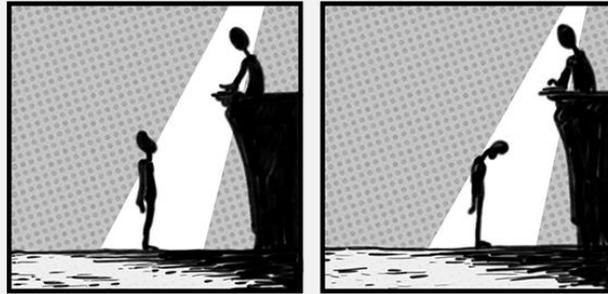


The Constitution of the Graphic Justice Research Alliance

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SECTION 1: OBJECTIVES OF THE GJRA

1. The Graphic Justice Research Alliance ('GJRA') is an interdisciplinary association that seeks to advance the study of the crossover between law and justice and comics of all kinds. This is pursued without prejudice in relation to comics formats and creators, with both 'comics' and 'law' understood in their broadest possible senses.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP

2. The GJRA is a scholarly association, but membership of the GJRA is open to all who are interested. There are no non-financial limitations to membership.
3. A membership fee may be introduced, amended, or abolished by the GJRA HQ acting unanimously.
4. Notwithstanding Article 2 above, should the activities of a Member be deemed by the HQ to bring the GJRA into disrepute, the HQ may expel that Member by a unanimous vote.

SECTION 3: GOVERNANCE AND THE HQ

Constitution and Activities of the HQ

5. The GJRA shall be governed by a Committee (the 'HQ').
6. The HQ shall serve as the GJRA executive. It shall collectively determine the general direction and priorities of the GJRA, taking all decisions and making such plans they deem necessary and proper.
7. Meetings of the HQ shall take place from time to time, with at least one Public Meeting taking place annually. The minutes of all HQ meetings will be circulated to the Members by the Chair.
8. The HQ may produce such internal rules of procedure as they see fit, so long as they do not conflict with this Constitution.
9. Unless determined otherwise by this Constitution or by the HQ, the HQ shall take all decisions using a simple majority vote.
10. Each HQ Member shall serve a renewable term of two years. The HQ may renew this term for further two year periods.
15. Details of Officer roles and responsibilities will be recorded in a 'List of HQ Officers' to be kept as an up-to-date Appendix to this Constitution, freely available to all Members.
16. Notwithstanding Article 12 above, the Officer role of 'Chair' cannot be abolished.
 - a. The Chair shall have the deciding vote in the event of a tie during HQ business.
 - b. The Chair is bound by the re-election clause in Article 10 above.
 - c. The Officer role of Chair must be held by a sole individual.
17. Notwithstanding Article 12 above, the Officer role of 'Lists Officer' cannot be abolished.
 - a. The Lists Officer shall maintain a list of all GJRA Members and their contact details, and ensure that this is updated from time to time to reflect the actual membership.
 - b. The Lists Officer shall maintain the email contact list for GJRA Members and the GJRA's wider public mailing list.
 - c. Pursuant to Article 15 above, the Lists Officer shall maintain the 'List of HQ Officers' appended to this Constitution, and ensure it is updated as soon as practicable after any amendment or abolition of roles.
 - d. The Lists Officer is bound by the re-election clause in Article 10 above.

HQ Officers

11. Members of the HQ may serve as a HQ Officer. HQ Officers will have specified roles and responsibilities in GJRA governance that go beyond the general executive decision-making powers of the HQ.
12. The roles and responsibilities of each HQ Officer may be created, amended, abolished, or placed in abeyance by the HQ.
13. All HQ Officer roles must be as clearly defined as is practicable.
14. Unless determined otherwise by this Constitution or by the HQ, all Officer roles can be held by multiple individuals and/or in conjunction with other Officer roles.

HQ Vacancies

18. Should a vacancy or vacancies arise for a HQ Member or HQ Officer role:
 - a. the Membership will be notified;
 - b. any Member, including any HQ Member or HQ Officer, may put themselves forward for any vacant HQ or HQ Officer post(s); and,
 - c. if vacant posts are oversubscribed, or there is a challenge, the Membership shall be asked to vote by simple majority for their preference, on the basis of one person, one vote.

SECTION 4: AMENDMENT

19. This Constitution may be amended by the following procedure:
 - a. Proposals for amendment may come from any GJRA Member, and must initially carry the support of at least one other Member.
 - b. Proposals shall be submitted to the HQ.

The HQ shall discuss the proposal and vote, by simple majority, to reject or accept the proposal.
 - c. The HQ's decision must be based on reasons, and these reasons must be published to the Membership.

Appendix
List of HQ Officers

GJRA CHAIR

The Chair acts to co-ordinate and oversee the activity of the HQ, facilitating the sharing of information between HQ Officers, chairing HQ meetings, and working to develop and promote the GJRA.

GRID OFFICER

The Grid Officer's main responsibility is overseeing the editing and administration of the 'Graphic Justice' special collection at *The Comics Grid: Journal of Comics Scholarship*, working alongside the journal's Editor in Chief. The Grid Officer should also seek to encourage those working in graphic justice related areas to submit work to the Grid for consideration of publication. The Grid Officer assumes responsibility for updating the HQ from time to time on any developments in relation to the Graphic Justice special collection.

LISTS OFFICER

The List Officer has a key role in the administration of the GJRA, maintaining records in relation to membership and the 'List of HQ Officers'. The Lists Officer is also the central point of contact for the distribution of information to the GJRA Membership and is responsible for administering the Graphic Justice mailing list.

MEMO OFFICER

The Memo Officer supports the GJRA communications activity by compiling links and notes on relevant stories to share with GJRA Members and the wider world via an email newsletter (*The GJRA Memo*). The Memo Officer may develop the content for this publication using their own contacts, by sourcing stories from other GJRA Members, or creating content through their own research, or however they see fit. The Memo aims to promote the activities of GJRA Members, the GJRA itself, comics as an art form, and the critical analysis of the medium within a broadly legal context. The Memo Officer aims to produce an edition of the Memo two to four times a year, with the option of special issues to cover a single issue of importance to the GJRA.

EVENTS OFFICER

The Events Officer will be responsible for liaising with the HQ and other parties, as needed, in relation to the annual GJRA conference (the Graphic Justice Discussions) and other scholarly events being organised by the GJRA or its Members. As part of this role, the Events Officer will promote and develop opportunities to enhance the research, connectivity, and recognition of the GJRA within international academic and comics communities.

WEB OFFICER

The Web Officer is responsible for the general maintenance and upkeep of the GJRA website and the Alliance's online presence. For ease, this role may be split into dual aspects relating to 1) the website and 2) social media. The website aspect includes the distribution of the GJRA Memo and GJRA-related calls for papers on the website—in particular the Graphic Justice Discussions—and canvassing for and publishing GJRA-related blogposts, in order to promote the aims and online presence of the Alliance. The social media aspect of the role includes general monitoring and management of the GJRA's various social media presences.