

2019 AGM: Resolutions

Background

Council is proposing a number of resolutions to amend the By-Laws and Rules of the Society. There are eight categories of proposed amendments, as explained in the document entitled “*Proposed resolutions for the 2019 Annual General Meeting*” circulated to Members in the June Journal. They are as follows:

1. Add a provision for Members to bring resolutions to the AGM.
2. Remove the provision for Council to award Honorary Licentiateships and Honorary Associateships.
3. Clarify how Honorary Membership is denoted.
4. **4A:** Place a limit of 20 on the number of Honorary Fellowships that may be awarded in a single year.
5. Clarify the sections relating to Honorary Fellowships and Honorary Members.
6. Introduce more flexibility and clarity regarding membership of the Representatives Committee.
7. Clarify wording regarding the tenure of co-opted Council Members.
8. Typographical changes

Members’ proposed resolutions

Council has agreed to bring forward 2 proposed resolutions from the Membership:

- An “alternative” to 4A above, which further limits the number of HonFRPS that may be awarded. This is **Resolution 4B**.
- A resolution to set up a working group to address the climate emergency. This is **Resolution 10**.

Additional resolution

Resolution 9 will allow Council to make any other non-material amendments once the outcome of all the above is known, so that the ByLaws and Rules may be sensibly resolved.

The following pages provide full details of the resolutions, and may be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- **A:** Resolutions 1-7 illustrated as tracked changes to original by-laws (4A illustrated)
- **B:** Resolution 8 illustrated as tracked changes to original bylaws (4A illustrated)
- **C:** Clean versions of the proposed By-Laws and Rules



Resolution 1: To introduce a new power for the Members to propose resolutions to be considered at an Annual General Meeting.

Council asks you to vote **for** this resolution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society, **RESOLVED**, in exercise of the power at Charter Article 16, to amend the By-Laws and Rules of the Society to introduce a new By-Law 7.6 to give Members of the Society a power to propose resolutions to be considered at an Annual General Meeting, as set out in Document A and labelled “*Category 1: Add a provision for Members to bring resolutions to the AGM.*”.

Council’s commentary

Many organisations have provisions in their constitutions for “Members’ resolutions”. This means that a group of Members can bring forward their own resolutions for changes to the constitution or for other matters. We do not currently have this provision. We have taken professional advice on how to put this in place.

Further information

The specific text that will be added the By-Laws is as follows:

- 7.6. The business to be transacted at a General Meeting is determined by The Council but any subscribing Member (but not a subscribing Member whose subscription is more than eight weeks in arrears), Honorary Member or Honorary Fellow may propose a resolution to be considered at an Annual General Meeting, in accordance with this By-Law 7.6.
- (i) A Member wishing to propose a resolution at an Annual General Meeting must deliver written notice (“**Notice of Resolution**”) to The Society no later than three Months (or the last working day before that day) before the date of the Annual General Meeting. The Notice of Resolution must contain the words of the resolution and may also contain a signed statement from the Member in support of the resolution. The Notice of Resolution must be signed by at least 30 other Members of The Society indicating their support for the resolution, one of whom must also be shown as seconding the motion.
 - (ii) Only persons that have held continuous membership for 12 months prior to the final permitted date for submission of a member resolution may sign a Notice of Resolution.
 - (iii) The Council shall arrange for the member’s resolution and the statement in support of the resolution to be included in the notice of the Annual General Meeting. However, Council shall have the right to refuse to permit a proposed resolution to be included in that notice if:

- (a) it does not address or reflect a matter that is relevant or applicable to The Society;
 - (b) it is similar in effect to a resolution proposed at any of the three Annual General Meetings prior to the date for submission of notice;
 - (c) it is so ambiguous as to be incapable of being carried into effect;
 - (d) it would, if passed, be ineffective (whether by reason of inconsistency with any enactment, The Charter, The By-Laws or The Rules, or otherwise); or
 - (e) it is defamatory, frivolous, vexatious or proposed in bad faith.
- (iv) The Council may also refuse to accept a statement in support of a resolution if it exceeds 500 words in length.
- (v) The Council may despatch a statement of up to 500 words commenting on the resolution with the notice of the Annual General Meeting; this statement may include guidance on how The Council considers Members should cast their vote on the resolution.
- (vi) The resolution must be formally proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting by the Members shown in the Notice of Resolution as proposing and seconding the resolution or, in their absence, two other Members of The Society who are present at the meeting. Only resolutions formally proposed at the Annual General Meeting shall be discussed and voted upon.
- (vii) The decision of a General Meeting on a member's resolution is only binding on The Council where the resolution relates to a matter that The Charter, The By-laws or The Rules require to be determined at a General Meeting.

