their knowledge of lingual orthodontics and to improve their clinical competence in this specialty.
- B. To improve standards of education in all aspects of modern lingual orthodontics.
- C. To facilitate scientific dialogue and cooperation between clinicians, trainers and researchers in lingual orthodontics

INTRODUCTION

The wish of the founder members is to promote a better understanding of lingual orthodontics and to establish a Society to improve education, communication and professional recognition.

These statutes describe the privileges, the responsibilities and the rules of The British Lingual Orthodontic Society (BLOS). They include the principles for its actions as a society with the aim of promoting the art and science of lingual orthodontics, guided in this by the highest principles in personal conduct, in scientific standards and in professional integrity.

It is every member's duty to be mindful of the honour and dignity of this society and to behave in such a way as not to attract blame to them, to the Society or to the Orthodontic profession.

This foreword has been included to state the spirit of this society. It will be a guide to its members who may wish to amend or modify its contents in the future.

1. DEFINITIONS

In the following Constitution unless the context otherwise requires:

- “the society” means the British Lingual Orthodontic Society,
- “the BOS” means the British Orthodontic Society,
- “the Group” means the British Lingual Orthodontic Society of the British Orthodontic Society,
- “BLOS” means the British Lingual Orthodontic Society of the British Orthodontic Society,
- “The Committee” means the Committee of the Group, elected by members of the Group to conduct the business of the Group in accordance with the policies decided by the members thereof and entirely in accordance with the Constitution of the British Orthodontic Society. The Group will be bound by the Constitution of the British Orthodontic Society (BOS) and nothing in this Constitution will overrule the BOS Constitution.

2. TITLE

The Group will be called the “British Lingual Orthodontic Society”

All matters concerning negotiation with national bodies will be referred to the Council of the British Orthodontic Society.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE GROUP

The objectives of the Group shall be:

- I. Uphold the objectives of the British Orthodontic Society
- II. Represent the interests of its members
- III. Convene meetings
- IV. Issue information to members
- V. Publish material on the practice of lingual orthodontics
- VI. Compile and maintain a list of Members

4. MEMBERSHIP

All members of this society will be orthodontists residing in United Kingdom (and Worldwide) and fulfil the following requirements:

- I. Specialist training in orthodontics
- II. Adequate training and ability in clinical use of lingual techniques
- III. Apart from exceptional circumstances, in the exclusive practice of orthodontics

Proof of Specialist training in Orthodontics will need to be offered to the Membership Secretary

CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- i. BLOS accepts membership from all orthodontic practitioners who are on the GDC's Orthodontic Specialist List
- ii. A member, who ceases the practice of orthodontics, other than on retirement, shall be ineligible to renew his or her full Membership of the Group.
- iii. Honorary Life Membership shall be granted at the discretion of the Committee.
- iv. Election and Retention of Membership shall be by resolution of the Committee but will be subject to the final decision of the Council of the Society.
- v. Retired membership of the Group can, if requested, be given to any member over the age of 55 who is wholly retired from practice.
- vi. The Committee shall have power to vary these requirements in exceptional cases.
- vii. Student membership is welcomed on proof of enrolment in an approved course of speciality in Orthodontics or Lingual Orthodontics
- viii. International Membership shall be granted on proof of specialist training in orthodontics.
All International members will be required to provide all necessary documents for proof of specialist training in Orthodontics.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

The following may result in a suspension of the membership of the society:

1. Written resignation to the secretary.
2. Failure to pay the fees and subscriptions
3. Refusal to obey the constitution and the statutes of the society
4. Bringing the society into disrepute

Following the loss of position of a member, disciplinary measures will be taken after discussion within the Committee Meeting and a majority vote of the members during the Annual General Meeting.

The disciplinary measures could be in the form of a reprimand, censure or temporary suspension of membership.

5. VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

- i. All Members shall receive notice of and may attend and speak at General Meetings
- ii. Only National Members of the Group shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting. International members are welcome to attend the meeting but will have no voting rights.
- iii. Only National members may vote for direct elections from the Group to the Council and vote in elections for Group Officers and Committee members.

6. FINANCE

- i. A subscription shall be payable by each member on joining the Group and thereafter annually to the Treasurer at a date determined by the Council of the Society: the amount to be decided by the Members of the Group at the Annual General Meeting.
- ii. The Group will be free to generate income, for instance by holding meetings and sponsorship

7. THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall be composed of:

1. Chairman
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Events Secretary
5. IT / Marketing Secretary
6. Membership Secretary
7. Representative for BLOS for ESLO & ALOS

THE RIGHTS OF THE COMMITTEE

- i. The committee acts as the executive body of the Society with the power to propose new rules and regulations to the General Assembly in order to further the advance of this Society.
- ii. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- iii. In principle, the committee shall meet three times a year.
- iv. The committee can also meet at the request of the Chairman or at the request of the majority of committee members.
- v. If the committee is equally divided, the vote of the Chairman in office shall be decisive
- vi. It is also a duty of the committee to:
 - a) To verify the qualifications of all candidates for memberships.
 - 1.b) Propose to the General Assembly:
 1. The level of fees and subscriptions
 2. The date, location and agenda of the Annual Meeting
 3. The admission or exclusion of members
 4. The requirements for the presentation of new cases.
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THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS

