



THE IRISH SOCIETY of BIOREGULATORY MEDICINE

CONSTITUTION

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1. NAME, ADDRESS AND STATUS

The Society shall be named “**The Irish Society of Bioregulatory Medicine**” (hereinafter referred to as the Society). For convenience the Society may use the acronym **ISBM**. The Society shall be a non- commercial, non- profit making organisation established by its members and for the promotion of Energetic and Bioenergetic Philosophies (hereinafter referred to as Bioregulatory Medicine) in healthcare, so as to enhance the health of members of the public and benefit society as a whole. The place of address of the Society at the time of its establishment is; .

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives for which the Society has been established are to provide a professional organization and forum through which members can advance the cause and purpose of Bioregulatory Medicine throughout the community. In pursuance of its objectives the Society will, promote and advance the study of Bioregulatory Medicine, establish a Code of Practice for members, establish educational standards and organize and provide support and training for members. The Society will in addition provide guidance for members on matters effecting their vocation or profession, provide support and service for members and where appropriate will represent members in their interaction with Society and the Civil Authorities.

3 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of The Society shall be open to people who earn their livelihood and/or provide professional health services to members of the public utilising Bioregulatory Medicine in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Membership shall be divided into two categories:

- a.** Full membership shall be available to people who satisfy a basic educational requirement in healthcare and who have undertaken a recognized course of study in Bioregulatory Medicine.
- b.** Student membership shall be available to people who satisfy the basic educational requirement in healthcare and who have commenced and are undergoing a course of study in Bioregulatory Medicine. Student members shall not be eligible to vote at meetings of the Society.
- c.** Membership shall be open to experienced healthcare professionals who have completed training and received diplomas in other relevant therapies. Each application shall be examined individually and membership shall be exclusively at the discretion of the Executive Council.

Further categories of membership may be created from time to time at the discretion of the Executive Council which shall be placed before the members for approval at the next Annual General Meeting, or by members in a meeting duly called for such purposes.

All members shall have equal voting rights at Annual General Meetings or General Meetings of Members of the Society.

4. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members shall pay an annual fee for membership of the Society which shall be determined by the Executive Council from time to time. Members who have paid their annual subscription shall be described as members in Good Standing, who may attend and vote at General Meetings of the Society.

The Executive Council may propose a fee or levy at any time for the purposes of conducting the Societies affairs or for the provision of services to members. Specific services provided to any individual member shall be charged at cost to that member.

5. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS

The Societies affairs shall be managed and run by an Executive Council of five members who shall be elected annually by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Members shall hold office for a period not exceeding four consecutive years. Retiring members of the Executive Council shall be eligible for re-election. Voting in the Election of Members to the Executive Council shall be by secret ballot, and only members in Good Standing shall be eligible for election to the Executive Council.

Upon election the Executive Council shall appoint from amongst their membership a President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

The Executive Council shall appoint three members of the Society to act as Trustees of the Society.

The Executive Council shall have the power to appoint a Committee or Sub-Committee for the purposes of implementing individual policies or specific objectives of the Society. The Executive Council shall have the power to disband any Committee or Sub-Committee at any time.

6. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

The Executive Council shall convene annually at a meeting of members which shall be described as the Annual General Meeting. Members shall be notified of the holding of an Annual General Meeting not less than 21 days before the date of the Meeting. An Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than fifteen months after the previous Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a location suitable to Members as determined by the Executive Council.

A General Meeting of Members may be held from time to time at the discretion of the Executive Council and 21 days notice of such a meeting shall be given to every Member, together with the reasons for holding such meeting.

The Executive Council shall convene a General Meeting of Members to discuss and vote on a particular issue if the Executive Council receives a petition for such a meeting, from at least 50% of Members of the Society, in good standing.

7. CONDUCTS OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the Societies shall be under the chairmanship of the President or in his/her absence another member of the Executive Council nominated by the President. No business shall be conducted unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall be present if one-tenth of the membership in Good Standing are present.

Voting at meetings of members shall be by secret ballot, or by show of hands at the meeting, or by proxy as may be determined by the Executive Council for any given issue. The Executive Council shall provide arrangements for Postal Balloting.

8. ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

The Executive Council shall maintain records and present to the members Annual Accounts at its Annual General Meeting which shall state:

- a. The income and expenditure of the Society.
- b. The assets and liabilities of the Society.

Any member in good standing, may at any time request a copy of the latest annual accounts which shall be provided at a nominal cost.

12. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The Executive Council shall maintain a register of all assets and liabilities of the Society including a register of all investments, loans or contributions.

13. ANNUAL AUDIT AND RETURN.

The Executive Council shall ensure that an audit of its accounts is carried out annually and that any Statutory Returns that are required shall be filed with the appropriate Registrar.

14. STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

The Executive Council shall be responsible for compliance with all Statutory Obligations and shall make such returns as may be required by Statute and shall confirm to the Members that it is in compliance.

12. CODE OF PRACTICE AND CONDUCT

The Society shall prepare a Code of Practice and Conduct (CPC) for the guidance of members and for the regularisation of relations between members and their patients or clients, the general public or civil authorities.

13. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

In the event of receipt of a complaint against a Member, from a patient or client or a complaint by a recognised Professional Association or Statutory Agency, the Executive Council shall have the power to examine and investigate the complaint insofar as it relates to their professional work. The Executive Council shall have the power to take such action against members as it deems necessary in the circumstances in the event that the conduct of the member is found to be unbecoming. Disciplinary action against a member may include a warning, caution, reprimand or expulsion.

14. TERMINATION

The Society may be terminated by resolution of the members in good standing at a General Meeting called for such purpose, provided such a resolution is carried by not less than 70% of the members present or represented by proxy. Any surplus on dissolution shall be returned to the members.

5th December 2012.
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