Resolution 2: To remove the provision for Council to award Honorary Licentiateships and Honorary Associateships.

Council asks you to vote **for** this resolution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society, **RESOLVED**, in exercise of the power at Charter Article 16, to amend the By-Laws and Rules of the Society to amend By-Laws 3.1, 3.2 and 4.1 to remove references to Honorary Licentiates and Honorary Associates, as set out in Document A and labelled in comment boxes as "*Category 2: Removal of the provision for Council to award Honorary Licentiateships and Honorary Associateships.*".

Council's commentary

These designations first appeared in the By-Law changes of 2017 and Council made attempts to clarify the meaning of these in By-Law changes of 2018. Council is proposing to completely remove these from the By-Laws. Neither of these distinctions have been awarded thus far.

Further information

The text affected is in 3.1, 3.2 and 4.1 of the current By-Laws as seen in its original form with the proposed deletion shown below:

3. Qualification for Licentiates, Associates, and Fellows

3.1. Licentiates

The Council may, from time to time, elect anyone who has satisfied The Council of sufficient ability, in one or other of the branches of photography, as shall be determined by The Council, as a Licentiate of The Society. Licentiates shall have the right to place the letters "LRPS" after their names for so long as they remain in membership, ~~and "Hon LRPS" if they have been elected Honorary Licentiates under By-Law 4 below.~~

3.2. Associates

The Council may, from time to time, elect anyone who has satisfied The Council of an ability in one or other of the branches of photography, as shall be determined by The Council, as an Associate of The Society. Associates shall have the right to place the letters "ARPS" after their names for so long as they remain in membership, ~~and "Hon ARPS" if they have been elected Honorary Associates under By-Law 4 below.~~

4. Honorary Membership

4.1. The Council may, from time to time, elect persons (who may, but need not be, Ordinary Members, Licentiates, or Associates) who have rendered distinguished service to The

Society or to photography as Honorary ~~Ordinary Members, Honorary Licentiates, or Honorary Associates~~ respectively of The Society (the "Honorary Members") for life or a limited term. Honorary Members shall possess all the privileges of their Ordinary Membership, Licentiateship or Associateship (including the right to vote), but persons who are Honorary Members shall not be required to pay an admission fee or annual subscription to The Society.



Resolution 3: To clarify how Honorary Members are denoted in post nominals, as set out and explained here.

Council asks you to vote **for** this resolution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society, **RESOLVED**, in exercise of the power at Charter Article 16, to introduce a new By-Law 4.2 to clarify how Honorary Members are denoted, as set out in Document A and labelled in a comment box as “*Category 3: Clarify how Honorary Membership is denoted.*”

Council’s commentary

There has been a long-standing provision for Council to award Life Membership (Honorary Membership) to selected individuals. It is not clear how this should be denoted in post nominals, particularly in the case of Licentiates, Associates, and Fellows. Council proposes to clarify this in the By-Laws such that the words “Honorary Member” would appear before any designation. For example: “Jane Smith (Honorary Member) ARPS”.

Further information

The new By-Law 4.2 reads as follows:

- 4.2 Honorary Members shall have the right to place the designation “(Honorary Member)” after their names for so long as they remain Honorary Members. In the case of Honorary Members who are also Licentiates, Associates or Fellows, the designation “(Honorary Member)” shall come before the letters “LRPS”, “ARPS” or “FRPS”, as the case may be.



A note about Resolutions 4A and 4B

4A and 4B are related to the same matter and you may vote on both. One is the resolution proposed by Council (Resolution 4A); the other is a resolution proposed by a member (Resolution 4B).

