

RESOLUTION to Petition the Privy Council for a change to the Royal Charter

Preamble

At a meeting of the RPS Board of Trustees (the RPS Council) held on 24 May 2024, a signed and sealed Order of the Privy Council was received which confirmed approval by the Privy Council of revised By Laws of the RPS (previously approved by Members at an AGM held on 23 September 2023) and, furthermore, that these revised By Laws would take immediate effect from the date of the Order, being 14 May 2024.

At the same meeting of the RPS Board of Trustees, the President and Chair of Trustees reported that the Privy Council had approved the Regulations pertaining to, and the immediate implementation of, the RPS Chartered Photographer designation since the Royal Charter allows for this if the By Laws so provide and the revised By Laws do indeed make that provision.

Since the Royal Charter takes precedence over the By Laws, it is the advice of the Privy Council Office that the Members of the RPS make a Petition to the Privy Council for a change to the Royal Charter such that the wording of the Royal Charter and the wording of the By Laws is consistent. In advance of this Petition, the Privy Council Office has approved the revised wording shown below.

If the Membership of the RPS pass this Resolution and upon acceptance of the Petition by the Privy Council, the RPS will have (for the first time since the granting of the Royal Charter in 2004) a Royal Charter and By Laws in harmony and to which the Privy Council and the RPS are in agreement.

RESOLUTION

That the Members of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain RESOLVE to agree and respectfully make Petition to the Privy Council for the following changes to be made to the Royal Charter of Incorporation granted 27 July 2004 by HM Queen Elizabeth II subject to any minor modifications that the Privy Council may require and that the President of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain may agree:

3(c) establishing upholding and advancing standards of knowledge competence skills understanding and conduct of those who provide professional photographic services and undertaking evaluation of applications from professional photographers leading to the award of individual Chartered Photographer designation to those individuals who meet the requirements for such designation as defined in the Regulations.

[sub-clauses (d) to (t) are re-labelled to accommodate insertion of (c) above]

10 In particular The Society shall award the professional designation of Chartered Photographer for professional photographers or imaging scientists only as provided for in the By Laws of the Society and from time to time in the Regulations previously approved by the Privy Council concerning the award of said designation.

Sponsor

This Resolution is put to the Membership of the Society by Simon Hill HonFRPS, President and Chair of Trustees, on behalf of the Board of Trustees (the RPS Council).