

Articles of Constitution of the
**BRISTOL DISTRICT
ASSOCIATION OF HEALERS**

Registered Charity Number 247842

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BRISTOL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF HEALERS
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Article 1 NAME

The name of this Association is
BRISTOL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF HEALERS
(in this Constitution called "the Association") the Bristol district
area covers Bristol and adjoining counties of Wiltshire, Somerset,
Monmouthshire and Gloucestershire.

Article 2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Association is to serve the public good by the
due promotion of the study and practice of the art and science of
healing.

Article 3 DEFINITION OF HEALING.

For the purpose of this Constitution the term "healing" means the
healing of the sick in body, mind or spirit by means of prayer or
meditation (whether or not in the presence of the patient) and the
laying-on of hands.

Article 4 PRINCIPLES.

(1) the members of the Association acknowledge the following
principles governing their relations with the public and the medical
profession.

* the paramount consideration in all healing activity is the welfare
of the patient and members should at all times abide by the **Code
of Conduct** issued from time to time.

* the services of healers should be made available to all who are in
need of them, without distinction of race, class or religious belief.

* the power to heal the sick is given to men and women in many
diverse ways and no profession has a monopoly of it. Healers
cannot and do not seek to take the place of qualified

medical practitioners but recognise that each has a part to play in the attack upon diseases and the alleviation of human suffering and friendly relations with medical practitioners and others engaged in this task.

(2) No person shall be debarred from membership of the Association or from participation in any of its activities by reason of their race, class or religious belief.

Article 5 ACTIVITIES.

(1) The activities of the Association shall be directed exclusively towards the objective set out in Article 3 by

*providing opportunities for members of the general public to receive healing and

*improving the standard of healing available to members of the general public

(2) In particular, these activities may include for these purposes

*providing, maintaining and conducting treatment and training centres.

*purchasing, taking on hire, lease or exchange or otherwise acquiring any real or personal property and any rights, privileges which the Association may think necessary or convenient for the promotion of its objective and constructing, maintaining and altering any buildings or erections thought necessary or convenient for the work of the Association.

*paying any premiums of insurance thought necessary or convenient for the purpose of the Association.

*accepting any gifts, subscriptions (whether or not under deed or covenant) donations, bequests or devices of land, monies, securities or other real or personal property which may be useful or available for any of the activities of the Association and utilising or employing the same for such purposes.

*taking such lawful steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association.

*printing and publishing or procuring to be printed and published and circulating or procuring to be circulated any newspapers, periodicals, magazines, books, pamphlets, leaflet or other documents that may be deemed desirable for the promotion of the objectives of the Association.

*borrowing or raising money in such manner and on such security as the Association may think fit.

*investing any monies of the Association not required for **immediate expenditure in such manner** as may **from time to time be determined, but so that** monies subject or representing property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners of England and Wales shall be invested in such securities and with such sanction (if any) as may for the time being be prescribed by law.

*subscribing to any local or other charities for the relief of poverty (including any such charities set up or sponsored by the Association) provided always that the funds of the Association shall not be used for the benefit of its own members except in so far as such benefit is purely incidental and ancillary to the achievement of the Association's objective **and falls within** the activities hereinbefore referred to as being the activities of the Association designed to carry out such objective.

Article 6 STATUS AND COMPOSITION.

The Association is an unincorporated association composed of:

- (a) Full healers.
- (b) Probationer healers.
- (c) Therapists.
- (d) Associates.
- (e) Honorary members.

Article 7. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

(1) Individual membership of the Association shall be of the following grades:

- (a) Full healers.
- (b) Probationer healers.
- (c) Therapists.
- (c) Associates. (
- (d) Honorary members.

(a) **Full membership** shall be open to those healers who satisfy the Committee that they are of good character and have reached a reasonable standard as practising healers.

(b) **Probationary membership** shall be open to those who are developing the gift of healing for the period of two years and then may apply for full healer membership satisfying the Committee as to their integrity of purpose in such development.

(c) **Therapists** are accepted into membership upon producing their relevant accreditations and insurance cover.

(d) **Associate membership** shall be open to those who are interested in healing and wish to further its cause.

(e) **Honorary membership** may be awarded, at the invitation of the Committee, to those who, whether or not they are practising healers, have given valuable service to the Association or have furthered its objectives.

(2) Applications for full, probationary, therapist or Associate membership shall be made on the appropriate form as prescribed from time to time to the Membership Secretary, for submission to the Committee. The Committee may at its discretion and without being required to state its reasons. reject or defer any application.

Article 8 SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Members shall pay the Association an annual subscription as may be determined from time to time by resolution of an Annual General Meeting upon the recommendation of the Treasurer in the General Committee.

