

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF PAINTER-PRINTMAKERS SHEWETH AS FOLLOWS:

This Petition is submitted on the authority of a resolution of the members of the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers (hereafter referred to as the Society) in General Meeting on 29th January 2025.

The Society was instituted as a voluntary Society in 1880 called the Society of Painter-Etchers. In 1888, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria allowed the Society to assume the title of Royal, and in 1898 Her late Majesty Queen Victoria allow the title of the Society to be enlarged to the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers. In 1911, His late Majesty King George V, by Royal Charter ("the Original Charter") constituted the Royal Society of Painter-Etchers and Engravers ("the Society") a Body Corporate and Politic with perpetual succession and a Common Seal. In 1990, her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by a Supplemental Charter ("the Supplemental Charter") permitted the alteration of the name of the Society to "the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers".

The objects of the Society are the uniting in one body of artists for the encouragement and promotion of all forms of printmaking, and for bringing these Arts to the notice of the public by the holding of periodical exhibitions and anything incidental or conducive to those objects.

YOUR PETITIONERS wish to petition for the grant of a Supplemental Charter for the following reasons:

(a) The Society wishes to alter its name to "The Royal Society of Printmakers" so as to better reflect and promote its current objects and ensure that its role is better understood by members of the public outside of the Society. The Society has consulted with several similar bodies in the field and has not received any objections to its proposed change of name.

(b) The Society wishes to re-state and clarify the provisions of the original Charter for the purpose of better governance, by the removal of the reference to "an Honorary Auditor" and the names of the original officers of the Society. The Society has its accounts audited by official auditors outside of the Society and does not have an internal role to be covered by an Honorary Auditor.

(c) The Society wishes to replace its Bye-laws for the purpose of better governance and administration, to allow for the updating of language, including gender-neutral language, and the modernisation of its procedures.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore most humbly pray that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased in the exercise of Your Royal Prerogative to grant a Supplemental Charter to Your Petitioners in the terms of the draft herewith submitted or in such other terms as may to Your Majesty seem proper.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray etc.

SIGNED AND SEALED this day, the thirtieth of January in the year two thousand and twenty-five.

By the President of the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers.



In the presence of

