

## The Constitution of GEAS The Roleplaying Society

### Article 1

The name of the society shall be the Grand Edinburgh Adventuring Society, and shall be referred to by its initials, thus demonstrating the compulsive nature of the Society's activities. Outwith the Society, the Society shall be known as 'GEAS: The Roleplaying Society', 'GEAS' or the 'Grand Edinburgh Adventuring Society' depending on the current will of the committee.

### Article 2

The object of the Society will be to foster the cause of all roleplaying games.

### Article 2b

Or not 2b.

### Article 2c

The societies 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.

### Article 3

The Grand Council of the Society shall be formed of three to nine officers. There are three officers required: a Grand Master, a Chancellor and a Chief Scribe. There are six other offices accepted by the society whose duty falls upon the remaining officers if a candidate for the post does not exist or is not accepted by the society. These are the posts of Minister, Acolyte, Keeper of the Mystic Scrolls, Nationals Coordinator, Chronicler and Envoy. The Grand Council will responsible for the efficient running of the Society. Each member shall be responsible for their own area, yet shall be answerable to the Grand Council, who have the right to overrule any decision by a simple majority.

### Article 3b

The Grand Council shall have the power to appoint special ministers to the Council, subject to the approval of the majority of the members of the Grand Council. There shall also be sub-committees chaired and established by full members of the Grand Council. Members of these sub-committees are not necessarily Special Ministers.

### Article 3c

In the event that an officer on the Grand Council holds more than one office they can only vote as if they hold one office, they may choose which one.

### Article 4

It will be the duty of the Grand master, commonly called 'The President' and having the duties of such, to see to the efficient running of the Grand Council, and to the well-being of the Society, generally. The Grand Master has an extra vote in the event of a tie in all society matters.

### Article 4b

The post of the Grand Master cannot be held by the same individual for more than two consecutive years.

### Article 5

It will be the duty of the Chancellor, commonly called 'The Treasurer'

and having the duties of such, to take charge of the financial accounts of the Society. The account to be reported at annual and extraordinary meetings.

All members are to pay the Chancellor the minimum amount set by Societies' Council yearly, as tithes. Members of the Society who are not matriculated students of the Universities of Edinburgh, Heriot-Watt or Napier must pay tithes to the sum of double the above amount per year.

#### Article 5b

In the event that the non-student membership is greater than the guidelines for the maximum non-student membership at the time of voting on matters of the society then only those first to arrive at the meeting will be allowed to vote. In the event of a dispute over this then the society may vote on the arrival order of the non-student membership.

#### Article 6

It will be the duty of the Chief Scribe, commonly called 'The Secretary' and having the duties of such, to make records of the Grand Council, and to keep in contact with all members of the Society. It is also their responsibility to maintain some contact with the outside world and publicise, or aide with the advertisement of, society events.

#### Article 7

It will be the duty of the Keeper of the Mystic Scrolls, commonly called 'The Librarian' and having the duties of such, to ensure that all the literature owned by the Society is kept in good and secure condition, and is available to the members at designated times. The Keeper has the right to impose and enforce time limits on borrowing.

#### Article (7+1)

It will be the duty of the Nationals Coordinator to liaise with the organisers of the Student Nationals, other Edinburgh gaming societies and the society itself with respect to the organisation of the Student Nationals and this societies participation in them.

#### Article 9

It will be the duty of the Minister, commonly called 'The Convention Organiser' and having the duties of such, to organise an annual convention. The Minister shall be responsible for the formation of a minor council for the purpose of organising said annual convention.

#### Article 9b

It will be the duty of the Acolyte to assist the Minister in the organisation of the afore mentioned annual convention, and to offer themselves for ordination into the Minister's post on the Grand Council in the following year. The Acolyte may stand in on council meetings in the stead of the Minister and may vote as them in that event. The Acolyte can also attend council meetings as well as the Minister but at such times can only vote on matters pertaining to the organisation of the annual convention.

#### Article 10

It will be the duty of the Chronicler to oversee and administrate all publications of the Society, both paper and electronic. The Chronicler has freedom of speech within the society and the bounds of Student Association regulations. However the Grand Council can overrule a Chroniclers decisions by a majority vote of the Grand Council or a majority vote of the Grand Master, Chancellor and Chief Scribe.

#### Article 10b

In any situation where the Grand Council overrule a Chronicler's decision, the situation must be fully explained to all members at the next General Synod.

#### Article 11

It will be the duty of the Envoy to seek liaisons between the Society and other organisations, and to obtain sponsorship from outside the University, if such is possible.

#### Article 12

The Grand Council will be selected each year at a General Synod, commonly called an 'Annual General Meeting' and having the purpose of such, of the whole Society, with the exception of the Minister and his Acolyte, who will be chosen at an Exceptional Synod held after the convention they have organised. The General Synod should be held in winter, preferably underground, accepting that this is not always possible by regulations and locational limitations held at some point during term time of the university. All members of the society should be informed of the time and location of the General Synod at least two weeks in advance and it should be a time and location of reasonable access to the society. An Exceptional Synod, commonly called an 'Extraordinary General Meeting' and having the purpose of such, may be called at any time by the quorum of the Grand Council, or at least one quarter of the whole Society, and again, two weeks notice must be given to all members of the Society and access should be available.

#### Article 12b

The quorum for a synod will be one third of the regularly attending membership.

#### Article 12c

"Trust the computer, the computer is your friend"

#### Article 12d

Members of the society who joined within six hours of any Synod are not regarded as able to vote in that Synod.

#### Article 12e

All members of the society, and all witnesses to a Synod, have the right to be recognised by the council and express their opinion once recognised.

#### Article 13

All elections to the Grand Council shall be by the democratic vote of the members of the Society. Influencing the ballot by means of spells, psionics or vampiric disciplines will not be tolerated.

#### Article 14

Proxy votes are not allowed.

#### Article 15

Mandrills and Bishops have purple in common.

#### Article 18

The constitution of the Society is considered to be 18, giving the Society plus three on all hit dice. The constitution may only be changed at a General Synod, and then by approval of three-quarters of the Synod.

#### Article 19

Meetings of the Grand Council are open to any member, to state their views through the Grand Master and have bread rolls thrown at them.

#### Article 22

Infringement of the laws of the Society shall be penalised by subjection to the Halls of Testing, to be devised by the Grand Council, and in addition, the offending member shall lose half his charisma points.

#### Article 23

If a member in the Society has placed the society in disrepute by their deeds, words or action then the Grand Council may, with the return of any membership funds to that member and a full explanation given in writing, and kept on record, request that the member leave the society for the remainder of that year. Any such action must be fully reported at the next Synod of the society.

#### Article 26

The motto of the Society is 'Alea lacta Est', meaning 'the die is cast'.

#### Article 27

The corpse city of R'Lyeh shall not be raised at any meetings.

#### Article 31

The Society's honorary life members are:

Antony G, Keen  
Alan Jeffrey  
Rob Wilkinson  
Paul Aburn  
Martin Vicca  
James Barrowcliffe  
Matthew Barrowcliffe  
ECCE (Neil Alexander)  
Terry Pratchett  
Bettina Neish  
Janet Pashley  
John Wilson  
Shevaun Fraser

#### Article 32

Life membership shall be awarded by a three-quarters majority of the voting attendance of a quorate General Synod, the candidate having been proposed by a current member of the Society. Life members shall be assumed to have entered any synod first, if they arrived before the synod began.