

# Quaker Esperanto Society (KES) - Articles of Association

## 1. TITLE

The name of the society is *Kvakera Esperanto-Societo* (Quaker Esperanto Society).

## 2. AIMS

- i) to provide information on Quakerism in Esperanto settings and to promote via Esperanto the aims of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) throughout the world by means of correspondance, literature, and meetings
- ii) to promote the use of Esperanto amongst Quakersj

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## 3. FINANCE

The Society is non profit-making and depends for financial support solely on voluntary donations.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership consists of those individuals who are in agreement with the above aims and express their wish to join.

## 5. OFFICIAL BULLETIN

The Society's official bulletin is the *Kvakera Esperantisto* (Quaker Esperantist), which is posted regularly on the internet and despatched in printed form as requested.

## 6. TRUSTEES

The trustees are responsible for the Society's activities and its finances. There must be at least three trustees, one of whom acts as treasurer. There is a general secretary and membership secretary (if need be, the same person), but these and any other specialist officers need not be trustees.

## 7. GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting takes place at least once in a triennium. A general meeting plans the Society's activities. It is the highest decision-making meeting in the Society, with the sole limitation under these articles that it may not remove already approved trustees and that only the trustees collectively carry the responsibility for the assets of the Society and for proposing new trustee candidates.

## 8. ELECTION

As needed, trustees may create a new trustee by proposing a new candidate. They may also propose candidates for administrative posts. Any candidates proposed carry out their duties provisionally until approved by a general meeting. After a general meeting the general secretary announces elections in the *Kvakera Esperantisto*. Every trustee and all other officers must be members of the Religious Society of Friends and competent Esperanto speakers. If

needed, trustees may request an officer who has proved ineffective to pass his/her duties to another member.

#### 9. REGISTRATION

The membership secretary should maintain an up-to-date list of members.

#### 10. SUBSCRIPTION

There is no required subscription.

#### 11. REPORTS

The treasurer should send a detailed report on the Society's assets to the trustees. Reports on the activities of the trustees and on the Society's financial affairs should appear regularly in the *Kvakera Esperantisto*.

#### 12. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The Society should cooperate in all ways possible with appropriate Quaker and Esperanto organisations.

#### 13. CHANGES

Trustees may propose changes in these articles for the approval of a subsequent general meeting.

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