

least five days before the date fixed for the annual meeting, such voting-papers on receipt at the office of the Institute to be forthwith placed in a sealed ballot-box, which shall be opened by the scrutineers alone.

54. Should any member leave uncanceled upon his voting-paper in respect of any office the names of more persons than there are vacancies to be filled, then his vote in respect of the election for such office shall be invalid.

55. As soon as the voting-papers have been examined and the result of the election ascertained by the scrutineers, the voting-papers shall be closed up under the seals of the scrutineers, and shall be retained by them for one month after the election, when they shall be destroyed by the scrutineers.

56. The scrutineers shall make and sign a report in which they will state the total number of voting-papers received, the number rejected and the grounds for rejection, the total number of votes in favour of each candidate, and the names of those who are duly elected, and shall hand such report to the Secretary not later than seven days before the date of the annual meeting of the Council.

57. The scrutineers' report shall be conclusive as to the fact of the election notwithstanding any irregularity or nonconformity.

58. All officers and members of the Council appointed as hereinbefore provided shall remain in office from the date of their appointment until the close of the annual meeting following their election, or until such time as their successors have been elected.

Quorum of Council.

59. At every meeting of the Council seven shall form a quorum, and no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present.

60. If within half an hour after the time appointed for any meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, then, notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this section, the members who are present shall be a quorum and may transact the business for which the meeting was called.

Powers of Council.

61. Subject to the provisions of the Act and of these regulations, the Council shall have the sole and entire management of the Institute and of the income and property thereof, and may exercise on behalf of the Institute all the powers and functions thereof not required by the Act or these regulations to be exercised only by resolution of a general meeting.

62. The Council shall regulate its own proceedings by standing order or otherwise, as it may see fit, and any act or proceeding of the Council shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in the Council; provided always that the number of members of Council be not reduced below two-thirds of the full number herein provided.

63. The Council shall have power, by a vote of a majority of three-fourths of the members present at a meeting called to consider a motion to that effect, to call upon the subscribing members, *pari passu*, to contribute funds for the general purposes of the Institute, or any special object within the objects of the Institute, and each member shall pay every call so made to the persons and at the times and places appointed by the Council, but no member shall be called upon to pay more than five guineas over and above his annual subscription in any one year. A call shall be deemed to be made at the time when the resolution of the Council making the same was passed. Fourteen days' notice shall be given to all members of each call so made.

64. If any member shall neglect for one month to pay any money other than his annual subscription that may in any manner be due from him to the Institute, the Council shall, by notice in writing, request him to make such payment. The notice shall appoint a place and day for payment, and a copy of this clause shall be subjoined thereto. If the requisition of such notice is not complied with for a period of two months after such notice, the Council may recover the same by process of law.

65. The Council shall have full power to purchase or rent and furnish suitable premises for the use of the Institute or any branch.

66. The Council or the Executive Committee shall, unless otherwise directed by any deed of trust, have the power to invest any entrance fees, surplus income, funds, donations, endowments, or any other moneys not immediately required for the ordinary purposes of the Institute in the name of the Institute or of any two or more members of the Council, in trust, in any securities in which trustees

are for the time being authorized to invest trust moneys, or by leaving the same upon deposit with any reputable bank or building society or by lending the same to any municipal corporation or local authority.

67. All moneys belonging to the Institute and not invested shall be lodged on current account by the Council on account of and for the use of the Institute in such bank in such city as the Council shall direct.

68. Every vacancy in the office of trustee shall be filled at the next meeting of the Council or of the Executive Committee after such vacancy occurs.

69. Any trustee may resign his office by letter delivered to the Secretary.

70. The office of trustee shall be vacated by the bankruptcy of the trustee or by his ceasing to be a member of the Institute, or by absence beyond the sea for a period of one year.

71. A trustee may be discharged from his office by a vote of a majority of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting or any special meeting called for the purpose.

72. No sum of money exceeding one pound shall be paid on account of the Institute except by a cheque of the Council, signed by the Honorary Treasurer and the Secretary.

73. The Council shall contribute annually to each District Branch a sum to be fixed by the Council as a grant towards the expenses of the branch.

74. The Council may, subject to such limitations or restrictions as the regulations may from time to time prescribe, apply the funds of the Institute in furthering professional education and in conducting examinations which the Institute now is or may hereafter be empowered or required to hold, and such other examination or examinations as the Institute may from time to time think fit to establish, and in extending and in improving the library, museum, and collections, and for other purposes connected with architecture, and in other ways promoting the objects of the Institute.

75. The Council may regulate and determine the fees to be paid by candidates in respect of all examinations which the Institute now is or may hereafter be empowered or required to hold, and such other examination or examinations as the Institute may think fit to establish.

76. Subject to any specific trust imposed thereon, the Council may apply any donations or endowments which may be given to the Institute for any purpose connected with the profession of architecture.

77. The Council may employ any part of the funds of the Institute in the payment of lecturers, or the foundation of prizes, scholarships or exhibitions conducted or held by the Institute, for grants to students' societies, as well as for any other general purposes of the Institute.

78. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Council may from time to time borrow money temporarily and may pay interest thereon.

79. The Council may with the consent of a general meeting make such provision for pensioning retired officers and servants, whether by agreement at the time of appointment or employment, or otherwise, as to the Council may seem just.

80. The Council may grant pecuniary and other assistance to members of the Institute who are in need of such assistance or to the wife or children of any member, or the widow or children of any deceased member, or to the parent or parents of a member or deceased member.

81. The Council may pay out of the funds of the Institute the reasonable travelling-expenses of any member thereof on each occasion of such member attending a meeting of the Council, or of any committee thereof, as may be determined by a resolution of the Council, or of the Executive Committee.

82. The Council shall have power in each year to publish or cause to be published at the expense of the Institute or otherwise a list of the members of the Institute, together with such other particulars in respect to the Institute or its objects as they may deem advisable, and they shall in such list distinguish in such way as shall to the Council seem fit the Fellows and Associates, or may publish the list in any other form they determine upon, and such list shall be supplied to members and others gratuitously or at such prices as the Council or the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine.

83. For the purpose of publishing such list, each District Secretary shall, before 30th September of each year, send to the Secretary the name and address or place of business of all members of his District Branch, failing which the list may be drawn up on such information as the Council may possess.