The Society of Artists' Agents Constitution & Aims

1. The Society of Artists Agents was founded in 1992 to:
(a) To enable agencies to better and more fully discuss the wide range of creative sector matters, to support each other and collaborate to promote best policies and practices regarding artist representation and commissioning clients.
(b) Promote high standards of ethics and professionalism and to standardise terms and conditions.
(c) To represent the commercial and artistic interests and needs of artists nationally and internationally to governments, selected industry trade organisations, NGO's and commissioning clients.

2. Membership is open to agents who:
(a) Have fully marketed and represented by name, for a period of no less than 2 years, the work of Artists for whom they act.
(b) Are reimbursed by a commission charged on the illustration work handled by them, agreed with the individual artist. Artists are entitled to the artist percentage amount based on the total gross figure that is billed by agents to any client with regard to any illustration production or license related transaction.
(c) Are prepared to agree in writing that they will abide by the Constitution and Ethics of the Society.

3. (a) Prospective members will be required to submit an email application to X SAA email address, for review.
b) Any member has the right to object to a prospective member's application and in the case of the objection, this should be presented in writing to X SAA email address. In the case of a disagreement or dispute over a new member's suitability, members will be balloted.
c) Membership will only be granted by a process of a secret ballot, requiring a unanimous vote by all members

4. Upon election, new agencies will pay a subscription annually.

5. All members agree to abide by the Constitution and Aims and Code of Ethics of the Society, and in the event of alleged violation, shall be required to appear before a meeting of all Society members (virtual or in-person). Society Members shall have the right to terminate the membership of any member found to be in breach of the Code of Ethics and/or Constitution if 60% or more of the membership vote for termination. Refusal to appear before such a meeting shall be deemed grounds for termination of membership.

6. Prospective members may be required by the membership to provide a statement to X SAA email address from their certified accountant stating that the agency is solvent and the business is fiscally professionally run in the year up to the audit

7. The affairs of the Society shall be governed by its membership using a 60% majority ballot system.

8. (a) The members of the Society shall from time to time where desirable, invite or elect members of the Society to serve on Committees or Subcommittees where their experience and expertise may be of value

9. (a) Any representative of a member agency may attend meetings of the Society.
(b) Member Agents are required to attend at least 50% of meetings throughout each year.

10. Any change of the Constitution or Code of Ethics must be balloted, and shall be passed if the membership votes in favour by a majority of 60% or more.

11. Each member agency is entitled to only one vote.