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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ACADEMY OF CREATIVE ARTS
OF AMERICA

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY OF CREATIVE ARTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, for the better understanding of our aims and the furtherance of our work in the creative arts, do hereby bind ourselves to follow out this Constitution and these bylaws.

In order that we may avoid any friction in our task, we incorporate this definition of creative art in our preamble. We believe that a creative art is that art by whose means the world will be enriched spiritually and mentally. No special field shall be exclusively furthered by this Academy, nor shall any new field of the creative arts be excluded from advancement.

With this understanding and an abiding faith in the eternal Spirit from whom all the rays of the Arts proceed, we do set forth as our Constitution and Bylaws the following:

article 1

The name of this organization shall be "The Academy of Creative Arts of the Roerich Museum of America".

article 2

The aims of this organization shall be:

First: To foster and give recognition to all the forms of creative art by means of lectures, discussions, conferences, and any other means deemed fit by the resident and Board of Regents.

Second: To recognize by the conferring of membership and other honors, outstanding workers in the various fields of creative art.

Third: To further and foster the spiritual factor in the creative arts above all else.

article 3

Membership in this organization shall be by vote of the Board of Regents.

Section 1: Members shall be divided into the following classes:

1. academicians: Honorary and active. This distinction is to be reserved to those who have shown most of the true spirit of this organization

in their professional work.

B. Fellows of the A. of C.A.: Honorary and active. This distinction shall be given to those whose professional work merits selection. Active Fellows only are eligible to be active Academicians.

C. Associates of the A. of C.A.: active. This rank of membership shall be conferred upon those whose work entitles them to the honor.

D. Junior Associates of the A. of C.A.: active. This rank shall be conferred upon those youths who have shown in their studies for any of the creative arts and appreciation of the true spirit of this organization.

E. Research Fellows of the A. of C.A.: Active. The Board of Regents of the A. of C.A. shall be empowered to grant or cause to be granted four research fellowships to this Academy a year. These research fellowships shall carry with them a stipendium of \$500 which shall be expended by the Fellow for research in his or her own field of the creative arts. An accounting of this stipendium shall be rendered to the President and the Board of Regents of the Academy semi-annually.

Section 2: Advancement: The Board of Regents alone may advance a fellow to the distinction of Academician. Advancement from any grade lower than Fellow may be made upon the approval of the Board of Regents to an application carrying a recommendation from one active

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Academician and two Active Fellows. Except in unusual cases at least one year must be spent in each active grade.

Section 4: Honorary Distinctions: The Board of Regents may confer the distinction of Fellow or Academician where and when it sees fit. Honorary Fellows and Honorary Academicians shall be entitled to all the rights of such distinction.

Section 5: Expulsion of Members: The Board of Regents may expel by unanimous vote any member for any cause they deem fit, except that no expulsion shall ever be because of inability to pay dues.

Article 4

The government of this organization shall be vested in the President and the Board of Regents, all of whom shall be Academicians.

Section 1: The President: The Academicians shall elect a President from among their number annually. The President shall preside at all meetings and shall have power to sign all papers and testimonials for the Academy. The President shall also have the power to direct the work of this Academy by appointing Vice-Regents from among the Fellows to head the various groups within the ranks. The President shall also be empowered to appoint a Secretary from among the Academicians and an Executive Secretary from among the Fellows who shall perform their duties at his direction. He shall have the power to delegate to

then any of his powers that he may see fit. The Secretary and Executive Secretary shall perform their duties without any recompense.

The Board of Regents: The Board of Regents shall be limited to twelve Academicians; at least five of them shall be members of the Council of Trustees of the American Museum of Natural History. MICHAEL S. BISHOP shall be ex-officio a member of the Board of Regents in perpetuity. After their original appointment, Regents shall hold office for fourteen years. Special meetings of the Academicians shall be called to elect one of their number to any vacancy caused by the death, removal or resignation of any Regent. The Regents shall not be the governing body of the Academy, and shall make and do, or cause to be made and done, any legal necessary and useful act for the furtherance of the aims of the Academy in all its branches. They, jointly with the President, shall confer or cause to be conferred, any honor which lies within the power of the Academy. The President shall be ex-officio a member of the Council for his full term.

Article 5

The members of this Academy shall have the following rights and privileges:

Academicians (A. A. S. S.): The right to elect the President--to elect Regents as vacancies occur--to recommend any member of any rank for elevation--to head discussion groups within his or her own field of creative art--and to do any task he

may be assigned by the President or Regents.

Fellow: (F., C., ...): The right to recommend any member of a rank for elevation--to head disciplinary groups in his or her own field in the ranks--to do any task he may be assigned by the President or Regents.

Section 2: Dues: Candidates and Fellows shall not be assessed for dues in any manner. Associates and Junior Associates shall pay the following dues:

Associates: \$25 entrance and \$10 per annum, to be paid in any way they can.

Junior Associates: \$10 entrance and \$10 per annum, to be paid in any way they can.

Junior Associates shall pay Associate entrance fee and dues upon their elevation to this rank.

Any Academician, Fellow, Associate or Junior Associate may make such contributions of money or other things as he may see fit to the President of this Academy, who shall cause such contributions to be entered on the minute book of the Board of Regents by the Secretary.

Article 6

Certificates of election to the distinction of Academician and Fellow, suitable engrossed, signed by the President and six Regents shall be granted by this Academy.

Article 7

This constitution shall become operative upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Regents.

Section 2: amendments: This Constitution may be amended only by a unanimous vote of the Board of Regents. An amendment shall be proposed in writing by two academicians and three Fellows before it can be considered by the board.

Section 3: Nullification of certain amendments: No amendment shall be considered by the President and the Board of Regents of this academy which shall have to do with either changing the name of the academy or with violating in any way the ideals of HIERONIMO SPANISH as set forth in the Charter of the Hererich Museum.

APPROVED:
