

WEY CERAMICS SOCIETY CONSTITUTION



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1. **NAME**
The Society shall be called the Wey Ceramics Society
2. **OBJECTS**
The objects of the Society shall be:
 - (a) to inspire its members to aim for the highest professional standards,
 - (b) to arrange demonstrations and workshops with leading professional potters, also discussion meetings and any other activities of interest to its members, and
 - (c) to arrange exhibitions of members' work from time to time.
3. **OFFICERS**
 - The Officers of the Society, who shall be members of the Society, shall be the Hon. Chairman, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer. The Society shall be managed by a Committee which shall consist of the officers and at least one other member. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt further members if necessary.
 - The quorum for the Committee shall be four.
 - All members of the Committee shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for reselection.
4. **MEMBERSHIP**
 - Membership of the Society shall be open to anyone with a serious interest in pottery, and some practical experience in ceramics.
 - Exhibiting Membership shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
 - Members can apply to the Committee for Exhibiting Membership at any time.
 - A list of the members shall be kept by the Secretary and each member shall receive a copy.
5. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held during September/October each year to receive the Chairman's Report, to consider the (audited) Accounts of the Society, to elect the new Committee and to attend to any other business.
6. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**
An annual subscription rate shall be determined by the Committee and shall be payable by 31st October each year.
7. **FINANCE**
 - (a) The financial year shall run from the first day of September to the 31st day of August in every year.
 - (b) The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Society.
 - (c) The income and the property of the Society shall be applied solely toward the promotion of the objects of the Society as set out in Clause 2 and no payment shall be made to any member or officer except the payment of expenses.
 - (d) All monies collected shall be handed over to the Treasurer for payment into the bank account in the name of the Society.
8. **EXHIBITIONS**
All work submitted for the major exhibitions shall be of a high standard and the Committee shall have the right to reject any work regarded as not of exhibition standard by the selectors appointed by the Committee.
9. **PRESIDENT/HONORARY MEMBERS**
Appointment of a President and/or Honorary Life Member, for those who have given particular service to the Society, may be recommended by the committee and ratified at the Annual General Meeting.
10. **EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**
An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary within 7 days of receiving a written request to do so from the Chairman or from any three other members. Two weeks written notice of the date of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given to all members.
11. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**
The Constitution may be amended only at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society and the amendments shall be agreed by a simple majority of those members present and voting.