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The Dutch Society of Botanical Artists.

The Society, based in Leiden, was formally inaugurated on April 12th 2006 in the presence of a representative of Mr. R.D. Bos, notary in Amsterdam.

Name and location

Article 1

1. The society is called:
Vereniging van Botanisch Kunstenaars Nederland.
2. The Society is based in Leiden.
3. The Society can also operate under the name: The Dutch Society of Botanical Artists.

Aims

Article 2

1. The society's purpose is to:
 - a. give information about botanical art and to bring it to the notice of a wider audience.
 - b. bring together botanical artists, botanical illustrators and anyone interested in botanical art.
 - c. promote the quality of botanical art in The Netherlands.

The Society's definition of botanical art is:

A botanical drawing or painting of a plant showing accurate, detailed and scientific reproduction of the plant or parts of the plant, with special attention given to the diagnostic features which set one plant apart from another.

The original drawing can be a prototype or a portrait of an individual plant.

The present day botanical artist builds on a centuries-old tradition which combines research with accurate reproduction of plant material, as well as creativity in composition and expression.

2. The society tries to attain this goal by:
 - a. organizing exhibitions;
 - b. initiating competitions;
 - c. arranging courses, workshops and masterclasses;
 - d. arranging lectures;
 - e. providing material for publications;
 - f. arranging excursions to exhibitions, both national and international;
 - g. maintaining international relations with similar societies, botanical artists and botanical illustrators;
 - h. initiating communications by means of printed matter, digital newsletter and websites
 - i. organising excursions in the field under the expert guidance of botanists to improve botanical knowledge.

Membership

Article 3

1. The society will consist of:
 - a. working members;
 - b. aspiring working members;

- c. associate members;
- d. honorary members;
- e. sponsors.

Whenever 'member' or 'members' are mentioned, this refers to working members, aspiring working members, art-loving members and honorary members, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

2. Working members are those who have been admitted to the Society by the Committee in compliance with Article 4.
In the case of non admission by the committee, the applicant may appeal to the general meeting for admission.
3. Aspiring working members are those who present themselves as such to the committee and are admitted to the Society in compliance with article 4.
4. Honorary members are those who have special merits and have their nomination accepted by the general meeting.
5. associate members are those who have been admitted by the committee and comply with the regulations. The definition of an associate member as well as their rights and duties will be laid down by regulations of the Society.
6. The definition of sponsors as well as their rights and duties will be laid down by regulations of the Society.

Requirements for obtaining membership

Article 4

1. Working members, aspiring working members, honorary members and associate members must be living persons.
2. Working members and aspirant working members who apply for membership will be admitted in compliance with the regulations for the different categories of membership. Admission requirements may include a presentation or ballot.

Ballot Committee

Article 5

1. The ballot sub committee of the Society will comprise a minimum of three people.
2. At least one member of the ballot sub committee will be a member of the Society's committee; the other committee members will be ordinary members of the society.
3. The ballot sub committee is responsible for the membership ballot. The ballot sub committee is also responsible for exhibitions organized by the society, including participation.
4. The ballot sub committee can be advised by a botanist.
5. Regulations as referred to in [article 21](#) regulate the procedure of the ballot sub committee, and it also contains the ballot procedure as well as the admission requirements for the different membership categories.

Committees

Article 6

Apart from the ballot sub committee, the society can also have other sub committees.

In the society's regulations the constitution, the powers and procedures of each sub committee will be stated.

Membership

Article 7

Membership is personal and cannot be conferred or transferred.

End of membership

Article 8

1. Membership ends:
 - a. by decease of the member;
 - b. by resignation of the member;
 - c. by expulsion by the society;
 - d. disfranchisement.
2. Termination of membership would normally take place towards the end of a financial year with four weeks written notice.
Immediate ending of membership by resignation is possible if;
 - a. due to special circumstances membership is no longer required;
 - b. a member may resign within a month following a decision which affects their duties to the Society.
 - c. within a month after a decision to change the Society into a different legal form or if a merger has been notified to a member;If notice is not given in due time, membership will continue till the end of the next society year.

3. Termination of membership by the Society can only take place towards the end of a financial year. The committee will give at least four weeks written notice about termination of membership. Giving notice about termination of membership by the society will only take place after due consideration.
4. Expulsion from membership can only be declared when a member acts in defiance of the byelaws, regulations or decisions. This could include, among other things, the non-payment in full of the annual contribution, in spite of a reminder. Expulsion could take place when a member prejudices the society in an unreasonable way.
The committee has the power to exclude a member. The committee will inform the member about the reason for the decision in writing. The person in question is entitled to lodge an appeal with the general meeting within a month after receiving the notice of expulsion.
During the period of appeal, or pending an inquiry, the member will be suspended.
The general meeting can only agree to expulsion when a ballot has been taken which shows a majority of at least two thirds of the votes taken.
5. When expulsion ends in the course of the Society's year, the member's entire annual contribution will be forfeited.
6. The committee is entitled to expel a member acting in defiance of the byelaws, the regulations or decisions of the society or prejudicing the society in an unreasonable way, for a period of at the most six (6) months, to be determined by the committee.
An appeal against expulsion can be lodged with the general meeting.
The 'appeal' procedure stated in paragraph 4 applies.

End of membership associate member

Article 9

The committee is entitled to end the membership of an art-loving member by written notice.

Funds

Article 10

1. The society's income comprises:
 - a. the annual subscription of its members
 - b. sales
 - c. sponsorships
 - d. receipts from entry Society activities such as exhibitions and studio visits
 - e. testamentary dispositions, legacies, donations and other incomes.
2. Every working member, aspiring working member and associate member will pay an annual subscription, the amount determined by the general meeting.
Honorary members are not required to pay a subscription.

Committee

Article 11

1. The committee will consist of at least three or at the most nine people.
The committee will appoint from themselves a chairperson, a secretary and a treasurer.
2. Committee members are appointed by the general meeting from amongst the members of the society.
3. Committee members can be expelled or dismissed with reasons, if the general meeting decides to do so with a majority of two thirds of the votes.
4. In case of expulsion of a committee member, if the general meeting has not agreed to dismissal within three months, the expulsion ends.
The expelled committee member will be given an opportunity to appeal.
5. Committee members are appointed for a term of no more than four years.
A year is understood to mean the period in between two consecutive annual general meetings.
Outgoing committee members will follow a procedure agreed by the committee, by which two committee members will stand down each year. These committee members will be eligible for re-election.
Unless there are exceptional reasons, the chairperson, the secretary and the treasurer will not retire from the committee in the same year.
6. Vacancies will be filled as soon as possible.
Decisions cannot be made by the committee without a quorum.