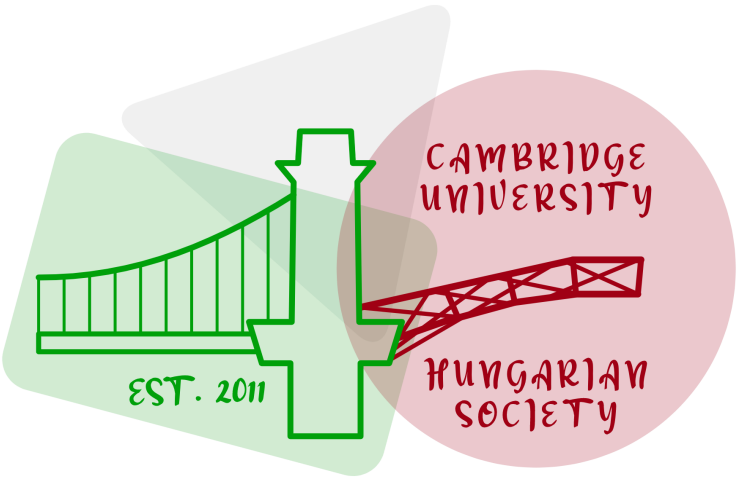
Constitution of the
Cambridge University Hungarian Society



Adopted on 23 November 2025

Article I Introduction

(1) The Society shall be called the “Cambridge University Hungarian Society”.
(2) The Society shall be referred to in the Hungarian language as “Cambridge-i Egyetem Magyar Társasága”.
(3) The Logo of the Society shall be as represented on the title page of this Constitution.
(4) Throughout this Constitution, the words “Member”, “Membership” and “Committee” shall be understood in context of the Society.
(5) Member shall be understood as a natural person who is eligible to be a member of the society and has paid the annual membership fee;
(6) Membership shall be understood as (a) the collective of rights a Member has, (b) the cost of the application to be a member;
(7) Committee shall be understood as the administrative and executive body of the society.
(8) Anyone who has purchased a CUHS Lifetime Membership before the year 2022, shall be considered a “Friend of CUHS”, with no additional benefits granted through the purchase of the “Annual Membership” established in the year 2022.
(9) Anyone who has supported the Society with at least the sum of the Annual Membership Fee or more, shall be considered a “Friend of CUHS”, with no additional benefits granted through the purchase of the “Annual Membership” established in the year 2022.

Article II Aims of the Society

The Society shall aim to

(1) promote the understanding of and interest in Hungary, Hungarians, and Hungarian culture amongst all Members of the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK (hereafter referred to as the “University”);
(2) offer support and a social scene for Hungarian students of the University;
(3) encourage and support secondary school Hungarian secondary school graduands in applying to the University;
(4) represent and promote the interests of Hungarian students of the University and of all universities of the United Kingdom in Hungary and the United Kingdom.

Article III Membership

(1) All Members of the University may join the Society as may others at the discretion of the Committee.
(2) The Committee may by majority vote require Members to pay a subscription fee annually.
(3) The only disciplinary sanctions of the Society are to expel or to suspend a Member whose actions are felt to be such as to bring the Society into disrepute, or to adversely affect the smooth running of the Society in a major way.
    (a) Such expulsion or suspension can only be effected by a majority vote of all Members of the Committee, excluding the Senior Treasurer.
    (b) In the event of an expulsion, the excluded Member is required to return all equipment, documents and finances belonging to the Society within seven days. They shall not be entitled to any refund of subscriptions.
    (c) If the excluded or suspended Member wishes to appeal the decision, that appeal shall be made to the Senior Treasurer, who shall consider all the facts, and whose decision shall be final. An appeal to the process of exclusion, but not for a further investigation of the facts, may be lodged with the Junior Proctor of the University.

