



**ASIAN ART
SOCIETY
OF THE
MONTEREY
PENINSULA**



BYLAWS and APPENDIX
2015

Asian Art Society of Monterey Bay

We were founded in 1983, as the Oriental Art Society of the Monterey Peninsula, to further the study and appreciation of the Art, History and Culture of all Asian lands and people. In 2014, we voted to change our name to the Asian Art Society of the Monterey Peninsula, or AASMP. In 2015, we voted to change our name to the Asian Art Society of Monterey Bay (AASMB).

We hold an Annual Gala Dinner and Business Meeting in the Spring. During the Gala, we provide live Asian music, live performances, a review of the previous year's activities, and induction of Officers.

Unless otherwise notified, we meet 7–8 months of the year, February through November on the second Tuesday evening of the month. The public is invited and there is no charge for the meeting. Optional Dinner is followed by a lecture/slide show, demonstration or performance, with complimentary desserts and refreshments.

We host 1–2 Bus Trips per year, usually to San Francisco. On each Bus Trip, we visit two museums for Asian cultural and art exhibits, with an occasional stop in Chinatown. Museums include the Asian Art Museum, de Young, and Legion of Honor. In Bus Trip months, we do not have a dinner and lecture.

Annual Dues are \$30 person, \$50 couple.

Asian Art Society of Monterey Bay Bylaws

December 2015 Revised

1. NAME

This organization shall be known as:
The Asian Art Society of Monterey Bay.

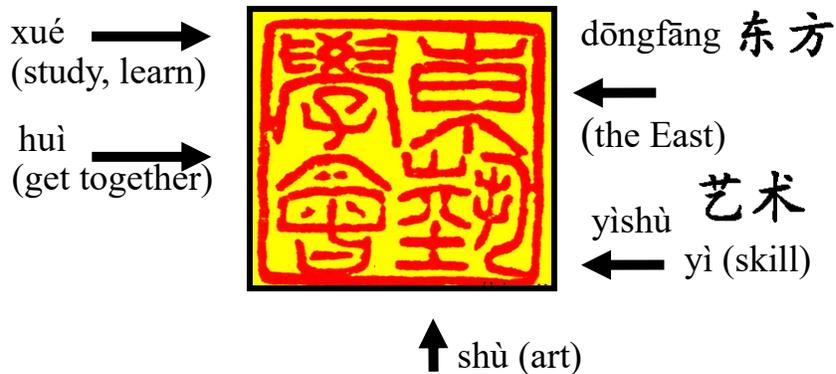
2. PURPOSE

To further the study and appreciation of the Art, History,
and Culture of all Asian lands and people.

3. SEAL

The official seal of the Society is a red Chinese “chop”
carved on “blood seal-stone” in ancient seal script to
render the
characters:

Official Seal of the Society



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4. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three types of membership:

a. **REGULAR:** Individuals with an interest in Asian arts and culture may become regular members upon application and payment of dues.

b. **HONORARY:** Membership may be awarded to any individual by a vote of the Board in recognition of long and outstanding service to the Society, or eminence in the field of Asian art and culture.

c. **COMPLIMENTARY:** A program presenter will become a complimentary member in appreciation for one year dating from the meeting program.

5. DUES

a. Annual dues for regular members will be set by the Board. Honorary members will not be assessed dues.

b. Dues will be payable in January, or at the time of joining.

c. Members who may be delinquent on March 1st of each year will be dropped from the rolls of active membership.

6. GOVERNING BODY

a. The governing body of the Society known as the "Board of Councilors" will consist of a minimum of eleven positions.

b. Board members will be elected to serve for a period of two years, excluding the Chair-Elect, and the Immediate Past Chair, who will serve for one year. Each year, the term of office will be January 1 through Dec. 31.

c. Nominations for the position of Board Member will be made by a Nominating Committee of three members, two chosen from the Board and one member from the membership, all chosen by the Board. The Nominating Committee will choose their Chair.

