

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Report on incorporation

A resolution was passed at the 2024 AGM to proceed with the incorporation of the Society. That process is now complete.

The new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was formally constituted on 1 October 2024. It is registered with the Charity Commission (charity number 1210277) under the same name as the unincorporated charity: Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain (PESGB). Appended to this report is a summary of the governance structure of the new charity.

The new charity is governed by a Board of Trustees rather than an Executive Committee. The 12 members of the Board of Trustees are Bob Davis (Chair), Michael Hand (Vice-Chair), Chris Winch (Secretary), Richard Davies (Treasurer), Laura D'Olimpio (Conference Chair), David Bakhurst (JOPE Editor), Andrea English (Additional Elected Trustee), Ruth Heilbronn (Additional Elected Trustee), Joris Vlieghe (Grants Committee Chair), Adrian Skilbeck (Development Committee Chair), Alex Nikolaidis (Communications Committee Chair) and Oli Belas (Inclusion Committee Chair).

On 5 March 2025, the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated charity were transferred to the new charity. The unincorporated charity has no remaining assets or liabilities.

It now remains only to dissolve the unincorporated charity. Members are asked to consider the following resolution:

The unincorporated charity (charity number 287214) should be dissolved with immediate effect and an application made for its removal from the Charity Commission register.

PESGB Governance Structure

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has ultimate responsibility for directing and governing the Society. It normally meets four times per annum. There are twelve Trustees, comprising five Elected Officers, two Additional Elected Trustees, the JOPE Editor and four Co-opted Trustees. The five Elected Officers are the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Conference Chair. The four Co-opted Trustees are the Chairs of the Grants, Development, Communications and Inclusion Committees.

The Chair is elected for a three-year term, one year in advance of taking up office, and is ineligible for immediate re-election. The office of Vice-Chair is held for one year by the Chair-elect, then for two years by the retiring Chair. The Secretary, Treasurer and Conference Chair are elected for three-year terms and are eligible for immediate re-election, but may serve no more than three terms consecutively. The Additional Elected Trustees are elected for three-year terms and are ineligible for immediate re-election. The JOPE Editor is appointed for a five-year term and is eligible for immediate re-appointment, but may serve no more than two terms consecutively. The Co-opted Trustees are appointed for three-year terms and are eligible for immediate re-appointment, but may serve no more than three terms consecutively.

Advisory Board

The Advisory Board provides advice, support and challenge to the Board of Trustees. It can make proposals and recommendations, but has no decision-making powers. It normally meets once annually. The Advisory Board has up to ten members, comprising the President of the Society and up to nine Vice-Presidents. Meetings may be chaired by any member of the Board.

Presidents and Vice-Presidents are distinguished figures in the field of philosophy of education and will usually have completed terms as Chair of the Board of Trustees. The President is elected for life or until he or she wishes to resign. Vice-Presidents are elected for five year terms and may serve no more than two terms consecutively.

The Advisory Board is invited to attend one meeting of the Board of Trustees annually.

JOPE Editorial Board

The JOPE Editorial Board provides advice, support and challenge to the JOPE Editor. It normally meets twice annually. The Board is chaired by the JOPE Editor and has up to 30 members, including the Co-Editors, Assistant (Responsible) Editors, IMPACT Editor and Book Reviews Editor. The IMPACT Editorial Board is a subcommittee of the JOPE Editorial Board.

Committees

Conference Committee

The Conference Committee oversees the Society's annual conference, including the programme, budget, venue and submission review process. It normally meets twice annually. It is chaired by the Conference Chair and has up to eight members, including the Conference Organiser. The Conference Submission Review Panel is a subcommittee of the Conference Committee.

Grants Committee

The Grants Committee manages the Society's Large and Small Grants schemes. It normally meets twice annually and has up to eight members, including the Small Grants Coordinator.

Development Committee

The Development Committee supports initiatives to bring philosophy of education to the attention of new audiences and to facilitate networking across different institutions and disciplines. It oversees the PESGB Summer School. It normally meets twice annually and has up to eight members.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee manages internal and external communications, specifically through the Society's website, newsletter, blog and social media accounts. It normally meets once annually and has up to eight members, including the Website Editor, News Editor, Blog Editor and Social Media Editor.

Inclusion Committee

The Inclusion Committee promotes inclusion and diversity within the Society. It normally meets once annually and has up to eight members.

