

# The Rules of the Society

## I.

The Society shall be called the Walpole Society, and shall meet every Friday during the Michaelmas + Lent Terms at 8pm.

## II.

The Society shall consist of honorary and ordinary members. There may not be more than 35 ~~Honorary~~ <sup>Ordinary</sup> members at any one time.

## III.

All political, literary, and social questions may be discussed.

## IV.

A President and a Secretary shall be selected each term.

## V.

The President shall preside over meetings of the Society. He shall possess only a casting vote. If he is absent or vacates the chair, neither the proposer nor the opposer of the motion shall take his place.

## VI.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes in the book provided for that purpose.

## VII.

The opener of a debate may speak for 15 minutes, the opposer 10 minutes, other speakers 5 minutes. If any member exceeds the limit the President may ring the Society's bell, whereupon the member speaking shall resume his seat.

## VIII.

In the event of no member rising to carry on the debate, it shall be in the power of the President to call upon some one to do so.

## IX.

A division shall be taken at 9.30 if not before.

X.

Six guests may be introduced at each meeting, and a special guest may be invited to propose or oppose a motion.

XI.

Each member shall be bound to speak for at least two minutes once during the term. Failing this he ipso facto shall cease to be a member, and shall become as if he had never been. The Secretary shall give him written notice thereof <sup>after the 3rd meeting of the term.</sup> If a member has been elected ~~after term has divided~~ this rule does not apply until the following term.

XII

There is no subscription

XIII

~~If any honorary member has not attended more than one debate in a term then any member may be competent to propose that he cease to be a member. And that he be excluded if there be a majority against him.~~

altered at 302<sup>nd</sup> meeting

XIII

Any honorary Member not having attended more than one meeting in the year <sup>shall</sup> cease to be a member but be eligible for re-election.

At 339th Meeting it was decided:-

That the Secy ~~shall~~ send round a circular to freshmen (for wording of Circ<sup>s</sup> see minutes).

To add to rule XI - "That members at the end of the third year be considered Honorary members."

In rule XI - "term has divided" to read "after the third meeting of the term"

That a Committee be appointed to recommend Freshman to the Society for the purpose of election.

At the 341<sup>st</sup> meeting it was decided:-

To add after rule IV - "All members of the Society who have not kept twelve terms shall be eligible for the offices of President and Secretary"