



The Old Harrisonian Society  
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Dear Harrisonian,

In the past few years, the Council of the Old Harrisonian Society has been dedicated to improving the functions of the Society and to encouraging wider participation by the membership in the activities of the Society.

We have recognized that in order to achieve these worthy goals, the Society must be structured in a manner that would allow for growth and development. We also believe that we must be in a position to embrace alternative methods, whilst maintaining the high standards of excellence for which Harrison College and the Society are known.

For these reasons, the Council appointed a Constitution Review Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 and the Committee presented its report to the Council on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

As a result, the Council is pleased to announce that having reviewed the recommendations for amendments to our Constitution made by the Committee it is now in a position to present a Draft Constitution to our members.

You will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not this Constitution should be adopted at the Extraordinary General Meeting convened for this purpose, which is scheduled to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Harrison College School Hall.

A summary of the amendments to the Constitution are enclosed with this letter. We have placed copies of the full Draft Constitution in the Principal's Office at Harrison College and online on our website: [www.oldharrisonian.org.bb](http://www.oldharrisonian.org.bb).

If you would like us to email you a copy of the Draft Constitution, please send your request to [ohsconstitution@gmail.com](mailto:ohsconstitution@gmail.com) or to our Secretary, Ms. Sandra K. Martindale at [ohs@caribsurf.com](mailto:ohs@caribsurf.com). Ms. Martindale may also be contacted at 426-5077.

The Council is satisfied that the amendments to the Constitution are a significant step towards ensuring that the Society can achieve its worthwhile objectives. We believe that the amendments bring clarity to significant functions of the Society and above all, pave the way for increased participation by members both in Barbados and overseas. We are enormously excited at the prospects for the future.

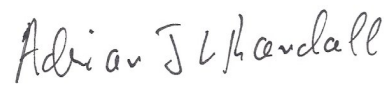
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We therefore look forward to your attendance and participation at the Extraordinary General Meeting and encourage you to bring a friend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian J. L. Randall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Adrian J. L. Randall  
President

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

The name “The Old Harrisonian Society”

The membership will be asked to vote on retaining the name “The Old Harrisonian Society” or to adopt one of the following names:

- a. The Harrisonian Society.
- b. The Harrison College Alumni Association
- c. The Kolij Alumni

Alterations to the format of the Constitution

Rule 21 of the current Constitution effectively provides that rules 3, 15(5) and 20 cannot be altered. However, for the purposes of uniformity, the following insubstantial changes will be made in order to accommodate the substantive changes contained in the Draft Constitution:

- a. Rule 3 – “1979” is deleted as “Trustee Act” is now defined in the definitions section of the Draft Constitution.
- b. Rule 15(5) is renumbered as rule 16(5).
- c. Rule 21 is renumbered as rule 22.

Substantive Changes to the Constitution

### 1. Notice

The notice of general meetings which must be given to members is now no less than 21 days.

### 2. Election Procedure

Nominations for election to the Council at the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) are to be made during the nomination period from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> August preceding the AGM.

Nomination forms will be provided by the Secretary.

Duly completed nomination forms are to be returned to the Secretary no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August preceding the AGM.

Nominations may only be made from the floor of the AGM where a sole nominee for a particular position becomes unable to serve for whatever reason between the end of election period and the date of the AGM.

### 3. Voting

Members entitled to vote at general meetings may now do so by proxy.

Proxy forms will be provided by the Secretary.

Duly completed proxy forms are to be returned to the Secretary no later than 7 days prior to the day before the date on which the vote is scheduled to take place.

A proxy may be revoked at any time before the scheduled vote by an instrument in writing.

A proxy does not count as attendance for quorum purposes.

#### 4. Procedure for members to convene an extraordinary general meeting (“EGM”)

Where any ten members in good standing submit a requisition in writing to the Council requiring the Council to call an EGM, the Council is required to call such EGM within 21 days after receiving the requisition.

If the Council does not call the EGM within the specified period, then the requisitionists may send a notice to the Secretary specifying a day and time for holding the EGM. The Secretary is required to call such EGM forthwith.

#### 5. Standing Committees

Four Committees have been specially identified as being essential to the work of the Society. These are the Membership Committee, Finance Committee, Public Relations Committee and Heritage Committee.

The general duties of these Committees are included in the Constitution.

Any committee appointed by the Council should be encouraged to report monthly, as necessary, to the Council.

#### 6. Alteration of Rules

The rules can only be altered by a two-thirds majority of members voting at any general meeting at which a quorum is present.

However, prior to the vote, the Council must have considered the amendment(s) and notice of the amendment(s) must have been given to the members of the Society not less than 21 days prior to the day on which the vote on the amendment(s) is scheduled to take place.