

CHAPTER 139

STATE ART SOCIETY

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139.01 OBJECTS; MEMBERSHIP; REPORTS. The Minnesota state art society shall advance the interest 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 report in writing biennially to the governor. Its membership shall consist of a governing board and such non-voting members as may meet conditions of membership to be prescribed by the board. No member shall receive compensation as such. The works of art acquired by the society shall be the property of the state.

[R L s 1464; 1947 c 237 s 1; 1955 c 847 s 10] (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 11 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. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

[R L s 1465; 1947 c 237 s 2] (3105)

139.03 ORGANIZATION; POWERS AND DUTIES. The board shall elect annually from its own members a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer, who shall serve as such officers of both the board and the society; the last two offices may be held by the same person. Five members shall constitute a quorum. The board shall direct the affairs of the society and, within the limitations of this chapter, it shall hold, manage and dispose of all funds and property received by the society. It may adopt bylaws and rules governing the proceedings and business of the society and may appoint committees and do all other things necessary to accomplish the purposes of the society. 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; 1947 c 237 s 3] (3106)

139.04 POWERS AND PRIVILEGES. The society may acquire money or property of any kind by gift or bequest and it may purchase works of art produced by artists born or living in this state, provided that no one artist shall be paid in any year more than \$500 in addition to the costs of materials and casting of any sculpture purchased from him. In so acquiring works of art, it may select them from the annual exhibition at the state fair or other exhibitions or sources. The society may hire any works of art for exhibition purposes. The works of art acquired by the society shall be made available for the education and enjoyment of the people of the state through lending them singly or in groups, for stated periods or indefinitely, for exhibition in suitable places throughout the state, including educational and cultural institutions, libraries, hospitals and any buildings owned, controlled or occupied by the state or any of its political subdivisions. Any institution or municipality receiving any such exhibition or loan may be required to pay such share of the society's costs and expenses as the governing board in its discretion may determine to be fair and reasonable.

[R L s 1467; 1907 c 422 s 1; 1947 c 237 s 4] (3107)

139.05 EXPENSE AUTHORIZED. The society may incur and pay all expenses reasonably necessary for properly selecting, preserving, transporting and exhibiting all works of art that it may require.

[R L s 1468; 1947 c 237 s 5] (3108)

139.06 [Repealed, 1947 c 237 s 6]