Article IV Committee

Title I Composition of the Committee

(1) The day-to-day management of the Society's affairs shall be in the hands of the Committee, elected, with the exception of the Graduate Representatives, at the Annual General Meeting for a term of one year.
(2) The Committee shall consist of at least a President, a Secretary and a Junior Treasurer who shall be undergraduate or postgraduate students of the University at the time of being elected.
(3) The Committee shall aim to include through election a Vice President, one Access Officer, and two Events Officers, who all should be undergraduate or postgraduate students of the University.
(4) The Committee may by majority vote create other Committee positions to assist them as appropriate. The Committee shall appoint willing Members to such positions.
(5) The Committee may by majority vote appoint willing General Members to assist them as appropriate.
(6) A willing Member of the Regent House of the University (or, with the permission of the Junior Proctor of the University, another Member of the University) shall be appointed as Senior Treasurer by majority vote of the Committee. The Senior Treasurer shall have indefinite tenure which may be terminated by
    (a) Supermajority vote of the Committee to appoint a new Senior Treasurer;
    (b) resignation from the position;
    (c) termination of Membership of the Regent House (or revocation of the Junior Proctor's permission to their nomination if not a Member of the Regent House)
    (d) death

In cases (b, c), the Committee shall be responsible for appointing a new Senior Treasurer as soon as possible.

Title II Election of Graduate Representatives

(7) The Committee may by majority vote appoint up to three willing Graduate Representatives at the first or second Committee Meeting of Michaelmas term.
(8) New candidates shall submit a manifesto to the Secretary at least three days before the Meeting.
(9) Each candidate shall be proposed and seconded by two other postgraduate Members.
(10) In case the Committee cannot appoint three Graduate Representatives, previous Graduate Representatives may decide to retain their positions, but this shall be
    (a) unanimously endorsed by the newly appointed Graduate Representatives;
    (b) conceded by the Committee by majority vote.
(11) Similarly, if the proportion of PhD students is less than 50% in the new cohort, previous Graduate Representatives, who are enrolled in a PhD, may decide to retain their positions on the conditions of §IV(10)(a,b).

Title III Duties of Committee Members

(12) The President shall
    (a) function as the head of the Administrative branch, being the immediate superior of the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Access Officer(s);
    (b) be answerable on all matters affecting the Society;
    (c) ensure that the aims of the Society as set out in Article II are achieved;
    (d) ensure that actions of the Society and the Committee adhere to this Constitution;
    (e) normally preside at General Meetings of the Society and at Committee Meetings, except the Annual General Meeting;
    (f) compile and submit the written Annual Report to the Society at the Annual General Meeting as set out in §V(2)(a).
(13) The Vice President shall
    (a) function as the head of the executive branch of the society, being the immediate superior of the Events Officer(s), the Food & Drinks officer, the IT officer and the Grad Reps;
    (b) substitute the President for all purposes when the President is unavailable;
    (c) ensure that the aims of the Society as set out in Article II are achieved;
    (d) organise the work of the Committee, take control over the Annual Dinner, Garden

Party, and the Freshers Camp subcommittee as the chief organiser (along with any other events with a budget larger than the third of the annual income according to the prediction of the Junior Treasurer) for the benefit of the Society;
(e) assist the President in compiling the Annual Report to the Society;
(f) ensure that the interests of all Members are taken into account in Committee decisions.

(14) The Secretary shall
(a) function as the head of the Access subgroup during the early admission season (from 15 October to Decision Day), and control the administrative (including reachout to schools and organisations, organising personal statement reviews and mock interviews with the Access Officer) duties of the admission cycle;
(b) based on the last committee meeting, and arising issues between the two committee meeting compile an agenda and publicise this at least 48 hours before the committee meeting;
(c) keep Minutes of all meetings and ensure their agenda is acted upon;
(d) ensure that all correspondence are recorded and acted upon;
(e) manage subscriptions to the mailing list of the Society;
(f) keep record of any existing or formed subgroups (such as Admission, Annual Dinner, Garden Party, etc.). Any subgroup should unalienably contain the President and the Secretary, along with any other relevant members of the society (including committee members and members);
(g) publish Minutes of all Meetings appropriately and otherwise keep all Members fully briefed on all matters affecting the Society;
(h) keep close and continuing liaison with all relevant bodies, societies and organisations on matters affecting the Society;
(i) ensure that the handling of personal data and any other information by the Society complies with English law;
(j) publicise events of the Society via the Society mailing list in a weekly newsletter, on a day agreed upon by the committee.

