



Association Internationale des Critiques d'Art
International Association of Art Critics
Asociación Internacional de Críticos de Arte

Statutes of a National Section

Note: The Statutes of a National Section must be formally approved by the Administrative Council, on the recommendation of the standing Electoral and Membership Commission. In order for them to be approved, they must conform as closely as possible, in all respects, to the Statutes of the International Association.

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Article I

1. The (*Ruritanian*) Section of the International Association of Art Critics (AICA) is established under the terms of the present Statutes, in accordance with the Statutes of its parent body, an international, non-governmental Association, with its headquarters in Paris.
2. As a Section of the International Association, the (*Ruritanian*) Section has Statutes, which closely reflect those of the parent organisation. These must be kept up-to-date with those of International AICA and formally approved by AICA's Administrative Council.
3. The (*Ruritanian*) Section brings together art critics, whose professional activity is criticism in all media, teaching, or curating exhibitions. The Members of the Section who are of (*Ruritanian*) origin, reside in (*Ruritania*), or are primarily active in (*Ruritania*), in one or more of the ways defined in Article II, below.
4. The aims of the (*Ruritanian*) Section of AICA are:
 - a) to promote art criticism as a discipline and contribute to its methodology
 - b) to promote the ethical and professional interests of its Members and defend their rights
 - c) to maintain an active national and international network for its Members, with the aid of the available systems of communication, and encouragement of face-to-face encounters
 - d) to contribute to mutual understanding of visual arts and aesthetics in all cultures
 - e) to stimulate professional relationships across political, geographical, ethnic, economic and religious boundaries
 - f) impartially to defend freedom of expression and thought, and oppose arbitrary censorship
5. The location of the Association's registered office is -----
6. The duration of the Section is unlimited.

Article II

1. The Section is made up of Individual Members, Benefactor Members and Honorary Members. The number of Members is not limited.
2. Applicants for membership must be able to provide evidence of sustained activity over the previous three years, in one or more of the following areas:
 - daily/periodical press, or broadcasting on radio, TV or video, or in the electronic media
 - publication of works of art history, aesthetics or criticism
 - teaching of art criticism, art history, aesthetics, curating, or art, at higher or tertiary level
 - curatorial work and analysis for educational or scholarly ends, including the production of scholarly or critical texts for museums or galleries, whose principal aim is not essentially commercial
3. Candidates are elected by a secret vote, requiring an absolute majority the Members present, in person, at the elections. Membership of the Section is necessarily provisional, until it can be ratified by the General Assembly of AICA, acting on the advice of the Association's Electoral and Membership Commission and Administrative Council.
4. Membership is forfeited :
 - by resignation
 - by non-payment of the membership fee for two years
 - by expulsion at a General Assembly of AICA, if so recommended by the Administrative Council, on grounds of serious misconduct.

Article III

1. The Section is headed by a Board, comprising:

- a President
- one or more Vice-Presidents
- a Secretary, who is in charge of the administration and takes the minutes of meetings
- a Treasurer, who collects dues and is responsible for remittances to the Association's Headquarters
- other officials, with or without titles, as necessary

2. The officers of the Board are elected by secret vote, by an absolute majority of those Members who are present at the Annual General Meeting.

3. All officers of the Board are elected for periods of three years, renewable twice only. They may only be re-elected to the same office on one subsequent occasion, after an interruption of at least two years.

4. The President of the Section convenes and presides over the Meeting and is responsible for the Acts of the Association. S/he must play an active part in life of the Section and ensure its smooth operation.

Article IV

1. The Members of the Association will be summoned to a General Meeting once a year.

2. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be held at the request of the President, of the majority of the elected Officers, or of one quarter of the Section's paid-up Members.

3. The Section's Officers are elected by the Members who are present at the Annual General Meeting. At this meeting, the President delivers his/her report on the Association's activity, over the [past three years, and Officers in charge of special activities, read out their reports, in turn.

4. The Members who are present at the Annual General Meeting vote in secret on the applications of each new candidate for membership of the Association.

5. The Members present at the Annual General Meeting also set the amount of the next year's dues. This includes the amount payable by the Section's Membership to the Association's Headquarters.

6 Outside the Annual General Meeting, the Association may hold additional meetings, to which all Members are invited.

Article V

1. The resources of the Section are made up of:

- the Membership dues,
- all legally authorised resources
- all subsidies which the Section is entitled to receive.

2. All Members, except Honorary Members, pay fixed annual dues, which are set at the time of the Annual General Meeting. Sections may, at their discretion, waive a part or the whole of their Honorary Members' annual dues, but they must still pass on the appropriate annual dues for these Honorary Members to the Association's Headquarters. Benefactor Members will be expected to contribute annually to the Section's finances, at a level in excess of that set for ordinary Members.

Article VI

1. The Board may propose modifications to the National Statutes. All such proposals must be forwarded, in writing, to all members of the Board at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting at which they are to be discussed and voted upon. All modifications to the Statutes proposed in this way must be approved by a two thirds majority of those attending the meeting, who are eligible to vote.

2. The Membership of the Section may itself initiate proposals to modify the Statutes. In order to succeed, any such proposal must receive the support of two thirds of the Members who are present and eligible to vote, on two successive occasions.

Article VII

1. The Section may be dissolved, following a motion presented by Officials or Members at the Annual General Meeting and a vote in favour of this by at least three quarters of the Members present at that meeting.

In case of dissolution, the assets of the Section will be distributed, in accordance with the law, to an organisation whose aims are allied to, or compatible with, those of the Association.

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