

## EGA FOR WOMEN: GROUP CONSTITUTION

**Name** The name of the association shall be EGA for Women, hereinafter referred to as 'the Group', and that 'EGA' refers to the original Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, Euston Road, London.

**Aims & Objectives** The aims and objectives of the Group shall be:

- \* To preserve the former Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital (EGA), which was founded, built and worked in by Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson.
- \* To ensure that EGA should be preserved and maintained as a permanent and fitting memorial to Elizabeth Garrett Anderson's life and work as the first woman doctor to train and work in the United Kingdom, and thereby to recognize and honour her great contribution to medical history and to the history of the women of this country.
- \* To ensure that the original aim of Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and those of EGA - to provide facilities run by women for women - be safeguarded and secured.
- \* To promote and develop EGA as a museum devoted to the history of women and medicine, including women's entry into the profession and medical education, which Elizabeth Garrett Anderson pioneered in the UK.
- \* To promote the use of EGA as a meeting place and offices for women's organisations and services for women.
- \* To ensure that the interests of the local community as well as the community at large are recognised and considered at all points in the development of the project.
- \* To ensure, through liaison with the local community, and particularly through residents' associations and local schools, local awareness of proposals for development.

### **Membership**

Membership is open to all who agree with the aims, irrespective of age, colour, sex, disability, sexual or political orientation, upon payment of an annual subscription to be suggested by the management committee and confirmed at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

### **Management**

The Group will be run by a management committee, which will consist initially of a Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Membership Secretary, and three or more volunteer members. Additional officers or sub-committees may be appointed as and when necessary, which shall report to the management committee. The management committee

will communicate by means of email, as and when necessary. Any questions arising may be decided by a simple majority, providing at least five votes are cast, including those of three officers. The record of email communication shall constitute the minutes of the management committee, to be made available to any member who requests it.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Group will hold an annual general meeting, at which each member of the Group present shall have one vote in connection with each motion put before the AGM. A resolution requires a simple majority, and a quorum shall be five. All votes shall be taken by a show of hands unless the meeting resolves otherwise. Members of the management committee shall be elected as necessary.

#### **Finance**

All monies will be administered by the Treasurer who will pay incoming monies into a bank account in the name of the Group, and shall arrange, in consultation with the management committee, for the proper investment of any balance. The Treasurer shall account to the committee for all monies. All withdrawals from funds shall be against the signatures of the Chair and the Treasurer.

#### **Alteration of the Constitution**

Any proposal to alter the constitution must be approved at the AGM or at an AGM called for the purpose, and must be accompanied by full documentation for the meeting.

#### **Dissolution of the Group**

The Group may be dissolved only at the AGM or at an EGM called for the purpose. The motion to dissolve must be carried by three-quarters of members present and voting. Before a vote is taken, the meeting shall determine the disposal of the Group's assets in the event of the motion to dissolve being carried.

This Constitution was adopted on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2005

**Signed .....** ..... **Chair**

**Signed .....** ..... **Secretary**

**Signed .....** ..... **Membership Secretary**

**Signed .....** ..... **Treasurer**