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d. The slate of nominees, and positions that they have agreed to serve in, will be presented to the Board for approval, and then to members at the Annual Business Meeting.

e. At that meeting, additional nominations may be made from the floor by a member. Prior to the meeting, all proposed nominees must have agreed to serve in these positions.

f. By vote of the members, the Board will be elected to serve in the capacities as listed in Appendix A.

g. The new Board will meet at the call of the outgoing Chair for a meeting of the outgoing and incoming Board members.

h. A quorum for a Voting Board Meeting shall be 1/3 of the total number of Board Positions.

7. MANAGEMENT

a. The affairs of the Society will be conducted by the Board which will usually meet each month at the call of the Chair.

b. All members of the Society are welcome to attend Board meetings on a non-voting basis. Those interested in attending should contact the Chair for the time and place.

c. The Chair may appoint members of the Society to serve on ad-hoc committees as necessary.

d. In Order to establish proper succession of Leadership, the Chair will serve for a two year term. There shall be a Chair-Elect who shall serve for a one year term and automatically become the Chair after that year. The Chair, upon completion of a two year term shall serve one year as Immediate Past Chair.

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8. MEETINGS

a. The Society will hold a minimum of 7 meetings each year, one or more of which may be a trip. Dates, times, and sites will be announced by the Chair. Meetings and trips may be open to the public and guests, or may be restricted to members at the discretion of the Board.

b. Society business that requires a vote of the membership will be conducted at the Annual Business Meeting. Those members in good standing at a voting meeting will constitute a quorum. A Vote may also be conducted by the request of the Chair at another meeting, or by email and mail. Decisions will be reached by a majority of the voting members.

9. GUESTS

a. Guests are welcome at public meetings. If the meeting is held in a private home, guests are expected to be sponsored and accompanied by a Member who will obtain the advance approval of the host and so notify the guest.

b. Those guests who wish to continue to attend beyond their second meeting are expected to apply for membership.

10. AMENDMENTS

a. Any regular member may propose amendment(s) to the Bylaws.

b. Such proposals will be directed to the Board in writing by September 1. The Board will consider each proposed amendment and recommend that it be approved or disapproved.

c. The proposed amendment(s) and the Board's recommendation will be presented to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting. Acceptance will require a "yes" vote by the majority.

11. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Society, all assets will become the property of the Monterey Museum of Art to be used to further the study and appreciation of Asian Art.

APPENDIX A

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF COUNCILORS

The Board shall manage the assets and affairs of the Society, create committees when necessary and adopt such regulations for the conduct of its business as it deems necessary.

1. The Chair will provide overall direction of the affairs of the Society.
2. The Immediate Past Chair will act as Chair in the absence of the Chair.
3. The Chair-Elect will train for the position of Chair.
4. The Treasurer will keep accurate accounts of all monies received and disbursed and prepare a monthly Board report to include the bank statement. All expenses greater than \$500.00 will need prior Board approval. An Assistant Treasurer will assist the Treasurer.
5. The Secretary will keep Minutes of all meetings and will be responsible for any correspondence of the society as requested by the Chair.
6. The Program Chair is responsible for arranging programs.
7. The Membership Chair will prepare and provide membership applications to those interested. The Chair will keep a roll of paid and prospective members, and report the tally of Members to the Board. The Chair will coordinate the Auctions and Raffles and print the annual Directory. The Membership Assistant will assist the Chair.
8. The Publicity Chair will act in concert with the Program and Trips Away Chairs to prepare and distribute press releases and notices concerning upcoming programs and Bus Trips to which the public may be invited.
9. The Hospitality Chair will arrange for the pre-meeting Dinners and any Board Dinners. The Dessert Assistant will provide the meeting refreshments. The Floral Assistant will provide the meeting decorations.
10. The Trips-Away Chair will be in charge of field trips. The Chair will work closely with the Program Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Publicity Coordinator to determine travel and activity arrangements.
11. The Flyer Chair will be responsible for periodic announcements and flyers to the members.
12. The Audio-Visual Chair will maintain and be responsible for the safekeeping of all audio-visual equipment of the Society.

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