



## The Life Models' Society Constitution

Welcome to the Life Models' Society.

The Society was formed in 1989 to provide a means for life models to get to know each other, and as a support group to standardise rates of pay and improve our working conditions. Although we do not have the resources to act as a booking agency, we publish a list of available artists' models which is sent to all our subscribers, and updated several times a year.

LMS members are known for their high standard of professionalism. We run regular workshops where aspiring models can try out nude modelling in a relaxed setting with experienced models and some selected artists to help with advice and suggestions.

It is a condition of the Society that ALL applicants for membership should attend a workshop, at which they will be assessed on criteria which include professional conduct and attitude.

The society is a non incorporated entity with an elected committee of seven. All paid members up of the LMS have the right to vote in an election and to attend the AGM as well as other social events conducted by the LMS.



## Rules of the Life Models' Society

Models that successfully pass the workshop are invited to join the Life Models' Society.

Models can try a second workshop if unsuccessful at half price and will be invited to join if they successfully complete the second workshop.

Models can join the Life Models' Society and not go on the list. If they are not working currently and have at least two years experience they can join for a reduced fee and be able to receive newsletter and go to Life Models' Society social events.

If a model is not on the list for two years or more models they can do another workshop at half price to rejoin the Life Models' Society list.

Models that have had complaints will receive two admonishing letters and will be ejected if complaints continue.

Given names will only be put on the list no surnames used. Only the phone contact chosen by the model will go on the list any other contact details will be kept from the general public unless requested.

Models drawing Models is open to all models.

## The Elected Committee of the Life Models' Society

The committee of the LMS is to face election every year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

An election will take place even if there are no challenging candidates. The committee to be elected would have no more than seven members, quorum for any decision made is four members.

The members of the LMS present at the AGM as well as the outgoing committee have one vote each for seven vacancies for the incoming committee. This can be done on paper, thus private, or by show of hands as decided by those present. Any adjudication at



the event must be undertaken by a member who is neither an outgoing committee member nor a candidate for election.

Candidates must be nominated by an existing model member and also seconded by member of the outgoing committee. These nominations are to be presented on a form signed and dated.

It is acceptable for the candidates to speak regarding their candidature if the members present at the AGM require. Any such presentation is to be of the same time for all candidates.

Once seven members of the committee are elected their roles within the committee, and any titles or positions, will be decided by the committee at the next ordinary meeting of the committee. This meeting can occur on the same day as the AGM but must be commenced after the AGM has concluded.

If members of the elected committee need to retire before the next election the elected committee can vote internally on the replacement of that member who will stand until the next election.

## Eligibility to vote.

The people eligible to vote must be current paid members of the LMS.

The three groups considered are as follows.

1. Fully paid and working members of the LMS.
2. Fully paid and working members of the LMS not listed.  
(Some members are working but do not need their phone numbers in the published model list)
3. Associate members  
(These people must have had at least two years experience not currently working but intend to be in the future) These people pay a reduced fee and can be involved in LMS functions Salons and workshops.

NB there are no members of the LMS that do not pay for their membership.

The list of people eligible to vote will be made available to the LMS at the cut of date for the election.



## Eligibility to stand for the election.

The people eligible to present their candidature of this election are as follows.

1. Must be fully paid working members of the LMS. (can be unlisted)
2. Must in good faith at the time of the election be able to commit to at least twelve months of service to the LMS Elected Committee.

The elected committee will decide what to do for individual vacancies should they arise.

## The responsibilities of the Elected Committee

The Elected Committee will be responsible to run the Life Models' Society. This is a basic outline of the duties and responsibilities involved in running the Life Models' Society.

