

## **SCOTTISH CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT CONSTITUTION**

### **1. NAME**

The name shall be the “Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament” (hereinafter referred to as SCND).

### **2. AIMS**

The aims of SCND shall be:-

- (a) The unilateral abandonment by Britain of nuclear weapons, nuclear bases and nuclear alliances, as a prerequisite for a British foreign policy which has as its main objective the world-wide abolition of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons leading to general and complete disarmament.
- (b) Opposition to the manufacture, stockpiling, testing, use and threatened use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons by any country and to policies of any or group of countries which make nuclear war more likely, or which hinder progress towards a world without weapons of mass destruction.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Persons eligible for membership of SCND shall be those who: -

- (a) endorse the aims of the SCND;
- (b) accept the Constitution of SCND;
- (c) pay the appropriate fee.

### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) Individual Members. An Individual Member of SCND shall be any person who has paid the correct membership fee to SCND within the previous fifteen months.
- (b) Affiliated Organisations. An Affiliated Organisation shall be any organisation which endorses the aims of SCND, has paid the correct annual affiliation fee within the previous 15 months and has been endorsed by the SCND Executive Committee.
- (c) SCND Groups. A SCND Group shall have endorsed the aims of SCND, paid the correct annual affiliation fee within the previous 15 months and been endorsed by the Scottish CND Executive Committee. A SCND Group shall have a minimum of 5 individual members of SCND. A SCND Group may have members who are not Individual Members of SCND. Such members are defined as SCND Group members and have no membership rights outwith the SCND Group.
- (d) Specialist Sections. Specialist Sections shall operate in the same way as SCND Groups.

### **5. MEMBERSHIP FEES**

The Annual General Meeting of SCND shall decide membership fees. SCND are extremely grateful to local branches for their support, including their financial support. Should any member or group need support to hold a relevant event they should contact the treasurer or the office.

### **6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- (a) The Secretary shall call an Annual General Meeting in the Autumn of each year. At least 8 weeks notice of the date, time and, in the case of physical meeting, the location, must be given to all Individual Members, Affiliated Organisations, SCND Groups and Specialist Sections.

(b) The Annual General Meeting shall be supreme governing body of SCND and its decisions binding on SCND, the Executive Committee, Individual Members, Affiliated Organisations, SCND Groups and Specialist Sections.

(c) Voting entitlement at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows: -

(1) Individual Members of SCND with 3 months membership at the time of the Annual General Meeting are entitled to one vote each.

(2) Registered SCND Groups are entitled to 2 delegates who are individual members of SCND.

(3) Specialist Sections are entitled to 2 delegated who are Individual Members of SCND.

(4) Affiliated Organisations are entitled to 2 delegates.

(5) An individual may be a delegate from only one organisation.

(d) The Executive Committee shall agree the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting which shall include: -

(1) A report from the Executive Committee

(2) The presentation of an audited statement of account

(3) The election of an Executive Committee for the coming year

(4) Competent motions from any individual member or organisation as detailed above

(5) The appointment of an external auditor

(e) Nominations for the Executive Committee shall be notified to the Secretary of Scottish CND not later than 28 days before the AGM. Nominations for the Scottish CND Executive Committee should be made by a SCND Individual Member in good standing and seconded by another Individual Member in good standing. Two nominations for the same candidate will count as nomination and seconding.

(f) Resolutions to the AGM shall be notified to the Secretary of Scottish CND not later than 28 days before the AGM. Amendments to resolutions shall be notified to the Secretary of Scottish CND not later than 7 days before the AGM.

## **7. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A Special General Meeting may be called at the request of 50 Individual Members through a written request to the Secretary who must arrange a meeting for a date no later than 4 weeks from the date of the receipt of the request.

## **8. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

(a) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for furthering the aims of SCND in terms of policy, strategy, organisation and financial management. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the SCND Office together with the employment of staff, the management of volunteers and associated matters.

