

CHAPTER 139

MINNESOTA STATE ART SOCIETY

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**139.01 OBJECTS; MEMBERSHIP; REPORTS.** The Minnesota state art society shall advance the interests of the fine arts, develop the influence of art in education, and foster its introduction into manufactures and all moneys and property received by it shall be devoted solely to those ends. The society shall have a seal and report in writing annually to the governor. Its membership shall consist of a governing board and of honorary, life, and annual members to all of whom certificates of membership shall be issued. No member shall receive compensation as such. A suitable room in the capitol shall be furnished to the society for its meetings and as a depository for its property. The works of art acquired by the society shall be the property of the state.

[R. L. s. 1464] (3104)

**139.02 GOVERNING BOARD.** The governing board of the society shall consist of the governor and the president of the state university, as ex officio members, and seven other members appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate each for the term of four years and until his successor qualifies. Included among such appointees there shall at all times be four artists or connoisseurs of art, one architect, one person prominently identified with education, and one directly interested in manufactures. The art workers' guild of St. Paul, the fine arts society of Minneapolis, and the art committee of the Minnesota federation of women's clubs may submit lists of names to the governor from which he may make these appointments. Vacancies shall be filled within one month by like appointment for the unexpired terms from the classes to which the retiring members belonged.

[R. L. s. 1465] (3105)

**139.03 ORGANIZATION; POWERS AND DUTIES.** The board shall elect a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, who shall also be such officers of the society; the last two offices may be held by the same person. Four members shall constitute a quorum. The board may adopt by-laws and rules for the transaction of its business and the government of the society, hold and manage its gifts, bequests, and property, and do all things necessary to the performance of the duties prescribed in this section. It may confer prizes, mentions, medals, and diplomas for works of art in painting, sculpture, architecture, and manufacture when in competition under its rules; and it shall act as an advisory committee in the selection of works of art purchased by the state, and of designs for state public buildings.

[R. L. s. 1466] (3106)

**139.04 MEMBERSHIP.** Any person who has rendered notable service in the promotion of the cause of art in this state may, if elected by the governing board, become an honorary member of the society. Upon recommendation of the governor, or of four honorary members, and the payment of a fee of \$100.00, any person, if elected by the society, shall be entitled to life membership therein. Upon recommendation of a member of the board, or of an honorary member, and the payment of a fee of \$1.00, any person, if elected by the society, shall be entitled to annual membership therein.

[R. L. s. 1467; 1907 c. 422 s. 1] (3107)

**139.05 STANDING COMMITTEES; POWERS AND GENERAL DUTIES.** The following committees, of three members each, shall be appointed by the board from among its appointed members: (1) An art lectureship committee, which shall provide an annual course of lectures on art or kindred subjects, to be delivered, in

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whole or in part, before the students of the state university, the agricultural school, the state teachers colleges in turn, and the state teachers association; this committee shall advise with the officers of state educational institutions and superintendents of public schools as to the courses in drawing, design, and art; (2) an exhibition committee, consisting of artists or judges of art, who shall provide an annual art exhibit, no two of which shall be held successively in the same city, of paintings, sculpture, drawings, carvings, pottery, tiling, cabinet work, wrought metal designs, exhibits of textile fabrics, and all art craft which, in the judgment of the society, tends to enhance the beauty and value of home manufactures; and (3) an art collection committee, which shall take charge of all works of art acquired by the society, and which, upon consent of the board, may purchase works of art whenever there shall be a sufficient surplus in the treasury, and may lend any or all of such collection in different parts of the state, according to the rules of the board.

[R. L. s. 1468] (3108)

**139.06 ANNUAL EXHIBIT.** At each annual exhibit prizes shall be offered, out of any moneys appropriated therefor, to an amount determined by the board for the best original work done by a citizen of the state. Such prizes shall be given for paintings, sculptures, decorative designs, architectural drawings or models, and manufacturing designs or products. No work of art shall be exhibited unless it has been accepted by the exhibition committee. No member of such committee, and no relative by blood or marriage of any such member, shall be eligible to any such prize.

[R. L. s. 1469] (3109)