

BPS PUBLISHING GROUP REGULATIONS

1. The name of the Group shall be the British Printing Society Publishing Group.
2. All fully paid-up members of the British Printing Society are eligible to join the Publishing Group after the submission to the PG Mailer of 2 items suitable to be included in the PG bundle and a completed Application Form.
3. A supplementary subscription for each year shall be payable by all PG members except those referred to in Regulation 7 below. The subscription shall be paid to the PG Mailer.
4. Members of the Group are expected to share in its activity by contributing at least two items per year to the PG bundle. The Group's continued existence depends on the active participation of its members and those who do not contribute may not be eligible for renewal of membership of the Group.
5. A Committee consisting of a PG Chairman, PG Mailer and the PG Councillor (who represents the PG on the Executive Council) shall be responsible to the Executive Council for the proper running of the Group.
6. The PG Councillor, PG Chairman, and PG Mailer shall be elected by members of the Group at their AGM.
7. All Executive Officers of the BPS are ex-officio members of the Publishing Group and are exempt from obligations under Regulations 2, 3 and 4.
8. Every two months the PG Mailer shall send to each member of the Group a bundle containing such publications as he/she has received since the dispatch of the preceding PG bundle.
9. Members of the Group must notify changes of address to the PG Mailer in addition to their official notification to the Society.
10. Prospective members of the Group should address their enquiries to the PG Mailer. A selection of publications, as available, will be sent to them for their perusal.

PROP CARD ('PROPRIETOR' CARD)


The size is to be exactly 3" x 5" (76mm x 127mm) and is measured in inches as it is to match many hundreds in use in standard card index boxes held by many printers around the world. Cards not to this size are not acceptable.

If possible it is preferable that you supply the Mailer with two copies for sending to each member, as quite frequently these are filed both under the proprietor's surname and the press name.

Details are required in the following manner:

Top left corner: Surname, then forename or initials
 Second line: Press Name
 Third Line: Address, followed by pressmark (optional) and details of press, machines and equipment, interests, publications, affiliations, etc.

A typical card might look like this:

	
<p>PRINTER, A.P.G. <i>The Snowflake Press</i> 2 Bodoni Avenue, Baskerville, Gwent GL12PT</p>	<p>Presses used: Adana 8x5, Adana HQ Flatbed Equipment: Hand guillotine, book binding press Text faces: Baskerville, Ehrhardt, Bell Display types: Gastellar, Chisel, Fry, Columnna, Colonna Interests: Classical typography, history of printing. Publications: Symphology, Solipsists Unite!, Gredo in ...</p>



British Printing Society Publishing Group Prospectus



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I understand the qualifications for membership of the BPS Publishing Group and am aware of the PG and Mailing Regulations and wish to be admitted / to rejoin as an active PG member.

I enclose my cheque / Postal Order for £10 (GB £ Sterling only) made out to "BPS Publishing Group" and two samples of items I would like to circulate in the PG bundle.

Name _____

BPS Number _____

Address for Mailing _____

Post Code _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Email _____

This form is to be sent to the PGMailer with samples of items proposed to be circulated. Once accepted for membership, items for circulation should be sent to the PG Mailer.

At present:

The PG subscription is £10 p.a.

The PG Mailer is Ron Rookes,
57 Craiston Way,
Great Baddow,
Chelmsford, Essex
CM2 8ED



BRITISH PRINTING SOCIETY PUBLISHING GROUP PROSPECTUS

The Publishing Group of the British Printing Society was formed in 1958 when the number of copies of an item to be included in the main bundle (then 600+) became too large for some members to handle, especially small items of an experimental, multiple-run or illustrative nature. The formation of the PG within the Society permits members who wish to be active in print to publish relatively short runs of printed matter to other members who are also actively interested in print.

Printed items may be single leaf prints, booklets or larger books on all aspects of printing or of general interest and are sent to the PG Mailer who distributes them to members in a bimonthly 'Bundle'. The number of copies per item required to be printed by members for inclusion in a monthly 'Bundle' is currently 40.

There is a small annual subscription of £10 in addition to the BPS subscription.

It is expected that members will produce at least two items per year and although now no longer obligatory, new members are encouraged to supply Prop Cards with the details of their press as shown on the back page of this brochure.

The officers of the PG are: The PG Councillor who represents the interests of the PG on the Executive Committee of the BPS; the PG Chairman who reviews the items included in each bundle and deals with matters as they arise; the PG Mailer to whom 'Bundle' items should be sent for subsequent distribution by post. The officers are elected at the PG AGM held during the Annual BPS Convention.

The present officers for 2016-17 are:
Councillor: Margaret Rookes
Chairman: Rachel Marsh
Mailer: Ron Rookes

GENERAL INFORMATION

Normally publications to be mailed in the PG bundle must not exceed A5 (210 mm x 148 mm) in size or must be folded to A5. There may, if there is the demand, be an occasional oversize bundle, with an absolute maximum of A4 and the PG Mailer may at his/her discretion stockpile oversized items until there is sufficient quantity to merit an A4 bundle. The Mailer may, within reason, mail out large items if sufficient suitable (size and strength) envelopes are supplied to him/her with the items in question. Items of a religious or political nature, or which could be considered offensive to other members, may be withheld by the Mailer at his/her sole discretion without notice, as will items received for distribution if by their inclusion the Group would incur unnecessary additional postal expense or until such time as the Executive Committee approval is given for its circulation. Copies of each Bundle are mailed to The British Library as required by law. There is a PG Cup awarded for the best publication in the PG bundle in the previous year, and a PG Award for a single leaf piece of print, presented at the Annual Convention of the BPS. These are judged by the PG Members.

PG MEETING

There is an Annual General Meeting of The Publishing Group members held as part of the annual BPS Convention. The members of the Committee take office for the year up to the next BPS Convention and among other matters the theme for The PG Annual is chosen. Interested prospective members are welcome to attend.

THE PUBLISHING GROUP ANNUAL

This is a co-operative publication by members of the Publishing Group printed during the middle of the year, collated and bound in November and mailed out to contributors during December. Extra copies are produced for sale to subsidise the running of the Group. The chosen theme is not compulsory but is a guide only to an appropriate topic. The page size is A5, portrait (upright) format and landscape (sideways) in alternate years. Paper should be of a suitable quality and thickness for comb or spiral binding. At least a pica on a straight left hand edge should be allowed for binding. Members may produce as many pages as they wish (on both sides of the paper) but the back of the last page must include a colophon. Pages not the correct size may well be omitted. Details of quantity required and to whom they should be sent (by 31st October) will be advertised in the bundles.