

# REVISED CONSTITUTION FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH SENATORS OF JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL



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## 1 NAME

The name of the organisation is "The Association of British Senators of Junior Chamber International" ("The British Senate")

## 2 OBJECTS

The objects of the British Senate are:-

- a) To support the objects of Junior Chamber International – United Kingdom ("JCI UK") and Junior Chamber International ("JCI") and in particular to promote and further matters of mutual interest to Senators of JCI resident in England, Wales and Northern Ireland ("Senators")
- b) To encourage greater participation of Senators in the activities of the British Senate.
- c) To support the activities and purposes of the Association of JCI Senators in Europe.

The existence of the British Senate is additional to and shall in no way impair the rights and privileges of Senators of JCI or any additional rights and privileges which may be accorded to individual Senators by or within JCI UK.

The British Senate shall not engage in or be connected with activities of a party political, religious or similar nature.

## 3 MEMBERSHIP

This shall be open to all Senators of JCI who so desire and are resident in England, Wales, Northern Ireland or the Channel Islands or have been members of Chambers which have been affiliated to JCI UK its predecessors or successors.

## 4 COUNCIL

The British Senate shall be managed by a Council ("the Council") of Senators elected at the Annual General Meeting ("the AGM") in each year who shall hold office for one year from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January following election, comprising:

- a) Chairman
- b) Deputy Chairman
- c) Treasurer
- d) Secretary
- e) Not more than three other Senators

In addition the Immediate Past Chairman shall be a member of the Council ex officio and shall be entitled to vote at Council meetings.

The Council may also co-opt additional members for specific purposes at the discretion of the Council and such co-opted members shall serve until the 1<sup>st</sup> January following being co-opted but shall not have any vote at Council meetings.

Each retiring member of the Council shall be eligible for re-election but no person shall be Chairman for two consecutive years. Unless otherwise decided at an AGM in a particular case no member of the Council (unless holding the position of Immediate Past Chairman) shall serve for a consecutive period of more than 10 years at any time.

JCI UK may nominate two further Senators to the Council.

In the event of there being a vacancy in any of the offices of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, the Council shall have power to appoint any eligible Senator to fill that office and to hold that office until the earlier of i) the next A.G.M or ii) the next General Meeting convened under clause 6 hereof or iii) 31st December in the year in which the vacancy occurs.

## 5 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This shall be held each year during the National Conference of JCI UK or at such other time as shall be determined by the Council provided that no more than eighteen months shall elapse between each A.G.M., for the following purposes:

- a) To receive the Chairman's report.

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- b) To receive the Treasurer's Report and to adopt the Statement of Accounts for the previous financial year end.
- c) To appoint an Independent Examiner.
- d) To elect the officers and those members mentioned in clause 4(e).
- e) To transact any other business of which seven days prior notice shall have been given to the Chairman.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE Council (proposed and seconded and with the nominees consent) must be received by the Secretary at least 21 days before the AGM. If the number of nominations is insufficient to fill a vacancy then those nominated shall be declared elected and other nominations may be brought before the meeting by any two members to fill any remaining vacancies.

## 6 GENERAL MEETING

These shall be called on the authority of the Chairman or written requisition to the Chairman by at least 10 members.

## 7 NOTICE

At least 21 days notice shall be given of the AGM and other General Meetings specifying in the latter case the nature of the business to be transacted.

Notice shall be deemed to have been validly given if it is given by whatever means (including electronic means, email posting on the British Senate website or other means) to which the recipient member may have agreed.

## 8 QUORUM

At Council meetings 3 shall form a quorum and at the AGM and other General Meetings 12 shall form a quorum.

## 9 VOTING

At all meetings voting shall be on a show of hands by a simple majority (the Chairman of the meeting having a second, casting vote). At any General Meeting 10 or more members may call for a secret ballot at the meeting or a postal ballot amongst all members which shall then be held in such manner as the Chairman shall direct.

## 10 FINANCE

There shall be no subscription. The administrative expenses of the Senate shall be met from voluntary donations, and the Council may annually recommend and request a voluntary subscription from Senators.

## 11 AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

This may be altered only in General Meetings whereof 28 days notice specifying the nature of any proposed alteration shall have been given to all members.

## 12 RECORDS AND NOTICE

The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a record of membership of the British Senate for circulation of notice of all meetings to members.

## 13 INTERPRETATION

The Council shall have the right to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules and any dispute on the rules shall be referred to the Council for decision.

## 14 DISSOLUTION

The British Senate may be dissolved at any General Meeting by a resolution passed by a simple majority of those present. Any surplus of funds shall be divided equally for the furtherance of Junior Chamber International United Kingdom (JCI UK) and British Junior Chamber Foundation if those organisations are in existence at that time or failing that between three registered young people's charities decided at the meeting.