

Medieval Pottery Research Group

Constitution

1. The Group shall be known as the Medieval Pottery Research Group.
2. The office of the Group shall be situate within Great Britain.
3. The object of the Group is to further the study of ceramics from the end of Roman rule in Britain to the advent of the Tudor dynasty in the late fifteenth century by holding Annual Meetings and by the publication of a bulletin and any other way that the Committee may approve.
4. The membership shall consist of Ordinary Members.
5. The expenses of the Group shall be met from subscriptions and such funds as the Group may by donation or otherwise acquire. Each member shall pay his subscription on joining the Group and shall then be entitled to receive a copy of the bulletin for the current year.
The subscription shall be £1.50p. per annum.
Any member who is more than twelve months in arrears with his subscription shall be struck off the membership list until the subscription is renewed. The subscriptions and all other property acquired for the purposes of the Group shall be regarded as being vested in the Officers of the Group as trustees for the members.
6. Attendance at Annual Meetings and any other events that may be organised by the Group shall be open to anyone irrespective of whether they are subscribing members.
7. The Committee of the Group shall consist of the President, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Editors and three Ordinary Members and shall be elected at the Annual Meetings.
All nominations for election to the Committee shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary by the first of February each year.
8. Subject to any resolution of the Group the President shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years.
9. The Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall hold office for one year but shall then be eligible for re-election by the Annual Meeting. The Editors and Ordinary Members of Committee shall hold office for three years.
Retiring members of Committee shall not be immediately eligible for re-election.
10. The affairs of the Group shall be managed by the Committee. At any meeting of the Committee the presence of five members shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall present a report of its proceedings to the Annual Meeting of the Group. Casual vacancies among the Officers shall be filled by co-opting members of the Group by the Committee until the next Annual Meeting.

11. The Annual Meeting of the Group shall be held on a date approved by the Committee.
12. The Committee shall have the power to appoint from the members of the Group any other Committees which may be required from time to time.
13. The Committee shall have the power to fix the amount of any fees that it may be desirable to be charged to members or guests at any function of the Group. They shall also have the power to pay such honoraria for assistance as they think desirable.
14. Any proposal for amendment to the Constitution of the Group must be submitted to the Annual Meeting. The text of the proposed amendment shall be circulated to members with preliminary details of the Annual Meeting programme. No amendment shall be regarded as adopted unless two thirds of the members present vote in favour of it.

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