# BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR IRISH STUDIES SUB-COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE CONSTITUTION

# AN EXTRACT OF NOTES MADE FOLLOWING THE LATEST SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING (8 May 1993)

A chart outlining the proposed general structure is attached.

#### 1. ADVISORY BODY (Senate?):

- \* an advisory body made up of representatives nominated by affiliated groups
  - \* groups will pay an annual affiliation fee
  - \* affiliated groups will include:
  - local groups formed by BAIS members (£10 fee)
  - local Irish Studies groups formed by non-BAIS members (£20 fee)
- HE institutions with degree courses (£30 fee)
  - LEAs (£50 fee)
  - WEAs (£50 fee)
  - professional education bodies and other professional bodies (£50 fee)
    - trade unions (representing professional educational bodies or providing education themselves) (£50 fee)
  - \* each affiliated group will nominate one member to the advisory body
  - \* meetings will be presided over by the Association's elected Chair
  - \* the advisory body will represent its views, advice and recommendations to the council through the Association's elected Chair
  - \* except for local groups formed by BAIS members, affiliated membership will include receipt of:
    - BAIS newsletter when you as I sense you
      - or bulletins and markety by the group will

## 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- \* Treasurer is convener
- \* Vice Chair is member

### \* responsible for:

- producing, implementing and monitoring business plan
- setting priorities for fundraising
- submitting applications for statutory and charity
- identifying and, in liaison with other appropriate committees, publicising the sources of support;
   e.g. by producing brochure listing those supporting BAIS
- budgeting IR sugar as Von III-
- control of expenditure
- receiving, and accounting for, membership fees passed on by the membership committee
  - control of all funds; membership fees and external
- \* link between fundraising group and council. Provide the dynamism and drive behind the group

#### FUNDRAISING GROUP:

- \* reference made to document `Proposed Structure for Fund Raising Leadership', already circulated
- Vice Chair will be a member
  - \* Treasurer will be a member
  - \* interested, non-party members will be co-opted
  - \* the group will be informal and loosely structured
- \* it will offer advice which may be reformulated as policy by the finance committee and ratified by the council through established procedure
  - \* potential donors and/or advisers to be identified by the finance committee and approached on a personal basis
  - \* group assembled by 'networking' through personal contact by peers, i.e. by using the 'pyramid' method
  - \* the group will devise an appeal structure
  - \* the Vice Chair and Treasurer will supply the dynamism and the drive, and the finance committee will provide the link between group and council

