

FIBREWORKS

FIBREWORKS CONSTITUTION 1997

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AIMS

- To promote fibre art as a serious art form and to maintain a group committed to this ideal.
- To promote and maintain a standard of excellence of work within the group.
- To hold a national biennial exhibition. This may form part of a national convention/AGM.
- To hold an annual AGM / national convention when office bearers are elected.
- To generate interaction, new challenges and critical input.
- To hold regional retreats organized by individual members.
- To circulate a quarterly newsletter which includes articles and information submitted by members.
- To maintain the website: www.fibreworksart.com
- To encourage all members to actively participate in Fibreworks activities and to spread the word about Fibreworks.

What members decide to do individually and regionally to spread the word about the organization will be entirely up to them, and it is to be encouraged.

VENUE AND DATE

Quarterly meetings are arranged by the members according to their needs and wishes.

MEMBERSHIP:

www.fibreworksart.com/Membership.html

Application for membership:

Anyone is eligible to apply for membership if they are South African or have lived in South Africa for a minimum of 3 years. The criteria for membership are set out in the **Constitution Guidelines** (see below) under **Procedure for Prospective Members** and it's also available on the Fibreworks website www.fibreworksart.com/Membership.html

All new applications for membership of Fibreworks must be sent to the secretary.

Current Fibreworks members assess prospective work. All the votes are of equal value.

Membership is subject to payment of subs and participation in any exhibition is dependent on subs being fully paid up.

OFFICE BEARERS:

Office bearers are elected by the members at the AGM: chairman, secretary, treasurer, archivist, and assessment supervisor/s and newsletter editor.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions are annual and run from AGM to AGM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- The AGM is held during October of each year.
- The quorum at the AGM shall not be less than 25% of the membership.
- Presentation and assessment of prospective/new members work by members' present may form part of the AGM. Refer to Assessment and Selections under Constitution Guidelines.
- Office bearers are elected by the members at the AGM.
- There shall be at least 7 days notice of each AGM and the notice shall be conveyed in writing to all members. The notice will state the time and date of the meeting.
- The Fibreworks archival data is available for viewing.
- In the event of an urgent decision having to be made the Chairman is obliged to consult with the office bearers.
- Any amendments to the Constitution can only be made by a 60% majority vote.
- Since the AGM is the only opportunity that important policy decisions are made, it is in the interest of every member that he/she attends.

EXHIBITIONS:

a) National Members' Exhibition:

All members are encouraged to participate in the biennial National Members' exhibitions. These may include an online exhibition.

Should the exhibition be in a physical gallery space or similar venue, the curator of the gallery usually decides which work to hang and therefore some work may be rejected for exhibition.

These shows may include invited artists. Fibreworks reserves the right to vet work of guest artists should they wish to exhibit. Costs will be discussed and negotiated by the quorum.

The responsibilities of artists, Fibreworks coordinator/curator, gallery curators and Fibreworks publicity officers are set out in the Exhibition Guidelines below.

b) Regional exhibitions:

Regional shows may be held at the discretion of the regional members. Refer to the

Exhibition Guidelines. These shows are responsible for their own expenses i.e., hiring of venue, opening night expenses, advertising etc. However, should the show include several national members, Fibreworks will consider contributing to the overall costs. It is therefore in the interests of the regional organizers to encourage national member participation provided the regional venue has space available.

c) Travelling exhibitions:

The feasibility of these shows can be discussed at quarterly meetings face to face (F2F) or online and / or at the AGM. A quorum is necessary for such an exhibition to go ahead. Costs will be discussed and negotiated by the quorum.

FINANCE:

The treasurer must keep separate books of account and a separate bank account and must provide a balance sheet at the AGM. At least 2 signatories will be required for all financial transactions.

SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES:

In the event of the Fibreworks group ceasing to meet or suspending its normal activities of operating as a group, the dispensing of capital accrued because of group activities to date must be decided upon and approved by a 51% majority vote of the remaining Fibreworks members.