(b) The following officers shall be elected by ballot:

(1) Chair (2) 2 Vice Chairs (3) Secretary (4) Assistant Secretary (5) Treasurer

(c) Officers shall be elected by a ballot. The ballot will be conducted by an appropriate means as determined by the Executive Committee. If the Committee determines that the ballot will be held by electronic means, it must provide no less than 8 weeks notice for members and delegates to give written notice that they wish to participate despite no electronic access. For those members and delegates the ballot will be postal. All individual

members with 3 months membership will be entitled to one ballot. All local groups, specialist sections and affiliated organisations will be entitled to two. The election shall be carried out between the closing date for nominations and the Annual General Meeting. Where a position has not been contested, the appointment shall be subject to approval by the Annual General Meeting. Self-nomination and self-seconding are not permitted.

Before the election process starts the current Executive Committee will circulate information to members encouraging them to seek nomination for the executive committee. In particular Executive members will be made available to speak to any prospective candidate or to any branch members who request this. Branches may request that a representative attend the monthly executive meeting, and agreement would not be unreasonably withheld.

(d) Six other Executive Committee members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee may co-opt up to 6 more members in order to achieve a balance of political representation, to promote equal opportunities and to recruit members with appropriate skills.

(e) The Executive Committee may appoint working committees. Committees so appointed shall report to the Executive Committee. Minutes of working Committee meetings shall be presented to the Executive Committee timeously.

(f) Salaried Staff do not have voting rights on the Executive Committee.

(g) Attendance records and the number of apologies for all candidates that stand for any position on the Executive Committee shall be made available at the AGM.

## **9. FINANCE**

(a) All monies payable to the SCND shall be deemed payable to the Treasurer.

(b) The financial year of SCND shall be from 1st August to 31st July.

(c) The Treasurer, at every meeting of the Executive Committee, shall make a Finance Report. The Treasurer will prepare an audited statement of account to be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

(d) The Executive Committee, except in such cases as an Annual General Meeting may decide, shall have full control over all monies, funds, property, investments and securities of whatever kind and description belonging to SCND.

(e) The Executive Committee shall have power to invest the monies and funds of SCND as it thinks fit.

(f) The Executive Committee shall have power to utilise the funds and monies of SCND for the purpose of furthering the aims of SCND. All investments of whatever nature shall, where practicable, be taken in the name of the Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer for the time being of SCND, or their successors in office as Trustees for SCND. No member of the Executive Committee shall be personally liable in respect of the depreciation of any investments made on behalf of SCND.

(g) The Executive Committee shall have full power to purchase, acquire, accept, whether by gift or legacy or otherwise, hold, sell, (whether by public rroup or private bargain), excamb, feu, lease or otherwise intromit with heritable and moveable property and real and personal estate, including power to borrow on the security thereof and to grant and consent to all usual and necessary deeds in connection therewith, including dispositions and bonds, and dispositions in security leases and others as accord. The title to any heritable property or real estate belonging to SCND shall be taken in the name of the Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer for the time being of SCND, or their successors in office as Trustees for SCND. The Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer aforesaid shall have power to grant in accordance with a resolution of the Executive Committee and to execute all and any deeds as above-mentioned, and any such deed purporting to be so granted and executed shall be valid, binding and effectual notwithstanding any alleged irregularity or proceedings or otherwise concerning same.

(h) For the purpose of the foregoing, excerpts from the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee, certified by the Chair and the Secretary, shall be evidence of the proceedings of such meeting. A statement under the hand of the Secretary shall be sufficient evidence for all purposes as to the identity of the Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer aforesaid for the time being.

(i) SCND shall not be liable for any debts contracted by SCND Groups, Specialist Sections or Affiliated Organisations or other bodies.

(j) All bank withdrawals and financial transactions shall require two out of three authorised signatures on the documentation. No claimant shall have the authority to sign cheques for their own expenses claim.

(k) If, and when SCND is deemed to have completed its objectives, any funds remaining shall be donated to an organisation agreeable to the membership.

#### **10. BRITISH CND**

The Executive shall appoint individuals, who are members of Scottish CND, to be Scottish CND's delegates to British CND Conference and Council.

#### **11. CHANGES TO THIS CONSTITUTION**

Changes to this constitution can be made only at the Annual General Meeting, prior notice having been given at least 21 days in advance of the meeting.

#### **12. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

SCND recognises its rights and responsibilities in terms of equality and shall endeavour to ensure it operates a comprehensive equal opportunities policy.

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