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#### APOLOGIES AND REGRETS

We deeply regret that the Bulletin has had to go back to duplicated format after the excellently printed one's. The reason for this is because the printer interested in the Society can no longer manage to do the issues so cheaply, and keep from interfering with his regular work. So, until such a time as we can afford to pay full price, we have to recourse to the duplicating.

Please note that owing to pressure of business during December, no issue of the Bulletin appeared, and Vol.1. ended with No.9. (November).

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held at the new venue, the "Duke of York" Dering Street, London, W.1. (a few minutes from the "Mason's Arms"), on Tuesday, February 1st at 7.30 p.m.

The Agenda for the meeting will be the reports of the various officers on the activities of the last year, and to consider the resignation of G. R. Smith from his post of Members' Representative and the election of his successor.

Suggested modifications of the Constitution to permit of smaller quora at the Council meetings and Members' Committee meetings will be suggested.

A definition of the status personnel and duties of the Technical Committee will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting for permanent reference as to the interpretation of the section of the Constitution empowering the formation of this body.

#### THE JOURNAL

After a lengthy delay, the first Journal to be issued from London is now at the printer's, and will be despatched to members as soon as possible.

# The BRITISH INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY

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Return this Form, when completed, together with the appropriate subscription to: L. J. Johnson, Hon. Secretary, The British Interplanetary Society, 46, Mill Lane, Liverpool, 13, England.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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I (State Mr., Mrs., or Miss).....  
of (postal address).....

.....Home Telephone No. (if any).....

apply for admission to the following class of Membership of The **British Interplanetary Society**:—

\*Associate Membership

\*Membership

\*Fellowship

} \* Cross out words which do not apply.

I submit the following information to the Council in support of my Application:—

### Associate Member

State date of birth.....

Particular scientific interests .....

### Member

Do you anticipate that you will be able to help the Society in any way? If so, please give particulars.

### Fellow

\*By whom proposed .....

Education and Degrees, etc.....

Names of any Societies with which you are connected.....

\* If not proposed by a Fellow of the Society, please furnish references.

Any additional information or references may be supplied on a separate sheet.

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## OBJECTS AND AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

The British Interplanetary Society is a scientific organisation whose activities embrace research in all problems pertaining to the conquest of space, and the realisation of Man's age-old dream of interplanetary travel.

The immediate aims of the Society are the stimulation of public interest in the possibility of interplanetary travel, the dissemination of knowledge concerning the problems which the epoch-making achievement of an extra-terrestrial voyage involves, and the conducting of practical research in connection with such problems.

## THE JOURNAL OF THE SOCIETY

All members receive free copies of the Journal which is published as frequently as funds permit. It is ultimately hoped to produce a regular monthly issue.

## THE BULLETIN OF THE SOCIETY

Until such time as the Journal becomes a monthly publication, Bulletins are issued in order that members may be kept in touch with current events both at home and abroad. The Bulletin takes the form of a duplicated report. It is issued free to members only.

## CONTEMPORANEOUS ORGANISATIONS

The Society maintains a close contact with kindred organisations and their leading members throughout the world. Many renowned foreign experimenters have freely placed their services at the disposal of the Society. Noted foreign Fellows include: Herr Willy Ley (Germany); Dr. Jakow I. Perlmann (U.S.S.R.); M. Robert Esnault-Pelterie (France); Ing. Baron Guido von Pirquet (Austria); and Messrs. G. Edward Pandray and Ernst Loebell (U.S.A.).

## CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY (7th FEB. 1937)

1. **THE BRITISH INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY** shall be a scientific organisation to stimulate public interest in the possibility of interplanetary travel, to promote and facilitate research into all problems associated with the conquest of Space, and to encourage, promote and direct all matters pertaining to extra-terrestrial development, and to carry out any acts it may consider contributory to the above.
2. The activities of the Society shall be directed by a Council, which shall consist of the Officers of the Society, who shall be appointed by the Members' Committee (defined in Clause 12). The Council shall co-ordinate the activities of the Officers in the best interests of the Society as a whole, and shall delegate to such Office as it considers suitable, any duties which may arise and are not provided for specifically herein. The duties of the Officers shall be as follows:-
3. **PRESIDENT:** shall preside over the activities of the Society. To be Chairman at any meeting at which he is present.
4. **VICE PRESIDENTS** may be elected to assist the President in his duties.
5. **SECRETARY:** shall receive and make communications on behalf of the Society, and shall prepare minutes of the meetings.
6. **JOINT SECRETARY:** to assist the Secretary in the execution of his duties. To organise meetings and other gatherings of the Society.
7. **TREASURER:** to have charge of the monies of the Society, and to be responsible to the Society for them. To prepare an annual balance sheet.

and to be prepared to present the accounts when called upon by the Council. All monies except investments and except a sum not exceeding £5 shall be kept at the bankers of the Society, in the name of the Society, and payments thereout shall be made by cheque on such bankers, signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed by two other Officers for discharge of such liabilities of the Society as shall severally exceed £5.

8. **PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:** to organise and control publicity on behalf of the Society. To keep a list of publications of interest to members of the Society. To be responsible for the publication of the Journal of the Society. The MSS. of the Journal must be submitted to the Council for their approval.
9. **RESEARCH DIRECTOR:** to organise research and investigation into matters of interest to the Society and render reports. To promote such development as is indicated by the results of the research, and take such steps as may be necessary to secure the interests of the Society in such inventions and the like as may eventuate.
10. **LIBRARIAN:** to be responsible for the safe custody of the literature of the Society. To collect and collate such information as may be of use to the Society, from external and internal sources. To acknowledge in the Journal the receipt of matter which may be donated to the Society.
11. **MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIVE:** to receive suggestions from members and see that they are brought to the notice of the Officer concerned, and to report back to the member concerned in what manner the said Officer has dealt with the matter.