1. To be the initial contact for potential life models, vetting applicants and sending out the expression of interest forms.
2. Organising workshops, including potential models, minders, artists and venue hire plus taking the payments and recording in the ledger book.
3. Co-ordinating the discussion amongst the minders about the life models that were successful on the day of the workshop; writing to the successful models asking if they wish to become members of the Life Models' Society and to go on the list.
4. Taking the applications for the new life models.
5. To produce invoices and mailing them to the new life models.
6. To maintain the Model list with updates of new models and retiring models.
7. To produce the newsletter with submissions from Life Models' Society members.
8. Organising volunteers for the mail out of the news letter and model list.
9. To continue the four seasonal salons which is a great way to showcase new models to artists. This includes booking the venue, hiring of models, including the best new models from the most recent workshop and organising the publicity with fliers etc.
10. Booking the venue for Models Drawing Models.
11. Organising end of year functions.
12. Dealing with disgruntled models or subscribers.
13. Dealing with Models grievances in relation to workplace.
14. Fielding media enquiries.
15. Finding appropriate models for one off gigs for bookings of a special nature.
16. Being the point of call for information about Life models in general.
17. Hosting social functions for Life Models' Society members
18. To maintain the ledger book for transparency of the Life Models' Society's finances.
19. At the end of each financial year a professionally produced report of the Society's finances and general activities is to be presented in the naked Truth.



20. To maintain the Life Models' Society public liability insurance. Which is due in April of each year.
21. To present itself to the Life Models' Society AGM each year for reelection.
22. To maintain the Life Models' Society Code of Conduct.

Should any eligible member of the Life Models' Society wish to apply to be a candidate for an election. They must accept responsibility for all the above mentioned duties and responsibilities if elected.

## Conduct of Life Models' Society members

The Life Models' Society expects high conduct from its members both in dealings with the general public and within the Life Models' Society.

### Life Models' Society Code of Conduct

#### Preamble

The Life Models' Society has some principals that it wishes to uphold and some standards that it expects from its members in regard to how they deal with one another.

The Life Models' Society has several avenues for its members to have their views heard: they can attend any meeting of the elected committee, they can vote in any referendum survey or election and they can present motions to the Life Models' Society at the annual AGM.

The Life Models' Society relies on the unpaid work of volunteers. While being grateful for any help offered the elected committee reserves the right to decide what services and skills that the individual member offers to the Life Models' Society that may of best help to the Life Models' Society.

If you do the work then you have say.



## Code of conduct

Every Life Models' Society member has the right to privacy. This principle binds any discussion within the LMS or in public. Each member only has to disclose information that is relevant to the pursuit of working professionally as a Life Model.

At no point is a member to make an issue with an individual member's sexual preference, religious persuasion, medical history real or otherwise or body type. As none of these issues has any bearing on a life model's ability to work professionally.

The LMS workshop is a sacred place no one is to arrive unsolicited or without a purpose.

If any Life Models' Society member puts the good name of the LMS or any of its members in disrepute by their actions or inactions the issue will be taken up by a disciplinary committee and their future with the LMS will be discussed.

Members are to conduct themselves civilly at any meeting or Forum. Any unnecessarily rude, offensive, personally directing or threatening behaviour will be dealt with without fear of favour. The chair of the meeting has the authority to eject anyone if necessary.

If any members of the LMS has had an unpleasant or dangerous experience from one of its clients they must inform the LMS so it has the information necessary to take action in defense of any LMS member.

Breaches of the Code of Conduct will result in possible expulsion from the LMS.

## Code of conduct outside the LMS

Models are to replace themselves if unable to fulfill a job commitment.

Models are expected to be punctual and ready for work when working on behalf of the LMS.

Models are not to change procedure at a drawing class if not discussed with the people ultimately responsible for the class (this is in reference to untutored classes).

Life Models are expected not to behave in any way that will shame other members of the Life Models' Society.

The core of the code of conduct for behaviour within the Life Models' Society is expected in the behaviour outside the Life Models' Society.



## Working conditions

The conditions that The Life Models' Society expects that its members work under will always be printed with the Life Models' Society list given out to members and subscribers

These can be used as a reference for members of the Life Models' Society and its subscribers.