

THE CROYDON ART SOCIETY

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

AIM OF THE SOCIETY

1. The aim of 'The Croydon Art Society' shall be to foster the appreciation and practice of fine art.

MEMBERSHIP

2. Elected Members with a valid subscription are entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings.
3. Applicants shall submit three works to the Membership Secretary, for consideration by a panel of five experienced Members including one Committee Member, appointed by the Committee. Election will be by ballot. The works submitted should be original and finished, suitably presented as they would be for exhibition.
4. The Annual Membership subscriptions will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will be payable after the AGM. Student Members must be in full time education.
5. Those who contribute as 'Family and friends' and 'visitors' have no right to vote or exhibit.
6. Any member or officer behaving in a manner detrimental to reputation of the Society will be called upon to explain their actions. The Committee will then decide if membership should be revoked.
7. Membership will normally cease if the Subscription is not paid by 30th April.

PRESIDENCY

8. A President will be invited by the committee, from the membership, for a period of up to five years, approved by the membership and subsequently confirmed at each AGM. The Committee may elect a Vice-President. Neither President nor Vice President has a vote on committee.

MANAGEMENT

9. At each AGM the Members will elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. On alternate years the Members will appoint at least seven Committee members.
10. The Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor (who are not Committee members) shall also be elected at each AGM. Appointments may be made from sources outside the Membership of the Society, or the duties may be subdivided by the Committee and approved at the AGM.
11. Any vacancies arising before the next AGM may be filled by a member appointed by the Committee.

12. The Management of the Society shall be in the control of the Chairman and members of the Committee (five to form a quorum).
13. The election of Officers and Members of the Committee shall be by ballot.
14. The Committee shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees. The Chairman of the Society shall be a member of all such Sub-Committees.
15. At Committee meetings and all other meetings of the Society, elections shall normally be decided and resolutions passed by a simple majority of those members present and voting. Each member shall have one vote. When necessary the Chairman will have a casting vote. When it is not possible to meet, decisions will be taken by a ballot of Members over a period of not less than 21 days.

GENERAL MEETINGS

16. The Honorary Secretary or nominated deputy will organise General Meetings of the Society
17. The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in February.
18. At least 21 days prior to the AGM the following will be circulated to all Members: The Agenda, Minutes of the last AGM, the Financial Statement, the Chairman's Report, nomination forms and any motions.
19. Motions must be proposed and seconded by current Members and received at least 42 days prior to the AGM.
20. Nominations for the Officers and Committee must be proposed and seconded by current Members and received at least 7 days prior to the AGM. The consent of each nominee must be obtained.
21. Special General Meetings shall be held as considered necessary by the Committee or at the request of not less than twenty-five members. Notice shall be given to all members at least 21 days before the EGM. Any resolution passed at an EGM shall be subject to confirmation at the next succeeding AGM.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

22. The investment of the funds of the Society will be at the discretion of the Committee. No monies shall be paid out of the Society's funds without their approval.
23. The Honorary Treasurer has charge of the funds of the Society and will keep accounts of all receipts and payments and render accounts for audit and approval when required by the Committee.
24. An Annual Statement will, after audit, be submitted to the members at the AGM.

EXHIBITIONS

25. One or more exhibitions will be held annually with notice given at least 28 days before each exhibition.
26. The Committee will appoint at least three Members of the Society to form a selection panel, who may exclude work that in their opinion should not be exhibited and award prizes as appropriate.
27. The Committee will define submission and commission fees.

PRIVILEGES

28. All elected Members of the Society have the right to attend all advertised Society meetings and (subject to selection) exhibit.
29. For a small fee each, members may invite a guest to all such meetings other than painting sessions and the AGM.
30. A copy of these Rules shall be supplied to all members.

WINDING UP OF THE SOCIETY

31. If there are insufficient Members to form a Committee to Manage the Society an Extraordinary General meeting will be called to wind up the Society and distribute any assets. This will not require confirmation at a subsequent AGM.

CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE JOAN SEWELL ACCOUNT

1. A cash prize will be awarded for what is considered by the selectors to be the 'Best Oil Painting' at the annual exhibition. The winning artist will also receive a certificate.
2. A cash sum has been invested in an interest-bearing account, in the Society's name and called the Joan Sewell Account. Cash can be withdrawn to fund the annual prize. The money invested in the Joan Sewell Account cannot be used for any other purpose.
3. The cash prize was originally set at £100 and the Committee will re- consider annually the value of the cash prize.
4. If the Croydon Art Society is wound up any funds in the Joan Sewell Account will be given to The Motor Neurone Society or its succession.