

REI CRETARIAE ROMANAE FAUTORES

STATUTES

Approved by the General Meetings of the Society at Székésfehérvár on 17 Sept. 1992 and at Timișoara on 2 Sept. 1994.

1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be 'REI CRETARIAE ROMANAE FAUTORES'.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Society shall be the promotion of the study of Roman ceramic wares of all kinds, including their precursors and successor wares. The Society shall promote the organization of congresses and the publication of scholarly works.

3. MEMBERSHIP

(a) Ordinary Membership shall be open to all persons interested in the purposes of the Society.

(b) Affiliated Membership shall be open to organizations and libraries. Affiliated Members may send one representative to General Meetings.

(c) Persons or organizations wishing to join the Society as Ordinary or Affiliated Members shall apply to the Treasurer and on admission shall receive an up-to-date copy of the Statutes of the Society.

(d) An annual subscription shall be payable by Ordinary Members and Affiliated Members and shall be at a rate proposed by the Council and approved by the General Meeting.

(e) The Council may from time to time propose to a General Meeting of the Society the election of Members Honoris Causa who shall pay no subscription.

(f) All Members shall receive the *Acta* and *Communicationes* of the Society without charge and shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings.

(g) Members in arrear of dues for four years shall be excluded. Members may exceptionally be exempted from the payment of a subscription by approval of the Council.

4. OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

(a) The Council of the Society shall consist of a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Editor and one Ordinary Member, whose duties and terms of office shall be as prescribed below.

(b) Members of Council shall be elected at General

Meetings of the Society and shall serve for that interval between General Meetings which shall most closely approximate to six years. No Officer shall serve in the same post for more than two consecutive terms of office. The Officers shall serve without pay.

(c) The procedure for the election of Members of Council shall be as follows:

— The Secretary shall give notice of any vacancy not less than six months before the General Meeting at which the vacancy is to be filled and shall call for nominations.

— Nominations shall be supported by a minimum of two Ordinary Members and shall be made in writing, together with the agreement of the nominee, to the Secretary not less than three months before the General Meeting at which the vacancy is to be filled.

— If a vacancy arises between General Meetings, it may be filled temporarily by the Council, but only until the next General Meeting.

(d) The Council may propose committees for special purposes, to be approved by the General Meeting.

(e) An officer of the Society may in exceptional circumstances be removed from office by a resolution at a General Meeting provided that the vote is secret and that the resolution is supported by not less than two thirds of the votes cast.

5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

(a) The PRESIDENT shall exercise general supervision of the welfare of the Society and may speak or write in the name of the Society. He/she shall preside at Meetings of Council and at General Meetings and shall present the report of the Council to General Meetings.

(b) The SECRETARY shall assist the President in the conduct of the Society's affairs and shall act on behalf of the President in his absence. He/she shall keep a proper record of Meetings of Council and of General Meetings of the Society. He/she shall where possible provide such assistance to the organizer of any congress of the Society as may be requested. He/she shall edit and circulate to all members the *Communicationes*. (See Article 7.b.)

(c) (i) The TREASURER shall have charge of the Society's funds. He/she shall prepare a statement of account for each General Meeting of the Society in sufficient time for its examination by the Assessor as described in Article 5.c.ii below. He/she shall present

it at the meeting together with a report on the financial affairs of the Society. He/she shall maintain an up-to-date list of the names and addresses of members of the Society. He/she shall be responsible for sales of the *Acta* and other publications of the Society to non-members.

(ii) At each General Meeting of the Society an Assessor shall be appointed who shall examine and verify the accounts prepared by the Treasurer for the next General Meeting and shall report the result of such examination to the General Meeting at which such accounts are presented. The Assessor shall be elected from amongst the Ordinary Members of the Society but shall not be a Member of the Council.

(d) The EDITOR shall edit the *Acta* and any other publication of the Society apart from the *Communicationes*. (See Article 7.)

6. CONGRESSES AND GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) Congresses of the Society for the exchange of views and the reading of papers shall normally be held biennially.

(b) At every congress there shall be held a General Meeting at which the following business shall be transacted:

- 1) Receive and approve the report of the Council
- 2) Receive and approve the reports of the Treasurer and Assessor
- 3) Approve the rate of the annual subscription
- 4) Election of Officers/Members of Council
- 5) Appointment of Assessor
- 6) Any Other Business

(c) Notice of a General Meeting together with a list of proposals to be voted upon at the meeting respecting the election of Officers and Members of Council or alterations to the Statutes shall be sent in writing to all members of the Society at least one month before the date of the said meeting. A final notice of the business to be transacted at a General Meeting shall be displayed in a prominent and appropriate position at least twenty four hours before the time appointed for the meeting.

(d) Members who wish to propose motions for discussion at a General Meeting shall give notice to the Secretary at least two months before the meeting.

(e) Decisions made by a General Meeting of the Society shall be by a simple majority and voting at elections shall be secret and under the supervision of two scrutators appointed by the Meeting. In the event of an equality of votes the President shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote. Any decision shall be valid only if the total number of votes cast is not less than one twelfth of the membership of the Society.

(f) In the matters of elections of officers/members of

Council and of amendments to the Statutes, the casting of proxy votes at General Meetings shall be permitted. Any member who wishes to vote by proxy may appoint the chairman of the meeting or any other member as a proxy to vote on his/her behalf. The holder of such an appointment shall present written evidence of it to the scrutators of the ballot before casting any such proxy vote. No member voting by proxy may also vote in person.

7. PUBLICATIONS

(a) The *Acta* shall be composed of papers read at the congresses but may also be open to other articles. The acceptance and editing of articles shall be subject to the control of the EDITOR.

(b) The *Communicationes* shall be in the form of a newsletter concerning the affairs of the Society and may also include a regular bibliography.

(c) *Supplementa* to the *Acta* may be accepted for publication from time to time, subject to the approval of the Council.

8. LANGUAGE

The language in which these Statutes are written and approved is English, and where any ambiguity or conflict arises between the English version and any translations thereof the meaning of the English text shall prevail.

9. AMENDMENT

These Statutes may be amended by a resolution (notified as in Article 6.c) supported by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at a General Meeting, provided that the total number of votes cast is not less than one twelfth of the membership of the Society. Amendments may also be proposed by mail ballot and shall be deemed valid if supported by a two-thirds majority of those members who have replied within two months of the issuing of a notice proposing such an amendment. Notice of the passing of any amendment shall be issued to all members within eighteen months of the event.

10. DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the Society may be decided in the same manner as alterations to the Constitution in Article 9. The remaining property and assets of the Society may be given to any institution or museum interested in Roman ceramics.
