

Grand Edinburgh Adventurers' Society

Constitution

Name and Aims

- 1a** The name of the society is Grand Edinburgh Adventure Society, which shall be shortened to GEAS. The society shall commonly be called the GEAS Roleplaying Society in order to avoid confusion.
- 1b** The aims of the society shall be to provide space and a platform for RPGs and shall also facilitate socialising outside of individual games, and with the RPG community nationally, through weekly meetings, events, and conventions.
- 1c** Members will have access to the GEAS library of RPG resources, and discounts negotiated annually with gaming suppliers.
- 1d** The society's constitution in all ways complies with the Edinburgh University Student Association guidelines on societies. Where their rules for societies regulations and organisation are mandatory they apply instead of contradicting rules in this constitution. Where they give guidance, rather than instruction, it is assumed to be accepted unless articles in this document contradict them.
- 1e** The motto of the society is 'Alea Iacta Est', meaning 'the die is cast'.

Membership

- 2a** Membership shall be open to all matriculated students of Edinburgh University not barred by previous Disciplinary Action (see Discipline below).
- 2b** Membership shall also be open to all other persons not barred by previous Disciplinary Action, at the discretion of the Committee with particular consideration given to previous membership of GEAS, and relevant consideration to Edinburgh University alumni status or any other factors.
- 2c** Membership shall be at least 75% matriculated students of Edinburgh University.
- 2d** GEAS will charge the minimum amount for students and non students which EUSA allows. This will be (as of 2014) £5/£10.
- 2e** Life membership shall be awarded or revoked by a three-quarters majority of the voting attendance of a quorate AGM, the candidate having been proposed by a current member of the Society. These members will not be factored in consideration of 2c.
- 2f** The Society's honorary life members are:

- Antony G. Keen
- Alan Jackson
- Alan Jeffrey
- Bettina Neish
- Craig Oxbrow
- David Donnachie
- ECCE (Neil Alexander)
- Gregor Hutton
- James Barrowcliffe
- Janet Pashley
- John Wilson
- Liam O'Connor
- Martin Vicca
- Matthew Barrowcliffe
- Paul Aburn
- Phil Harris
- Rob Wilkinson
- Roderick Easton
- Shevaun Fraser
- Terry Pratchett

The Committee

- 3a** The Chall serve as the Executive body of GEAS and be responsible for ensuring the fulfillment of GEAS' aims.
- 3b** The committee shall be split into compulsory Office Member Positions and non-compulsory Ordinary Member Positions.
- 3c** The President, Secretary and Treasurer of the society must be matriculated students of Edinburgh University.
- 3d** All other positions may be filled by any member of GEAS.
- 3e** All office positions will be voted at annually in the AGM.
- 3f** Current Office Bearers must be assigned to the Society Profile immediately upon election. EUSA will assume that the current committee members are those on the society profile.
- 3g** The signatories to the bank account will be Treasure, President, and Secretary. This handover must occur before the summer break to leave substantial time for Freshers Week preparations.
- 3h** Should a position become vacant more than one month prior to the AGM, an EGM shall be held to elect a replacement.

Compulsory Office Member Positions

- 4a** The compulsory office member positions of the society will be President, Secretary, Treasurer, Compulsion liaison, Events Co-Ordinator, and Librarian. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer must all be co-signers on the society bank account.
- 4b** Individuals holding the positions of Treasurer, President, or Secretary may not simultaneously hold more than one of these positions on a permanent basis.
- 4c** The President is responsible for the society, for coordinating Freshers week events, for advertising and promoting the society and other committee members are answerable to the president.
- 4d** The Secretary is responsible for booking rooms, taking minutes of committee meetings, ensuring contact details for the society are up to date and with correspondences with EUSA.
- 4e** The Treasurer is responsible for GEAS's finances. When the new committee is interned, the treasurer shall organise handing over the finances from old to new committee. The treasurer must provide accounts to the president when asked, and is responsible for grant applications.
- 4f** The Compulsion liaison is responsible for linking GEAS with the Compulsion committee. This will be further described in the paragraph about the Compulsion committee.
- 4g** The Events Co-Ordinator is responsible for organising all GEAS events outside of regular meetings that are not the specific responsibility of another committee member. These are at the Committee's discretion, but they should attempt, preferentially, to run events detailed under "Regular Events".
- 4h** The Librarian has responsibility over the GEAS library. This includes books, borrowing, and acquisition of resources.

Non-Compulsory Ordinary Member Positions

- 5a** There are two positions which are non compulsory but which are very helpful to the running of the society. One is Webmaster, the other is Socials Co-Ordinator.
- 5b** The Webmaster shall oversee the running of the GEAS website, and ensure that items sent to them are placed on the website in a timely fashion.
- 5c** The Socials Co-Ordinator is responsible for organising social events. These are at the committee's discretion, but a good suggestion is a monthly meeting in a situation like a pub with other larger events punctuating the years calendar.

Regular Events

- 6a** GEAS shall endeavour to send a team to the annual Student Nationals gaming weekend. The Co-Ordinator will organise logistical arrangements of travel and accomodation and liaise with members of other gaming groups in Edinburgh where appropriate.
- 6b** GEAS shall endeavour to annually host a twenty four (23) hour marathon gaming event in aid of charity, to be called Propulsion.

