



Anthroposophic Medical Association

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE ANTHOPOSOPHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AMA)

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- 1) **The name of the Association is**
“ANTHOPOSOPHIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION” hereafter called “AMA”
- 2) **The registered office** of the AMA will be located in **the United Kingdom**
- 3) **Classes of Membership**
 - 3.1 Full membership is open to all medical practitioners who are registered with the GMC and:
 - are in training or trained in Anthroposophic Medicine, or
 - have an interest in Anthroposophic Medicine and are members of the General Anthroposophic Society of Great Britain.
 - 3.2 Associate Membership is open to practitioners who hold a recognised medical, dental, pharmaceutical, nursing or other paramedical qualification, who express an interest in anthroposophic medicine and who feel it to be worthy of support.
 - 3.3 For the professionals named above who express a positive interest in anthroposophic medicine, Introductory Membership is offered, for a maximum of 2 years, after which members would be expected to become Full or Associate members.
 - 3.4 Student Membership is open to students at recognised medical, dental, pharmaceutical, nursing or other para-medical schools who express a positive interest in anthroposophic medicine.
- 4) **General Meetings:**
 - 4.1 The Association shall hold a General Meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Council, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it, provided that every Annual General Meeting shall be held not more than eighteen months after the holding of the last preceding Annual General Meeting,.
 - 4.2 Sixty-three days' notice in writing at the least of every Annual General Meeting and of every meeting convened to pass a special resolution, and fourteen days' notice in writing at least of every other meeting shall be given.
 - 4.3 All resolutions including those concerned with the election of officers and other Council members shall have a proposer and a seconder. Proposals should be received by the Secretary not less than forty-two days before the meeting and the resolution and the agenda should be circulated not less than twenty-one days before the meeting.
- 5) **Votes of Members:**

Every full member shall have one vote. No member other than a member duly registered shall be entitled to vote on any question at a General Meeting.

6) **Council of Management:**

Until otherwise determined by a General Meeting, the number of Members of the Council shall not be less than five nor more than nine. The members shall consist of a Secretary, Treasurer and three other elected members, and only full members of the Association are eligible to be elected members of the Council. Each candidate may only stand for one elected post and in case he is not present at the General Meeting his written agreement to stand must be obtained. The elected members may select a President and/or Chairman from amongst their numbers if they so choose. The elected members shall have power to co-opt other members provided that the over-all maximum of nine shall not be exceeded. The co-option is for an annual period.

7) **Rotation of Members of the Council:**

In general, election to the Council should be for a period of three years, and one third of members or the number nearest to one third shall retire from office each year. The members of the Council to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election or appointment. As between members of equal seniority, the members to retire shall, in the absence of agreement, be selected from among them by lot. The retiring members of the Council shall be eligible for re-election.

8) **The objects of the Association are:**

8.1. to represent the practitioners and practice of anthroposophic medicine in the UK. "Anthroposophic Medicine" is defined as an extension of natural scientific medicine and constitutes an international school of thought and practice based on the work and teaching of Rudolf Steiner and further elaborated by the Medical Section of the School of Spiritual Science, Goetheanum, Dornach, Switzerland and by its members working throughout the world. It is practised exclusively by registered medical practitioners.

8.2. to further and cultivate the practice of anthroposophic medicine

8.2.1. by promotion and organisation of educational activities, e.g. conferences, lectures, study groups, training curricula.

8.2.2. by the publishing, printing, distributing and selling of books, periodicals, pamphlets, journals and other literature on the subject of anthroposophic medicine

8.2.3. by making judgements and recommendations based on theoretical knowledge and practical experience of the medicines used in anthroposophic medicine regarding their quality, safety, efficacy, indications for use, appropriate route for sale, code of advertising practice and general information.

8.2.4. by representing the members of the AMA to in order to safeguard the freedom to practice anthroposophic medicine and to obtain and use such medicines as they require for its practice.

8.2.5. by contributing to the regulating of standards of practice of anthroposophic medicine

8.3. to sponsor and make grants towards research in anthroposophic medicine and to publish the useful results of such research

8.4. the relief of sickness and the safeguarding of health.

9) **The income of the AMA**

shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in this Memorandum of AMA. Nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Association, within boundaries agreed upon by the General Meeting

(A) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Association for any services rendered to the Association;

(B) to any member, officer or servant of the Association for any of out-of-pocket expenses.