

CONSTITUTION

CHINESE BRUSH PAINTERS SOCIETY

RATIFIED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 14TH NOVEMBER 2015

1. NAME

- The Chinese Brush Painters Society

2. AIM

- To promote interest in Chinese Brush Painting and other aspects of Chinese Culture.

3. MEMBERS

- Any person over the age of 16 years is eligible for membership, who applies to the Society and pays the appropriate subscription. An application form must be filled in by each member, though the completion of the data protection section of the form is voluntary.
- Any person shall cease to be a member if they send in a resignation to the Membership Secretary or fail to pay the subscription by March 31st of the subscription year. (This does not apply to new members joining during October-December of the previous subscription year.)
- If a member commits some act, or has been guilty of behaviour inconsistent with membership of the Society, the Committee may resolve to remove him/her from the membership.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- The annual subscription will be payable in January of each year for individual, double and overseas membership.
- The AGM of the Society shall have the power to vary the subscription by ordinary resolution.

5. OFFICERS

- The Honorary Officers of the Society shall be the Presidents.
- The Officers are the Chairman, Treasurer and the Secretary. They must be members of the Society.
- Each Officer is elected to serve for a term of three years in any one post. Any Officer may be re-elected for further terms of one year in that post: there is no maximum number of one-year terms which may be served. The terms may be consecutive or separated. If an Officer resigns or leaves before the full term is complete, they shall be considered to have served the full term with respect to future elections.
- All Officers and Committee members must declare all their Commercial Interests in Chinese Brush Painting including Teaching.
- The Presidents shall hold office for life subject only to removal at a duly convened EGM. Presidents may also resign from this office if their circumstances dictate.

6. COMMITTEE

- The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Society.
- The numbers on the Committee shall be between five and seven voting members including any Officers.
- Each Committee member is elected to serve for a term of two years. Any Committee member may serve up to three such terms. Any Committee member may be re-elected for further terms of one year: there is no maximum number of one-year terms which may be served. The terms may be consecutive or separated. If a Committee member resigns or leaves before the full term is complete, they shall be considered to have served the full term with respect to future elections.
- Any casual vacancy on the Committee, or of any Officer, arising during the year may be filled by the Committee.
- The Committee can co-opt anyone to serve on the Committee because of their expertise or liaison, as necessary. They would be non-voting members of the Committee.
- There shall be no fewer than four committee meetings a year.
- The quorum of the Committee shall be four.
- Any reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the Society shall be reimbursed.
- Decisions at meetings of the Committee are to be by a simple majority. The Chairman holds the casting vote.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year. This will be held no later than three months after the end of the Society's Financial Year.
- The Business of the AGM will be:
 - a) To receive the Chairman's Report, and other such reports as deemed necessary
 - b) To receive the Accounts of the Society for the preceding year and to consider a report from the Treasurer.
 - c) To agree the subscriptions for the following year.
 - d) To agree any change to the CBPS Constitution.
 - e) To elect/confirm the Officers and Committee.
 - f) To elect or remove the Trustees and other Officers.
 - g) To consider any Resolution on the Agenda.

8. EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- This may be convened at any time upon a Resolution of the Committee or a Requisition setting out the Proposals. This requisition must be signed by 60 members or one tenth of the membership, whichever is the lesser. Upon receipt of the requisition the Secretary will give notice of the meeting within 14 days. If this is not done, then the signing members may issue notice of the meeting.
- The proposals from the requisition have to be specified on the notice of the meeting, and shall be the only items discussed at that meeting.
- The meeting must have a quorum of 60 or one tenth of the membership, whichever is the lesser.
- The Business of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be:
 - Removing any or all of the Committee, Officers, Presidents or Trustees, and filling the vacancies caused by such removal.
 - Altering this Constitution.
 - Dissolving the Society.

9. PROCEEDINGS AT AGM OR EGM

- Any proposed resolutions for an AGM should be received by notice to the Secretary not less than 42 days before the AGM. The Secretary is to give 21 days notice setting out these resolutions to every member at their last known address.
- Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority vote cast by members present (AGM).
- The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote (AGM).
- Resolutions shall be passed by a majority of 3/4 vote cast by the members present (EGM). There shall be no second or casting vote.

10. TRUSTEES

- No fewer than two and no more than four Trustees shall be appointed to deal with any property that the Society may own, other than cash, which shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer.
- The Committee may also instruct the Trustees on the dealing of the property following the passing of a resolution at a duly convened meeting.
- A Trustee shall hold office until death, resignation or removal.

11. ACCOUNTS

- The Financial Year shall end on the 31st August each year and the Accounts shall be balanced and drawn up.
- A Statement of Income and Expenditure, prepared by a qualified Accountant, shall be drawn up not less than 28 days before the AGM.
- Copies of the Accounts shall be available at the AGM.
- The Qualified Accountant shall not be a member of the Society.
- All moneys shall be paid into an account in the Society's name at a bank or building society specified by the Committee. Cheques must be signed by one Officer.
- All expenditure shall be directed by the Committee.

12. INDEMNITY

- The Trustees and Members of the Committee shall not be liable (otherwise than as members) for any loss suffered

by the Society as a result of the discharge of their respective duties on its behalf, except such as arises from their respective, wilful default, and they shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Society for all expenses and other liabilities incurred by them in the discharge of their respective duties.

- Members and their guests attend Society events at their own risk.

13. DISSOLUTION

- The Society may be dissolved by resolution under rule 8 of this Constitution, to take effect from the day when the resolution is passed. The Committee shall be responsible for the winding up of any assets and liabilities of the Society.