

CONSTITUTION OF THE BRITISH COMBINATORIAL COMMITTEE

General Policy

1. The purpose of the Committee shall be to encourage the study of Combinatorial Mathematics.
2. The Committee shall aim to organize a British Combinatorial Conference every two years. The British Combinatorial Conferences shall aim to cover a wide range of topics in Combinatorial Mathematics. Any person who wishes to participate shall be able to do so on payment of the necessary fees, subject to adequate accommodation being available, and subject to confirmation of their *bona fides* at the discretion of the local conference organizer. There shall normally be some invited speakers whose expenses are paid. Each individual conference shall aim to be self-financing.
3. The Committee shall aim to publish a British Combinatorial Bulletin, updated annually, to provide information relevant to Combinatorial Mathematics in Britain.
4. Any incidental surplus from the British Combinatorial Conferences and other activities may be invested and used for the general support of Combinatorics in Britain. Priority shall be given to (i) guaranteeing the continuation of the sequence of British Combinatorial Conferences, (ii) financial support for the British Combinatorial Bulletin, (iii) the sponsorship of one-day colloquia and postgraduate student meetings.
5. The Committee and its Chairman shall be empowered to act in accordance with the Rules appended.

Rules

1. The Chairman and six members of the Committee shall be elected at a Business Meeting convened at each British Combinatorial Conference, and shall discharge their duties subject to the general consensus of the Business Meeting.
2. The Editor of the British Combinatorial Bulletin and the local organizer of the next British Combinatorial Conference shall be *ex-officio* members of the Committee.
3. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to three further members, such members normally to include a postgraduate student.
4. The Committee shall elect a Secretary and a Treasurer from among its number.
5. The Committee shall meet during the Conference at which it is elected, and at other times as appropriate.
6. Accounts shall be prepared annually for the period 1 October to 30 September. They shall be examined and certified by a capable independent examiner and subsequently published in the British Combinatorial Bulletin.
7. The Committee shall be responsible for the arrangements for each British Combinatorial Conference, in particular (i) the choice of venue, (ii) the appointment of a local organizer, (iii) the choice of invited speakers, and (iv) the holding of the Business Meeting.

8. The constitution can be changed only by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a Business Meeting of a British Combinatorial Conference. The changes must have been notified in advance to participants at the Conference.

9. The Committee shall seek to fulfil its aims and functions with the consent and goodwill of the community of combinatorial mathematicians, and subject to the general consensus of opinion as expressed at Business Meetings of the British Combinatorial Conferences.

Procedures

1. Holding of Business Meeting. A Business Meeting shall normally be held not later than the third day of each British Combinatorial Conference. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be provided to each participant upon his/her arrival. The notice shall include an outline agenda and details of any proposed change in the constitution. It shall also include the Committee's nomination for Chairman of the British Combinatorial Committee for the ensuing two years, a nomination form and call for nominations to the British Combinatorial Committee.

2. Change of constitution. To be effective, a change of constitution must have been notified to all conference participants in writing as specified under (1) above and must subsequently have been passed by two-thirds of those voting at the Business Meeting. A proposed change or changes should, in the first instance, be communicated to the Secretary of the British Combinatorial Committee.

3. Election of Chairman. Normally the retiring British Combinatorial Committee shall put forward a nomination for Chairman. Further nominations shall be invited at the Business Meeting and, if necessary, a vote taken using the same procedure as that detailed in (4) below for the election of the Committee.

4. Election of the Committee. Nominations for the Committee shall be invited in advance of the Business Meeting as provided for in (1) above. Such nominations must be submitted on paper to the Secretary and must include the signatures of the Proposer and Seconder and consent of the nominee to serve if elected. If insufficient nominations are received, further nominations will be accepted at the Business Meeting. Any combinatorial mathematician practising in Great Britain shall be eligible for membership of the Committee. If more than six nominations are received, voting shall be carried out as follows. Each person present at the Business Meeting will be given a blank lined ballot paper, and the consolidated list of candidates will be displayed at the meeting. Each person voting will enter the names of the candidates on his/her ballot paper in the order in which they are displayed, and will then vote by placing a cross against at most six candidates. The papers will be collected and counted. Those six candidates who receive the largest totals will be declared elected.

5. Winding up. In the event of the Committee being wound up, its assets shall be assigned to a British charity (or charities) with similar purposes, such charity (or charities) to be determined by the retiring Committee. The members of the Committee shall not be liable to contribute to the assets.