

## **SCOTTISH GLASS SOCIETY CONSTITUTION**

NAME The name of the Society shall be 'THE SCOTTISH GLASS SOCIETY' (hereinafter called the 'Society')

### **1. AIMS**

1.1 The aims of the Society shall be -

- a. To promote the development of the art of craftsmanship in the making of glass stained glass, engraving of glass, and any other techniques of forms of decoration (hereinafter called -the Craft) that the Committee may determine.
- b. To promote and advance public education in and stimulate a knowledge of the Craft and its history by means of exhibitions, lectures, meetings demonstrations, discussions, publications and other methods.

In furtherance thereof:

- c. To foster links with glass manufacturers or workshops, engraving studios or other bodies, also persons employing craftsmen, persons, or Institutions otherwise interested in the Craft.
- d. To establish an index of craftsmen, and a newsletter as a positive link between members, particularly for those working in more remote areas of the country.
- e. To establish links with similar interested bodies outwith Scotland.

### **2. MEMBERSHIP**

2.1 Membership shall be open to all those who support the aims of the Society stated

2.2 There shall be four categories of membership -

- a. Individual members.
- b. Corporate membership shall be available to industrial and commercial organisations, schools, colleges, university departments, museums etc.
- c. Student membership shall be available to those undergoing full time education.
- d. The Committee may from time to time appoint honorary members in recognition of their contribution to the aims of the Society. Each proposal to be ratified by the Annual General Meeting to a limit of five such members at any one time.

### **3. MANAGEMENT**

3.1 Annual General Meeting

An AGM shall be held in October/November each year to -

- a. Receive the reports of the Chairman and Honorary Secretary.

- b. Receive and adopt the audited accounts of the Society and the Treasurer's report.
- c. Elect a Committee to run the day to day business of the Society.
- d. Elect Auditors.
- e. Transact any other business.

28 days notice shall be given of the Annual General Meeting.

Each member shall have one vote and in the event of a tie the Chairman, or in his absence the Acting Chairman, shall have the casting vote.

### 3.2 Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called at the request of 10 member of the Society or when determined by the Committee.

28 days notice of any such meeting shall be given.

### 3.3 Committee

- a. The Committee of the Society shall consist of -
  - Chairman
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Six Ordinary MembersEach member shall have one vote and in the event of a tie the Chairman, or in his absence the Acting Chairman, shall have the casting vote.
- b. The Committee shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting, and meet at least twice during the year.
- c. A Vice Chairman shall be elected by the Committee among their number at the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.
- d. The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than three further members.
- e. Office bearers shall be elected for three years and be eligible for re-election for a further two years.
- f. Ordinary Committee members shall be elected for two years.
- g. Two Ordinary Committee members shall retire each year, and be eligible for re-election for a further term.
- h. Any member of the Committee having served two terms must retire for at least one year.
- i. The Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies among the office bearers subject to confirmation by the following Annual General Meeting.
- j. The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be five persons.

## 4. FINANCE

### 4.1 Subscriptions

- a. The annual rate of subscription shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee with the approval of the next Annual General Meeting.
- b. Subscriptions are due and payable on Election and thereafter on the first day of October each year unless the date of Election falls between 31 March and 30 September in which case the second subscription would fall due on 1 October of the following year.
- c. There shall be no entry fee.

### 4.2 General

- a. All monies raised by or on behalf of the Society shall be applied to further the aims of the Society and for no other purpose provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Society and fees to professional and technical advisers or the repayment to members of the Committee hereof of reasonable out of pocket expenses.
- b. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Society.
- c. The accounts shall be audited at least once a year by an auditor or examined and certified by a capable independent examiner.

## 5. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Any proposal for the amendment of the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than 2 months before the Annual General Meeting.

Any such amendment must be approved by 75% of the membership present and voting at such a meeting.

## 6. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Society, which must be agreed by 75% of the membership present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to a recognised charitable body or bodies having aims similar to those of the Society as decided by such AGM or EGM.

## 7. THE LOGO

The Logo of Scottish Glass is in the sole possession of the Society and member are strictly forbidden to use it for trading purposes. Permission to use it for any other reason may only be granted by the Chairman and Committee. Misuse of the logo by a member or members may result in their expulsion from the Society.

This document is hereby certified as being a true copy of the Constitution of the Scottish Glass Society as adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1996, at Perth Museum and Art Gallery

J.Searle, Secretary