

SOCIETY FOR FILM HISTORY RESEARCH

Constitution

1. The name of the Society shall be the Society for Film History Research.
2. Its objects shall be:
  - a) To encourage historical research into all aspects of the cinematograph, both in the British Isles and abroad.
  - b) To give such assistance as seems desirable to any member or group of members, engaged on such research.
  - c) To hold lectures and other meetings.
  - d) To publish periodical and occasional publications.
  - e) To engage in such corporate programmes of research as seem desirable.
  - f) To affiliate to such bodies as are calculated to further the objects of the Society.
  - g) To engage in activities in furtherance of the above objects.

\* (3) Membership shall be open to any person or institution wishing to join, on payment of an annual subscription of £1.

4. A committee, including officers, shall be elected annually by the members of the Society at an Annual General Meeting to be held before the last day of March in each year, and of which 14 days notice has to be given to every member.

\* (5) The committee shall consist of:

- a) Chairman
- b) Hon. Secretary
- c) Hon. Treasurer
- d) Two committee members

The committee has powers to co-opt up to three members.

6. A Special General Meeting may be requisitioned by any five members giving notice to the Hon. Secretary in writing and signed by them, and setting out the resolutions to be discussed. Fourteen days notice of the meeting and the resolutions must then be given by the Hon. Secretary, within fourteen days, to every member. No other resolutions may be discussed at such a meeting.

7. This Constitution may be amended in Annual or Special General Meeting by a majority of members present, on notice of the proposed amendments being given to all members at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting. At any General Meeting the quorum shall be seven and the majority shall be simple and not two-thirds.

8. The Society shall be non-profitmaking.

\* amended by Special General Meeting  
- please see Minutes attached.

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Minutes of the Special General Meeting  
held in the Committee Room of the Royal Society of Arts,  
John Adam Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2  
Saturday, October 19th, 1963, at 10 a.m.

AGENDA

The following resolutions to be proposed:

1. That Clause 3 of the Constitution be amended to read:  
"Membership shall be open to any person or institution.  
The annual subscription shall be 25s. for an individual  
and £2 for a corporate member (corporate members shall be  
entitled to one vote at meetings and two copies of each  
publication of the Society)."
2. That Clause 5 of the Constitution be amended (so that the  
Committee be enlarged from 5 to 9 members) to read:  
"The Committee shall consist of:  
a) Chairman  
b) Hon. Secretary  
c) Hon. Treasurer  
d) Hon. Editor  
e) Assistant to Hon. Secretary  
f) Four Committee Members.

"The Committee has power to co-opt up to three members.

Those present were:

Committee Members: Miss Heaword, Messrs. Minchinton, Hillier, March  
Hunnings; apology for absence from Mr. Eastaway.

\* Members: Mrs. A. Wadowska; Messrs. Mahmud Hasan, J. Howard, P. Levy,  
J. G. Jones, J. Wadowski, L. Reyner (Northern Regional Group,  
F.F.S.)

The amendment to Clause 3 of the Constitution was discussed and  
passed unanimously, after being proposed by Mr. Minchinton and  
seconded by Mr. Levy.

The amendment to Clause 5 of the Constitution was proposed by  
Miss Heaword, seconded by Mr. Hillier and passed unanimously,  
after the Committee had made the following points: that more  
active support was urgently needed in the day-to-day running of the  
Society; that it was, however, understood that over half the member  
-ship lay overseas or, as is the case with some British members, were  
too far from London or too fully committed to take up administrative  
work on the Committee; that, as the Society continued to grow, the  
resulting increase in administrative work presented a serious  
problem.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

\* (Apologies for absence: Mrs. M. Welch; G. Bury, Dr. Ansell, B. Honri,  
H. Hecht, S. I. van Nooten, N. Betts, Dr. R. S. Schultze, R. Rudorff,  
J. Deslandes).

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N.B. As a corporate membership is now available for societies,  
libraries and other organisations, would any such member who  
wishes to take out corporate membership, please fill in the  
following details and return this slip to the Hon. Secretary,  
as soon as possible, at: Flat 12, 70/72 Westbourne Terrace,  
London, W.2.

We wish to be entered as a Corporate Member:

NAME ..... Date .....

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