

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Extract: Constitution Australia Antique & Art Dealers Association

3.
 - (a) Every applicant for membership must be proposed by one and seconded by another member of the Association
 - (b) Application for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary and shall be signed by the applicant and his proposer and seconder and shall be in such form as the Committee may from time to time prescribe.
 - (c) The Secretary shall within seven (7) days forward a copy of the application to the State Chapter Committee in which the applicant's business is located.
 - (d) Within ninety (90) days the State Chapter Committee shall determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant and advise its decision to the Secretary.
 - (e) Where the State Chapter Committee has not advised the Secretary within the said ninety (90) days, upon the admission or rejection of the applicant, such application shall be considered by the Committee who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant.
 - (f) Where an application has been rejected by the State Chapter Committee, the Committee may request the State Chapter Committee to advise why the application was rejected.
 - (g) The Secretary shall advise the applicant upon his acceptance or rejection. In no case shall the Secretary be required to give any reason for the rejection of an applicant.
4.
 - (a) Every applicant for membership shall be an individual who applies in his own right.
 - (b) Membership is not transferable
 - (c) A business which is carried on by a Partnership or Company, may delegate an executive staff member who fulfils the membership criteria as detailed in Clauses 8 (a) - (c), to be a member of the Association. This person, if admitted to membership, shall be the sole representative member for such Partnership or Company.
5.
 - (a) Every applicant for membership shall be required to submit himself, his trading premises and his stock in trade, to the professional scrutiny of the State Chapter Committee of the state in which the applicant's business is located.
 - (b) Every applicant for membership shall have satisfied all of the following criteria in order to be accepted for membership, unless decided otherwise by the Committee in conjunction with the State Chapter Committee of the state in which the applicant's business is located.
 - (i) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
 - (ii) Where required by law, hold a current Second Hand Dealer's License, or its equivalent and have held such license for a period of not less than three (3) years;
 - (iii) Have been dealing in antiques and/or fine arts continuously within Australia under the same business name for a period of not less than three (3) years;
 - (iv) Have demonstrated in the past three (3) year trading period, the capability of complying with the Articles of Association and the Members' Code of Practice of the Australian Antique Dealers' Association;

- (c) A State Chapter Committee may require applicants to pass an examination which has been approved by the Committee and which may be set in order to ensure that the applicant's knowledge is satisfactory in the areas of:
 - (i) regulations determined by any applicable license as mentioned in clause 8 (b)
 - (ii) of these articles,
 - (ii) the applicant's specialised field(s) of trading, and
 - (iii) the Members' Code of Practice of the Association.
6. (a) Any interim correspondence between the Association and the applicant, relating to the application, is to be undertaken by the State Chapter Committee of the state in which the applicant's business is located.
- (b) When an applicant has been accepted for membership the Secretary shall forthwith send to the applicant written notice of the acceptance and a request for payment of the entrance fee, if any, and first annual subscription. Upon payment of the entrance fee, if any, and first annual subscription the applicant shall become a member of the Association provided nevertheless that if such payment be not made within two (2) calendar months after the date of the notice, the Committee may in its discretion cancel its acceptance of the applicant for membership of the Association.
7. (a) The entrance fee and annual subscription payable by members of the Association shall be seven hundred and fifty five dollars (\$750), including GST and seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750), including GST, respectively, until the Association shall resolve otherwise.
- (b) All annual subscriptions shall become due and payable on the first (1st) day of July in every year or at such other time as determined from time to time by the Members at a General Meeting of the Association.
- **The by-laws of the AADA also expect that an applicant for membership of the AADA should:**
 - a) Be ethical in business - the Association is committed to the highest standards. Whether buying or selling, the standards required of our members are that they be beyond reproach in all their dealings.
 - b) Of good reputation
 - c) Operate a business, which primarily deals in antiques or fine art of a quality that befits the standards of the appropriate State Chapter.
 - d) Ticket the antiques and/or fine art in accordance with the Members Code of Practice
 - e) Be prepared to support the Association by participating in Association activities such as fairs, meetings, distribution of literature - the Association exists so that like-minded people can get together regularly both at formal meetings and also socially so that any matters can be discussed with other members. The Association also encourages camaraderie and mutual support between all members. So that the Association works in this way, it is very important that you are an active member and give enthusiastic support to your Association.
 - f) Be able to demonstrate an acquired knowledge of the field in which the applicant specialises.
 - g) If a member changes direction from a full time retailer to a part or full time auctioneer their membership will be revoked.