

RULES
OF THE
SIAM SOCIETY

(Founded 1904)

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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 the neighbouring countries.
3. The affairs of the Society shall be in the hands of a Council which shall, as opportunity offers, convene Ordinary General Meetings for the purpose of hearing papers read or lectures given, bearing on one or other of the objects for which the Society has been formed.

The Council shall also publish a Journal, to be issued at suitable intervals as material may allow, and all papers accepted by the Council for publication shall be printed and appear therein.

The Council shall also undertake the formation of a Library of Books and Manuscripts connected with the objects of the Society, and, at its discretion, the establishment of a Museum.

4. In order to further the objects of the Society to their fullest extent, Sections of the Society shall be constituted, as far as may be found possible, for the purpose of promoting and encouraging specialised study in particular subjects.

The following subjects shall, either singly or in groups, be considered as suitable for the formation of sections—

Agriculture, Anthropology, Archaeology, Fine and Applied Arts, History, Literature, Natural History, Numismatics, Philately, Philology, Sociology, Transport, Travel, and such other subjects as may, from time to time, appear suitable to the Council for the above purpose.

Each Section constituted shall be under the direction of a Leader and a Secretary who shall keep minutes of all meetings held and submit them to the Council as soon as possible thereafter.

All members of the Society shall be at liberty to attend the meetings of every Section.

II. MEMBERSHIP.

5. Members of the Society shall be of three categories—Ordinary, Honorary, and Corresponding. Both ladies and gentlemen shall be eligible for membership of the Society.

6. Candidates for membership shall be proposed by one member of the Society, and seconded by another, and shall be put up for election at a Meeting of the Council.

If accepted by a majority of the Council present, each candidate shall be notified by the Hon. Secretary that he has been duly elected, and at the same time shall be sent a copy of the rules of the Society.

7. The Annual Subscription for Ordinary members shall be Tcs. 25/-, payable in advance on the 1st of January in each year, or in the case of new members upon notification of election. There is no entrance fee.

The Annual subscription of members, elected after October 31st. in any year, shall cover the year following their election (see rule 32).

Members shall be allowed to compound for Life Membership of the Society on payment of the sum of Tcs. 300/-.

The Council shall have power to remit the Annual Subscription in special cases.

8. At the Council Meeting next held after the 30th. of June of each year, a list shall be presented by the Hon. Treasurer of those members whose subscriptions remain unpaid.

Each of these members shall thereafter receive three notices, if necessary, at intervals of a month each, notifying him that, unless his subscription is paid before the expiration of the year, his name will, at the beginning of the following year, be automatically removed from the list of members.

Members, who are absent from Siam temporarily for a period not exceeding one year, shall be exempt from the operation of this rule.

The operation of this rule may also, in any particular case, be suspended by a majority vote of the Council of the Society.

9. An *Honorary* Member shall be one who has distinguished himself in the Literary or Scientific world, and whose election to membership would, in the opinion of the Council, bring honour to the Society.

A *Corresponding* Member shall be one who is non-resident in Siam, but who has been, or who desires to be intimately connected with the labours of the Society, and whose active interest in the Society the Council wishes to retain or secure.

Honorary and Corresponding members must be proposed for election by the Council at a General Meeting of the Society.

Both Honorary and Corresponding Members shall be exempt from the payment of a subscription, and shall enjoy all privileges of the Society, but shall not be entitled to vote.

10. In addition to Honorary Members of the category above described, it shall be within the discretion of the Council to invite a member of the Royal House of Siam, or a High Personage of any other country, to become an Honorary President or an Honorary Vice-President of the Society. Such invitation, if accepted, shall be confirmed at a General Meeting of the Society.

11. The resignation of any member shall be laid before the Council and, if it is accepted, the said member shall cease to be a member, and shall be duly notified of that fact.

Any member resigning after the 1st. of January of any year, shall be liable for his subscription for that year.

12. In the event of any member acting, in the opinion of the Council, in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Society, the Council shall have power to recommend such member to a Special General Meeting of the Society summoned for that purpose, for expulsion. An affirmative vote of three-quarters of those members present at such Special General Meeting shall be necessary to expel a member. If expelled, such member shall not be eligible for re-election,

III. THE COUNCIL.

13. The Council of the Society shall be composed of the following Officers :--

A President

Three Vice-Presidents

An Honorary Secretary

An Honorary Treasurer and

An Honorary Librarian.

In addition, there shall be six members of the Council, which number may be increased, if considered desirable.

The post of Honorary Librarian may be held, if necessary, by one of the other officers or members of the Council.

14. The Council for the ensuing year shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and shall hold office until their successors have been appointed.