(15) The Junior Treasurer shall
(a) keep track of all the Food and Drinks expenses and submit a budget plan and a meal plan to the Events Officer(s) before events;
(b) keep financial records of the Society together with the incumbent President and the previous Junior Treasurer;
(c) keep accurate records on the Membership of the Society;
(d) ensure that Membership fees and all other monies handled by the Society are properly banked and accounted for;
(e) collect subscriptions and keep a record of all paid-up Members together with the Secretary;
(f) collect the cost of events from attending Members;
(g) ensure that all liabilities of the Society are duly paid for;
(h) present the audited accounts of their tenure to the Society at the Annual General Meeting as set out in §V(2)(a).

(16) The Access Officer shall
(a) maintain and distribute up-to-date information to prospective students and offer holders on the University and the application process thereto;
(b) organise the undergraduate outreach programme of the Society with the inclusion of Members. This shall include an annual Freshers' Camp and reaching out about the University to secondary schools;
(c) ensure that questions regarding application to the University are answered;
(d) support interviewees during their interviews with the help of the Members;
(e) compile and submit a written Pre-Interview (end of November) Report on early admission statistics and a Post-Interview (start of February) Report on final admission statistics to the Committee, which may be circulated to the Society Members via the weekly mail.

(17) The Events Officer shall
(a) organise the customary major events of the Society together with the President and the Junior Treasurer;
(b) organise minor events for Members from time to time during Term;

(c) publicise events of the Society via social media;
(d) survey the popularity of events and the feedback of Members on them;
(e) inform the Committee on Members' preferences regarding events;
(f) assist the Access Officer in organising outreach events during and outside Term.

(18) The Graduate Representative shall
(a) represent the interests and concerns of postgraduate students within the society;
(b) help to organize and promote events and activities that are relevant and appealing to postgraduate students;
(c) provide support to Hungarian students who are interested in applying for postgraduate studies at the University.

(19) The General Members shall
(a) be voted by the already elected new Committee members;
(b) assist with all functions of the Committee as requested by Committee Members;
(c) appoint an IT Officer, who should service the Society domain, website and help the Committee with the maintenance of the IT infrastructure;
(d) appoint a Food and Drinks Officer, who should coordinate the food and drink supply of the Society events and its finances;
(e) a General Member may be appointed a special committee role if their qualifications and motivations render them appropriate to fulfill their responsibilities in such quality;
(f) the special General Member roles and responsibilities are listed in (19a-b), committee roles not included in these subpoints shall not be appointed unless the core committee unanimously approves so.

(19a) Food and Drinks Officer

(a) plan the food and beverage shopping list and budget with the supervision of the Junior Treasurer and the Events Officer(s);
(b) organise the transport of said food and beverage items from the location of source to the venue;
(c) keep a record of the consumed drinks and beverages and update future shopping lists accordingly.

(19b) IT Officer

(a) maintain the society's IT infrastructure;
(b) report any recurring maintenance fees or subscription fees to the Junior Treasurer;
(c) identify and train a Junior IT Officer while in office.

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(20) The Committee shall define the responsibilities of additional Committee positions created under §IV(5) to a level of detail comparable to §IV(7–11) upon creation.

(21) If the qualifications of all applicants render them unfitting for a role, the role shall be left vacant. The question of goodness of fit for the role shall be explicitly discussed before the inauguration vote takes place.

(22) The Senior Treasurer shall audit the Society's accounts and shall not be liable for any financial debt or other obligation of the Society, unless the Senior Treasurer has personally authorised such a debt in writing.

Title IV Decisions of the Committee

(23) There shall be at least one Committee Meeting each Term, at a day and time chosen by the Committee.

(24) The Chair of a Committee Meeting shall be the most senior Committee Member present, as determined by the list below. If two or more of the listed Committee Members are not present, the Meeting shall be postponed.

- (a) President
- (b) Vice President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Junior Treasurer

(25) Any decision that requires the majority vote of the Committee under this Constitution shall normally be made on a Committee Meeting. Any voting is an open ballot by default and this shall not be taken to a separate vote unless a Committee Member specifically invokes - in writing or orally - a request for a secret ballot. In addition, a Member of the Committee may request that the Committee vote on any question on which a formal decision of the Society is necessary.

