

The Association is proposing a change to its constitution under the heading 'Representation' below. If no objections are received the new constitutions will come into force in November 2008.

Constitution of the Association for Modern German Studies

Name

The name of the Association is **ASSOCIATION for MODERN GERMAN STUDIES**.

Object

The object of the Association is to provide a forum for all teachers and other persons interested in the society and culture of the German-speaking countries, to bridge the gap between institutions where German is taught at secondary and tertiary level and to promote co-operation with organisations representing the German-speaking countries.

Panel

Members of the Panel will perform the following functions: Convenor, Deputy Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Website / Flyer Co-ordinator, Editor for GfL, Reviews Editor for GfL, Gisela Shaw Prize Co-ordinator. The Panel shall also have the right to co-opt. The Panel should include representatives from schools, universities and other educational institutions. A new Panel shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Association, but retiring members of the Panel shall be eligible for re-election. Any vacancy in the panel shall be filled temporarily through co-option by the Panel, pending resolution by the Annual General Meeting. New members to the panel may join for one year without any duty after which they will take over / share an existing role or take on a new one if such should arise.

Representation

Only the Convenor and the Secretary can speak in an official capacity for the Association.

Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held once a year and every member shall receive no less than 28 days' notice of such a meeting.

Special Meetings

Special Meetings may be convened by the Secretary upon a request by at least three members of the Panel or 15 members upon a similar notice which shall state the business to be considered at the meeting.

Votes

At the Annual General Meeting, every member, including the Convenor, shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes, the Convenor shall have a second or casting vote.

Panel Meetings

The Panel shall meet as required and the Convenor of the Association shall preside at such meetings. Each member, including the Convenor, shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes, the Convenor shall have a second or casting vote.

Membership

Membership is open to any person who applies and pays the annual subscription. Rates of Membership shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

Banking Account

All sums of money collected shall be handed over to the Treasurer who shall pay the same into a bank account on behalf of the Association at a bank or building society. Cheques shall be signed by either of two Panel Members approved by the Panel.

Investment

Any money not required for the immediate purpose of the Association shall be invested in a deposit savings account and the Treasurer shall have the power from time to time to transfer such investments.

Alteration of Rules

These rules may be altered, repealed or added to by resolution passed by two-thirds majority of members of the Association who are present in person at the Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting convened for that purpose and of which notice has been served upon every member of the Association at his / her last known address.

Dissolution

In the event of the Association dissolving or winding up, any assets remaining after all debt and liabilities have been satisfied, shall be applied to or for some charitable purpose or purposes, preferably a purpose connected with the objects of the Association, at the discretion of the Panel.