

KCLEA explanatory note on revision to KCLEA constitution for AGM 5 December 2024

The KCLEA committee in reviewing what its purpose is and how it can best serve its members and the communities of KCL considered the KCLEA constitution Adopted by the KCLEA AGM on 27 November 2009 .

A lot has changed since then and these amendments proposed are almost the minimum required to bring the KCLEA constitution up to date. As the KCLEA committee continues reviewing there will be a further amendment to reflect how KCLEA actually operates.

There are Four things that have changed since 2009 which directly affect KCLEA.

- KCLA which was our parent body has changed its constitution and although it can have Branches there are not the same as previously and thus KCLEA cannot be a Branch of KCLA
- The Division of Engineering in the Faculty of Natural and Mathematical Sciences was closed
- The School of Biomedical Engineering and Imaging Science in the faculty of Life Sciences and Medicine was founded
- the Department of Engineering was reformed in the faculty of Natural Mathematical and Engineering sciences

In addition There are also a few minor items which needed resolving as a matter of urgency.

The Amendments

Taking the removal of the Branch of KCLA

it is proposed that the constitution is amended by

Defining “KCLEA” in place of “the Branch” Section 1 and entitling the constitution

substituting “KCLEA” for “the Branch” throughout the constitution Section

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Deleting all reference to “the Association” throughout the constitution -this is the removal of phrases or sentences Ref 1/2/3.2.2/5.1/5.3/5.4/5.6/5.7/5.9.

Definition of Aims

With the removal of the Association, KCLEA has to define its own aims – so **it is proposed** that the Aims of KCLA are modified and recited as the Aims of KCLEA as a **new Section 2**

2.1 To encourage all Engineering alumni of Kings College London including past students of institutions which have merged with it to support be involved and contribute to the well-being of King’s College London.

2.2 To provide opportunities for past students and staff to meet, participate and keep in touch with each other and the College.

2.3 To foster the development of alumni led networking, Events, reunions, Activities with KCL Engineering students and departments locally nationally ,and internationally including by electronic means

2.4 To present an alumni perspective in the affairs of the College.

2.5 To involve alumni in developing and sustaining a global diverse and inclusive community with the values of Kings College London.

2.6 To foster mutual support and well-being for alumni, students, and staff of the College.

2.7 To support the reputation, image, and success of the College.

The changes in the College Structures

To reflect the changes The definition of the alumni who are KCLEA members **it is proposed that** Section 3.1 membership be amended

3.1. Ordinary Members.

3.1.1. All former students of the Department of Engineering or the School of Biomedical Engineering and Imaging Science or the Division of Engineering or its predecessors, of King's College London and the other institutions which have merged with it who were registered for at least three terms or two semesters, and past and present members of the teaching staff, and with whom the Alumni office or KCLEA is in communication shall automatically be entitled to ordinary membership of KCLEA.

3.1.2. The Committee may elect other well-wishers and supporters of Engineering at King's College London to ordinary membership.

The rest of Section 3 and section 4 are unaltered other than the global changes made to “the Branch” and “Association” references.

Other minor changes proposed are

Section 5,4 Hon sec removing reference to the Division of Engineering etc as it is unnecessary
Section 5.7 Webmaster – substituting KCLEA for the Association thus repurposing the phrases to cover all activities of KCLEA.

Section 6,7,8,9,10 are unaltered other than the global changes made to “the Branch” and “Association” references.

Section 11 As there is no record of those members who are paying or have paid a subscription and it is unlikely that their addresses are on the membership record held by the Alumni office so **it is Proposed that All members** of KCLEA should be involved in winding it up if there seems to be no continued existence for KCLEA -- thus it cannot easily become a Zombie Society

11. DISSOLUTION OF KCLEA

If, in the opinion of the Committee, there is no longer adequate support or justification for the continued existence of KCLEA, the Committee shall call a vote of those members who are in communication with KCLEA overseen by an Independent body (such as the Electoral Reform Society) to propose that KCLEA shall be dissolved. The consent of at least three quarters of those voting in the Poll shall be required for KCLEA to be wound up. The Committee shall make proposals in detail on the voting paper for the disbursement of any outstanding monies held by KCLEA, including the Life Subscription Fund and the General Fund.

Section 12 is unaltered other than the global changes made to “the Branch” and “Association” references.

A copy of the KCLEA constitution Adopted by the KCLEA AGM on 27 November 2009 and the complete proposed KCLEA constitution for adoption at the AGM on 5 December 2024 are available at <https://www.kclea.org.uk/about/constitution.html>