



Old Felstedian Society

Summary of Proposed Changes to the OF Society's Committee Structure and Rules

How will these changes be adopted by the Society?

The proposed changes will be presented for approval by the Society's membership at the next Annual General Meeting of the Society which will be held at Felsted School on Saturday 4 May at 10.30 am.

Should the changes be approved at the AGM, they will take effect immediately and a process to elect Members to these new roles will then take place over time.

What do we ask you to do?

As a Member, you are invited to attend the AGM and cast your vote. If you are unable to attend you will be able to submit your vote by proxy to the Secretary (to: ofs@felsted.org), to arrive at least two days ahead of the AGM.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM and hearing your views. Of course, the Committee Members will be very happy to discuss any of these proposals with you in the meantime.

The Objectives of the Proposed Changes

The Old Felstedian Society's Members span a wide range of different ages, interests and locations and the Committee wishes to keep more closely in touch with all these groups so that it is better able to represent their interests and support their activities.

In order to do this effectively we have decided to appoint 'Ambassadors', one for each of the different groups, whose role will be to keep in touch with and represent OFs in their group and to feedback to the Committee information and ideas from their group.

Many OFs are already fulfilling the role of an Ambassador and are active in leading their particular group, including sporting groups (Cricket, Golf, Hockey, Football etc.) and regional groups (Cambridge, California, Hong Kong, New York etc.), but several more are required. In particular, we are seeking Ambassadors for each 5-Year Group in order to maintain contact with the wide age range of OFs of different ages. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming an Ambassador yourself.

The numbers involved and their location make it impossible for all of these Ambassadors to be Committee members so we are proposing that certain individual Committee members will be responsible for communicating with and reporting on the activities of a group of Ambassadors.



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What changes are being proposed?

The following changes are proposed to the **Committee's structure** in order to:

- Include six Members elected to the new role of Ambassador to represent OF organisations and other bodies recognised by the Committee; and
- Include up to four elected Members to represent the membership in general, for example certain year groups.

These new Members of the Committee will be additional to the existing Members, namely the President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the Society, the Chairman of the Committee and certain ex officio Members, as well as representatives of the School.

The following changes to the **Society's rules** are also proposed in order to accommodate the changes in the Committee structure:

- Committee membership amended to reflect the new agreed structure, including role of Ambassadors and other elected Members;
- Roles and responsibilities defined more explicitly, including the matters reserved specifically for the Committee and related governance; and
- Some minor updates to reflect, for example, the onset of social media.

A copy of the revised rules is attached alongside this document, with changes from the current rules highlighted.