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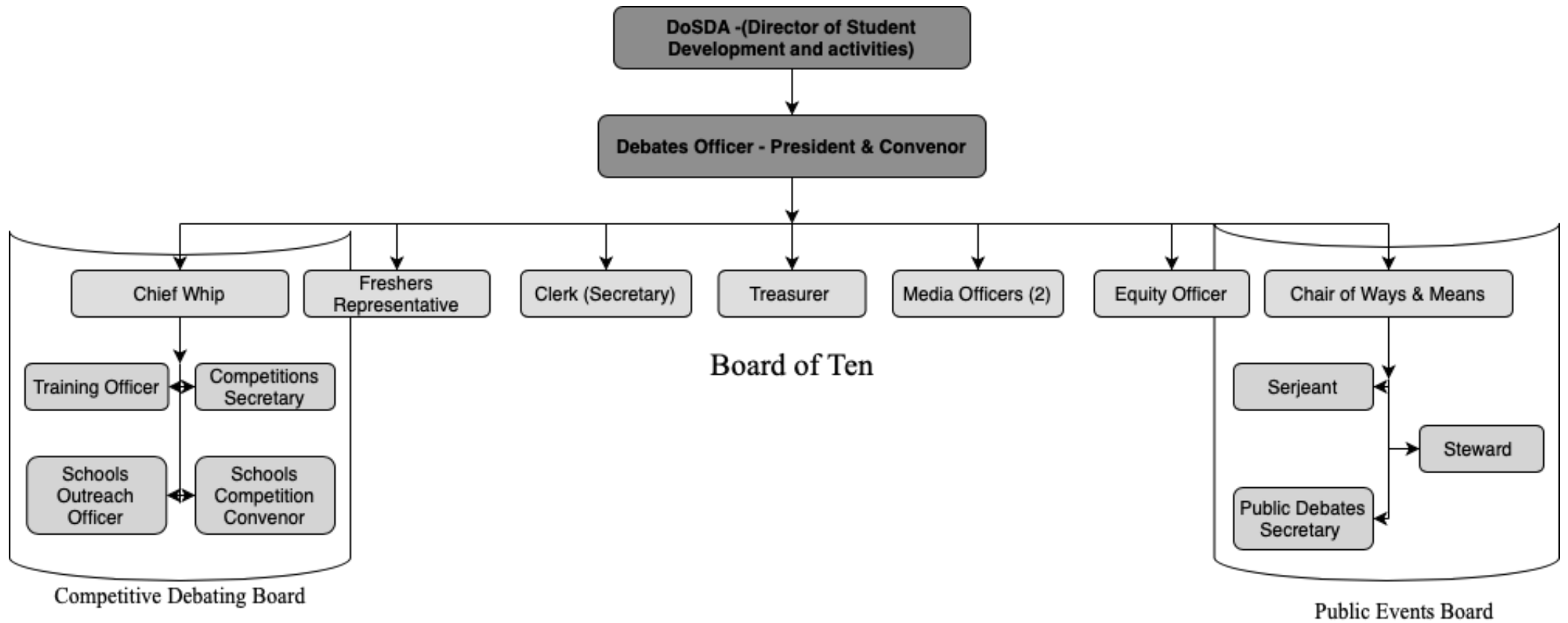
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Union Debating Society

UDS AGM Elections March 2022

**Structure of the Board as
Specified in the UDS Constitution**



Structure of the UDS

The Board of Ten - The UDS Executive Committee

Competitive Debates Board - Subcommittee tasked with running the competitive side of the society

Public Events Board - Subcommittee tasked with running the public events side of the society

The Debates Board - Everyone on the Board of Ten and the Competitive/Public Events Board

Board of Ten

1. **President & Convenor** shall oversee all aspects of the Union Debating Society and student debates in St Andrews. They shall chair all meetings of the Board of Ten and the Debates Board as-well as having the casting vote on board.
2. **The Chief Whip (Chair of The Competitive Debates Board)** shall oversee the competitive and schools-orientated business of the society including hosting training sessions for both casual and competitive purposes.
3. **The Equity Officer** shall serve as the internal Equity Officer for debating competitions organised by the Society. They shall work in coordination with the Chief-Whip(s) to provide training on equity in debating and discussing sensitive issues respectfully. They shall also work to promote the inclusion of disadvantaged and minority groups in Society activities.
4. **The Clerk (Secretary)** shall be responsible for secretarial duties, including the recording of all events and decisions in the House and of the Debates Board. The Clerk shall submit the minutes to the University Library.

5. **The Treasurer** shall be responsible for the Society's finances. They will coordinate sponsorship for the Society.
6. **The Chair of Ways & Means (Chair of The Public Events Board)** shall be responsible for organising weekly public debates. They are specifically charged with recruitment of speakers, and shall be assisted by the Public Events Board in this task.
7. **The Media Officer** shall have duties including all aspects of media and advertising for the Society.
8. **The Freshers Representative** shall be responsible for the representation and social activities of all first year debaters which includes any person who has not actively competed or participated within the society for more than a year. This role will be elected at an EGM of first year debaters and members of the Debates Board.
9. **Parent of the House** shall assist the President & Board of Ten and provide them with advice as necessary
10. **DoSDA (Director of Student Development and Activities)** shall represent the Students' Association on the Board of Ten.

Competitive Debates Board

- **Chief Whip (Chair)**
- **The Training Officer** shall be responsible for the organisation and smooth running of weekly debate training sessions.
- **The Competitions Secretary** shall be responsible for arranging the UDS's representation and participation in external competitions.
- **The Schools Outreach Officer** shall be responsible for outreach and development of debating at local schools.

Public Events Board

- **Chair of Ways and Means (Chair)**
- **The Serjeant – at – arms** shall be responsible for duties including the enforcement of order and producing order papers. They are also responsible for helping the Chair of Ways and Means organise debates and recruit speakers.
- **The Steward** shall be responsible for the planning of all social events, including the annual Gaudeamus Party.
- **The Public-Debates Secretary** shall aid the Chair of Ways and Means in organising public debates and recruiting speakers.