



# Ben Franklin

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HONOR SOCIETY

## RULES OF OPERATION

## The Ben Franklin Honor Society of PRINTING United Alliance

Established 2005

### PREAMBLE

The Ben Franklin Honor Society (BFHS) is an Honor Society of the PRINTING United Alliance. As such, the BFHS is under the guidance and authority of the PRINTING United Alliance Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is the final governing body, which may devolve certain tasks to its Chief Executive Officer to ensure the BFHS is compliant with the overall objectives of the Association and to ensure its purpose is well served. The following operating principles, definitions, and rules are in place to allow the BFHS to conduct the scope of their work within the framework of an established guideline. These rules are subject to review and approval by the Board of Directors and/or its Chief Executive Officer from time to time on an as needed basis.

#### I Name

The Ben Franklin Honor Society (BFHS or Society) of PRINTING United Alliance (The Alliance).

#### II Purpose

To recognize and honor individuals who are members of the Alliance in good standing who have made significant contributions over an extended numbers of years to the advancement and betterment of the printing and graphic communications industry through meritorious service (paid or unpaid).

The BFHS members are a reservoir of past and present industry knowledge. The society encourages its members to share their experience and knowledge with younger individuals in the industry through mentoring, speaking engagements, and/or other methods.

#### III Membership Eligibility

Individuals are eligible for membership who have made significant contributions over an extended number of years to the advancement and betterment of the printing and graphics communications industry through meritorious service (paid or unpaid) involving industry association activities, technological innovation, entrepreneurial activities, financial support of industry education and scholarships, being an industry visionary, or other significant industry activity.

Any individual who would have been eligible while living, may be eligible for posthumous membership. Nominees must be members in good standing of the Alliance. (Posthumous nominees need not be, though having been a member of SGIA, PIA, or Idealliance during their career is a consideration). All nominations shall be reviewed by PRINTING United Alliance's CEO prior to being submitted to BFHS Officers for consideration. The nominations will be reviewed and voted on by the BFHS Officers and three senior executives of the Alliance.

Current PRINTING United Alliance staff are not eligible for membership in the Society.

#### IV Nomination, Election and Induction

Nominations may only be made by Ben Franklin Honor Society members and Alliance members in good standing.

The call for nominations will be issued annually in the Spring. A Nominating Committee consisting of the BFHS Chair, Vice Chair, immediate Past Chair and up to two past chairs willing and able to serve will vote on each nominee. Election will require approval by majority of those voting; however, the maximum number of new members will be limited to five (5) per year not including the auto induction of the Alliance past chair.

Nominations for BFHS membership must be submitted by a BFHS member or an Alliance member in good standing utilizing the BFHS current nomination form and it must be completed in its entirety (an optional resume may be attached).

If a nomination has been disqualified for being incomplete, it may be resubmitted in the proper manner the following enrollment year.

Newly elected members will be inducted at the next Annual Event (typically held at the PRINTING United Expo). Each elected candidate will be notified in advance of the induction ceremony. Newly elected candidates must be present at the induction ceremony to be inducted into the society.

## V Society Leadership

Society Leadership-A Chair, Vice Chair and Immediate Past Chair will be appointed for a two year term and will follow an ordered chain of ascension. The Society Leadership may also include up to two past chairs willing and able to serve.

**Society Leadership Eligibility:** Any member of the Society in good standing may be appointed to office except that no person having served a full term of office shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself.

## VI Annual Induction Ceremony

The Induction Ceremony will be held in conjunction with PRINTING United Expo annually. The event will be held at either a luncheon or reception. Special Meetings of the BFHS can only be called by the Officers and/or the Alliance Chief Executive Officer.

## VII Dues, Meeting Costs, Fund Raising and Expenditures

- (a) There will usually be neither an entrance fee nor dues as a condition of membership in the Society.
- (b) Those who attend the Society's Induction Ceremony will be charged for the actual expenses of the event.
- (c) The Society may undertake fund-raising projects on behalf of the Society, or PRINTING United Alliance, or any other association as determined by the officers in coordination with Alliance staff and approved by the Alliance Chief Executive Officer.
- (d) The Society, should it be granted a budget, would be under the direction of the Chief Executive Officer for dispensing the funds allocated to BFHS.

## Amendments to the Rules of Operation

Any changes or amendments must be approved by the Alliance Board of Directors or its designated Chief Executive Officer.

## VIII Resignations

Resignations will be acted upon at the time of the Annual Event.

## IX Revocation of Membership in the Society

BFHS members agree to adhere to the following policies of the Alliance:

- Code of Conduct
- Anti-Trust Policy
- Code of Ethics and Confidentiality

Members who violate any of the policies of membership may be warned, sanctioned, or have their membership in the Society and/or the Alliance revoked.

## Appendix A

### Duties of the Officers

The officers elected shall assume their duties at the next regular or specially called meeting.

It shall be the duty of the chair to preside at meetings and perform all such duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of an elected head and such other duties as may be assigned by the Society.

It shall be the duty of the vice chair to preside at meetings in the absence of the chair and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the chair or Society.

**Powers of Officers**—The officers shall have such powers as are ascribed to them by the Alliance Board of Directors.

**Vacancy of Office**—If a vacancy shall occur in any of the offices by reason of resignation, disability, or death, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the chair. The appointment shall remain in effect until the next regularly held election.

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