

The Sheffield Society for the Study of Sexuality and Relationships (SSSSR). Statutes.

I. Definitions

SSSSR is the Sheffield Society for the Study of Sexuality and Relationships.
Members or Membership are Members of SSSSR in good standing.
Officers are appointed officers of SSSSR.

II. Aims

To promote the study, in all forms, and disseminate information to members, relating to human sexuality and relationships.

III. The Committee

A. The Officers shall be the Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected biannually, by the voting members, to a two-year term of office. The Past-Chairperson shall remain on the Committee for two years following completion of his or her term as Chairperson. Succession in any office shall be limited to two consecutive terms.

B. Officers shall take office on the day of the Annual Meeting of the Society.

C. The Committee shall consist of the elected officers, the Past-Chairperson, the chairpersons of any standing committees, and the founding President.

D. The Executive Committee shall consist of the four elected officers, the Past-Chairperson and the founding President.

E. A majority of the membership of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of such body sitting in an official meeting shall control decisions of the Committee.

F. Between meetings of the Committee, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to administer the affairs of the Society. Actions not of an emergency nature taken by the Executive Committee shall be brought to the Committee at its next meeting for confirmation.

G. The Committee may avail itself of clerical assistance or may appoint or hire an Executive Director to carry out the administrative tasks of the Society. A paid employee or Executive Director may not hold office.

H. An account shall be opened for the society. Expenses and contracts above the amount of £250 shall require the signatures of two of the Chairperson, Chairperson-Elect, Treasurer or President.

IV. Officers

A. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall supervise and administer the business affairs of the Society. He or she shall preside at meetings of the Committee and the Executive Committee. S/he may sign contracts under £250 or other instruments as authorized by the Committee, and shall perform all duties incident to the office of the Chairperson and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Committee.

B. Chairperson-Elect. In the absence of the Chairperson, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Chairperson-Elect shall perform the duties of the Chairperson and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the chairperson. The Chairperson-Elect shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the Chairperson or by the Committee.

C. Treasurer. S/he and the Chairperson shall jointly have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Society, receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Society, and deposit all such monies in such banks, trust companies or depositories as the Committee selects, and perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall submit quarterly financial statements and supporting documents to the Society Committee.

D. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Committee and Executive Committee meetings, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes or as required by law, and shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary. The Secretary shall be the first point of contact for persons wishing to gain further information about the Society

V. Standing Committees

A. The standing committees may, as needed, be Nominating, Budget, Program, Membership & Awards.

B. The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Past-Chairperson; the Budget Committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer; the Program Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson. If the Committee appoints Co-Chairs for the Conference, one of these persons shall be designated to be the voting member of the Committee.

C. The Committee shall appoint the members of the standing committees and the Chairperson shall designate the chair of each Committee.

D. Aside from those committees designated as standing committees, the Committee may appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary to meet the needs of the Society.

VI. Nominating and Election Procedures

A. The Nominating Committee shall certify a list of two nominees for each office and present this list to the Committee in sufficient time for them to be approved by the

Committee at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee shall maintain a file of signed statements from all nominees indicating their willingness to serve if elected. This file may be disposed of after the new officers take post.

B. A double envelope system shall be used to insure a secret ballot. Validation shall be by signature on the outer envelope. The outer envelopes shall be destroyed before the ballots are removed from the inner envelope and counted.

C. An Election Procedures Committee consisting of a minimum of two members shall be appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of the Committee to oversee the elections. It will be responsible for preparing the ballots for mailing, certifying the eligibility of the ballots received, tabulating the ballots, and reporting their findings to the Committee.

D. In the event of resignation of an officer, or failure to perform the duties of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement to fill out the remaining term of office. If possible, the replacement shall be another candidate for the office at the last election.

VII. Members

Founding members were members during the first six months of the creation of the society. Full members are members who have a connection with sexuality and Sheffield through clinical work, teaching or any other related field. Associate members are those with no direct connection, past or present with Sheffield but who otherwise have a connection with sexuality through clinical work, teaching or any other related field. Associate members cannot stand or vote in Society Committee Elections and may be charged a fee for membership.

VIII. Meetings

A. The Committee shall hold a minimum of one meeting annually with an annual business meeting held at the same time.

B. The Society shall sponsor at least one Society Conference, which shall be a scientific meeting, each year. This may be the North of England Research Meeting.

IX. Funds

A. The Society may solicit and receive funds, endowments and bequests.

B. Any such funds shall be administered by the Committee, or a committee appointed by the Chairperson, which shall include the Treasurer.

X. Affiliations

The society may affiliate to an external organisation which is in line with the aims of the society and which can provide a direct benefit to the membership.

XI. Revision

A. These Statutes shall be initially approved by the founding committee, and may be amended by the members, voting in a referendum submitted by mail ballot. A majority of the votes cast shall constitute acceptance or rejection of the Statutes and proposed amendment(s).

B. Amendments may be proposed by a majority vote of the Committee or by a petition signed by any 12 members.

XII. Consistency

A. Nothing in these Statutes and nothing in any proposed amendment shall be construed to be in conflict with or inconsistent with the Constitution of the Society.

B. Unless otherwise directed, all of the following shall be approved by the Committee of the Society: These Statutes and any subsequent revisions thereof, candidates for office, the Society's annual budget & candidates acting as Society Representatives.

*The Society was founded on 28th December 2006 in Sheffield.
The founder & President of the society is Kevan Wylie.*

Inaugural statutes passed by the inaugural committee on May 9th, 2007.