DAUK CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name will be The Doctors’ Association UK (DAUK).

2. Objectives

DAUK is an independent lobbying group. We advocate for and promote the interests of UK doctors.

3. Affiliation

DAUK is entirely independent of unions and Royal Colleges and is not affiliated with any particular political party. DAUK will have the power to associate with other organisations that have compatible and mutually supportive objectives. Such organisations will not be able to influence the decision making process of DAUK. DAUK maintains links with the Facebook group The Political Mess.

4. Membership

a) Membership of DAUK shall be open to any UK doctor.
b) DAUK will aim to extend membership to medical students in the future.
c) Subscriptions shall be payable at a time and rate determined by DAUK’s Executive Committee.
d) The DAUK Executive Committee may withdraw membership from members whose activities are considered prejudicial to DAUK. A suspended member has a right of appeal at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.

5. Management of DAUK

a) DAUK shall be administered by an Executive Committee, including a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
b) The officers and other members of the Executive Committee shall be elected annually. Any UK doctor that has been a full member and in good standing with DAUK for at least 6 months may stand for election. Nominations shall be submitted to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the meeting takes place. If insufficient nominations have been received prior to the meeting the Chair may accept nominations at the meeting from the floor.
c) The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members to fill vacancies or for some other purpose.
d) Executive Committee members will have each have an equal say and will each have one vote during General Meetings. Motions will be carried by a majority. The Chair will have the casting vote in the event that a majority cannot be reached.
e) Full members of DAUK may vote at a Annual General Meeting.
f) Any Executive Committee member, including the Chair, may be removed from their role at a Special General Meeting by a 2/3 majority.
6. General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held each year no later than March at a time and place determined by the Committee, and may be remotely via mediums such as Skype. Notice of the AGM shall be issued to all members of DAUK not less than four weeks in advance specifying the business of the Meeting.

The business of the AGM shall include:
- a) a statement of the results of the ballot for Executive Committee members for the ensuing year.
- b) receipt of the Committees’ report on the activities of DAUK during the preceding year.
- c) receipt of the DAUK’s statement of accounts for the year.
- d) approval of the statement of accounts.

A Special General Meeting may be convened at the request of the Executive Committee or 50% of Members with prior written notice issued at least 30 days beforehand.

7. Amendments to this Constitution
The Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority amongst the Executive Committee.

8. Minutes
The Executive Committee shall keep minutes of all General and Executive Committee meetings, which shall include a record of those present and of all Resolutions put and the decisions made, these minutes to be kept in an agreed form. The previous two years minutes shall be available at all General and Executive Committee Meetings. Copies shall be made available to all Committee members.

9. Finance
- a) All income and property of the DAUK shall be applied solely towards the promotion and execution of the objectives set out in Clause 2 above. No Executive Committee member shall receive disbursements from DAUK’s funds unless it is by way of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred on the DAUK’s behalf.
- b) The Executive Committee, or the Treasurer on its behalf, shall be responsible for the administration of the DAUKs funds and assets, and for books of accounts of the DAUK. The Treasurer shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept with respect of all sums of money received and expended by DAUK.
- c) DAUK shall appoint three authorised signatories, the signatures of any two being required on cheques and other documents.

10. Liability
- a) Any expenses or contracts entered into by an officer must be approved by the Executive Committee by a 2/3 majority vote.
- b) Officers will therefore be jointly and severally liable for any such expenses, contracts or organisational debts entered into as per clause 10a.
- c) DAUK will indemnify officers against a liability for costs and expenses entered into as per clause 10a up to the limit of the funds and assets held by DAUK.

10. Trustees
The Executive Committee may appoint not less than three people to hold property in trust for DAUK.
11. Dissolution
DAUK may be dissolved only at an AGM or an SGM, called for the purpose, by a resolution supported by 2/3 of those present. A quorum will be 50% of the membership. The resolution must specify the disposal of the DAUK’s collections and other assets after debts and liabilities have been settled. This may involve their transfer to an appropriate organisation or institution with objectives compatible with those of DAUK.

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This constitution was voted upon at a general Executive Committee meeting 7th May 2018 and has been signed as correct by the Chair 10th May 2018.