



ASCLNI Constitution

1. ASCL Northern Ireland - General

1.2 Membership of ASCLNI shall be open to all members of ASCL whose school, college, or place of employment lies in Northern Ireland.

1.3 The object of ASCLNI shall be to support, protect and promote the interests of its members in accordance with the spirit of paragraph 3 (Aims and Objects of the Association) of the National Constitution.

1.4 A special general meeting of the ASCLNI will be convened upon receipt by the President or Secretary of a written request endorsed by 20 members of ASCLNI or at the direction of the General Secretary of ASCL.

1.5 Changes in this constitution may be effected only by a simple majority vote at an ASCLNI annual general meeting, or at a special general meeting called for the purpose. This is in accordance with paragraph 18 of the national constitution.

1.6 ASCL rules are also subject to the approval of national council.

2. Executive Committee

2.1 The conduct of affairs of ASCLNI shall be vested in an Executive Committee, which should, as far as possible, comprise members representing the geography, sectoral interests and membership categories of ASCLNI. The Executive Committee will comprise 14 persons consisting of:

- President
- Vice President
- Immediate Past President
- Honorary Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer
- Two National Council Representatives
- Seven Regional Representatives

The Regional Officer is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be one third of those entitled to attend

2.2 Following election at an AGM the Vice President shall be President-elect for the next calendar year, on completion of which he/she shall become the President. The President shall serve for the calendar year following the AGM at which he/she is confirmed in office.

2.3 With the exception of the National Council Representatives who are elected to serve for four years, all other members of the Executive Committee shall serve for one year, being the calendar year following the AGM at which they were elected.

2.4 Should any member of the Executive Committee resign or leave during his/her term of office, a replacement may be appointed or co-opted by the remaining members of the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy until the next AGM when an election shall be held.

3. Role of the Executive Committee

- Developing the Public Policy Agenda
- Developing policy for ASCLNI members on devolved legislative and educational matters
- Developing guidance papers for members in Northern Ireland
- Guiding as appropriate, responses to consultations being conducted by the Northern Ireland Assembly and other bodies within Northern Ireland
- Such other purposes as the membership shall determine from time to time

4. Organisation and operation

4.1 An Annual General Meeting of ASCLNI will be held once in each academic year.

4.2 In addition to the AGM the Executive Committee shall meet at least 3 times a year.

4.3 In addition to the AGM the Association will meet at least twice each year.

4.4 Council Representatives unable to attend meetings of the National Council shall nominate alternates

4.5 Council Representatives shall provide a report on each meeting of the National Council for the attention of the Executive Committee in the first instance and for the wider membership if necessary at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

4.6 The Executive Committee shall set up working parties and sub-committees to deal with specific issues as necessary.

5. Finance

5.1 The annual subscription is determined by National Headquarters and paid to it.

5.2 National Headquarters will finance the conduct of ASCLNI in accordance with arrangements approved from time to time by national council

5.3 Accounts for expenditure will be recorded by Regional Officer and reported to the Executive Committee by the Honorary Treasurer.

5.4 ASCLNI may determine, by decision at the AGM, its own local subscription to meet special needs.

6. Proceedings of an Annual General Meeting

6.1 The business of the Annual General meeting shall be:

- to receive reports from the elected officers of the Association
- to receive reports from members delegated to represent the Association on bodies of interest to the Association
- to elect officers of the Association
- to nominate representatives to bodies of interest to the Association
- to conduct any other business that the President may determine

6.2 Nominations for office must have the consent of the nominee and should be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the AGM.

6.3 Voting for office shall be by secret ballot

Note: the above Constitution was amended at the Annual General Meeting held 9 November 2011