

# ***THE SOCIETY FOR THE REFINEMENT OF POLYVARIETAL ENTERTAINMENT (SRPE)***

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS - 12-7-05, Amended 6-27-06**

## **SECTION 1 – ORGANIZATIONAL NAME AND PURPOSE**

### *Article 1. Formal Name of Organization*

Be it known that this organization shall formally be called  
The Society for the Refinement of Polyvarietal Entertainment.

### *Article 2. Mission and Purpose*

The organization shall foster the education and development of those who purpose to communally or individually critique and enjoy various items of modern entertainment, of primarily foreign extraction. The organization may also explore various other aspects of foreign culture, within the bounds of safety, reason and the laws and regulations concerning student groups at NCSU.

## **SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP**

### *Article 1. Membership*

Membership shall be open to anyone who chooses to participate in the meetings scheduled. There shall be three classes of member, as outlined in Article 1a below.

#### *Article 1A. Types of Member*

The three types of member recognized by SRPE shall be:

- **Member At Large** – A member having attended at least one formal meeting in the last academic year.
- **Voting Member** – A member having attended at least 75% of the current semester's formal meetings.
- **Officer** – An appointed representative of the group. Further qualifications are outlined in Section 3, Article 4 below.

### *Article 2. Duties of Members*

There shall not be any requirement on the members of SRPE, except those appointed to committees. Those members appointed to committees must report to the officer overseeing the committee to which they belong.

### *Article 3. Membership Requirements*

A prospective member or interested party must attend at least one formal meeting to be considered a member at large. Full membership requirements are outlined in 1A, above.

### *Article 4. Suspension of Member*

Should a member willfully obstruct the conduct or convention of a meeting of SRPE, that member may, at the behest of the Chairmen only, be suspended from attendance of meetings of SRPE. This same member, should he or she be a voting member, will have all privileges thereunto appertaining revoked until such time as they are reinstated by the Chairmen, or a quorum vote of SRPE.

### *Article 5. Striking a Member from the Rolls*

Should a member habitually willfully obstruct the conduct or convention of a meeting of SRPE, that member may be dismissed on the convention of the Chairpersons. As outlined in Section 3, the Sub-Officers will tie-break if the Chairpersons cannot reach an agreement under the Unanimity Principle. A member may be reinstated by a quorum vote of SRPE.

## **SECTION 3 – OFFICERS**

### *Article 1. Officers of SRPE*

There shall be up to four officers in SRPE. These offices are:

Chairpersons – The Chairpersons shall oversee the day-to-day affairs of the club. They are the only permanent officers, serving a term defined in Article 2, below. There are two Chairpersons.

Secretary of Advertising – This member shall be in charge of advertisement, should the Chairpersons see fit to appoint an advertiser, and is more fully defined in Article 3, below.

Sergeant At Arms – This member shall be in charge of various administrative affairs as required by the Chairpersons. Further description in Article 4, below.

## *Article 2. Chairpersons*

The term of service for the Chairpersons is 1 (one) semester. The Chairperson may choose to serve again in the next semester, or they may appoint a replacement. The Spring Semester's Chairpersons' term is carried over through the summer.

## *Article 3. Secretary of Advertising*

The duration of term for the Secretary of Advertising shall be as long as required by the needs of the organization. He or she may be asked to step down at any time by the Chairpersons. He or she will have the power to recruit other members to assist him or her in his or her duties.

## *Article 4. Sergeant At Arms*

The duration of term for the Sergeant At Arms shall be as long as required at the discretion of the current Chairpersons. The Sergeant At Arms has no authority to convene a committee, but members may be appointed to assist him by the Chairpersons, at their discretion.

## *Article 5. Recall of Officers*

Officers of SRPE may be recalled by a quorum vote [Section 6, Article 4], held during a meeting of SRPE. This may be at a standard meeting of SRPE, or a specially-convened meeting. The officer(s) in question may not vote on their recall. For further restrictions on the ability to recall, refer to Section 8, Article 3.

## *Article 6. Term Limits*

There is no limit to how many consecutive terms or appointments an individual may serve in a position.

## *Article 7. Election and Appointment of Officers*

Officers shall be appointed at the beginning of each semester, at the first meeting of SRPE. Chairpersons shall be raised if there is a vacancy, and the new Chairpersons shall appoint a Secretary of Advertising and Sergeant At Arms, if deemed necessary.

## *Article 7A – Eligibility Requirements for Officers*

Potential candidates for Officer must be student in good standing at NCSU, and voting members of SRPE, having satisfied the requirements for Voting Member as outlined in Section 2, Article 1,

above. This applies to all officers, including those designated as Sub-Officers, and those appointed as committee heads.

*Article 8. Powers of the Sub-Officers*

The Secretary of Advertising and Sergeant At Arms are the Sub-Officers of SRPE. Their responsibility as Sub-Officers is to break ties in the Unanimity Principle where it is decided that action is required.

