

Royal Photographic Society

Annual General Meeting 2023

23 September 2023 [to be held online]

Agenda Item 11

MOTION TO ACCEPT REVISIONS TO THE BY-LAWS

Preamble

By-Laws of the Society were issued by the Privy Council and presented to the Society with the Royal Charter granted by HM Queen Elizabeth II on 27 July 2004. Between that date and 28 September 2019 various revisions and amendments to these 'By-Laws 2004' were made by the Council of the Society and approved by Members. This was entirely without oversight or approval of the Privy Council.

Following a governance review that was undertaken after the election of Trustees in 2019, the substantially revised 'By-Laws 2021' were recommended by Council and approved by Members at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society held for that purpose on 27 March 2021. This was entirely without oversight or approval of the Privy Council.

The present Council of the Society (the Board of Trustees) is working to agreeing By-Laws with the Privy Council. On 7 June 2023, following exchange of correspondence and a meeting with officers of the Privy Council Office, and with input from Advisers to the Privy Council advisers, certain revisions to the 'By-Laws 2021' are being proposed. The Privy Council Office requires Members of the Society to approve these By-Laws prior to them being put before the Privy Council whereupon further revisions may be instructed by the Privy Council or its Advisers in which case such revisions will be put before the Members of the Society.

Until such time as By-Laws are approved by Members of the Society and by the Privy Council, it is the view of the Privy Council that the 'By-Laws 2004' remain the only legally valid By-Laws of the Society. The Members of the Society and the Members of the Privy Council must therefore work to secure mutual agreement to a final set of By-Laws. Any necessary revisions or amendments to the Royal Charter will be dealt with separately by the Privy Council.

MOTION

The Board of Trustees puts the Motion to the Members of the Royal Photographic Society to vote their approval to Accept revisions to those By-Laws previously approved and adopted by the Society in General Meeting held on 27 March 2021.

Relevant Documents

The following documents are provided (available to download):

- RPS By-LAWS 2021 MOTION to Accept Revisions to the By-Laws ([this document](#))
- RPS BY-LAWS 2021 (with mark-up showing the Revisions covered under this Motion)
- RPS BY-LAWS 2021 NOTES (explaining why these Revisions are necessary)

Sponsor

This Motion is put to the Membership of the Society by Simon Hill HonFRPS, President and Chair of Trustees, on behalf of the Board of Trustees.