

Newly elected members shall pay their initial subscription immediately after notification of their election. All other subscriptions shall be paid within fourteen days after the first rehearsal.

10. Rehearsals shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Ordinary Members shall be permitted to attend all rehearsals except the Dress Rehearsal.

11. Acting Members will be requested to attend an audition for each production and shall attend rehearsals regularly and punctually, otherwise they will be liable to forfeit their right to take part in any performance for which they have been selected.

12. Only persons taking part in the actual production shall be allowed on the stage or in the dressing rooms.

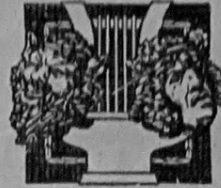
13. In the selection of the production the wishes of the majority of members, ascertained by a vote at a General Meeting, shall have the first consideration.

14. All members shall provide their own vocal scores and libretto.

15. In the event of the Society being disbanded the Reserve Fund shall be given to such Charities as may be determined at a General Meeting.

16. Every member shall be provided with a copy of these Rules and a Membership Card on joining the Society.

17. No alteration of these rules shall be made without the sanction of a General Meeting of the Society.



The Chelmsford
Amateur Operatic
&
Dramatic Society



RULES

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1. The Society shall be called **The Chelmsford Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society**, and shall be affiliated to The National Operatic and Dramatic Association.

2. The object of the Society shall be to give operatic and dramatic performances in Chelmsford and the neighbourhood in aid of charity.

3. The Society shall consist of Acting and Ordinary Members, President and Vice-Presidents, Executive Committee and Officers.

4. The Executive Committee shall be elected by ballot at an Annual General Meeting and shall consist of eight members, two at least of whom shall be ladies, together with the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer. Executive Committee members shall hold office for two years from the date of their election and shall be eligible for re-election on retirement. The Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually.

5. The following powers and responsibilities shall be vested in the Executive Committee—

- (a) The sole responsibility for the whole of the general management of the Society and the entire control over all financial matters.
- (b) The sole responsibility for the election of members and the appointment of the Producer, Musical Director and all other personnel as required.

(c) The power to expel any member of the Society.

(d) The sole responsibility (assisted by the Producer and Musical Director) for the casting of all productions and for the selection of members who shall take part therein.

(e) The power to appoint Sub-Committees and to co-opt members for special duties as may be deemed necessary.

(f) The power to deal with any contingencies not provided for in these Rules, subject to a quorum of four.

6. The Annual General Meeting of the Society, of which seven days' notice shall be given to all members, shall be held as soon as possible after the end of the financial year, which shall terminate on the 31st May.

7. A General Meeting may be called at any time at the written request of not less than ten members, who shall give a minimum of fourteen days' notice to the Honorary Secretary.

8. Applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary, who shall submit such applications to the Executive Committee. All candidates for membership shall be proposed and seconded by members of the Society. The decision of the Executive Committee to accept or reject a candidate shall be made by ballot.

9. Annual subscriptions shall be payable as follows:—

Ordinary Members - A minimum of 5/- per annum.
Acting Members - 12/6 per annum.