- (a) There shall be a Quorum of at least one half of Committee Members who are not General Members, and at least two of the Committee Members listed in §IV(24).
- (b) An unambiguous yes–no question shall be presented to the Committee for decision.
- (c) Voting shall be by show of hands unless a Committee Member requests a secret ballot.
- (d) Votes of all Committee Members, including General Members, shall be equal. The Senior Treasurer shall not have a vote.
- (e) The question shall be decided according to the plurality of votes. In case of an equal number of Yeas and Nays, the Chair of the Meeting shall make the final decision.
- (f) The Secretary – or in their absence, any other Committee Member – shall record in the Minutes:
  - (i) the question, exactly as presented to the Committee;
  - (ii) the names and Committee positions of those present;
  - (iii) the number of Yeas, Nays, and Abstentions;
  - (iv) the final decision of the Committee.
- (g) Decisions made under this Clause shall govern the Society as if they were provisions of this Constitution, unless they are in conflict with any provision of this Constitution or the law, in which case any conflicting provisions shall be deemed void.
- (h) Decisions made under this Clause shall not imply a precedent. Questions presented for decision shall be formulated so as to avoid the appearance of creating a precedent.

(26) In cases of urgency, the President may request that the Committee vote on a question without convening a Committee Meeting in person. The provisions of §IV(23–25) shall be followed with the exception of voting by show of hands. The voting method adopted in its place shall be such that

- (a) the identity of voters can be ascertained beyond reasonable doubt;
- (b) the Quorum set out in §IV(25)(a) can reasonably be established;
- (c) the Committee is given at most twenty-four hours to cast their votes.

Decisions made under this Clause shall have the standing set out in §IV(25)(g, h). The Secretary shall publish Minutes of any decision made under this Clause which shall describe the voting method in such detail that adherence to the requirements §IV(26)(a–c) can be established in addition to the details set out in §IV(25)(f).

(27) The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Junior Treasurer may represent the Society and decisions of the Committee on their own.

Title V Termination of Membership

(28) Committee Members may resign from their active positions by giving written notice to the

President and if the Committee Member is one of the ones listed at §IV(12-19), ensuring the uninterrupted continuation of the role is their responsibility.

(29) Resignation of a Committee Member persistently failing their duties may be requested by one or more other Committee Members in writing, detailing their reasons for such request.
   (a) The request shall be sent to the President. If the request concerns the President, it shall be sent to the Secretary.
   (b) Upon such request, the Committee may remove the Committee Member concerned by supermajority vote.
   (c) The Committee Member concerned shall be given the right to be heard by the Committee and may vote on the removal request.

(30) If a Committee Member resigns or is removed from the Committee,
   (a) the responsibilities of the former Committee Member shall be assumed by the President. The responsibilities of a former President shall be assumed by the Vice President or – if there is no Vice President – by the Secretary.
   (b) The President shall announce the vacancy to all Members of the Society who shall be given seven days to submit their candidacy. The Committee shall then elect the new Committee Member by majority vote.

Article V General Meetings and Elections

(1) The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting (hereafter referred to as the "AGM") in Lent Full Term of each academic year at a date, time, and place specified by the Committee. Fourteen days' notice during Full Term shall be given.

(2) The AGM shall
   (a) consider the Annual Report of the Committee and the audited accounts of the Society; the Annual Report shall include
      (i) general statistics about the society, such as number of incoming and outgoing members, and the distribution of members according to affiliation (by President);
      (ii) changes in constitution and society structure, and any official amendments affecting the Society (by President);
      (iii) major fiscal events of the Society, including event budgets, sponsorships, non-perishable purchases, and subscription fees (by Junior Treasurer).
   (b) include Hustings where all candidates shall present their agenda;
   (c) elect the Committee for the subsequent academic year.

(3) In order to stand for election, Members shall
   (a) submit a manifesto to the Secretary at least three days before the AGM. This manifesto shall be published to the general public 24 hours before the voting conference;
   (b) be proposed and seconded by two other Members;
   (c) participate in Hustings during the AGM.

(4) A Member may run for election as President together with a Vice President. No Member shall run for election as Vice President as a single position.

(5) Members shall run for election as Events Officers in pairs. Exception may be made at the discretion of the Committee if there is only a single candidate.

(6) Members may run for election as Access Officer individually.