Both resolutions will have the principal effect of placing a limit on the number of Honorary Fellowships that may be awarded in a single year (currently, there is none). The main difference between the two resolutions is in the number of awards at which the limit is set.

Please indicate how you wish your proxy to vote on both resolutions. The result will be determined as follows:

- If neither resolution receives more votes “For” than votes “Against”, then neither resolution will pass.
- If only one resolution receives more votes “For” than votes “Against”, then only that resolution will pass.
- If both resolutions receive more votes “For” than votes “Against”, then the resolution that will be carried is the resolution that has the greater number of votes “For”.

Resolution 4A: To limit the number of Honorary Fellowships that may be awarded in a given year to 20 (with an exception for teams).

Council asks you to vote **for** this resolution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society, **RESOLVED**, in exercise of the power at Charter Article 16, to introduce a new By-Law 4.5 to place a limit on the number of Honorary Fellowships that may be awarded in a single year as set out in Document A and labelled in a comment box as “Category 4: Place a limit on the number of Honorary Fellowships (HonFRPS) that may be awarded in a single year.”

Council's commentary

Following the 2018 AGM the By-Laws were changed such that there is **currently no limit** on the number of Honorary Fellowships that may be awarded in a given year.

The charitable objects of the Society are to educate the public about photography through the promotion of the highest standards of achievement, thus increasing the public appreciation of photography.

The Honorary Fellowship is one of the most prestigious and coveted awards for an outstanding achievement in photography and that is the very reason that the Trustees, on the advice of the Awards Committee, agreed to increase the number of Honorary Fellowships awarded.

After listening to Members, the Trustees agreed to limit the number awarded each year, but they firmly believe that to maintain the prestigious standing of the Honorary Fellowship, it is essential that this honour is extended to all award-recipients and concomitant with all categories of awards.

The proposed number of twenty will highlight that the Society considers that the key areas, supporting our charitable objects, such as education and curation, are worthy of the same status as practising photographers and scientists. Medical imaging reflects one of the most important

uses of photography, and the award of Honorary Fellowship to the recipient of the Combined Royal Colleges Medal demonstrates that the Society recognises this importance.

The Trustees do not think it is possible to suggest that some award winners are inferior or superior to others.

Additional Honorary Fellowships are recommended in order to increase the Society's relevance for the next generation.

On a very few occasions an external award is made to a team. For example, the Scientific Imaging Award last year was awarded to a team of three Nobel prize winners who work closely together. Council's proposal is that, in future, each member of such teams could have a right to the post nominal, HonFRPS.

Further information

The text of the proposed By-Law reads as follows:

- 4.5. The Council may not elect more than 20 new Honorary Fellows in any period from one Annual General Meeting to the next. Where the Council awards Honorary Fellowship to a team of individuals, each member of that team shall become an Honorary Fellow but the award shall count as only one award toward the maximum amount of 20 permitted in that year.

Here is a table outlining the current awards for 2019 detailing how many Honorary Fellowships awarded under the current provision of **no limit**:

No of HonFRPS	Award description
5	Honorary Fellowships. Awarded to distinguished persons having, from their position or attainments, an intimate connection with the science or fine art of photography or the application thereof. No more than 20 Honorary Fellowships in 2019 including 1 with each of the awards made below.
1	Progress Medal. Instituted in 1878, this Medal is awarded in recognition of any invention, research, publication or other contribution which has resulted in an important advance in the scientific or technological development of photography or imaging in the widest sense. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	Centenary Medal. Instituted in 1993, this Medal is awarded in recognition of a sustained, significant contribution to the art of photography. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Royal Photographic Society Award for Outstanding Service to Photography. This award recognises major sustained, outstanding and influential contributions to the advancement of photography and/or imaging in their widest meanings. To be eligible candidates must have made a contribution that has had a significant influence on the sustained advancement or enhancement of