- A. The Chairman:
 1. Preside at all meetings of this Society and the Committee.
 2. Assume all other duties incumbent in the office of Chairman.
 3. Present an annual report to the Annual General Meeting.
- B. The Secretary:
 1. Keep a record of all proceedings at all meetings both of the Society and Committee.
 2. Conduct all correspondence of the Society.
 3. Keep a list of the members present at all meetings.
 4. In the absence of the Chairman, the Secretary shall be designated acting Chairman.
 5. Keep a list of the dates of presentations at the Annual Conference
 6. Be the keeper of all documents and books with the exception of those belonging personally to the Treasurer.
 7. Present an annual report at the General Meeting.
 8. If elections have to take place, the Secretary shall announce which positions are vacant and those names that have been proposed.

C. The Treasurer is to:

1. Receive all monies and pay all bills relating to Annual Meeting.
2. Stay in permanent contact with the Central Office.
3. Notify all members of the fees and subscriptions which are payable.
4. Maintain an adequate record of receipts and expenditure.
5. Deposit the Society's funds in bank accounts designated by the Committee.
6. Supervise the expenditure of funds as directed by the Committee.
7. Present a financial report to the General Assembly of the Annual General Meeting

D. Events Secretary

1. Co-ordinate organisation of the annual meeting
2. Arrange study evenings of the society

E. IT/Marketing Secretary

1. Maintain and update the official website
2. Promote activities of the society

F. Membership Secretary

1. Maintain a list of members of the society and their addresses.

G. The National Representative

1. Where appropriate will act as a link between the BLOS Committee and other International Societies of Lingual Orthodontics

THE ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Officers of the Group must be Members of the Group.

- i. The Chairman shall be elected by Postal or Electronic Ballot of Members, for a period of two years and shall be eligible for election for a second term, but not for a subsequent third term of office.
- ii. The Secretary shall be elected by Postal or Electronic Ballot of Members, for a period of two years and shall be eligible for election for a second term, but not for a subsequent third term of office.
- iii. The Treasurer shall be elected by Postal or Electronic Ballot of Members, for a period of two years and shall be eligible for election for a second term, but not for a subsequent third term of office.
- iv. The Meetings Secretary shall be elected by Postal or Electronic Ballot of Members, for a period of two years and shall be eligible for election for a second term, but not for a subsequent third term of office.
- v. The Membership Secretary shall be elected by Postal or Electronic Ballot of Members, for a period of two years and shall be eligible for election for a second term, but not for a subsequent third term of office.
- vi. These terms of office may be extended for one further term only in appropriate circumstances at the recommendation of the Committee.
- vii. Those wishing to stand as candidates for the council must send their application to the Secretary at least three months before the Annual General Meeting.

- viii. The candidates must be brought to the attention of the council by the Secretary at least six weeks before the meeting.
- ix. All members of the council can be relieved of their functions by a vote of the members of the society at the Annual General Meeting
- x. A member of the council must take up his/her duties three months after his election. The retiring member must finish all work during this period.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE GROUP

- i. The Committee shall have power to convene General Meetings of the Group.
- ii. No business shall be transacted at a General Meeting unless a quorum is present.
- iii. The Committee shall, on the written request of ten or more members of the Group convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Group; notice of such a meeting shall be sent to all Members not less than four weeks before the meeting.
- iv. The Committee may propose any resolution at a General Meeting of the Group.
- v. If any ten Members of the Group give notice to the Secretary at least four weeks before a General Meeting that they wish to propose a resolution at the Meeting, that resolution shall be put to the General Meeting.
- vi. The Constitution may be altered or rescinded by resolution of the Group at a General Meeting, provided that the notice of the meeting specifies the proposals for alteration or rescission; and provided also that a resolution for altering or rescinding this Constitution shall be carried only if it is supported by at least ten Members of the Group present and by at least two-thirds of those Members present and voting.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- I. The Committee shall convene an annual General Meeting in Accordance with the provision for General Meetings above
- II. Not more than fifteen months shall elapse between successive Annual General meetings
- III. The proceedings of the Annual General meeting shall include:
 - a. A Report by the Committee of the activities of the Group since the previous Annual General Meeting
 - b. An audited statement of accounts.

10. CASTING VOTE

Where the voting on any matter, at a General Meeting of the Group, results in a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

11. In any case of difference of opinion arising in the meaning of these rules, such meaning shall be decided by the Committee, or if the differences arise at a General Meeting, by the chairman thereof. Any such decision shall be recorded in the Minute Book and shall be accepted as the true meaning of the rule or rules in question, until otherwise interpreted at a General Meeting after due notice has been given.