



13/05/2022

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Prison Officers Medical Society scheduled for 8.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 at the Castletroy Park Hotel, Dublin Road, Limerick V94YOAN**

Dear Member,

We are enclosing the following information for consideration at the Society's AGM -

1. Agenda for the meeting.
2. Proposed Rule changes from the Management Committee
3. The accounts are available on line, please click on the following link to access <https://www.pomas.ie/wp-content/uploads/POMAS-2021-Financial-Statement.pdf>

The agenda for the meeting is as follows;

1. Minutes of last year's meeting
2. Adoption of minutes and matters arising from last year's AGM
3. Chairman's address
4. Audited Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021
5. Manager's report
6. Proposed Rule changes by Management committee
7. Election of Trustee
8. Any other Business

In line with good governance the Management Committee conducted a review of the rule book and is proposing the following amendments to bring it up to-date.

**Proposed amendments to Rule Book for AGM 2022 by Management Committee**

**Amendment 1**

Registration page

In the heading, substitute "1896 – 2018" with "1896 to 2021"

After "...as a Friendly Society under the Friendly Societies Acts" substitute "1896 to 2018" with "1896 to 1977".

**Amendment 2**

Interpretation section

In point (b) substitute "1896 to 2018" with "1896 to 2021"

Add point (j) "Partner" means any person nominated by the member in writing and who is living with the member in an intimate and committed relationship as a couple and in the same household.

In the Note substitute "A.G.M 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019" with "A.G.M. 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022"

**Amendment 3**

**RULE 5 CONSTITUTION OF THE FUNDS**

Substitute numbering (d) and (e) with (c) and (d)

The text of both points is unchanged

**Amendment 4**

**RULE 8 DEPENDANTS OF MEMBERS**

Delete the entire rule and substitute with:

“In addition to members, such persons as are registered as dependants of members may also receive relief and benefit from the Society.

Only a member of the society may register a dependant(s) and shall do so in the manner prescribed by the Committee. All such applications will be subject to the approval of and conditions laid down by the Committee, whose decision shall be final.

The following persons are eligible for registration as a dependant:-

Spouses or partners of members

Children, including adopted or foster or step-children of members, who have not yet attained their 29th birthday

Members may register only one spouse or partner as a dependant at any given time.

When a member dies, their membership may transfer to a surviving spouse or partner. Such memberships cease on the demise of that spouse or partner, who are precluded from nominating any future spouse, partner or children as dependants.

Registered dependant children of a deceased member may continue to be registered until reaching their 29<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Any person eligible to be registered as the deceased member’s dependant but who was not registered at the time of the member’s death may apply for registration within the six months following the death of the member.

As a condition of registration of a dependant the Committee may charge such additional subscription or other fee as the Committee in its absolute discretion may decide.

Members and registered dependants will come into benefit in line with statutory waiting periods”.

#### [Amendment 5](#)

##### RULE 9 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

In point (a) substitute “will come into benefit immediately upon resuming payment of their subscription” with “will come into benefit in line with statutory waiting periods”.

In point (b) substitute “fraudently” with “fraudulently”

#### [Amendment 6](#)

##### RULE 11 BENEFITS

Substitute “Members will receive acknowledgement of such payments separately by Post” with “Members will receive acknowledgement of such payments by email.”

Substitute “Each time the Schedule of Benefits is revised it will be made available to each member” with “Each time the Schedule of Benefits is revised it will be made available on our website”

#### [Amendment 7](#)

##### RULE 13 THIRD PARTY LIABILITY

Substitute “they shall be refundable, in full, to the Society out of any award of compensation ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or other relevant deciding body or out of any settlement sum agreed, regardless of the amount actually attributed to such medical expenses in any award of compensation made or settlement sum agreed” with “they shall be refundable to the Society out of any award of compensation ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or other relevant deciding body or out of any settlement sum agreed”.

Substitute “compenstaion as the case may be” with “compensation as the case may be”.

#### [Amendment 8](#)

##### RULE 14 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

In point (c) delete item 4. Number of expulsions

#### [Amendment 9](#)

##### RULE 17 NOTICES OF MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

Substitute “A notice may be given by the Committee to any member either personally or by sending it by post addressed to his registered address. Any notice sent by post shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the letter containing the same would be delivered in the ordinary course of the post” with “A notice may be given by the Committee to any member either personally or by sending it by post or email to his registered address or email address. Any notice sent by post or email shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the letter or email containing the same would be delivered in the ordinary course of the post or email”.