	photography or imaging. Such influence may, but not necessarily, have been through commercial activities. This award also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Royal Photographic Award for Cinematic Production. This award is given to an individual for outstanding achievement or sustained contribution in the production, direction or development of film for the cinema, television, online or new media. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Combined Royal Colleges Medal. Originally established by The Society in 1958 by The Society, in collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians of London, the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Royal Colleges Medal is awarded for an outstanding contribution to the advancement and/or application of medical photography or the wider field of medical imaging. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Royal Photographic Society Award for Curatorship. This Award recognises excellence over a period of time in the field of photographic curatorship, through exhibitions and associated events and publications. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Royal Photographic Society Award for Editorial, Advertising and Fashion Photography. This award is given to an individual for outstanding achievement and excellence in the fields of editorial, advertising and fashion photography. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Education Award. The award was inaugurated in 2011 and is given for outstanding achievement or sustained contribution in photographic education. This includes exceptional course development and management in combination with inspirational teaching or any other element that has progressed or improved photographic teaching and education. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Hood Medal. This medal is awarded within the art or science of photography for a body of photographic work produced to promote or raise awareness of an aspect of public benefit or service. Instituted in 1933 when Mr Harold Hood (Fellow) offered to present annually a medal for 'meritorious performance in some branch of photography, with particular emphasis on any exhibition exhibit which revealed the most outstanding advance in photography for public service'. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The J Dudley Johnston Award. An Award for major achievement in the field of photographic criticism or the history of photography. To be awarded for sustained excellence over a period of time, or for a single outstanding publication. Named after The Society's former President and Honorary Curator 1924-1955. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Lumière Award. An Award for major achievement in the field of cinematography, video or animation. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Royal Photographic Society Award for Photographic Publishing. This award is given to an individual for outstanding achievement or sustained contribution in the field of Photographic Publishing in its broadest sense. This may include the printed page, e books or online publications. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.



1	The Royal Photographic Society Award for Scientific Imaging. This award is given to an individual for a body of scientific imaging which promotes public knowledge and understanding. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Selwyn Award. This award, sponsored by the Imaging Science Group of The Society, was introduced in 1994 in memory of E W H Selwyn, an eminent photographic scientist who was the recipient of the Progress Medal in 1971 and the Williamson Research Award of The Society in 1936. This award is intended for those under the age of 35 years who have conducted successful science based research connected with imaging. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	The Vic Odden Award. An Award offered for a notable achievement in the art of photography by a British photographer aged 35 or under, studying photography in the UK. Endowed in memory of Vic Odden, one of the best known and highly respected photographic retailers in the UK. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
20	Total



A note about Resolutions 4A and 4B

4A and 4B are related to the same matter and you may vote on both. One is the resolution proposed by Council (Resolution 4A); the other is a resolution proposed by a member (Resolution 4B).

Both resolutions will have the principal effect of placing a limit on the number of Honorary Fellowships that may be awarded in a single year (currently, there is none). The main difference between the two resolutions is in the number of awards at which the limit is set.

Please indicate how you wish your proxy to vote on both resolutions. The result will be determined as follows:

- If neither resolution receives more votes “For” than votes “Against”, then neither resolution will pass.
- If only one resolution receives more votes “For” than votes “Against”, then only that resolution will pass.
- If both resolutions receive more votes “For” than votes “Against”, then the resolution that will be carried is the resolution that has the greater number of votes “For”.

Resolution 4B: To limit the number of Honorary Fellowships that may be awarded in a given year to 11 in a non-election year and 12 in an election year (with an exception for teams).

Council asks you to vote **against** this resolution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society, **RESOLVED**, in exercise of the power at Charter Article 16, to introduce a new By-Law 4.5 to place a limit on the number of Honorary Fellowships that may be awarded in a single year, to read:

“The maximum number of Honorary Fellowships in any year is limited to 8 in addition to those awarded with the Progress, Centenary and Outstanding Achievement Medals. If the Progress Medal is awarded to a small team of up to 3 people, additional awards may be made. In addition in each election year the incoming President will be awarded an Honorary Fellowship.”

Council’s comments

This resolution was proposed and supported by Members, and Council agreed to put it forward to the AGM. Council does not support this resolution and asks Members to refer to the argument in support of Resolution 4A.

Proposer’s comments

Note: This wording is an amendment to the trustees planned proposal as outlined in the Journal (June 2019: pages 426-7).

I believe the trustees’ proposal to more than double the number of Honorary Fellowships each year (see below) will devalue what is regarded as one of the most prestigious and coveted awards for an outstanding achievement in photography.



