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14. 2. have a financial interest in the supply or goods or services to the charity.

15. Powers of Amendment

- 15.1. Subject to the following provisions of this clause, the Constitution may be amended by a resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution setting out the terms of the amendment proposed.
- 15.2. No amendment may be made to clause 2, clause 3.4, clause 12, clause 14, clause 16 or this clause without the prior written approval of the Charity Commissioners.
- 15.3. No amendment may be made which would have the effect of making the charity cease to be a charity at law.
- 15.4. The Trustees must:
 - a. promptly send to the Commissioners a copy of any amendments made;
 and
 - b. keep a copy of any such amendment with this Constitution.

16. Power Of Dissolution

If the Charity Trustees decide that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the charity, they shall call a meeting of all members of the charity of which not less than 21 day's notice (stating the terms of the resolution) shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, the Charity Trustees shall have the power to realise any assets held by on or behalf of the charity. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institutions having objects similar to the object of this charity as the members of the charity may determine, or failing that, shall be applied for some other charitable purpose.

Notes

Elections of Trustees are staggered to ensure continuity. Currently, the posts of chair and editor are up for election in 1998, the Treasurer in 1999 and the Secretary in 2,000.

Modified by K.J. Andrew (Chair NSCG) and Mark Thompson (of the Charity Commission) and accepted at the NSCG Annual General Meeting 14th May 1998.

re:source Launches Manifesto

Resource: The Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries has launched its manifesto. The document outlines the organisation's vision for the future, its objectives and core values, and contains an action plan for the year ahead.

Matthew Evans, Chairman of Resource, stated: "Museums, archives and libraries have a central role to play in sustaining and developing cultural, social, educational and economic well-being. They are rich in flair, creativity and imagination. The task for Resource is to harness and develop these qualities in order to enrich everyone's lives, and to enhance the ways in which the sector is funded, managed, used and enjoyed."

Neville Mackay, Chief Executive of Resource, commented: "This will be a challenging year for us, but we have made a good start. The review of the museum Registration Scheme will be completed by the end of the month, and we will shortly launch a new £600,000 fund to encourage the development of sector-wide work in the regions."

Highlights of Resource's work programme for the next year include:

- Policy reviews on sector-wide issues such as standards, training, stewardship and skills development.
- Developing a new sector-wide education standard as part of a programme to promote education and access.
- Extending the People's Network into museums and archives and working with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to develop cultural content for the World Wide Web.
- Establishing a new fund worth £600,000 over two years to encourage development of sector-wide work in the English regions.
- Developing a research strategy to inform policy needs across all three sectors.

The manifesto will be available on the Resource website at www.resource.gov.uk from 19 July. To obtain a hard copy please telephone Sarah Woodward, Communications Assistant, on 020 7233 4200.