

CONSTITUTION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY
SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

(Adopted October 1970, as amended September 1974,
September 1975, September 1980, September 1981
and September 1991.)

1. The society is called the Economic and Social History Society of Ireland.
2. The object of the Society is to advance public education in, and research into, economic and social history, especially those branches relating to Ireland, and to publish any research results.
3. Those interested in furthering the aim of the Society may become members on paying the annual subscription. The subscription shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee of the Society. The committee of the Society shall also be empowered to fix special rates as appropriate.
4. The annual subscription for any year is payable to the Treasurer by 1st January of that year.
5. Members of the Society are entitled to attend and participate in the annual Conference of the Society and to bring guests to any of its meetings other than the Annual General Meeting. They may bring motions, proposed and seconded by members of the Society, before the Annual General Meeting and vote in matters put to the vote.
6. The Committee of the Society consists of a President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Business Editor, seven ordinary members, all annually elected or re-elected by the Annual General Meeting, and two editors and an assistant editor who shall be appointed by the Committee, and whose appointment shall be confirmed at the subsequent Annual General Meeting.
7. The Committee shall be convened by the Secretary at least twice every year, once during the Annual Conference, before the Annual General Meeting. It shall make arrangements for the Annual Conference and the Annual General Meeting and shall ensure that notices of them are sent to members at least 28 days in advance. The Committee may co-opt members of the Society to fill, until the next Annual General Meeting, vacant offices or ordinary places on the Committee.

8. The Secretary and Treasurer shall submit their annual reports to the meeting of the Committee immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting and to the Annual General Meeting.
9. Four members of the Committee, including at least one officer, shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall elect its chairman at its first meeting after each Annual General Meeting.
10. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at the Annual General Meeting. In the absence of the President from the Annual General Meeting, a chairman shall be elected by the meeting. The President (or chairman for the time being) shall vote only if there is a tie.
11. Proposals for amendments to the Constitution may be made by majority by any meeting of the Committee or by any five members of the Society. They must be submitted to the Secretary at least two months before the Annual General Meeting, sent by him to members of the Society at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting, and, to take effect, be approved by two-thirds of those voting on them.
12. No amendment shall be made to clauses 2, 11, and 13 that would cause the Society to cease to be a charity in law.
13. Any assets on dissolution of the Society after satisfying any outstanding debts and liabilities shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Society but shall be given to some charitable organisation having objects similar to those of the Society.