Until the 2018 AGM the annual limit was 8 in total. At that meeting all references to numbers were removed. It is now the trustees' intention to limit the number of Honorary Fellows to 20 each year with the Awards Committee recommending linking another 12 awards to an Honorary Fellowship (HonFRPS).

I propose a maximum of 11 HonFRPS each year, plus one for the incoming President in election years, thereby returning the number not attached to major awards to 8. This is a long-standing rule ensuring that the Award remains highly valued by recipients, Society Members and the wider photographic world. My proposal does not introduce any new links between HonFRPS and other Awards.

The highest RPS Awards are the Progress Medal, Centenary Medal and Outstanding Achievement Medals introduced in 1878, 1980 and 2009 respectively, each being accompanied by an HonFRPS (the Progress Medal did not have an HonFRPS attached until relatively recently).

A medal combined with HonFRPS will be perceived as a higher award than an HonFRPS alone. Whilst assuming there is no intent in the trustees' proposal to devalue the HonFRPS (Journal page 426-7) I believe it will have that effect, particularly in the eyes of the wider photographic community. I have spoken with many Honorary Fellows who are proud of their award. It is essential they and future recipients maintain this view and level of recognition by their peers.

The Progress Medal is for science. Until 1980 the HonFRPS was the highest award available for the art of photography, "...distinguished persons having, from their position or attainments, an intimate connection with the science or fine art of photography or the application thereof", in other words for a significant and sustained achievement or contribution. It is designated by a certificate and does not include a medal.

I believe the minor readjustment in numbers in my proposal, to reflect this additional use for the major awards, is justified.

Other awards the trustees' propose to link to an HonFRPS cover specialised areas, being recognised with either a medal or certificate. Some may be awarded for a single project. Whilst highly valued in their particular field they do not justify an HonFRPS.

Some awards attract free membership for a year to enable recipients to gain a fuller understanding of the Society, and perhaps offer their support. The trustees may choose to award Honorary Life Memberships.

The list of proposed linked awards is not currently published. I have asked The Society to do so alongside my proposal.

After I chaired the Awards Committee, 2011-13, I used the on-line Journal to record all awards from the first award in 1878 through to 1980, so a full record is now available on the Society website.

Proposer and supporters

This resolution was proposed and supported by Members, and Council agreed to put it forward to the AGM. The names of the proposer and supporters are as follows:

Proposer: Rosemary Wilman HonFRPS

Supporters:

Roger Reynolds HonFRPS	Barry Senior HonFRPS	Roger Hance FRPS
Monica Weller FRPS	Clive Tanner FRPS	Mike Longhurst FRPS
Roy Robertson HonFRPS	Martin Gandy LRPS	Janey Devine FRPS
Ralph Jacobson ASIS HonFRPS	Mark Buckley Sharp ARPS	Andy Golding ASICI FRPS
Jay Charnock FRPS	Chris Palmer FRPS	John Chamberlin FRPS
Donald Stewart FRPS	Ian Bailey LRPS	Marie-Ange Bouchard ARPS
Ian Wilson ARPS	Karen Berry FRPS	Barry Mead FRPS
John Page HonFRPS	David Smith LRPS	David Eastley LRPS
Sandy Cleland FRPS	Ann Miles FRPS	Hazel Frost FRPS
Tony Kaye ASIS FRPS	Bob Gates ARPS	

Further information

The text of the proposed By-Law would read as follows:

- 4.5. The maximum number of Honorary Fellowships in any year is limited to 8 in addition to those awarded with the Progress, Centenary and Outstanding Achievement Medals. If the Progress Medal is awarded to a small team of up to 3 people, additional awards may be made. In addition in each election year the incoming President will be awarded an Honorary Fellowship.

Here is a table outlining the current awards for 2019 detailing how many Honorary Fellowships would be awarded under this proposer's resolution.

No of HonFRPS	Award description
8	Honorary Fellowships. Awarded to distinguished persons having, from their position or attainments, an intimate connection with the science or fine art of photography or the application thereof.
1	Progress Medal. Instituted in 1878, this Medal is awarded in recognition of any invention, research, publication or other contribution which has resulted in an important advance in the scientific or technological development of photography or imaging in the widest sense. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.
1	Centenary Medal. Instituted in 1993, this Medal is awarded in recognition of a sustained, significant contribution to the art of photography. This medal also carries with it an Honorary Fellowship of The Society.

