BRITISH SOCIETY FOR GYNAECOLOGICAL ENDOSCOPY Trust (BSGE Trust) CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF BSGE COUNCIL MAY 2007.

**Accepted by AGM of the Society May 2019.**

**Suggested amendments made by the BSGE council meeting held on 31st January 2023. These amendments will be discussed at the AGM in April 2023.**

Article 4

Duration and address of the Society

The duration of the Society shall be unlimited. The registered address of the Society is “BSGE, C/O RCOG, 10-18 Union Street, London, SE1 1SZ” unless otherwise agreed by the Council. The registered address may be changed by a simple decision of the Council and published in the Society’s newsletter & on its website.

Article 5

Membership The Society shall consist of Annual Members and Officers, Honorary Fellows and Corporate Members.

a) Members The following shall be eligible to be Annual Members of the Society

1. Consultants and Associate Specialists (SAS doctors) on the Specialist Register of the General Medical Council in the fields of Gynaecology, or other specialists relating to the objectives of the Society.
2. Medical Practitioners in training and specialty doctors (staff grade doctors) in the above specialties.
3. Paramedical practitioners to include nurses, SCPs, ODPs and theatre personnel with a special interest in gynaecological endoscopy and endometriosis
4. General Practioners with a special interest in gynaecological endoscopy.

d) Overseas membership.

Overseas membership. Specialists or trainees in women’s health who reside outside the UK and Ireland shall be eligible to be Overseas Annual Members of the Society. Membership benefits and subscription rates may differ from the UK members. Overseas members will have no voting rights and cannot stand in BSGE elections

Article 8

Committees

The Council may appoint committees to perform appropriate functions. Each Committee will be chaired by a Council member. Each committee shall agree it’s terms of reference with the Council. The term of office of these committees shall be at the discretion of the Council but shall not exceed six years after which time the Council must formally renew the terms of reference of that committee if there is a need for it to continue. The chair of each committee (or deputy) shall report by minutes or verbally to each meeting of the Council. Each committee has a separate standard operational policy.

Article 16

Structure of the Council

The Council shall consist of the Officers, the elected members and the co-opted members.

i) The Officers of the Society

a) The President who shall hold Office for not more than two years. The past Presidents of the BSGE automatically become honorary members of the Society after completing their term.

b) The Vice-President who shall hold Office for no more than two years and who shall become President at the end of this term of Office, subject to the approval of the AGM of the Society. In the second year they assume the title of President Elect. They should have served on the BSGE council for at least 2 years before being eligible to apply for the position of Vice-President.

c) The Hon. Secretary who shall hold Office for three years. He/she shall be eligible for re-election for a further two years but shall then resign from the Council unless elected Vice-President. He/she shall not be eligible for election as an elected Council Member for at least three years.

d) The Hon. Treasurer who shall hold Office for four years. He/she shall be eligible for re-election for a further two years but shall then resign from the Council unless elected Vice-President. He shall not be eligible for election as an elected Council Member for at least three years. The Treasurer is empowered to sign cheques, bank drafts or money orders on behalf of the Society to a maximum of £5,000. Cheques in excess of this amount should be countersigned by an Officer of the Society. The Treasurer is empowered to deposit funds on behalf of the Society in Bank accounts approved by the Council.

ii) Elected Council Members

There shall be 15 elected Council members who shall serve for no more than three years unless elected as an Officer of the Society. The total number of elected representatives is to be reviewed on a regular basis and not more than every three years. The number should reflect the total number of members in the Society. They may offer themselves for re-election for one further period of three years but must then stand down if not elected an Officer of the Society. They are not eligible for re-election for three years.

a) Elected Council Membership shall be open to any Annual Member of the Society under the following conditions:-

iii) Three positions on Council will be reserved for Specialist Trainees. The period of office will be for a maximum of two years, or until the AGM after they obtain a substantive consultant post following the completion of training if less. Those three specialist trainees are comprised of two senior trainee representatives (ST5-ST7) and one junior trainee representative (ST1-ST4).