



RICHMOND
ART SOCIETY

Richmond Art Society Constitution

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TITLE

1. The Society shall be known as the "Richmond Art Society"

OBJECTS

2. The object of the Society shall be to foster local interest in the visual arts by exhibitions, lectures, discussions, etc.

CONDUCT

3. The Society shall be non-profit making and non-political in nature and its activities shall be free from all sectarian bias. No member of the Society shall claim to express the views of the Society on any subject unless so authorised by the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

4. Membership of the Society is open to all by submission of a completed application form to the Membership Secretary.

Members may take part in all Society activities except that any Member wishing to exhibit with the Society must first submit examples of their work to a Selection Committee that is assembled from time to time. If the Selection Committee is satisfied that the Member's work is of an appropriate standard, the Member will be entitled to submit work to any future Society exhibition.

The Committee may offer Honorary Memberships in recognition of exceptional service to the Society and to external invitees.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

5. Members shall pay an Annual Subscription, the rates of which shall be determined by resolution at any Annual General Meeting,
6. Any member whose subscription is more than four months in arrears shall cease to be entitled to the benefits of membership.

THE SOCIETY'S YEAR

7. The Society's Year shall commence on the 1 April each year and expires on 31 March of the following year. All subscriptions shall be paid in advance and be due on 1 April each year.

OFFICERS

8. The Society shall have a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer.

COMMITTEE

9. The Committee shall consist of the Officers and up to six additional members.
10. The Committee may co-opt up to four additional members of the Society
11. Five members, including the Chairman or Deputy, shall constitute a quorum.
- 12(a). The Officers and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of Members. Nominations shall be in writing. Only Members who have signified their willingness to stand should be nominated. Voting shall be by a show of hands.

In the event of the nominations being fewer than the vacancies, the Chairman of the Meeting may accept nominations from the floor.
- (b) In the event of an Officer or member of the Committee dying or resigning during the year, the Committee may appoint a member of the Society to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General meeting of Members.

MANAGEMENT

13. The Management of the Society shall be vested in the Committee who may appoint such sub-committees as it deems necessary.

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

14. An Annual General Meeting of Members shall be held in April of each year. The Chairman shall then report on the activities of the Society for the past year. The Treasurer shall present the annual audited accounts.
15. Discussions and lecture meetings shall be held as arranged by the Committee and printed in the Society programme, a copy of which shall be given to all Members.
16. In the event of equality in voting at any meeting or of the Committee, the Chairman shall have an additional casting vote.

VISITORS

17. All Exhibitions are open to the public free of charge. A nominal charge will be made for lectures.

EXHIBITIONS

18. At least one Exhibition of the work of Members shall be held in each Society year.
19. A Selection Committee of not less than three and not more than five shall be appointed by the Committee of the Society for the principal indoor exhibition(s) each year. This Selection Committee shall have power to reject any work for want of sufficient merit, or unsuitability, or on account of lack of available space, but shall be under no obligation to give the reason for their rejection.
20. The Committee of the Society shall have the power to vary the number of works submitted for an exhibition in any year in accordance with the space available.
21. A submission fee for each work submitted and a sales commission not exceeding a percentage determined by the Committee may be charged.
22. The Secretary shall forward full particulars to all members not less than 14 days before the receiving day of any Society exhibition.
23. Every care will be taken of works submitted for the exhibition, but the Society will not be responsible for injury or loss.

ACCOUNTS

24. Detailed accounts of all receipts and payments shall be kept by the Treasurer and such accounts shall be audited by two members who shall be elected in general meeting or, in the absence of such selection, by the Committee.

ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

25. The Constitution may be altered, reduced, or added to by resolution of members in general meeting, provided that notice of intention has been given to members by announcement at the two lecture or discussion meetings prior to the meeting at which the proposed alterations are to be considered, or notice is posted to members at least twenty-one days before such meeting.
26. The Secretary of the Society shall have available for inspection at every meeting of the Committee and of members, an up-to-date copy of the Constitution.