#### [Amendment 10](#)

##### RULE 18 VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Delete “or, except for a resolution to appoint a Trustee, by proxy. A proxy must be a member of the Society”

#### [Amendment 11](#)

##### RULE 19 STANDING ORDERS

Substitute “No Standing Orders shall be suspended unless a resolution authorising such suspension shall have been passed by not less than two thirds of the votes cast” with “No Standing Orders shall be suspended unless a resolution authorising such suspension shall have been approved by not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting”.

#### [Amendment 12](#)

##### RULE 22 COMMITTEE

Substitute “Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election immediately on retirement” with “ Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election immediately on retirement”

#### [Amendment 13](#)

##### RULE 28 MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

In paragraph 2 substitute “At all meetings of the Committee and any sub-committee an officer of the Association authorised by the Executive Committee of the Association and also a representative of the Association of Retired Prison Officers who is a fully paid up member of the Society, shall each be entitled to attend and be heard but not entitled to vote” with “At all meetings of the Committee an officer of the Association authorised by the Executive Committee of the Association who is a fully paid up member of the Society, shall be entitled to attend and be heard but not entitled to vote”

In paragraph 3 substitute “shall invite” with “may invite” and delete “elected by the members in that Institution or Prison”

#### [Amendment 14](#)

##### RULE 29 NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Delete the word “clear” where it appears in this Rule.

#### [Amendment 15](#)

##### RULE 30 SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Delete the word “clear” where it appears in this Rule.

Substitute “every member entitled to attend such meetings” with “every person entitled to attend such meetings”.

#### [Amendment 16](#)

##### RULE 31 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Substitute “the Committee shall see that the books” with “the Committee shall ensure that the books”

#### [Amendment 17](#)

##### RULE 32 QUORUM AT MEETINGS

Substitute “3” with “5” and “6” with “7”

#### [Amendment 18](#)

##### RULE 34 SUB COMMITTEE

Substitute the existing text of Rule 34 with “The Committee may constitute and appoint one or more sub-committees of its members to consider such matters as it determines and to bring recommendations to the committee for its consideration and decision. A sub- committee shall consist of no fewer than three members.”

#### [Amendment 19](#)

##### RULE 37 SECRETARY

Substitute “which he shall transcribe into a book to be authenticated” with “which shall be authenticated”

Delete “He shall receive applications for admission to the Society. He shall at the close of every meeting, or in the case of receipts, at any other time, forthwith hand over all monies received by him to the Treasurer”.

#### [Amendment 20](#)

##### RULE 38 TREASURER

Delete “(In the absence from any Committee meeting of the Treasurer, the members present shall choose one of their number to act as Treasurer for the purposes of such meeting.)” the rest of the Rule is unchanged

#### [Amendment 21](#)

##### RULE 40 ASSESSORS

Delete “The Minister for Justice and the Prison Officers Association shall be entitled, but not obliged, to nominate one person each to sit on any Interview Panel for Assessors”.

Delete “The Committee may also appoint from within the Service a relief Claims Assessor”.

Substitute “act under the superintendence, control and direction of the Committee” with “act under the superintendence, control and direction of the Manager”.

#### [Amendment 22](#)

##### RULE 43 CUSTODY OF SECURITIES

Delete “whose signatures shall be authenticated by an Official, not lower than Principal Officer, in the Department of Justice”

#### [Amendment 23](#)

##### RULE 45 AUDIT

Where reference is made to “Auditor(s)” substitute “Statutory Auditor(s)”

#### [Amendment 24](#)

##### RULE 46 ANNUAL RETURN

Where reference is made to “Auditor” substitute “Statutory Auditor”

Delete “The Committee shall cause a copy of the Annual Return to be sent to the Minister for Justice”.

#### [Amendment 25](#)

##### RULE 47 INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND DOCUMENTS

Delete “The Comptroller and Auditor General shall, upon request, be given full access to the books, accounts and documents of the Society”

Yours Sincerely.

PJ DUNNE  
Secretary