12. THE MEMBERS' COMMITTEE: hereinafter referred to as the Committee, shall consist of 7 members, who are elected by the members present at every monthly general meeting. No member may sit on the Committee for more than twelve months out of two years.
13. The Committee may recommend the replacement of any Council Officer subject to ratification by the vote of the next general meeting, and subject to due notice having been given to the membership.
14. The Council can over-ride the actions of an Officer in his duties by an otherwise unanimous vote. No action of the Council shall be effective unless due notice has been given beforehand to the Members' Representative.
15. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: shall be open to any person acceptable to the Committee. The subscription for membership shall be 10s.6d. annually, or 3s.0d. quarterly. Membership entitles the holder to be present at, and to vote at, all general meetings, and to receive all publications of the Society. Membership carries with it the duty of accepting any Office which may be offered or assisting any Officer when called upon, to the best of the member's ability, except some sufficient reason to the contrary be accepted by the Committee. The right to membership may be rescinded at any time by the joint unanimous vote of the Council and the Committee.
16. ASSOCIATE (OR CORRESPONDING) MEMBERSHIP: shall carry all the privileges of membership except the vote, and shall carry no duties. The subscription for Associate Membership shall be 7s.6d. annually, or 2s.0d. quarterly.
17. ASSOCIATES shall be persons who are tentatively interested in the activities of the Society, and shall receive the Journal for a fee of 2s.6d. per annum.
18. ARREARS. Any person more than six months in arrears with subscriptions shall be deemed as having left the Society, notwithstanding that this may not be deemed in any way rescinding any just dues that may be owing to the Society by the member.
19. FELLOWSHIP shall be an honour bestowable by the Committee and shall be purely an honour, carrying no special privileges except a free subscription to the Journal for such period as shall be decided by the Committee.
20. The following are FOUNDER FELLOWS, and shall, after the President and Vice-Presidents, have precedence to preside over any meeting at which they may be present, providing that they shall continue to be Active Members of the Society:— C.H.L. Askham (GTT), H.C. Binns, Jr., P.E. Cleator, A.M.I.R.E., A.M.I.E.T., F.R.S.A., J. Davies (G20A), W. Dunbar, J.A. Free, Jr., L.J. Johnson, T. McNab and N. Weedall.
21. BRANCHES. Any 7 Active Members in one place may, subject to the agreement of the Council, form a Branch and elect a Branch Chairman, who shall control the Branch inside the limits of the Constitution of the Society.
22. MEETINGS. An Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Council shall determine, when the Officers shall report upon the year's activities. Notice shall be given in the Journal and all members shall be duly notified. A monthly general meeting shall be held at such time and place as shall be decided upon by the Joint Secretary.
23. QUORUMS shall be as follows:—  
 Quorum for Annual General Meetings.....13  
 Quorum for Amendment of Constitution...13  
 Quorum of Council.....7  
 Quorum of Committee.....4  
 Quorum for election of Committee.....13  
 In the event of a quorum not being obtained there shall be no alteration in the Status Quo. There shall be no Committee election unless it is intimated to the Chairman of the meeting that a member or members is, or are, retiring or challenged, when the Chairman shall ask for nominations, which must be given immediately, and a vote taken as to which of the nominees shall fill each vacant or challenged seat.
24. PROXY VOTES. Any one member may represent by vote not more than two absent members. A signed authorisation from the members who are being represented must be produced by the member representing them. Proxies do not count in establishing a quorum.
25. WINDING UP. In the event of the Society being wound up, any assets in its possession shall be divided equally among the Active Membership. No member shall be liable for more than an amount equal to his annual subscription.
26. AMENDING CONSTITUTION. Any Amendment to the Constitution must be proposed by an Officer or a Committee member, and requires a two to one majority to pass it, at a general meeting, specially convened for the purpose after due notice.

FOR HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY

YOUR APPLICATION TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE BRITISH INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY

WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND WAS ACCEPTED  
REJECTED

YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IS \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ SECRETARY

YOUR ENCLOSURE OF \_\_\_\_\_ WAS RECEIVED IN PAYMENT OF YOUR FEES TO \_\_\_\_\_  
 AND IS RETURNED HEREWITH

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ TREASURER

TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP, FILL IN THIS FORM AND RETURN THE WHOLE  
FORM, WITH THE APPROPRIATE REMITTANCE. IN THE EVENT OF YOUR APPLICATION  
BEING REFUSED YOUR REMITTANCE WILL BE REFUNDED.

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I HAVE READ THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BRITISH INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY

AND WISH TO BECOME A \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SOCIETY

I AGREE TO CONFORM TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY AND FURTHER-  
MORE I AGREE NOT TO CONDUCT ANY DANGEROUS EXPERIMENTS WITH EXPLOSIVES,  
IN PARTICULAR THE FIRING OF FREE ROCKETS, WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE  
CONSENT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY, SUCH CONSENT NOT TO  
BE UNREASONABLY WITHHELD,

AND I DECLARE THAT THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST  
OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF :-

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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DEGREES OR SIMILAR QUALIFICATIONS, IF ANY,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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STATE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE (OVERLEAF) ANY KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE,  
QUALIFICATIONS, INTERESTS AND FACILITIES IN AND OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:-  
MATHEMATICS, ARITHMETIC, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND LANGUAGES, AND STATE TO WHAT  
EXTENT YOU ARE PREPARED TO GIVE THE SOCIETY YOUR ASSISTANCE.

