

Society of Television Lighting and Design

(Incorporating the Society of TELEVISION LIGHTING DIRECTORS)



RULES:

1. NAME

The Society is called the **Society of Television Lighting and Design**, and also commonly known as **The STLD**.

2. AIMS

To provide a forum neither political nor union affiliated, to stimulate a free exchange of ideas in all aspects of our profession and to encourage discussion on the use and design of new equipment and techniques.

To organise a professional and social events calendar throughout the country.

To publish a periodical Journal reporting the meetings.

To acquire affiliated membership to other Societies and Guilds so that our members may gain advantageous access to all art forms and activities both at home and abroad.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Any application for membership shall be ratified by the Committee.

The membership shall consist of the following categories:

Honorary Membership.

This will be awarded at the discretion of the Committee

Full.

Those who are, or have been, actively engaged in the Direction and Design of the creative craft of Television, or anyone whose occupation is associated with our profession. Must be proposed by one Member.

AFFILIATES

Retired.

Any Member who is no longer working in the industry.

Overseas.

Open to those who come under the Full category of Membership, but who reside outside of the United Kingdom

Student.

Must be proposed by a Member or by a recognised Course Leader. Student Membership will only be valid for the Student's training period and until one year after finishing the course.

SPONSOR NOMINEE

The Society will be supported by Sponsor Companies at the discretion of the committee.

Sponsoring companies will be allowed to nominate members of their staff as Society members subject to payment of a subscription agreed by the Committee.

All applications for membership are subject to acceptance by the Committee

Members and Affiliates (excluding Students and Overseas) only shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual Membership

Members: **£75.00**

Affiliates:

Retired & Overseas **£50.00**

Student **£25.00**

These sums may be altered from time to time, as shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting, and take effect from the end of the following month after the AGM, the change becoming due on the Member's next renewal date.

Subscriptions becoming due on the annual anniversary of the member joining. If a member has not paid within four months of the subscription becoming due, they are deemed to have lapsed. Acceptance of an application to re-join shall be at the discretion of the Committee. Members becoming eligible to change the category of membership to one with a higher annual subscription during the first six months of the Society's year shall pay an additional subscription Pro rata. Members changing to a category with a lower subscription will not be entitled to a refund, but will pay the appropriate subscription when it falls due.

5. MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee of not exceeding fifteen members the majority being Full Members, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and hold office for one year, and shall include the following nominated officers: Chairman Secretary Treasurer

The Committee may co-opt three members as they consider appropriate. The committee may co-opt any Member to fill a vacancy on the Committee that may occur during the year until the next Annual General Meeting. The Committee may also appoint sub-committees for specific purposes. A quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) Members, at least one of whom, must be an Officer of the STLD.

Nominations for Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and the remaining members of the committee must be received in writing by the Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting and must be proposed and seconded by two Members. The proposer must ascertain that the nominee is willing to stand for election. All members of the Management Committee are deemed to have full voting rights. The Secretary shall keep records in writing of the proceedings at all General meetings and Committee meetings of the Society.

6. ACCOUNTS

The committee shall cause to be kept true accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Society. Cheques shall require the signature of any two of the following: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer. To reflect the modernisation of the Banking system, the Treasurer may use Electronic Transfer of funds for payments, prior notification of which must be sent to the other two Nominated Officers. The accounts shall be closed on 31st August annually and shall be prepared for auditing by an Auditor who is not a member of the Society. The Auditor shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting shall be held once every calendar year. Notice of this meeting and agenda shall be given not less than twenty-one days prior to the meeting. At this meeting the chairman's report and accounts for the preceding financial year ending 31st August shall be presented, having been duly audited.

By resolution of the committee, or upon notice in writing by not less than twenty paid-up Members, the Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at not less than twenty-one days' notice stating fully the reasons for which the meeting is called.

At any General Meeting a majority of votes shall decide a resolution and if the Committee deem if necessary a postal vote may be taken and these votes included with those cast at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman will have the casting vote.

8 . ALTERATION OF RULES

These rules may from time to time be altered, rescinded or new rules added, by a two-thirds majority of those voting by post and at the Annual General Meeting. Notice of any change of rules must be submitted in writing to the Society Secretary, at least sixty days prior to the meeting.

9. DISSOLUTION

If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Society shall be passed by a majority of the members present and such resolutions shall be confirmed by a majority at a Special General Meeting held not less than one calendar month thereafter, the Committee shall thereupon or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution proceed to realise the property of the Society and after discharge of all liabilities shall divide equally the same among all paid-up Members of the Society and upon completion of such division, the Society shall be dissolved.

10. GENERAL

Every member binds himself or herself by the Rules of the Society. In all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of the Rules of the Society, the decision of the Committee is final and binding.

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