

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA – AUSTRALIAN ANTIQUE & ART DEALERS ASSOCIATION LTD.

8. MEMBERSHIP

- 8.1 The number of members with which the Association proposes to be registered is 250 but the Board of Directors may from time to time register an increase of members.
- 8.2 A member may as long as he continues to be a member of and complies with the provisions of the regulations of the Association state his membership according to the following form "Member of the Australian Antique & Art Dealers Association".

9. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 9.1 Every applicant for membership must be proposed by one and seconded by another member of the Association.
- 9.2 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 Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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 Board of Directors who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant.
- 9.6 Where an application has been rejected by the State Chapter Committee, the Board of Directors may request the State Chapter Committee to advise why the application was rejected.
- 9.7 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.
- 9.8 Every applicant for membership shall be an individual who applies in his own right.
- 9.9 Membership is not transferable.
- 9.10 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 Clause 9.13 to be a member of the Association. This person, if admitted to membership, shall be the sole representative member for such Partnership or Company.
- 9.11 A business that has an existing full member of the AAADA can propose a further member(s) from the same business with the following entitlements:
 - 9.11.1 The annual fee will be at a discounted rate of 20% of the full membership rate.
 - 9.11.2 This will be discounted a further 15% if paid within 30 days of date of invoice.
 - 9.11.3 A joining fee of 20% of the full rate will apply.
 - 9.11.4 No shop inspection will be required, but
 - 9.11.5 An application must be submitted as required by the Constitution, and
 - 9.11.6 The exam requirements must be satisfied.
 - 9.11.7 The business will only be entitled to one vote (at federal or state level).
 - 9.11.8 These further member(s) will be fully listed and indexed in the handbook.

- 9.12 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 the exception detailed Clause 9.11.4
- 9.13 Every applicant for membership shall have satisfied all of the following criteria in order to be accepted for membership, unless decided otherwise by the Board of Directors in conjunction with the State Chapter Committee of the state in which the applicant's business is located.
- 9.13.1 Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- 9.13.2 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;
- 9.13.3 Have been dealing in antiques and/or art continuously within Australia under the same business name for a period of not less than three (3) years;
- 9.13.4 Have demonstrated in the past three (3) year trading period, the capability of complying with this Constitution and the Members' Code of Practice of the Australian Antique & Art Dealers Association;
- 9.14 Applicants are required to pass an examination which has been approved by the Board of Directors and which may be set in order to ensure that the applicant's knowledge is satisfactory in the areas of:
- 9.14.1 regulations determined by any applicable license as mentioned in clause 9.13.2 of this Constitution
- 9.14.2 the applicant's specialised field(s) of trading, and
- 9.14.3 the Members' Code of Practice of the Association.
- 9.15 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.
- 9.16 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 Board of Directors may in its discretion cancel its acceptance of the applicant for membership of the Association.

10. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 10.1 The entrance fee and annual subscription payable by members of the Association shall be eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850), and eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850), respectively, until the Association shall resolve otherwise.
- 10.2 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.