



Boston Playgoers Society

Rules and Constitution

(Last Updated April 2009)

- 1) The name of the society shall be 'Boston Playgoers Society'.
- 2) The objects of the Society shall be:
 - a. To promote and encourage interest in drama.
 - b. To arrange for the production of plays.
 - c. To promote social, theatrical and fund-raising activities.
- 3) Subscriptions to the society shall be:
 - a. Any sum as may be agreed from time to time by a majority of the members present at the Annual General Meeting (the "AGM").
 - b. Payable before the 30th day of September each year or within one month of joining the society.
- 4) The committee.
 - a. The committee shall consist of three officers – namely Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary. In addition there shall be a minimum of four and a maximum of seven ordinary members.
 - b. In the absence of the Chairperson then either the Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer shall chair Committee Meetings and the AGM.
 - c. A minimum of 50% of the committee should be present at a meeting to provide a quorum, one of which must be the Chairperson, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer.
- 5) Honorary members.

- a. The officers are empowered to appoint honorary members. These members (with no payment of subscriptions) will, by their public position, assist the society to further its interests as laid down in Rules 2)a, b and c.
 - b. For such an honorary appointment to become effective it requires the backing of at least three of the officers.
- 6) The AGM of the Society shall be held, if it is practicable, in June of each year, *fourteen days'* notice being given to members.
- 7) At the AGM the committee report and the audited accounts for the past year shall be presented, and the committee shall, when possible, present the next year's programme. The officers and committee shall be elected.
- 8) The Chairperson may serve a period of two years.
- 9) A nominee for election to the office of Chairperson should be either a current committee member or must be a member of the Society for two years and have been a committee member.
- 10) In the event of the number of ordinary committee members falling below the minimum number allowed as laid down in Rule 4, the committee shall either:
 - a. Have the power to co-opt current members of the Society onto the committee.
 - b. Decide by a majority decision not to co-opt current members onto the committee providing the number of ordinary members does not fall below the required number as laid down in Rule 4.
 - c. Should the committee opt for Rule 10)b, that decision shall be final, until the next AGM where upon a full committee as per Rule 4 shall be elected.
- 11) The committee shall carry into effect the resolutions of the AGM, as far as it is practicable and shall be responsible for the interpretation of the Rules and Constitution and for the general management of the Society.
- 12) In the event of a tie in relation to any vote be it at committee or membership level, the Chairperson shall have the deciding vote.
- 13) Nominations.
 - a. Any member of the Society shall be eligible to be nominated as a candidate for service on the committee or propose any other member provided that the nominee's prior consent has been obtained. If the number of proposals exceeds the positions available on the committee (see Rule 4), a vote by ballot shall be taken at the AGM.

- b. Nominations for officers or committee – duly signed by nominee, proposer and seconder – will be accepted as the first order of business at the AGM.
 - c. Only members having paid their current subscriptions and honorary members shall be eligible to vote in any matters relating to Boston Playgoers Society.
- 14) Persons wishing to become members of the Society shall make application to the Membership Secretary.
- 15) Any addition to or alteration of these Rules and Constitution may be made at the AGM or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened at the request of at least *ten* members or at the request of the majority of the committee provided that *twenty-one days'* notice, in writing, of such intended additions and alterations be given to the Honorary Secretary, who shall give *fourteen days'* notice to the members.