Compulsion Committee

- 7a** GEAS shall host, each year, a convention, to be known as "Compulsion", centered in Edinburgh.
- 7b** Compulsion will be run by a sub-committee of GEAS whose membership, structure, outline and proposed aims will be submitted to the GEAS Committee for approval each year.
- 7c** This sub-committee must include at least a Director/Chairperson, a Treasurer and a Games co-ordinator (or any position by any other name fulfilling these roles).
- 7d** The sub-committee shall also include in its membership the Compulsion Liaison as appointed by the General Membership.
- 7e** The sub-committee shall include in its membership at least two (2) members who are matriculated students of the University of Edinburgh.
- 7f** The sub-committee shall endeavour to include at least two members who have been previous sub-committee members and at least one member who has not sat on the sub-committee before.
- 7g** The GEAS Committee may, should a proposal not be submitted, propose its own Compulsion sub-committee for approval.
- 7h** GEAS will ensure that the Compulsion sub-committee has available to it a minimum of one thousand (1000) pounds per year to fund the event.
- 7i** GEAS may provide such additional funding to Compulsion as the Committee approves, having regard to what is reasonably required to achieve the aims of the approved Compulsion sub-committee.
- 7j** Following Compulsion a full treasury report must be submitted by the sub-committee to the GEAS committee.
- 7k** GEAS has final arbitration on any issues resulting from or involving Compulsion, including the approval of the Compulsion sub-committee..

General Meetings

- 8a** All members must receive at least 14 days written/email notification prior to a General Meeting.
- 8b** An annual general meeting must be held each year, the date of which is at the discretion of the GEAS committee, as are the dates and frequency of any Extraordinary General Meetings.
- 8c** Any member may call a Members General Meeting (which has all the functions and restrictions of a General Meeting) should they have the support of five otehr members or twenty (20) percent of the membership, whichever is higher.
- 8d** The quorum of a General Meeting shall be one-third of regularly attending members in order to validate any decisions/votes made.
- 8e** The agenda for each General Meeting shall consist of: all Constitutionally Obligatory items, any Additional Submitted Items, and Any Additional Business.
- 8f** Any member may submit an item for the agenda as an Additional Submitted Item to the Committee with at least 7 days written/email notice.
- 8g** Constitutional amendments shall be submitted as Additional Submitted Items.
- 8h** Items neither Constitutionally Obligated nor required to be raised as Additional Submitted Items may be raised at the end of a General Meeting under the Any Other Business procedure.
- 8i** This procedure shall involve: a member raising the issue, another member seconding the issue, all due discussion of the issue, a final call for any objections, and a vote on the issue.

Voting Procedures

- 9a** Only members of the Society are allowed to vote, provided they bought membership at least 6 hours previous to the AGM/EGM.
- 9b** Members may not vote in proxy.
- 9c** Executive decisions may be made by a quorum vote of the Committee, quorum being half the persons on the committee.
- 9d** In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.
- 9e** Unless otherwise specified, all votes shall be passed by simple majority.
- 9f** Constitutional amendments shall require a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting open to all members.
- 9g** Votes relating to Disciplinary Actions shall require a three-quarters majority.

Election Procedures

- 10a** A member may be nominated for a Committee position by any other member, either in advance to the incumbent Committee or at the relevant General Meeting.
- 10b** For each position, the list of advance nominees shall be read aloud with calls for seconds, followed by a request for any further nominations and accompanying seconds.
- 10c** The candidates are then discussed by the members present as regards their suitability for the role. Questions may be asked of the candidates at this time.
- 10d** After a reasonable discussion, a final call for any objections to any candidates shall be made.
- 10e** In the case of a single candidate standing for a position, a simple majority vote of members present shall either elect the candidate or reopen nominations for the position at a subsequent General Meeting.
- 10f** In the case of two candidates standing for a position, a basic plurality of members present shall decide the successful candidate.
- 10g** In the case of more than two candidates standing for a position, the successful candidate shall be decided by ranked pair voting.

Discipline

- 11a** Any member of the society may request that the Committee consider any member for referral for disciplinary action, or themselves submit an Additional Submitted Item for consideration at the AGM.
- 11b** If the Committee deems a member of the Society to have acted in a way to bring the society into ill-repute then the committee may refer the member to the next AGM for Disciplinary Action.
- 11c** In making this determination the Committee shall have regard to factors included, but not limited to, anti-social behaviour, breach of the Constitution, criminal activity, defamatory remarks, and being found to have thrown bread rolls at another member of the Society.
- 11d** The Committee may also, at its discretion, revoke a referred individual's membership fee and request them to leave the Society for the remainder of the academic year as a Disciplinary Action.
- 11e** Where referred to the AGM, the Membership may decide to bar the member in question as a Disciplinary Action.
- 11f** In the case of a life members being barred by AGM vote their life membership shall be considered revoked.

Appeals of Disciplinary Actions

- 12a** Disciplined members may, at the AGM, apply to have the Disciplinary Action overturned for the beginning of the next academic year. Such an appeal must be submitted as an Additional Submitted Item for the agenda.
- 12b** The appealate may, during discussion of this item, speak on their behalf at the AGM, either in person or by proxy.

Accessibility

- 13a** The Society has taken and will continue to take all necessary steps to ensure that our meetings, events and socials are accessible to all.
- 13b** The Society has ensured and will continue to ensure that it complies with any relevant data protection legislation.
- 13c** The Society believes that discrimination or harassment, direct or indirect, based on a persons gender, age (except where it relates to licensing laws), race, skin colour, nationality, religious belief, socio-economic background, disability, HIV status, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, family situation, domestic responsibilities or any other irrelevant distinction, is detrimental to the society, the university and wider society, and will not be tolerated.