(7) The procedure of Committee elections shall be as follows:
   (a) All Members shall have equal and secret voting rights.
   (b) Each Member shall have a single, non-transferable vote.
   (c) Votes may only be cast in person or by proxy (a right granted on the individual basis by majority opinion of the Committee) during the AGM.
   (d) For all positions, the option of re-opening nominations (hereafter referred to as "RON") shall be up for election.
   (e) Votes shall be counted by a Person chosen at the AGM who is not a candidate for any Committee position.
   (f) Each position shall be assumed by the candidate who received the largest number of valid votes. If two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes, lots shall

be drawn to determine the winner. If RON receives an equal number of votes to another candidate or candidates, it shall be eliminated.

(8) If there are no candidates standing for the position of President, Junior Treasurer, Secretary, Access Officer, or Events Officer on the AGM, or RON is elected for at least one of them, an Extraordinary General Meeting (hereafter referred to as the "EGM") shall be called as early as reasonably possible to fill the vacancies.
   (a) Outgoing Committee members without elected successors shall aim to find suitable candidates and during the intermission the roles and responsibilities shall be assumed by the Outgoing Committee Member.
   (b) The election on the EGM shall be conducted as described in §V(3–7), with the exception of §V(7)(d).
   (c) If the position of the President, Junior Treasurer, or Secretary remains vacant, this procedure shall be iterated until a candidate is elected. The Committee may appoint a willing Member for the position of Access Officer or Events Officer after one failed attempt at election.
   (d) Until a Committee position is not filled, the incumbent shall be responsible for all duties of the position concerned.

(9) The elected President shall organise a Committee Meeting as early as reasonably possible after the AGM. The elected Committee shall assume their powers at the earliest at the first Committee Meeting after the AGM, and at the latest by the last day of Lent term.

(10) The elected Committee shall announce vacancies for any additional Committee positions created under §IV(5) and General Members at their discretion as early as possible after their election. Members shall be given at least fourteen days to submit their candidacy after which the Committee shall elect the additional Committee Members by majority vote.

(11) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the Committee any time during Full Term, provided reasonable notice is given to Members. Any EGM called after the AGM was called shall take place immediately before the AGM.

(12) If a ballot takes place on an EGM, and another provision of this Constitution does not direct otherwise,
   (a) all Members shall have equal and secret voting rights;
   (b) each Member shall have a single, non-transferable vote;
   (c) votes may only be cast in person during the EGM;
   (d) the outcome of the ballot shall be determined as set out in §V(7)(f).

Article VI Amendments

(1) Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any two Members of the Committee or any five Members of the Society.
(2) Majority vote of the Committee is required to adopt an Amendment to this Constitution.
(3) Amendments shall be published by the Secretary as soon as possible after their adoption.
(4) Amendments shall come into effect on the day determined by the Committee, but by the upcoming AGM the latest.
(5) Any five Members of the Society may dispute an Amendment by writing to the Secretary within seven days of the Amendment being published. In this case, an EGM shall be called for final decision.
(6) No Amendment to this Constitution intended to remove the position of Senior Treasurer, to alter its prerogatives and duties, or to change the criteria and procedure for the appointment of a Senior Treasurer may be voted on without the prior written agreement of the Junior Proctor of the University.

Article VII Disbanding the Society

(1) The Committee or ten Members of the Society may present a request to the President

that the Society be disbanded. In this case, an EGM shall be called for decision on the request with at least twenty-one days written notice of the intention of disbanding the Society.

(2) Two thirds of all valid votes cast at the EGM is required to disband the Society.

(3) Upon disbanding, the Committee is responsible for meeting all remaining liabilities. Any remaining assets shall be donated to another registered University Society or transferred to the Societies' Syndicate at the discretion of the Committee.

Article VIII Closing provisions

(1) The Committee shall act according to its interpretation of the Constitution or at its discretion in all matters on which this Constitution is silent. If the Committee cannot come to an agreement in matters of interpretation of the Constitution, the final interpretation shall be made by majority vote.

(2) No words or construction in this Constitution shall be taken to imply any discrimination whatsoever with regard to race, sex, sexuality, religion, nationality or political views.

(3) This Constitution was written in consultation with Members of the Society and was adopted by unanimous vote of the Committee on this first day of May two thousand and seventeen. This Constitution shall repeal and replace all provisions of any previous Constitutions of the Society on this same day.