1	<p>The Royal Photographic Society Award for Outstanding Service to Photography. This award recognises major sustained, outstanding and influential contributions to the advancement of photography and/or imaging in their widest meanings. To be eligible candidates must have made a contribution that has had a significant influence on the sustained advancement or enhancement of photography or imaging. Such influence may, but not necessarily, have been through commercial activities.</p>
	<p>The Royal Photographic Award for Cinematic Production. This award is given to an individual for outstanding achievement or sustained contribution in the production, direction or development of film for the cinema, television, online or new media.</p>
	<p>The Combined Royal Colleges Medal. Originally established by The Society in 1958 by The Society, in collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians of London, the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Royal Colleges Medal is awarded for an outstanding contribution to the advancement and/or application of medical photography or the wider field of medical imaging.</p>
	<p>The Royal Photographic Society Award for Curatorship. This Award recognises excellence over a period of time in the field of photographic curatorship, through exhibitions and associated events and publications.</p>
	<p>The Royal Photographic Society Award for Editorial, Advertising and Fashion Photography. This award is given to an individual for outstanding achievement and excellence in the fields of editorial, advertising and fashion photography.</p>
	<p>The Education Award. The award was inaugurated in 2011 and is given for outstanding achievement or sustained contribution in photographic education. This includes exceptional course development and management in combination with inspirational teaching or any other element that has progressed or improved photographic teaching and education.</p>
	<p>The Hood Medal. This medal is awarded within the art or science of photography for a body of photographic work produced to promote or raise awareness of an aspect of public benefit or service. Instituted in 1933 when Mr Harold Hood (Fellow) offered to present annually a medal for 'meritorious performance in some branch of photography, with particular emphasis on any exhibition exhibit which revealed the most outstanding advance in photography for public service'.</p>
	<p>The J Dudley Johnston Award. An Award for major achievement in the field of photographic criticism or the history of photography. To be awarded for sustained excellence over a period of time, or for a single outstanding publication. Named after The Society's former President and Honorary Curator 1924-1955.</p>
	<p>The Lumière Award. An Award for major achievement in the field of cinematography, video or animation.</p>
	<p>The Royal Photographic Society Award for Photographic Publishing. This award is given to an individual for outstanding achievement or sustained contribution in the field of Photographic Publishing in its broadest sense. This may include the printed page, e books or online publications.</p>
	<p>The Royal Photographic Society Award for Scientific Imaging. This award is given to an individual for a body of scientific imaging which promotes public knowledge and understanding.</p>

	<p>The Selwyn Award. This award, sponsored by the Imaging Science Group of The Society, was introduced in 1994 in memory of E W H Selwyn, an eminent photographic scientist who was the recipient of the Progress Medal in 1971 and the Williamson Research Award of The Society in 1936. This award is intended for those under the age of 35 years who have conducted successful science based research connected with imaging.</p>
	<p>The Vic Odden Award. An Award offered for a notable achievement in the art of photography by a British photographer aged 35 or under, studying photography in the UK. Endowed in memory of Vic Odden, one of the best known and highly respected photographic retailers in the UK.</p>
11	Total



Resolution 5: To clarify the sections of the By-Laws relating to Honorary Fellowships and Honorary Memberships.

Council asks you to vote **for** this resolution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society, **RESOLVED**, in exercise of the power at Charter Article 16, to amend By-Laws 4.1 and 4.2, and to introduce a new By-Law 4.4 and new headings and sub-headings in By-Law 4, to clarify eligibility for and privileges of Honorary Membership, and how Honorary Membership and Honorary Fellowship are denoted, as set out in Document A and labelled in comment boxes as "*Category 5: Clarification of the sections relating to Honorary Fellowships and Honorary Members.*"

Council's commentary

Some of the sections in the current By-Laws relating to Honorary Fellowship and Honorary Membership are poorly laid out and confusing. In addition to making changes as per Resolutions 3 and 4, above, these amendments are proposed to introduce greater clarity about who is eligible to be an Honorary Member, what are the privileges of Honorary Membership, and how honorary offices are denoted.

