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**(Charity number 214336, registered on 27th November 1967,
incorporating amendments adopted on 15th November 1997,
21st October 2000, 3rd October 2009 and 17th October 2020)**

1. The name of the Society shall be the MONUMENTAL BRASS SOCIETY.
2. The objects of the Society shall be:
 - (a) To endeavour to ensure the better preservation of monumental brasses, indents of lost brasses and incised slabs.
 - (b) To promote the study of, and interest in, monumental brasses, indents and incised slabs by the publication of transactions and portfolios of facsimile reproductions and in any other way possible.
 - (c) To compile with a view to publication a list of all extant brasses, indents and incised slabs, both British and foreign.
3. The Society shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Editor and of ordinary, associate and honorary members.
4. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by an Executive Council of which the officers shall be members and which shall consist in addition of six ordinary members and two such members shall retire by rotation each year. Any person retiring shall not be eligible for re-election to the Council at the same meeting.

Nominations to fill vacancies on the Executive Council, duly proposed and seconded by two members of the Society and indicating the willingness of the nominee to stand must reach the Honorary Secretary not later than 7th June in each year.

5. The officers of the Society (mentioned in Rule 3) and members of the Council shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Council shall have the power to fill a vacancy occurring amongst the officers till the next Annual General Meeting, and to co-opt such additional members to the Council as in their judgement are necessary.
6. Candidates for membership of the Society shall apply for election by the Council. Members shall pay an annual subscription of twenty-five pounds and this shall fall due on the date of election and in subsequent years on 1st January.

They shall be entitled to receive one copy of each number of the *Transactions* of the Society published in respect of the period for which their subscription is paid. Other members of the family residing at the same address as a full member may pay ten pounds and be entitled to have a vote at any of the Society's meetings but will not be entitled to receive the Society's publications.

A member whose subscription is twelve months in arrear shall be so notified by the Honorary Treasurer and if payment is not made within four weeks of such notification he shall cease to be a member of the Society.

7. Associate membership shall be open to persons under the age of eighteen and persons in full-time education, irrespective of age, provided that suitable evidence is provided. They shall pay half of the full annual subscription and shall not have a vote at any meeting of the Society, but in all other respects be governed by Rule 6.
8. Candidates for life membership of the Society shall apply for election by the Council. Members shall pay a one-off subscription of six hundred pounds if aged under sixty and five hundred pounds if aged over sixty. They shall be entitled to receive one copy of each number of the *Transactions* and shall be entitled to have a vote at any of the Society's meetings
9. Honorary members shall be elected on the nomination of the Council, by the Society in General Meeting.
10. The Annual General Meeting of the Society (of which not less than three weeks notice shall be given) shall be held before 24th October in each year for the purpose of a) receiving and approving the annual report and accounts and b) appointing officers and members of the Executive Council. In addition the Executive Council may call a Special General Meeting at such time or times, as it may deem advisable.

Decisions shall be taken on a simple majority of those present and voting.

11. If the Council shall decide that the Society be dissolved it shall call a Special General Meeting of members, giving not less than three weeks notice of such meeting and the purpose for which it is called.

If the meeting decides to dissolve the Society any funds that remain after the discharge of its liabilities shall be applied to such charitable purposes of an Antiquarian nature as the meeting shall decide.

12. Amendments to these rules may be made by the Society in General Meeting. Amendments shall be proposed and seconded and members given three weeks notice of such proposals prior to the date of the meeting.