

# Molten Salts Discussion Group

## Constitution and rules

1. Name - The Group shall be called 'Molten Salts Discussion Group'.
2. Management - The Group shall be under the management and control of an elected Committee.
3. Purpose - The purpose of the Group shall be:
  - 3.i The advancement of work on molten salts, ionic liquids and related materials;
  - 3.ii Fostering and encouraging the dissemination of chemical information by holding scientific meetings;
  - 3.iii Advancing knowledge about molten salts, ionic liquids and related materials of members of the Group and the members of the Royal Society of Chemistry.
4. Membership - Persons interested in molten salts, ionic liquids and related materials shall be eligible for membership. The Committee will consider all applications.
5. Subscriptions - Subscriptions shall be set by the Committee of the Group.
6. Committee
  - 6.i The management and administration of the Group shall be the responsibility of the Committee.
  - 6.ii The membership of the Group shall elect a Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and a Newsletter Editor from its members to act as officers plus at least three other members to form the Committee. The Committee shall not exceed 15 persons.
  - 6.iii Elections to the Committee shall take place at the AGM.
  - 6.iv All nominations for election to the Committee must be proposed and seconded by members of the Group.
  - 6.v A quorum at any meeting of the Committee shall be one third of the members. Decisions can be made using electronic communication.
  - 6.vi The elected Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members, one of whom should preferably be a research student.
7. Awards and bursaries - The Committee may disperse awards and bursaries to members and non-members to support the purpose of the Group.
8. The Honorary Treasurer - The Honorary Treasurer shall have custody of all monies received on behalf of the Group, and such monies shall be paid into the banking account of the Group. All disbursements shall be made by the Honorary Treasurer with the authority of the Committee. Accounts shall be presented by the Honorary Treasurer at the AGM.
9. General Meetings - The date of the AGM, to be held each December, will be set by the Committee. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary when instructed to do so by the Committee or when at least 10 members sign a written request to the Secretary for a General Meeting.\* A minimum of three weeks written notice of the General Meetings must be given to members. Ten members will form a quorum at a General Meeting.
10. Dissolution of the Group - In the event of the dissolution of the Group the residue of funds and assets after the settlement of debts and liabilities shall be donated to the Royal Society of Chemistry Benevolent Fund.
11. Conflict with the Royal Society of Chemistry rules for the governance and operation of Interest Groups - In the event of a conflict with the constitution & rules of the Molten Salts Discussion Group and the Royal Society of Chemistry rules for the governance and operation of Interest Groups, the latter shall take precedence.
12. Alterations to the Constitution and Rules - The constitution and rules may be repealed, altered or added to by a resolution carried by a majority of those members present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any such resolution must be given to members in sufficient time for it to be included in the circulated agenda of the meeting.

\* This can be made by electronic communication.

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## Notes

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