

## CHARTER, STATUTES AND BY-LAWS CONSULTATION

As explained in the [September 2018 Newsletter](#) (page 11), the Society's Charter, Statutes and By-Laws dating from 1965, when we received our Royal Charter, have been under review for some time.

The proposed revised document, which aims to modernise our governance taking into account inter alia the growth of the Society, changes in technology and communications, and current legislation, has been prepared by a small working group and discussed by Council, see the Newsletter article for more details.

As a membership Society the LMS is run by its members and we therefore invite your input into the proposed changes. This consultation is now open and will run until 20 January 2019.

You will find attached to this email two documents: a short introduction which highlights some key proposed changes, and the lengthy SORG document containing both the original text and the proposed revisions. This document is arranged in three columns: the left hand column contains the 1965 text and the middle the proposed revision. On the right are brief comments on the proposed changes. These are colour coded: green means no change, yellow means a relatively minor change and red means a significant change. These documents are also available on the consultation blog.

We greatly value your input and hope that as many members as possible participate in the consultation. There are two ways of giving feedback: via the *Charter, Statutes and By-Laws Review 2018* blog which can be accessed here <https://charter.lms.ac.uk/> or by email to Katy Henderson at [charter@lms.ac.uk](mailto:charter@lms.ac.uk). You may also write to Katy Henderson at the De Morgan House address.

To access the blog for the first time please select the 'forgot your password' link and then enter the email address that is registered to your LMS membership account. You will receive an email with a password which you can then use to access the blog.

On the blog there are several posts already set up dedicated to the key issues, arranged under the headings of the document (Charter 4, Statute 6 etc). If you have comments on these, please add them under the appropriate heading. You can also start new posts on any other issues. In order to streamline discussions, before starting a new post please check to see there are already posts on this topic. You will be able to opt in for notifications for new posts and/or on new comments on specific posts if you wish to. Before commenting please add your name to your profile by selecting 'Edit Your Profile' from the drop down list in the top right hand corner. This will ensure that any posts or comments you make will show up with your name against them.

The blog is open to Society members only. Please note that everyone registered to access the blog will be able to see all posts.

At the end of the consultation, comments will be collated and considered by Council. Council will then prepare a new version of the revised document prior to seeking legal advice on the wording. The intention is that a final version will be ready for the June 2019 General Meeting, and that voting on the revised rules will take place at the 2019 AGM. Please note that only members in good standing will be able to vote, according to the Society's current voting rules. If you have any queries about your membership status or dues please contact [membership@lms.ac.uk](mailto:membership@lms.ac.uk).

Thank you for your participation.



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