

Cheltenham Film Society

Constitution 2016

NAME

1. The Society shall be known as Cheltenham Film Society (The Society).

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

2. The Object of The Society is to advance the education of the public in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts, particularly the art of film and allied visual techniques. In furtherance of the foregoing object, but not further or otherwise, The Society shall have the power to promote the study and appreciation of films by means of lectures, discussions and exhibitions.

MEMBERSHIP and GUESTS

3. Membership of The Society is open to anyone over the age of 16 (subject to the provisions of Clause 15).
4. Applications for membership of The Society shall be submitted by prospective members on an annual basis and membership shall cover a twelve-month period commencing in September and ending in August the following year (the Membership Year).
5. Membership of The Society shall be subject to the payment of an annual subscription.
6. Members of The Society (Members) are entitled to attend all film screenings and events that are publicised as being covered by the subscription.
7. A Member may purchase tickets for the admission of guests up to a maximum number published each Membership Year and in accordance with the procedures for the sale and purchase of guest tickets currently in force.

MANAGEMENT

8. The Society shall be non-political and shall therefore not espouse the cause of any particular political party or pressure-group.
9. The Society shall be run by a Committee comprising at least 6 Members and no more than 12 Members. Committee Members shall be chosen by the Committee to fulfil the offices of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
10. The Committee shall be responsible for the long-term smooth running of The Society in accordance with its Objects and shall make arrangements for the finances of The Society that are consistent with this responsibility. In this

context the Committee shall agree, implement and maintain a set of Principles for the management of The Society's finances.

11. The Committee shall hold meetings at least three times each year. The quorum for Committee meetings shall be 5 Committee Members.
12. No Member or Committee Member shall receive any payment directly or indirectly for their services, or for anything other than legitimate expenses incurred in the work of The Society. The following exceptions to this general rule currently obtain:
 - (a) Committee Members may receive a 50 per cent discount on the cost of their annual membership subscription;
 - (b) Members of the viewing panel involved in the selection of films may, at the sole discretion of the Committee, receive a 50 per cent discount on the cost of their annual membership subscription.
13. The Society shall not be run for the private profit of any Member or Members. Any financial surplus shall be carried forward in The Society's accounts and devoted to the Objects of The Society.
14. The Committee shall not share The Society's membership records, including the personal details of Members, with other organisations.
15. In the interests of The Society's membership as a whole, the Committee shall have discretion to refuse prospective Members and to place a cap on the number of Members allowed to join in any Membership Year. The Committee shall also have the discretion to set the policy and procedures for the purchase by Members of guest tickets.

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS and ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

16. The Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of Members (AGM) held each year and shall hold office until their successors are elected at the next AGM. At each AGM the Committee shall make a presentation on the performance of The Society and its financial position in relation to the immediately preceding Financial Year.
17. During the period between AGMs the Committee may co-opt Members to serve on the Committee in order to ensure the smooth running of The Society, provided the current limit on the size of the Committee is not breached. Any such Members shall be included in the normal election process at the next AGM.
18. A Special General Meeting of Members may be called at any time by the Committee, or upon a written request being made to the Committee signed by at least 5 per cent of The Society's current membership.

19. The quorum for Annual or Special General Meetings of Members shall be 10 per cent of The Society's current membership.

DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

20. The Society shall not be wound up except by a resolution of three-quarters of those present at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. In the event of a winding up, the remaining funds of The Society shall not be distributed among Members but be passed to a charitable organisation or organisations with objects similar to those of The Society. Such organisation(s) shall be chosen by the Committee in consultation with the British Federation of Film Societies.

ALTERATION OF RULES

21. No alteration of rules shall be made except by a resolution of two-thirds of those present at a General Meeting. No amendment shall be made to the Objects clause, the Dissolution clause, or to this clause.