Further information

By-Laws 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4 as proposed are shown below. Please refer to Document A for other changes to By-Law 4.

Honorary Membership

- 4.1. The Council may, from time to time, elect persons (who may, but need not be, Ordinary Members, Licentiates, Associates or Fellows) who have rendered distinguished service to The Society or to photography as Honorary Members of The Society (the "**Honorary Members**") for life or a limited term. Honorary Members shall possess all the privileges of membership but persons who are Honorary Members shall not be required to pay an admission fee or annual subscription to The Society.
- 4.2 Honorary Members shall have the right to place the designation "(Honorary Member)" after their names for so long as they remain Honorary Members. In the case of Honorary Members who are also Licentiates, Associates or Fellows, the designation "(Honorary Member)" shall come before the letters "LRPS", "ARPS" or "FRPS", as the case may be.
- 4.4. Honorary Fellows shall have the right to place the designation "HonFRPS" after their names for so long as they remain Honorary Fellows. In the case of Honorary Fellows who are also Licentiates, Associates or Fellows, the designation "HonFRPS" shall be instead of the letters "LRPS", "ARPS" or "FRPS", as the case may be.

Resolution 6: To introduce more flexibility and clarity regarding membership of the Representatives Committee.

Council asks you to vote **for** this resolution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society, **RESOLVED**, in exercise of the power at Charter Article 16, to delete the last sentence of By-Law 15.1 to remove the requirement for members of the Representative Committee to take up office contemporaneously with members of Council and to serve for two-year terms, as set out in Document A and labelled in a comment box as “*Category 6: Introducing more flexibility and clarity regarding membership of the Representatives Committee.*”

Council’s commentary

The current By-Laws require that membership of the Representatives Committee (ex-officio for Standing Committee Chairs) should align perfectly with election years. This is very impractical as Standing Committee Chairs change at irregular intervals for practical reasons. The proposed change would align the By-Laws with current, necessary practice.

Further information

The sentence being **removed** currently reads:

“The members of the Representatives Committee shall take up office contemporaneously with the members of The Council for a term of two years.”



Resolution 7: To clarify wording regarding the tenure of co-opted Council Members.

Council asks you to vote **for** this resolution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society, **RESOLVED**, in exercise of the power at Charter Article 16, to amend By-Laws 13.4 and 13.5 to clarify that co-opted members of the Council, whether co-opted as additional members of Council or to fill a vacancy on the Council, serve only until the end of the Annual General Meeting following their co-option, as set out in Document A and labelled in comment boxes as “Category 7: Clarification of wording regarding the tenure of co-opted Council members.”

Council’s commentary

In the current By-Laws, the wording of when a period of co-option ends is ambiguous (“after an election year”). The changes will make it clear when co-option ends and that the same rule applies irrespective of whether a person has been co-opted as an additional member of Council or to fill a vacancy.

Further information

The amended sections will read as follows.

- 13.4. The Council may, after consultation, co-opt on to The Council up to three additional Members of The Society, being persons who appear to The Council to be especially qualified to serve as members of The Council. Such members shall have all the rights and obligations of membership of The Council and shall remain on The Council until the end of the Annual General Meeting in the Election Year next following.
- 13.5. The Council may fill any vacancy occurring in its body by co-option. Such co-options may be additional to those made under By-Law 13.4. Such co-opted members of The Council shall have all the rights and obligations of membership of The Council and shall remain on The Council until the end of the Annual General Meeting in the Election Year next following.



Resolution 8: To make typographical, formatting and other non-material amendments throughout the By-Laws and the Rules.

Council asks you to vote **for** this resolution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society, **RESOLVED**, in exercise of the power at Charter Article 16, to make non-material typographical, formatting and other amendments throughout the By-Laws and the Rules, as set out in Document B labelled in comment boxes as “*Category 8: Typographical changes.*”

Council’s commentary

Council have detected a number of typographical, formatting and other errors that make the document inconsistent and increase the likelihood of further confusion. Council proposes to address these with re-formatting, renumbering and other non-material corrections. These changes are numerous and so are shown in separate documents to the preceding resolutions for the sake of clarity.



