



Uniform Rules for Regions

The following uniform rules should be read in conjunction with the By-laws and Rules of the SDC, which can be found on the Society's website: www.sdc.org.uk

Name

The Region shall be known as the of the Society of Dyers and Colourists (hereinafter referred to as 'The Region' and 'The Society' respectively).

Objects

The objects of The Region shall be to further the objects and purposes of The Society by holding lectures and any other means in accordance with the By-laws and Rules of The Society.

Membership

Membership of The Region shall be open to any Voting or Non-voting Member of The Society whose registered address is within The Region's area, (as determined by The Society), or who expresses a wish to join The Region, but no member may be registered with more than one Region. All Voting and Non-Voting Members of The Region shall have the right to attend and to take part in all Meetings of the Region, and to vote at such meetings and to make nominations or be nominated for election to the Committee. Other Members of the Society shall have the right to attend The Region's Meetings, but shall not have the right to vote at such Meetings, make nominations, or be nominated for election to the Committee.

1. Formation of a Region

Please refer to the Rules of the Society of Dyers and Colourists; 64 - 67.

2. Dissolution of a Region

Please refer to the Rules of the Society of Dyers and Colourists; 68 - 70.

3. Defrayment of Expenses

The normal expenses of a Region, including the expenses of formation, may be defrayed out of the general funds of the Society with the exception of social activities but approval from the Trustee Board should be sought for extraordinary expenditure.

4. Register of Members

A copy of the current Register of membership of The Region will be retained at the Society's Headquarters and made available to the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Secretary of The Region on request.

5. Committee

The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and an Honorary Secretary, who shall be Voting Members of the Society, an Honorary Treasurer and Elected Members who shall not be less than five in number.

6. Elected members

Elected Members of The Committee shall hold office for as long as they are able and willing to do so. However, consideration should always be given for succession.
Five members of the Committee, to include Honorary Officers, shall form a quorum.

7. *Chairman and Vice-Chairman*

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall hold office for one year and then be eligible for re-election on an annual basis. They may hold the same office consecutively for as long as they are able and willing to do so. However, consideration should always be given for succession.

8. *Honorary Secretary*

The Honorary Secretary shall hold office for one year and then be eligible for re-election on an annual basis. They may hold the same office consecutively for as long as they are able and willing to do so. However, consideration should always be given for succession. The Honorary Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of The Region.

9. *Honorary Treasurer*

The Honorary Treasurer shall hold office for one year and then be eligible for re-election on an annual basis. They may hold the same office consecutively for as long as they are able and willing to do so. However, consideration should always be given for succession.

The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of The Region and shall present an audited statement of the funds of The Region to each Annual General Meeting of The Region. An account shall be opened in the name of The Region at a convenient bank. All cheques shall be signed by the Honorary Treasurer or the Honorary Secretary of The Region, together with the Chairman or a member of The Committee authorised by it to sign. The funds of The Region will be provided by The Society according to its Rules.

10. *Election of Committee*

The elected Members of The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of The Region. Any two members of The Region may nominate an eligible member for election. Nominations must be in writing and must be received by the Honorary Secretary before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting of The Region. They must be accompanied by a declaration that the nominee is willing to stand for election.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of The Region and may be nominated by The Committee. Voting upon nominations shall be by ballot, and scrutineers shall be appointed by The Committee for this purpose.

In the event of sufficient nominations not being received, The Committee shall have power to elect any eligible member.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt any eligible member to fill a casual vacancy.

11. *Annual General Meeting*

The Annual General Meeting of The Region shall be held not less than fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting of The Society and at such time and place as may be decided by the Committee, to receive an Annual Report to be prepared by The Committee, to review an audited statement of the funds of The Region, to hold elections, and to transact any other business.

The Annual General Meeting shall appoint two members of The Region who are not members of the Regional Committee to act as Honorary Auditors during the ensuing year.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of The Region shall be sent to members of The Region not less than twenty-one days before the date fixed for the meeting.

12. *Extraordinary General Meeting*

By resolution of The Committee, or upon request in writing signed by not fewer than twenty members of The Region, the Honorary Secretary of The Region shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of The Region. Such a meeting shall be held within one calendar month of the passing of such resolution or receipt of such request. The notice convening the meeting shall be sent to the members of The Region not less than twenty-one days before the date fixed for the Extraordinary General Meeting. The notice shall state the

object for which the meeting has been called and only that business shall be discussed at that meeting.

13. Quorum

No business may be transacted at a regional committee meeting unless five members of the Committee are present.

No business may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting of The Region unless not fewer than ten members of The Region who are entitled to vote are present. In the absence of a quorum an Annual General Meeting shall stand adjourned for seven days to a place and time appointed by the Chairman when business shall proceed without further notice, with or without a quorum.

In the absence of a quorum in the case of an Extraordinary General Meeting the Meeting shall be dissolved.

14. Voting

Only such members of The Region as are present at a meeting of The Region shall be entitled to vote. At an Extraordinary General Meeting of The Region a motion shall only be declared carried if not less than two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote, vote in favour; at all other meetings a simple majority of those voting shall be sufficient.

15. Approval of Uniform Rules for Regions

These Rules shall only be valid if approved by the Trustee Board of the Society.

STUDENT SECTIONS

Formation, Conduct and Dissolution

The student section should be conducted in accordance with the regional rules. The student section will be a sub committee of the regional committee.