

# CONSTITUTION OF THE CHANDOS SOCIETY OF ARTISTS NOVEMBER 2016

## TITLE

1. The Society shall be known as the "The Chandos Society of Artists" (the Society)

## OBJECTS

2. The object of the Society shall be to encourage the practice and appreciation of the visual arts.

## 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.

There shall be two classes of Membership of the Society.

(a) Associate Member, who shall enjoy the benefits and privileges of the Society except that of exhibiting at the Society's Exhibitions without first having their work being subject to selection.

(b) Full Membership is accorded to any Associate Member who has at least one work accepted in any two of three consecutive years.

5. The Committee may offer full membership without selection to artists who, in their opinion, has attained a high level of ability in their work.

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

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

7. Members shall pay an Annual Subscription, due on 1st January, the rates of which shall be determined by the Committee.

8. Only members who have paid their subscription shall exhibit at the Society's Spring Exhibition.

9. Any member whose subscription is more than four months in arrears shall cease to be entitled to the benefits of membership.

## OFFICERS

10. The Committee shall be elected at the AGM. Voting shall be either by a show of hands or ballot as decided by the AGM.

11. The Officers of the Society shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Treasurer, Minuting Secretary and Exhibitions Secretary and shall be elected by the Committee.

12. Nominations for Committee members should be submitted in writing. In the event of the nominations being fewer than the vacancies, the Chairman of the Meeting may accept nominations from the floor.

## COMMITTEE

13. The Committee shall consist of the Officers and up to seven additional members. The Committee may co-opt up to three additional members of the Society as deemed necessary.

14. One third of the Committee including the Chairman or Deputy, shall constitute a quorum.

15. The Committee will meet at least five times per year at a time and place agreed by the Committee.

16. 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

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

18. The Committee shall have the power to act on any matter requiring an urgent decision which, in their opinion, would benefit the Society, provided that such decisions are reported to the next subsequent General Meeting.

#### DISMISSAL OF A MEMBER

19. Any member found to be placing the Society in disrepute or disregarding the constitution will be ordered to appear before an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society. If the accusations are proven then the meeting has the right to revoke the membership of the guilty party.

20. If an Officer or a Committee member is absent from a committee meeting on three consecutive occasions without supplying apologies, they are deemed to have resigned.

#### MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

21. 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.

22. In the event of equality in voting at any meeting or of the Committee, the Chairman shall have an additional casting vote.

#### VISITORS

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

#### EXHIBITIONS

24. At least two Exhibitions of the work of Members shall be held in each Society year.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. A submission fee for each work submitted and a sales commission not exceeding a percentage determined by the Committee may be charged.

28. The Secretary shall forward full particulars to all members not less than 14 days before the receiving day of any Society exhibition.

29. Every care will be taken of works submitted for the exhibition, but the Society will not be responsible for injury or loss.

#### ACCOUNTS

30. The Accounting year is from 1st January to 31st December.

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

32. The examined accounts to be presented to the members at the AGM

#### ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

33. The Constitution may be altered, reduced, or added to by resolution of members in general meeting, provided that notice is posted to members at least twenty- one days before such meeting.

34. 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.

#### DISSOLUTION

35. The Society may only be dissolved by a Resolution passed by an Extraordinary General Meeting of not less than 51% of the paid-up members. The same Extraordinary General Meeting shall also determine the disposal of the Society's assets to a charity of its choosing in the event of dissolution