

1. Name

The name of the society shall be the Anglo-Italian Family History Society.

2. Objectives

To promote and encourage the study of genealogy for people of Italian descent.

To collect, index and make accessible any archival material to assist in Anglo-Italian research.

3. Affiliation

The Society shall be a member of the Federation of Family History Societies (Reg Charity no, 1038721) and shall guarantee its debts in the event of its insolvency up to the sum of £1.

4. Membership

Membership is open to all who support the objectives of the Society.

Honorary membership is at the discretion of the Committee.

The Committee has the power to refuse any application for membership or to suspend any member whose activities are considered to be detrimental to the Society achieving its objectives.

5. Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are payable from 1st April each year and membership will lapse if the subscription remains unpaid at the end of May.

The subscription will be fixed at a General Meeting of the Society and remain in force until amended by a resolution at another General Meeting.

The subscription fee entitles up to TWO members living at the same address to receive ONE vote at a General Meeting and notifications to ONE email address.

6. The Committee

The Society shall be administered by a Committee of not more than 12 members who will be elected at the AGM and serve for 1 year.

Committee members are eligible to stand for re-election.

The officers of the Society are: Chair, Vice-chair, Membership secretary, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Committee may co-opt a member to fill a vacancy on the Committee or for a specific purpose.

A simple majority is required to pass any motion. In the event of a tie the Chair will have the casting vote.

The Committee will have full power to authorise expenditure, with consultation with TWO of the following officers: Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer.

The Society's property shall be under the control of the Committee. All assets, financial or in kind, held on behalf of the Society, belong to the Society. No officer or member can lay claim to the assets and must relinquish them to the Committee.

An Honorary President and Vice President may be elected whose names have been submitted by the Committee at an Annual General Meeting. These shall hold the position for 5 years and be eligible for re-election. They will not be entitled to vote unless elected to the Committee.

7. Meetings

The AGM shall be held at a time and place to be decided by the Committee and at least 28 days notice given to members by email and on the Society's website.

It will be held within 4 months of the start of the membership year i.e. by end July.

The AGM will include: confirming the minutes of the last AGM, receiving and approving the Annual reports of activities, receiving and approving the accounts of the Society, elect a President and/or Vice president if appropriate, elect the officers and other members of the Committee.

A special general meeting may be called by the Committee or at the request of 20 members or one third of the membership whichever is the lower and with prior written notice at least 14 days before the meeting date.

Voting at any meeting shall be by a simple majority with a casting vote by the Chair.

Suggested changes to the Constitution must be notified to all members in advance of the AGM or special general meeting at least 21 days in advance of the meeting. The Resolution must be passed by at least two thirds of the votes of the Society's members present and voting at the meeting.

8. Finance

The Society's monies shall be deposited in a bank account.

The Treasurer and another Committee member shall be designated signatories to the account.

9. Indemnity

The members of the Committee shall be indemnified by the Society against any liability, claim or demand arising from any action taken or omission in good faith by them on behalf of the Society or its members.

10. Dissolution

The Society may be dissolved at either an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called by the Committee. A notice of 21 days shall be notified to all members of the Society. The Treasurer shall submit the final accounts and any balance remaining shall be disposed of to other groups or societies with similar aims as agreed by the members present at the dissolution meeting.