

**British Dyslexia Association**  
**Company No. 1830587**  
**Board Resolution**

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of British Dyslexia Association held on 2 April 2009 IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

Pursuant to Article 22 of the Articles of Association of British Dyslexia Association, the following be immediately adopted as Regulations of British Dyslexia Association:

**Accreditation Board Regulations**

1. There shall continue to be an Accreditation Board of the British Dyslexia Association (B.D.A.) and it shall comprise not more than 15 people :
  - 1.1 A Chair who shall be independent of any provider of dyslexia training and shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees of the B.D.A. (the Management Board).
  - 1.2 A Vice Chair appointed by the Management Board, who will normally be the Director of Education and Policy of the B.D.A. but may be another senior staff member of B.D.A. appointed by the Management Board.
  - 1.3 Not more than [6] persons, one being nominated by each of such training providing organizations as the Management Board may decide from time to time (Nominated Members). Every person nominated must have had training experience within the three years immediately preceding the period for which they are nominated.
  - 1.4 Not more than 6 persons who shall be appointed by the Management Board on the nomination of the Accreditation Board (Appointed Members).
  - 1.5 The Chair of the Management Board shall, ex officio, be a member of the Accreditation Board
  - 1.6 Complimentary Membership of the BDA will be granted to Members of the Accreditation Board for the duration of their tenure of the Board.

2. The Accreditation Board shall have the following functions:

- 2.1 to define and publish the procedures and criteria for approval by B.D.A. of courses of study;
  - 2.2 to define and publish the relevant qualifications for the assessment of SpLD educational needs which meet the approval of the B.D.A.;
  - 2.3 to define, publish and keep under review
    - 2.3.1 the awards made to individuals and educational establishments by BDA;
    - 2.3.2 the procedures and criteria for the award of each of them; and
    - 2.3.3 procedures for making awards to individuals;
  - 2.4 to review applications from individuals and educational establishments against the criteria, and confirm approval where appropriate on behalf of the B.D.A.;
  - 2.5 to consider and advise the Management Board of new opportunities for education, research and training; and
  - 2.6 to make recommendations to the Management Board on any of the above
  - 2.7 to recommend to the Management Board the making of any appropriate honorary awards;
- and in performing these functions the Accreditation Board shall comply with
- 2.8 all relevant Codes of the B.D.A; and
  - 2.9 any directions given by the Management Board.

3. Subject to sub-paragraph 3.2/3.3 below,

- 3.1. All members of the Accreditation Board shall serve for a period starting with the date on which they are appointed and ending on the earlier of:
  - 3.1.1 the date on which they give notice to the Secretary of the BDA of their intention to resign; and

- 3.1.2 the end of the third Annual General Meeting of the BDA.
- 3.2 A member who is appointed in place of a member who leaves office early shall complete the term of office which the person whom he replaces would have served.
  - 3.3 A member of the Accreditation Board will normally be eligible for appointment for a second period on the expiry of their first period. At the end of the second period, the tenure will be reviewed with a possibility of continuation.
  - 3.4 A member of the Accreditation Board who does not attend three consecutive meetings will have the chance to indicate whether they are able to commit to further attendance before it is taken that they have resigned.
  4. The Accreditation Board may invite other persons to attend their meetings with liberty to speak but not to vote.
  5. The quorum of a meeting shall be one more than half the total number of members entitled to attend the relevant meeting. Those unable to attend will be invited to comment.
  6. Each Member of the Accreditation Board shall have only one vote on each question save for the Chair or person presiding over a meeting, who shall have a second or casting vote in the case of an equality of votes cast on each side of the question.
  7. Meetings of the Accreditation Board shall be called by [the Chair] and at least one month's notice must be given save in case of emergency or in any case where all those entitled to attend agree to short notice.
  8. If four members give written notice to the Chair that they wish a meeting to be called, the Chair must call such a meeting within six weeks.

### **Transitional Provisions**

9. Any member of the Accreditation Board at the date of the adoption of these Regulations (the Adoption Date) shall continue in office and shall be treated as follows:

- 9.1 The Chair as if he had been appointed to the Accreditation Board on the Adoption Date;
- 9.2 Debbie Avington, Frances Bloom, Lynn Greenwold, Bernadette McLean and Margaret Rooms as if they had been **nominated** by Swansea Metropolitan University, OCR, PATOSS, Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre and Dyslexia Action on the Adoption Date;
- 9.3 Judy Capener, Mike Johnson, Dr Lindsay Peer CBE, Val Miller and Dr Geraldine Price as if they had been **appointed** by the Management Board on the Adoption Date;
- 9.4 The term of service of each of the above people shall be treated as their first term and shall expire on the date on which it would have expired had they been appointed at the end of the last A.G.M. of B.D.A.

**Approved by the B.D.A. Management Board and Adopted on 2 April 2009.**