

Society of Antiquaries

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Adoption of Affiliate Membership Scheme of the Society of Antiquaries of London

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Statutes (2020) provide flexibility regarding the introduction of new levels of membership: “The Council may establish further different classes of fellowship and recognise one or more classes of members, member organisations or other supporters who are not Fellows and who may not vote at General Meeting. The Council may establish the criteria for and the respective rights and obligations of such further classes of fellows, members, members organisations and other supporters, which shall be set out in the Orders. (Statute 2.8.5)”
- 1.2 This Order is made in accordance with Statutes 2.8.5 and 6.5.5. It establishes an Affiliate category of membership and the rights, obligations and other features of Affiliate membership.

2. Affiliate Membership Scheme

- 2.1 The Aim of the Affiliate membership scheme is to:-
 - a) develop the Society’s charitable objectives
 - b) further extend and broaden the Society’s public engagement
 - c) build a body of supporters of the Society, especially outside London
- 2.2 The Affiliate shall be a category of membership of the Society of Antiquaries which is to be open to members of the public (without special qualification) as further set out below.
- 2.3 Affiliate membership shall provide a second strand or tier of membership that is both separate to and distinct from the Fellowship. Unlike Fellowship, where members must be distinguished in the fields of archaeology, architectural or art history or other antiquarian subject matters and are elected at a ballot, Affiliate membership will be open to anyone. Affiliates will be seen to be and understood to be entirely separate from the Fellowship.
- 2.4 Affiliate Membership shall be available in principle to such members of the public as Council considers would benefit from access to the Society’s facilities and resources. Council shall admit such persons as Affiliate members as it sees fit (and may remove Affiliate membership) in accordance with any policy it adopts for this purpose. Council may delegate authority to admit (and remove) Affiliate members in accordance with its policy. Final decision on any disputed admission to (or removal of) Affiliate membership shall lie solely with Council.

- 2.5 The rights of persons admitted as Affiliate members shall include such access to properties owned by the Society and use of the Society's library and other benefits as Council shall from time to time determine. Affiliate Members shall be required to pay an annual subscription which Council may vary from time to time. Affiliate members are obliged to treat other Affiliate members, Fellows, staff, volunteers and the property of the Society with respect. Council retains the right to cancel an individual's Affiliate membership on non-payment of the annual subscription, mistreatment of staff, volunteers or the Society's property, failure to observe any rules for Affiliate members which Council may issue from time to time or for bringing the Society into disrepute. Affiliate members will have no voting rights in the governance of the Society.
- 2.6 If a Fellow resigns their Fellowship and enrolls as an Affiliate member, they will lose all the benefits of Fellowship from the date of resignation including the use of the post-nominal FSA and voting rights in ballots and on governance issues.

3. Subscription

- 3.1 Affiliates shall pay such subscription for the current year as Council shall determine. If any Affiliate shall fail to pay such subscription their membership may immediately be removed and their rights and benefits withdrawn.
- 3.2 Failure to pay the Affiliate membership fee may lead to immediate or automatic cancellation of Affiliate status and all associated privileges may be revoked immediately.
- 3.3 The Society retains the right to withdraw Affiliate status if Council regards an individual's behaviour to be harmful to the property of the Society, its reputation, and/or to the well-being of Fellows, staff and volunteers

Resolved by the Society of Antiquaries Council

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Signed

President