15. The Council shall have the power to fill any vacancies that may occur among their number during their term of office and to co-opt additional members, at their discretion; but any such appointment shall be placed before the next Ordinary General Meeting for confirmation.

16. The principal duties of the Council shall be as follows :—

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

(b) To elect ordinary members, and to recommend Honorary Presidents and Vice-Presidents and Honorary and Corresponding Members for election by the Society.

(c) To decide on the eligibility of papers to be read before Ordinary General Meetings of the Society, or to be published in the Journal.

(d) To select and purchase books and manuscripts for the Library. and objects for the Museum, if such is in existence.

For this purpose a certain sum shall be set aside each year by the Council, as the funds of the Society permit.

(e) To present to the Annual General Meeting, at the expiration of their term of office, a Report of the proceedings and condition of the Society, and a provisional programme for the ensuing year.

17. The Council shall meet for the transaction of business at least once a month, and at such other times as may be found necessary. At Council Meetings five shall constitute a quorum.

18. All bills shall be submitted by the Hon. Treasurer to the Council for approval before payment is made.

IV. GENERAL MEETINGS.

19. General Meetings shall be of three kinds, Annual, Ordinary, and Special.

20. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January, if possible, or, at the latest, in February of each year.

Twelve members shall form a quorum.

21. Ordinary General Meetings shall be held as often as can be arranged, and at such date and hour as the Council may appoint.

At such Meetings fifteen members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

22. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Council for the purpose of submitting a resolution or proposal of an important nature and arising from a special cause.

Such a Meeting shall also be convened by the Council on a written requisition signed by ten members of the Society, setting forth the proposal or subject to be discussed.

At such Meetings twenty-five members shall form a quorum.

If, at such Meeting, a quorum is not present, the proposal or subject in question shall be referred to a second Special General Meeting, to be held not less than fourteen and not more than thirty days after the date of the first Meeting.

If, at the second Meeting, a quorum is again not present, the business of the Meeting shall be proceeded with as if it were.

23. Minutes of all General Meetings (as well as of Council Meetings) shall be kept by the Hon. Secretary, who shall read them at the next similar General Meeting (or Council Meeting, as the case may be) for confirmation.

24. Two weeks' notice shall be given of all General Meetings, whether Annual, Ordinary, or Special.

25. At all General Meetings the Chairman shall have, if necessary, a casting vote in addition to his own.

26. At the Annual General Meeting the Council shall present a report for the preceding year: the Treasurer shall render an account of the financial condition of the Society, and the Council for the ensuing year shall be elected.

Copies of the Balance Sheet shall be circulated to members with the notice convening the Meeting.

27. The work of Ordinary General Meetings shall be the transaction of any business brought before it by the Council, such as the

election of Honorary and Corresponding Members, the alteration of Rules, etc.; the reading of papers approved by the Council; and the discussion of questions arising out of those papers, or any other subjects of which notice has been given to the Hon. Secretary before the convening of the Meeting, and which have been approved by the Council.

28. Visitors may be admitted to Ordinary General 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.

V. PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

29. The Journal of the Society shall contain papers read before the Society and others approved by the Council, as well as the Annual Reports of the Council and Hon. Treasurer, and such other matters as the Council may consider it desirable to publish.

Also, at least once a year, the Journal shall contain a list of the members of the Society, including resignations, removals, and deaths.

30. The Council shall appoint one of their number as Editor of the Journal who, as such, shall be responsible for the general arrangement and publication of the material selected by the Council.

The Hon. Secretary shall assist the Editor in matters connected with the printing and publishing of the Journal.

The Council shall also appoint one or more Assistant Editors, if necessary.

31. Papers or communications presented to the Council may be in any of the following languages, viz. English, French, German, or Siamese.

32. Upon payment of his subscription, every member of the Society shall be entitled to one copy of each number of the Journal published during the year covered by that subscription.

Members elected after October 31st. in any year shall, upon payment of their subscription be entitled to receive those numbers only of the Journal issued after their election (See Rule 7).

33. The Council shall have power to exchange copies of the Journal with other Societies and to present copies to distinguished individuals, at their discretion: and the remaining copies shall be sold at such prices as the Council may, from time to time, direct.

34. The author of a paper published in the Journal shall be entitled to twenty-four free copies of his paper. He may also, with the permission of the Council, republish his paper in separate form.

35. The Council shall have power, with the consent of the author, to publish, otherwise than in the Journal, papers or documents accepted by them, and to make a charge for such publications. These publications shall be the sole property of the Society.

VI. AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

36. Proposed amendments to these rules must be submitted in writing to the Council.

If approved by the Council, they shall be presented to the next General Meeting for confirmation. An affirmative vote of three-quarters of those members present at such General Meeting shall be necessary to pass such amendments.



