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LAWS OF
THE
SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND

As approved by an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held on Monday 26th September 1966.

1. The purpose of this Society shall be the study of the ANTIQUITIES AND HISTORY OF SCOTLAND, more especially by means of Archaeological Research.

2. The Society shall consist of Fellows, Honorary Fellows and Corresponding Members.

3. Candidates for Admission as Fellows must sign the Form of Application prescribed by the Council, and must be proposed by a Fellow and seconded by two members of the Council. Admission shall be by Ballot. In the case of candidates not resident in the United Kingdom, it shall be open to the Council after consideration of the circumstances, to waive the necessity for a proposer.

4. The Secretary shall cause the names of the Candidates and of their Proposers to be inserted in the billet calling the Meeting at which they are to be balloted for. The Ballot may be taken for all the candidates named in the billet at once; but if three or more black balls appear, the Chairman of the Meeting shall cause the candidates to be balloted for singly. Any candidate receiving less than two-thirds of the votes given shall not be admitted.

5. Honorary Fellows shall consist of persons eminent in any branch of Antiquarian study, who must be recommended by the Council and elected in the same way as Fellows; they shall not be liable for any fee for admission or annual subscription. The number of Honorary Fellows shall not exceed Twenty-five.

6. Corresponding Members must be recommended by the Council and elected in the same way as Fellows. They shall not be liable for any fee for admission or annual subscriptions.

7. Before the name of a newly elected candidate is added to the list of Fellows, he shall pay to the funds of the Society an entrance fee and the current year's subscription as provided for by Law 8.

8. Rates of entrance fee and annual subscription shall be determined by the Council as required from time to time subject to the approval of the Society given at a General Meeting. The annual subscription shall become due on 1st July in each year for that year then beginning; and if any Fellow who has not compounded shall fail to pay the subscription for three successive years, due application having been made for payment, the Treasurer shall report the same to the Council, by whose authority the name of the defaulter may be erased from the List of Fellows. Fellows whose membership has lapsed, and who wish to rejoin the Society, may do so either (1) by payment of all arrears of subscription—in which case they shall receive the relative volumes of *Proceedings*, if available—or (2) on payment of the subscription for the current year and of the entrance fee.

9. Every Fellow not being in arrears of the annual subscription shall be entitled to receive the printed *Proceedings* of the Society from the date of election.

10. None but Fellows shall vote or hold any office in the Society.

11. Subject to the Laws and to the control of the Society in General Meetings, the affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council elected and appointed as hereinafter set forth. Five Members of the Council shall be a quorum.

12. The Office-bearers shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Editor. The President shall be elected for a period of five years and the Vice-Presidents for one of three years. One of the Vice-Presidents shall retire annually by rotation, and shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office until after the lapse of one year. The Secretary, the Treasurer and the Editor shall be elected for one year and shall be eligible for re-election. The elections shall be by ballot at the Annual General Meetings upon a list issued by the Council for that purpose to the Fellows at least fourteen days before the meeting.

13. The Council shall consist of the Office-bearers, the Society's representatives on the Board of Trustees for the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, if not otherwise members of the Council, the Keeper of the Museum, *ex officio* (who shall however have no power to vote in the election of the Society's representatives on the Board of Trustees for the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland), the Editor of the *Proceedings* and twelve Fellows elected by the Society.

14. Four of the twelve elected members of Council shall retire annually by rotation, and shall not again be eligible until after the lapse of one year. Vacancies among the elected members of Council and Office-bearers occurring by completion of term of office, by retirement on rotation, by resignation, by death or otherwise, shall be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting or, in the case of the Secretary, the Treasurer or the Editor, at any earlier meeting of the Society as decided by the Council. The election shall be by ballot, as provided for by Law 12.

15. The Council may appoint committees or individuals to advise on or to take charge of particular departments of the Society's business. Individuals who are not Fellows and Fellows who are not members of the Council shall be eligible for these duties.

16. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall take place on St Andrew's Day, 30th November, or on the following day if the 30th be a Sunday.

17. The Council shall have power to call Extraordinary General Meetings when they see cause.

18. Meetings of the Society shall be held on such dates and at such places as may be determined by the Council. A minimum of six meetings, in addition to the Annual General Meeting provided for in Law 16, shall be held in each year.

19. Every proposal for altering the Laws must be made through the Council which shall cause intimation thereof to be made to all the Fellows at least thirty days before the General Meeting at which it is to be determined on.