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## **A PROPOSED CONSTITUTION**

“It is proposed that an Association of Intensivists be formed from Clinicians working in the Mersey (and North Wales) Region(s), and its constitution is as follows:

**NAME:** The Association will be known as the:

“ASSOCIATION OF MERSEY INTENSIVE CARE UNITS” (AMICU)

### **AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

To promote and maintain the highest possible standards of intensive care medicine in the hospitals in the Mersey (and North Wales) Region(s).

To improve the education of those who work in the Intensive Care Units of the Mersey (and North Wales) Region(s).

### **FOUNDERS:**

The delegates present today having agreed to the above proposal, supported the constitution of such Association and elected its officers will be known as “FOUNDER MEMBERS”.

### **COMPOSITION**

The membership of the Association is composed of Consultants who are actively engaged in the work of an Intensive Care Unit and/or in training of junior doctors in intensive care medicine in a hospital in the Mersey (and North Wales) Region(s).

Prospective new members will be nominated and seconded by current members of the AMICU and elected by a majority vote.

An annual subscription of £25.00 is payable on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.

Active members are expected to attend at least 50% of meetings.

Only active members are allowed to attend business meetings and have voting rights.

Membership will be reviewed every five years to ensure that eligibility for membership has been maintained.

Honorary membership may be offered to persons who have made a special contribution to intensive care medicine. This will require the unanimous support of active members of the Group.

The business of the Association will be governed by a council, composed of all the active members, which will meet at regular intervals (approximately every 3 months). A quorum requires at least one third of the current active members.

The Officers of the Group should be:

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Meetings Secretary
- e. Treasurer

The Officers are elected from the active members by a simple majority vote. The posts are occupied for two years; the Officer is eligible for a second term of office, but shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms in one office.

## **FINANCES**

Funds may be obtained by sponsorship which will be sought from any source that is considered appropriate to the aims of the Group by a majority of the Council.

Charges will be made for attendance at some of the courses and symposia organised by the Group.

An application will be made to have the Group registered as a charity.

## **FUNDS ARE USED:**

- 1, To finance the work of the Group and its meetings.
2. To sponsor an active member to attend courses etc., relevant to the work of the group if:
  - a. Funds cannot be obtained from any other source, e.g. from the employing authority.
  - b. The member makes a detailed application
  - c. The member has not received similar support for at least three years.

The rules of the Association of Mersey Intensive Care Units, once agreed, can only be changed if three months' notice is given, in writing, of the proposed change. The alteration will require the support of at least 60% of those attending a business meeting.

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