**SECTION 4 – DUES**

*Article 1. Dues for Membership*

SRPE will not collect any dues, save funds collected for special events voted on by the members in a meeting of SRPE, and as expounded in Article 2. There is no formal membership fee or dues. SRPE shall not hold any item in its corporate possession for more than one calendar year. During the time of possession, one of the Chairpersons shall be designated as its caretaker.

*Article 2. Dues for Activities*

Dues for activities will be given to a committee head, who will oversee the event. Sitting officers may be committee heads.

**SECTION 5 – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

*Article 1. Procedure*

The constitution shall be amended if called for by a quorum vote at a meeting of SRPE, or at the unanimous approval of the Chairmen and Sub-Officers.

*Article 2. Interpretation of the Constitution*

It is primarily the duty of the Chairpersons to interpret the Constitution. If an interpretation comes into question, it may be voted on at a meeting of SRPE. A simple majority vote must be in favor of an interpretation for that interpretation to stand.

## **SECTION 6 – MEETINGS**

### *Article 1. Schedule*

The club shall meet irregularly during the semester, according to its needs. The timing of meetings is at the discretion of the Chairpersons.

#### *Article 1A. Obstruction of Meetings*

Should a Chairperson willfully obstruct the meeting of SRPE, he or she shall be removed from office, and the other Chairperson shall call for election of a new Chairperson to take the removed one's place, at the next meeting.

### *Article 2. Introduction of Business at Meetings by Chairpersons*

At the end of the meeting, or when there is a quorum of members, the Chairpersons shall bring any business needing attention or a vote before the assembled members.

### *Article 3. Introduction of Business at Meetings by Members*

Members may introduce business at meetings when new business is called for at the meeting. The Chairpersons are required to call for new business at the meeting. The members will vote on whether this business deserves attention. If it is approved, a committee will be formed to oversee the business's progress.

### *Article 4. The Quorum Vote*

SRPE meetings shall have the quorum vote defined as 75% of current Voting Members of SRPE.

### *Article 5. The Majority Vote*

The Majority Vote is defined as a 50% or greater consensus of the Voting Members of SRPE.

## **SECTION 7 – COMMITTEES**

### *Article 1. Abilities of the Chairpersons*

The Chairpersons are granted the right to form and disband committees as needed to accomplish work pertaining to the organization. These committees may be abolished with a quorum vote at a meeting of SRPE.

*Article 2. Authority of the Secretary of Advertising*

The Secretary of Advertising is granted the ability to form a Committee on Advertising, in order to expediently execute his or her duties.

*Article 3. Authority of the Chairpersons*

The Chairpersons are granted authority to abolish any committee, as they see necessary.

*Article 4. Standing Committees*

The Chairpersons shall comprise the Content Committee, which shall, at the beginning of each semester, issue a statement of guidelines on what can and cannot be shown at a meeting of SRPE. The Chairpersons may, at their discretion, appoint additional members to this committee.

**SECTION 8 – POWERS OF THE CHAIRPERSONS**

*Article 1. Unanimity Principle*

The Chairpersons must act in unison. Neither Chairperson may take action without the approval of the other, except in a case where a Chairperson explicitly grants the other authority in some area, or if a situation of extreme duress arises. Only then may a Chairperson take unilateral action on any matter concerning the business of SRPE.

*Article 2. Powers & Responsibilities*

The Chairpersons are responsible for the oversight of the primary objectives of SRPE, as determined by the members, and the carrying out of any activities related to those objectives. In return, they are granted the ability to guide the path of SRPE, and determine the overall schedule of activities. They may not, however, overrule the quorum vote of SRPE members.

*Article 3. Content Guidelines*

The Chairpersons of SRPE are charged with ensuring that all content presented at meetings of SRPE is appropriate and acceptable to common decency. To this end, they are charged with the creation and enforcement of Content Guidelines, to be presented at the first SRPE meeting of a new academic year. This is in conformance with the rules pertaining to chapters of SRPE.

#### *Article 4. Grounds for Recall*

An Officer should not be recalled frivolously. If an Officer must be recalled, the reasoning for this recall should not fall into one of these categories:

- Display of unwanted acceptable content, as outlined by the Chairpersons at the start of the semester.
- Adjournment or cancellation of meeting with Unanimity observed.

The reasoning for recall may, however, fall into these categories:

- Willful obstruction of the conveyance or convention of a meeting.
- Display of material not authorized by the guidelines set forth at the beginning of a semester.

Should this become necessary, a special meeting of SRPE may be convened to recall the Chairperson, or it may be presented at the New Business portion of the next formal meeting.

*Compiled this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005, by Interim Chairman Michael Teal  
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# ***THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF MODERN VISUAL CULTURE***

(GENSHIKEN)

## **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

(12-7-05)

### **SECTION 1 – ORGANIZATIONAL NAME AND PURPOSE**

#### *Article 1. Formal Name of Organization*

Be it known that this organization shall formally be called  
The Society for the Study of Modern Visual Culture.

#### *Article 2. Alternate Name of Organization*

Be it also known that this organization may alternately be called  
*Genshiken*.

#### *Article 3. Mission and Purpose*

The organization shall foster the education and development of those who purpose to communally or individually critique and enjoy various items of modern entertainment, of primarily foreign extraction. The organization may also explore various other aspects of foreign culture, within the bounds of safety, reason and the laws and regulations concerning student groups at NCSU.