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1. Annual subscriptions shall fall due and be paid when application is made to membership and in the event of the application being rejected this subscription shall be returned in full to the applicant. Subsequent annual subscriptions shall fall due on the FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER and to be definitely paid by DECEMBER 31. After this date there will be an extra forfeit fee of ten pounds (£ 10) charged.

2. If the annual subscription or any other payment due to the Association by a member shall be in arrears such member shall CEASE TO BE IN MEMBERSHIP but may, at the discretion of the Committee, be reinstated upon the making of a further application

Article 9 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

(1) A member shall cease to be such:

- * in case of death.
- * upon resignation in writing.
- * in the event mentioned in Article 8 (2)
- * upon expulsion in accordance with the next following paragraph.

(2) The Committee may at its discretion, by resolution passed at a meeting especially convened for the purpose and by the votes of at least two thirds of the Committee, expel any member; but such member shall first be given a reasonable opportunity to show cause to the Committee why they should not be expelled. Such opportunity shall be given in such manner as the Committee thinks fit and (without prejudice to any other method) shall be conclusively deemed to have been given if not less than seven days notice inviting such member to attend at a meeting of the Committee shall have been given (unless evidence satisfactory to the Committee of inability to attend the meeting) shall have been furnished. Such a member may be accompanied by an advisor or friend if so desired.

(3) The termination (from whatever cause) of any person's membership shall not affect the right of the Association to attempt to recover all subscriptions and other payments due.

Article-10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

(1) An annual general meeting of the Association shall be held on the last Sunday in APRIL of each year at the Association's headquarters unless otherwise determined. In default of an **annual** general meeting being held, at the instigation of the Committee

(2) The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an **extraordinary meeting**. An extraordinary meeting shall also be convened within 28 days of receiving a written request stating the business to be conducted.

(3) Every annual general meeting or extraordinary meeting shall be convened by giving to every member not less than 21 days' notice in writing (exclusive of the day upon which the notice is served or deemed to be served but inclusive of the day for which notice is given) specifying the place, the day and hour of meeting, and in the case of special business, the general nature of that business. Such notice shall include any proposed resolution notice of which has been received by the Secretary, not less than 42 days before the (day fixed for the annual general meeting or extraordinary meeting (exclusive of the day of receipt but inclusive of the day so fixed) from any two members entitled to vote at the meeting. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of notice by any person entitled to notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings at any annual general meeting or extraordinary meeting.

(4) The Chairman may with the consent of any annual general meeting or extraordinary meeting at which a quorum is present adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at the adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for 28 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

Article 11

PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

(1) The President of the Association, whom failing the Vice president whom failing, some member of the Association chosen by the Committee shall preside as Chairman at each annual general meeting or extraordinary meeting but if no such person is present at or within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number to be Chairman.

(2) No business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business; save as otherwise herein provided TEN members personally present and entitled to vote shall be a quorum. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall be dissolved; in any case it shall stand adjourned to the same day within one calendar month at the same time and at such a place as may be determined and notified in writing to members. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed, the members present shall be a quorum.

(3) The ordinary business of every Annual General Meeting shall be the consideration of the annual statement of accounts and the report of the Committee and auditor, the election of honorary officers, members of the Committee and such other business as it may, in the opinion of the Chairman, be proper to transact without advance notice. All business of an Annual General Meeting, other than as aforesaid, and all business of a special meeting, shall be special business and shall not be transacted unless due notice has been given in accordance with Article 10 (3)

(4) Every member of the Association shall be entitled to attend and speak at the Annual General Meeting, but the only persons who shall be entitled to vote are: Full members and ex-officio members who shall be entitled to one vote if present in person.

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(5) No member shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting unless all monies presently payable to the Association have been paid.

(6) Any resolution Put to tile vote of the Annual General Meeting shall be decided upon a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by the Chairman or by at least ten members present and entitled to vote: and unless a poll is so demanded a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book of the proceedings of the Association, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution. If a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such a manner as the Chairman directs, and the results of the poll shall he deemed to be the resolution of the Meeting at which the poll was demanded. A poll demanded on the election of the Chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith; a poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time and place as the Chairman directs. On a poll, votes must be given personally not by proxy.

(7) In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or oil a poll, the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

Article 12 THE COMMITTEE.

(1) The Committee of the Association shall consist of:

***the President** who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting to hold office until the close of the next Annual General Meeting.

* The Executive officers shall be appointed at the AGM. to serve for a period of one year. They shall include the **President** (who shall have the right to take the Chair at all meetings)

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Vice President Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and such other officers as shall from time to time be elected.

* Not more than three members to be co-opted by the Committee if required to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

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Article 13 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.

(1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Committee who may exercise all such powers of the Association as are not required by this Constitution to be exercised by the Annual General Meeting, subject, nevertheless to any provisions of the law or of this Constitution and to such regulations and instructions (being not inconsistent with the said provisions) as may from time to time be prescribed by the Annual General Meeting., but no such regulation or instruction shall invalidate any prior act of the Council which would have been valid if that regulation or instruction had not been made or given.

(2) The Committee may meet together for despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its proceedings and shall meet at least three times annually.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may delegate to any sub-Committee consisting of such persons (whether or not members of the Committee) such of its powers and duties as the Committee thinks fit. any such sub-Committee shall in the exercise of its functions comply with all regulations and instructions that may be imposed upon it by the main Committee. Such a sub-Committee shall have at least one member of the main Committee upon it.

Article 14 HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Annual General Meeting may from time to time, on the recommendation of the Committee, elect such persons as it thinks fit to be honorary Vice-Presidents of the Association. Honorary Vice-Presidents shall hold office for life or until resignation and shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership other than the right to vote.

Article 15 PATRONS.

Persons of distinction in public life (whether nationally or locally or in some special province) who are interested in the furtherance of healing may be invited by the Committee to become Patrons of the Association.

Article 16. TRUSTEES.

Due to Charity Commission legislation, all Committee members are now regarded as TRUSTEES and are held responsible for Association matters.

Article 17 MINUTES.

The Committee shall cause Minutes to be made to include all matters discussed at its meeting for the purpose of:

- *all appointments of officers and members of the Committee. *all appointments by the Committee.
- *the name of the members present at each meeting of the Committee.
- *all resolutions and proceedings of the Annual General Meeting, the Committee and sub-Committees.
- *all members present at Council meetings shall receive a copy of the minutes.

Article 18 ACCOUNTS.

(1) The Committee shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept with respect to all sums of money received and expended by the Association and of the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place, and of the assets and liabilities of the Association.

(2) The Committee shall cause a statement of accounts, giving a true and far view of the state of the Association's finances to be prepared each year, audited and laid before the Annual General Meeting together with a report on the work on the work of the Association during the period to which the statement of accounts relates and the report of the auditor(s).

(3) The Auditor/Banker/Building Society official shall be elected each year by the Annual General Meeting or in default, appointed by the Committee.

(4) The Auditor must be independent from the Association.

Article 19 NOTICES

A notice may be given by the Association to any member by giving It personally or by sending it by post at the address last supplied to the Association for the giving of such notices. Where a notice is sent by postal service the notice shall be deemed to be at the end of six days excluding Sunday and the day of posting a letter containing the notice.

Article 20 ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be altered only by special resolution of the Annual General Meeting. Such resolution shall not be considered unless written notice of the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been included in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting, and shall be considered carried only if two-thirds of the votes validly cast on the resolution are in favour. No alteration to this Constitution shall be valid if the effect thereof would be to impugn the status of the Association as a charity or to render the objectives of the Association not wholly charitable.

Article 21 DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The Association shall be dissolved on the passing of a special resolution, to which the provisions of the last foregoing Article shall apply, for that purpose.

continuing Article 21 Dissolution of the Association. Thereupon the assets of the Association shall be held by the trustees (Committee) upon trust subject to due discharge of the liabilities of the Association for the objectives of die Association as hereinbefore set out with power in their discretion (subject always to any directions given by the resolution of dissolution) to transfer the same to any other association or institution which is established for charitable purpose,-, only and has objectives similar to those of the Association. See Article 20

ADDENDUMS

* Free membership is to be given to those members with fifteen years or more membership in the Association and upon reaching the age of seventy (70) years.

* Applications for membership is as stated in

Articles 1 and 7(2).

* Members are to abide by the BRISTOL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF HEALERS' Code of Conduct issued from time to time.

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SCHEDULE

THE W, OATH OF HIPPOCRATES.

(Ref.Encyclopaedia Britannica, Vol.15, p. 198)

The regimen I adopt shall be for the benefit of my patients according to my ability and judgement, and not for their hurt or for any wrong. I will give no deadly drug to any, though it be asked of me, nor will I counsel such, and especially I will not aid a woman to procure abortion. Whatsoever house I enter, there will I go for the benefit of the sick, refraining from all wrong-doing or corruption, and especially from any act of seduction, of male or female, of bond or free. Whatsoever things I see or hear, concerning the life of men, in my attendance on the sick or even apart there from, which ought not to be noised abroad, I will keep silence thereon, counting such things to be as sacred secrets.