Resolution 9: To provide Council with authority to make further non-material amendments to the By-Laws and Rules.

Council asks you to vote **for** this resolution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society, **RESOLVED**, in exercise of the power at Charter Article 16, to make such further non-material amendments to the By-Laws and Rules as may be required to give effect to the preceding resolutions, and to authorise the Council to agree such non-material amendments on behalf of the Society and to take all and any such other steps as may be necessary to give effect to the preceding resolutions.

Council's commentary

Council has proposed a number of resolutions to amend the By-Laws and Rules. Documents A, B and C have been drafted on the basis that all the proposed provisions tie in with each other. There is a possibility that not all the resolutions will be passed and, as a result, minor amendments will need to be made to ensure that any new provisions approved by the Members fit in coherently with the rest of the By-Laws and Rules. Council has been advised to ask the Members to pass a further resolution, known as a latitude clause, to enable Council to make such minor amendments to the By-Laws and Rules, to give effect to the resolutions of the Members.



Resolution 10: To recognise the climate emergency and establish a working group to consider the Society's position with regard to climate change and pollution.

Resolution

The Members of the Society, at a quorate Annual General Meeting called and held in accordance with Charter Article 11, By-Laws 7 and 8, and Rule 3 of the Society:

NOTE:

1. that the UK parliament has declared a climate emergency ¹ ;
2. that the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has identified the urgent need to radically reduce emission of greenhouse gases (principally carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane) in order to avoid irreversible and catastrophic climate change ² ;
3. that the IPCC has stated that "every bit of extra warming matters" and that "far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" will be needed ³ ;
4. that the United Nations has reported "Nature is declining globally at rates unprecedented in human history – and the rate of species extinctions is accelerating, with grave impacts on people around the world now likely" but "it is not too late to make a difference, but only if we start now at every level from local to global" ⁴ ;
5. that pollution is a major contributor to mass extinction ⁵ .

AND ACCORDINGLY, this meeting **RESOLVES** that:

1. within three months of the date of this meeting the Society will establish a working group comprising a small number of interested Society Members and relevant member(s) of staff
2. the brief of the working group will be to:
 - a. consider all areas of the Society's current and planned activities and consider what changes would be feasible in order to reduce the Society's contribution to global warming and other pollution
 - b. consider how the Society could, through the medium of photography, use its role and profile to increase public awareness and understanding of matters related to climate change and mass extinction
3. the working group will be asked to report its findings and recommendations to the Society's Board of Trustees no later than one year from the date of this meeting.

¹ *Environment and Climate Change*, Hansard, 1 May 2019

² *Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C*, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC, 2018

³ *Press release*, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 8 October 2018

⁴ *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, 6 May 2019

⁵ *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, 6 May 2019

Council's commentary

Council is supportive of this resolution.

Council notes that under charity law and the provisions of the Charter, any activities of the working group would need to fall within the charitable purposes of the Society to “educate members of the public by increasing their knowledge and understanding of Photography and in doing so to promote the highest standards of achievement in Photography in order to encourage public appreciation of Photography”.

Members should be aware that this may limit the scope of the working group to some degree. Members should also be aware that whilst Council may be willing to provide limited resources for the working group, these will need to remain reasonable and Council will have complete discretion over this and any proposed activities arising from the work of the working group.

Proposer and supporters

This resolution was proposed and supported by Members, and Council agreed to put it forward to the AGM. The names of the proposer and supporters are as follows:

Proposer: Mark Reeves LRPS

Supporters:

Paul Kay	Mark Banks	Fiona McCowan
Gaynor Davies	David Harris	Donald Stewart
Mick Rawcliffe	Jan Harris	Alan Bousfield
Rob Duncalf	Peter Fortune	Paul Gill
Eric Begbie	Iñaki Hernández-Lasa	Gavin Mann
Carmen Norman	Jonathan Ratnage	Robert Brittle
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Robin Hudson	Diana Wyn	Jeffrey Prosser
Carole Mortimer	Irene Stupples	Dave Glenn
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Clare Collins	Richard Jones	David Rees
Barrie Foster	Chris Renk	William Coles
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Janice Payne	Jim Stupples	Tim Parish