### **SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP**

#### *Article 1. Membership*

Membership shall be open to anyone who chooses to participate in the meetings scheduled. Attendance at all meetings is not required to be considered a member.

#### *Article 2. Duties of Members*

There shall not be any requirement on the members of Genshiken, except those appointed to committees. Those members appointed to committees must report to the officer overseeing the committee to which they belong.



### *Article 3. Membership Requirements*

A prospective member must partially attend at least two meetings of Genshiken to be considered a member.

## **SECTION 3 – OFFICERS**

### *Article 1. Officers of Genshiken*

There shall be up to three officers in Genshiken. These offices are:

Chairpersons – The Chairpersons shall oversee the day-to-day affairs of the club. They are the only permanent officers, serving a term defined in Article 2, below. There are two Chairpersons.

Secretary of Advertising – This member shall be in charge of advertisement, should the Chairpersons see fit to appoint an advertiser, and is more fully defined in Article 3, below.

### *Article 2. Chairpersons*

The term of service for the Chairpersons is 1 (one) semester. The Chairperson may be reelected for service in the next semester, if they wish to continue to serve.

### *Article 3. Secretary of Advertising*

The duration of term for the Secretary of Advertising shall be as long as required by the needs of the organization. He or she may be asked to step down at any time by the Chairpersons. He or she will have the power to recruit other members to assist him or her in his or her duties.

### *Article 4. Recall of Officers*

Officers of Genshiken may be recalled by a 75% vote of the members of Genshiken, held during a meeting of Genshiken. This may be at a standard meeting of Genshiken, or a specially-convened meeting. The officer(s) in question may not vote on their recall.

### *Article 5. Term Limits*

There is no limit to how many consecutive terms or appointments an individual may serve in a position.

#### *Article 6. Election and Appointment of Officers*

Officers shall be appointed at the beginning of each semester, at the first meeting of Genshiken. Chairpersons shall be elected by simple majority, and they shall then appoint a Secretary of Advertising, or reinstate the current Secretary.

### **SECTION 4 – DUES**

#### *Article 1. Dues for Membership*

Genshiken will not collect any dues, save funds collected for special events voted on by the members in a meeting of Genshiken, and as expounded in Article 2. There is no formal membership fee or dues, nor shall Genshiken hold any items in its corporate ownership. All items used by Genshiken shall be borrowed from its officers and members.

#### *Article 2. Dues for Activities*

Dues for activities will be given to a committee head, who will oversee the event. Sitting officers may be committee heads.

### **SECTION 5 – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

#### *Article 1. Procedure*

The constitution shall be amended if called for by a 60% majority vote at a meeting of Genshiken.

#### *Article 2. Interpretation of the Constitution*

It is primarily the duty of the Chairpersons to interpret the Constitution. If an interpretation comes into question, it may be voted on at a meeting of Genshiken.

### **SECTION 6 – MEETINGS**

#### *Article 1. Schedule*

The club shall meet irregularly during the semester, according to its needs. The timing of meetings is at the discretion of the Chairpersons.

#### *Sub-Article 1. Obstruction of Meetings*

Should a Chairperson willfully obstruct the meeting of Genshiken, he or she shall be removed from office, and the other Chairperson shall call for election of a new Chairperson to take the removed one's place, at the next meeting.

*Article 2. Introduction of Business at Meetings by Chairpersons*

At the end of the meeting, or when there is a quorum of members, the Chairpersons shall bring any business needing attention or a vote before the assembled members.

*Article 3. Introduction of Business at Meetings by Members*

Members may introduce business at meetings when new business is called for at the meeting. The Chairpersons are required to call for new business at the meeting. The members will vote on whether this business deserves attention. If it is approved, a committee will be formed to oversee the business's progress.

**SECTION 7 – COMMITTEES**

*Article 1. Abilities of the Chairpersons*

The Chairpersons are granted the right to form committees as needed to accomplish work pertaining to the organization. These committees may be abolished with a 60% vote at a meeting of Genshiken.

*Article 2. Authority of the Secretary of Advertising*

The Secretary of Advertising is granted the ability to form a Committee on Advertising, in order to expediently execute his or her duties.

*Article 3. Authority of the Chairpersons*

The Chairpersons are granted authority to abolish any committee, as they see necessary.

**SECTION 8 – POWERS OF THE CHAIRPERSONS**

*Article 1. Unanimity Principle*

The Chairpersons must act in unison. Neither Chairperson may take action without the approval of the other, except in a case where a Chairperson explicitly grants the other authority in some area, or if a Chairperson is obstructing the business of Genshiken.

*Article 2. Powers & Responsibilities*

The Chairpersons are responsible for the oversight of the primary objectives of Genshiken, as determined by the members, and the carrying out of any activities related to those objectives. In return, they are granted the ability to guide the path of Genshiken, and determine the overall schedule of activities. They may not, however, overrule the majority vote of Genshiken members.

*Compiled this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005, by Interim Chairman Michael Teal*