Article IX Summary of Amendments

(1) 5 January 2018
Proposed by Marcell Fekete (President) & Attila Szabó (Vice President)
Amendments to bring the Constitution in line with University regulations.
Creation of the role of Freshers' Representative.

- (a) §III(3): Disciplinary procedure as set out by University regulations.
- (b) §IV(2), §IV(4): Majority of Committee Members are to be students of the University.
- (c) §IV(6), §IV(20): Creation of the role of Freshers' Representatives.
- (d) §IV(7): Exceptionally, not only Members of the Regent House can be appointed Senior Treasurer: made explicit.
- (e) §IV(26)(d): The Senior Treasurer has no Committee vote: made explicit.
- (f) §IV(28): Executive Committee members can represent the Society on their own.
- (g) §VI(6): No amendments intended to change the status of the Senior Treasurer.
- (h) §VII(3): Final disposal of assets in accordance with University regulations.

(2) 30 May 2018
Proposed by Dávid Péter Kovács (President) & Attila Szabó (Postgraduate Representative)
§IV(16)(h): reference to the superseded Data Protection Act 1998 removed.

(3) 12 October 2019
Proposed by Tamás K. Stenczel (President)
Amendments to bring the Constitution in line with University regulations and to allow up to two Access Officers in the Committee.

- (a) §VII(1): Twenty-one days notice is required for EGM with intention of disbanding the Society.
- (b) §IV(3) and §V(6): Pairs can run for the position of Access Officer as well, but only one individual or pair may be elected.

(4) 3 April 2020

Proposed by Balázs Németh (President) & Ákos Marton (Vice President)
§IV(29–31): Simplified procedure for resignation of Committee Members and removing Committee Members failing their duties.

(5) 16 March 2023

Proposed by Ádám Lengyel (President) & Zsófia Balogh (Vice President)
Amendments to bring the Constitution in line with current practice.

(a) §IV(6), §IV(20): Removal of the role of Freshers' Representative.
(b) §V(9): The assumption of power by the new Committee can happen before the last day of Lent term.
(c) Implemented the new Logo of the Society.

(6) 30 April 2023

Proposed by Ádám Lengyel (President) & Mátyás Váradi (Graduate Representative)
Creation of the role of Graduate Representative.

(a) §IV(1): Graduate Representatives are not elected at the AGM.
(b) §IV(8–13): Procedure for the election of Graduate Representatives.
(c) §IV(20): Established the roles of Graduate Representatives.

(7) 23 November 2025

Proposed by Luca Vidman (President) & Ágoston Török (Vice President)
Amendments to bring the Constitution in line with current practice, creation of specific General Member roles (IT Officer, Food and Drink Officer).

(a) §I(5)(6)(7)(8)(9): engrossed a description of member, membership, committee, "Friend of CUHS";
(b) §II(2): Society primarily aims to focus on students at the University of Cambridge;
(c) §III(2): subscription fee shall be paid annually;
(d) §IV(3): additional members should be: Vice President, one Access Officer, two Events Officers;
(e) §IV(6a): election of a new Senior Treasurer should be decided based on supermajority vote;
(f) §IV(7): up to three Graduate Representatives should be elected;
(g) §IV(12)(13)(14)(15)(16): engross a description of the role and duties of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Access Officer;
(h) §IV(19): engross the description of the General Member role, particularly the Food and Drinks Officer and IT Officer;
(i) §IV: illustration of the structure of the Committee in the table below descriptions;
(j) §IV(21): a role shall be left vacant if there is no eligible applicant;
(k) §IV(23): there shall be at least one Committee Meeting a term;
(l) §IV(24): a Committee Meeting shall be postponed if two or more are not present from the group: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer;
(m) §IV(25): during Committee Meetings, any voting is an open ballot;
(n) §IV(28): a Committee Member may resign with a written notice and ensuring that role responsibilities are uninterrupted;
(o) §IV(29b): the Committee may remove a Committee Member by supermajority vote;
(p) §V(2): engrossed description of the content of the Annual Report;
(q) §V(3): applicants to a role shall submit their manifestos 24 hours before the AGM;
(r) §V(8): during the intermission period, the Outgoing Committee Members are responsible for their role.