THE PYRAMUS & THISBE SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP POLICY

AS REQUIRED BY S5.1 OF THE CONSTITUTION

MAY 2023 (Rev 4)

MEMBERSHIP GROUP

The Group shall consist of elected Fellows and Members of the Society who shall be responsible for review of all matters relating to membership of the Society and who shall report to the Membership Officer (MO) from time to time on the Management Team.

The Group shall consist of a Chair appointed by the MO and those Members or Fellows selected to assist.

The Group shall review all applications, complaints and matters which arise. The Group shall make recommendations to the MO, who shall administer and if appropriate accept or reject and implement the recommendations.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS OF THE SOCIETY

There are several levels of membership of the Society designed to be inclusive for all persons who have an interest in the Party Wall etc. Act 1996 and a desire to further their understanding and know best practice.

The levels of membership are: -

Student

An Individual engaged in study of a recognised professional construction qualification.

Associate

All new applicants to the Pyramus & Thisbe Society required to complete a minimum probationary period of two years after joining (the date of joining the Pyramus & Thisbe Club if relevant), before applying for promotion to become a Member, subject to meeting the relevant criteria.

Member

a) Previous members of the Pyramus & Thisbe Club with two years membership at the transition, entitled to use the post nominal MPTS.

b) An Associate who has made a successful application to be a Member of the Pyramus & Thisbe Society, and who is entitled to use the post nominals MPTS
c) Fellows of the Society who have relinquished their Fellowship status, entitled to use the post nominal MPTS

Fellow

a) Members of the Pyramus & Thisbe Club with two years membership at the transition and who are involved at branch level as Chairman, Secretary or Education Officer or, in the case of the London Branch only, a member of the committee. Entitled to use the post nominal FPTS
b) Individuals who have been Members of the Society for at least two years and are preferably, but not necessarily professionally qualified members of a construction industry recognised organisation e.g.: the RICS, RIBA, IStructE, and who have been involved in the Society as a Member at local or national level and making a positive contribution to the Society. Entitled to use the post nominal FPTS

Affiliate

Individuals involved in the administration Party Wall etc. Act 1996 other than as appointed or selected surveyors, such as lawyers and engineers.

Honorary Fellows

Individuals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the Society. Entitled to use the post nominal FPTS (Hon).

Retired

Individuals who were previously Members or Fellows of the Club or Society, who retire from practice and wish to continue their membership and contribution to the Society. Retired Members and Fellows members are entitled to use the post nominals MPTS (Ret) and FPTS (Ret).

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

To be made on the appropriate form and include the relevant payment.

Student member Applicants shall provide details of the recognised course of study which shall be a construction related academic qualification.

Associate Applicants shall provide details of any relevant experience of the Party Wall etc, Act 1996.

The application will require to be supported by a declaration by a proposer (mentor) and seconder who shall be Members or Fellows of the Society, and

Following election to associate membership the individual will be expected to maintain a minimum of five hours of relevant CPD in the first (part or whole) year of membership of which at least three hours shall be Society presented CPD and include attendance to at least one branch meeting.

Members Applicants shall have been Associate members for at least two years, and

The application will require to be supported by a declaration by his/her proposer (mentor) and seconder who shall be Members or Fellows of the Society, and

Applicants shall provide details of their relevant experience of the Party Wall etc. Act 1996. Whilst there may be exceptions, the minimum requirement is generally considered to be: -

Two awards as named surveyor, and
Submission of a summary of relevant experience with supporting documentation, and shall
Attend an interview during which the applicant will be expected to answer questions regarding the working of the Act.

Members are required to maintain a minimum of five hours of relevant CPD, of which at least three hours shall be Society presented CPD and include attendance to at least one branch meeting.

Fellow

Applications will require to be supported by a declaration by a proposer and seconder who shall be Fellows of the Society, and

Whilst there may be exceptions (and excepting elected branch officers and members of the London Branch committee, see under Levels of membership), the minimum requirement will generally be:

Two years as a Member of the Society, and
A summary of ongoing contribution(s) to the Society
A summary of relevant experience with supporting documentation,
An interview during which the applicant will be expected to answer questions regarding the working of the Act.

Following election to Fellowship the individual will be expected to maintain a minimum of five hours of relevant CPD, of which at least three hours shall be from the P&T Society andinclude attendance to at least one branch meeting.

A Fellow is be expected to be involved with the Society in a manner which assists the function of the Society in education and standards. Should this cease he or she will revert to being a Member.

Honorary Fellow Individuals elected by the Fellowship who have demonstrated by their exceptional actions and involvement in matters relating to the Society and the development of the Act and/or practice by surveyors.

DUTIES OF THE PROPOSER (MENTOR) AND SECONDER

The Member or Fellow who proposes the applicant, shall be satisfied the applicant is known to them and shall be accountable for the successful applicants conduct for the first two years after election. The proposer will be required to satisfy himself/herself using reasonable endeavours as to the suitability of the applicant as a member of the Society (for example: an appreciation of the Society Protocol). The proposer shall be required to mentor the successful applicant to ensure they progress their understanding and practice of the Act and if requested by the Membership Officer, to provide a record of such mentoring. It is envisaged that the mentor will hold periodic reviews as to the successful applicant's involvement in matters relevant to the Act and will encourage the successful applicant to undertake CPD and attend Society events.

The seconder shall ensure that they are satisfied the applicant is known to them and to satisfy himself/herself using reasonable endeavours as to the suitability of the applicant as a member of the Society.