

# Rules of the Siam Society.

## I—Name and Objects.

1.—The name of the Society shall be The Siam Society.

2.—The objects of the Society shall be the investigation and encouragement of Art, Science and Literature in relation to Siam and neighbouring countries.

a. For this purpose the Society will convene meetings, at which papers bearing on the objects for which the Society is formed will be read, or lectures given.

b. Such papers shall, if they are accepted by the Council, be published in a Journal, and the authors of them may, by permission of the Council, republish them in a separate form.

c. A further purpose shall be the formation of a Library of books and manuscripts bearing on the objects of the Society, and of an Ethnological Museum.

## II—Membership.

3.—Members shall be classed as Ordinary, Honorary, and Corresponding Members. Both ladies and gentlemen shall be eligible as members of the Society.

4.—Ordinary members shall pay an annual subscription of Ticals 20, payable in advance on the 1st January of each year. Members shall be allowed to compound for life membership of the Society on payment of Ticals 240.

5.—Honorary Members shall pay no subscription, and the Council shall have power to reduce or remit subscriptions in special cases.

6.—On or about the 30th June of every year the Honorary Treasurer shall prepare a list of those Members whose subscriptions for the current year remain unpaid, and such persons shall be deemed to have resigned their Membership. But the operation of this rule, in any particular case, may be suspended by a vote of the Council of the Society. No member shall receive a copy of the Journal or other publication of the Society until his subscription for the current year has been paid.

7.—Candidates for admission as Members shall be proposed by one and seconded by another member of the Society, and if agreed to by a majority of the Council shall be deemed to be duly elected

8.—Honorary and Corresponding Members must be proposed for election by the Council at a general meeting of the Society.

### III.—Officers.

9.—The Officers of the Society shall be :

A President.

Three Vice-Presidents.

An Honorary Secretary and Librarian.

An Honorary Assistant Secretary.

An Honorary Treasurer.

Six Councillors, the number of whom may be increased

These Officers shall hold office until their successors are chosen.

10.—Vacancies in the above offices shall be filled for the current year by a vote of the remaining Officers.

### IV.—Council.

11.—The Council of the Society shall be composed of the Officers for the current year, and its duties shall be :—

*a* To administer the affairs, property and trusts of the Society.

*b* To elect ordinary members, and to recommend Honorary and Corresponding members for election by the society.

*c* To decide on the eligibility of papers to be read before general meetings.

*d* To select papers for publication in the Journal.

*e* To select and purchase books and manuscripts for the Library, and any other objects for the Museum.

*f* To present to the Annual Meeting at the expiration of their term of office a Report of the proceedings and condition of the Society.

12.—The Council shall meet for the transaction of business once a month, or oftener if necessary. At Council meetings five Officers shall constitute a quorum.

13.—The Council shall have authority, subject to confirmation by a general meeting, to make and enforce such bye-laws and regulations for

the proper conduct of the Society's affairs as may, from time to time, be expedient.

## V.—Meetings

14.—The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January of each year,

15.—General Meetings shall be held, when practicable, once in every month, and oftener if expedient, at such hour as the Council may appoint.

16.—At Ordinary General Meetings of the Society eleven, and at the Annual General Meeting fifteen, members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

17.—At all Meetings, the Chairman shall, in case of an equality of votes, be entitled to a casting vote in addition to his own.

18.—At the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall present a Report for the preceding year, and the Treasurer shall render an account of the financial condition of the Society. Officers for the current year shall also be chosen.

19.—The work of Ordinary General Meetings shall be the transaction of routine business, the reading of papers approved of by the Council, and the discussion of topics connected with the general objects of the Society.

20.—Notice of the subjects intended to be introduced for discussion by any member of the Society should be handed in to the Secretary before the Meeting.

Visitors may be admitted to the Meetings of the Society, but no one who is not a member shall be allowed to address the Meeting, except by invitation or permission of the Chairman.

## VI.—Publications of the Society.

21.—A Journal shall be published, when practicable, every six months. Four of the Officers, appointed by the Council, shall form the committee of publication, charged with the editing of the Journal and the preparing of papers for publication in the same. One of the members of such Committee shall be appointed presiding officer.

The Journal shall comprise a selection of the papers read before the Society, the Report of the Council and Treasurer, and such other matter

as the Council may deem it expedient to publish. Papers or communications presented to the Council may be in any of the following languages, viz. English, French, German, or Siamese.

22.—Every member of the Society shall be entitled to one copy of the Journal. . The Council shall have power to present copies to other Societies and to distinguished individuals, and the remaining copies shall be sold at such prices as the Council shall, from time to time, direct.

23.—Twenty-four copies of each paper published in the Journal shall be placed at the disposal of the Author.

24.—The Council shall have power, with the consent of the Author, to sanction the publication, in a separate form, of papers or documents laid before the Society, which have not previously been published in the Journal, if in their opinion practicable and expedient.

## VII.—Amendments

25.—Amendments to these Rules must be proposed in writing to the Council, who shall, after notice given, lay them before a General Meeting of the Society. A Committee of Resident Members shall thereupon be appointed, in conjunction with the Council, to report on the proposed Amendments to the General Meeting next ensuing when a decision may be taken, provided that any amendment to the Rules which is to be proposed by such Committee to the General Meeting shall be stated in the notice summoning the meeting.

