



# The Society of Construction Arbitrators

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## **RULES FOR THE NORMAN ROYCE PRIZE PAPER**

The Society of Construction Arbitrators has determined to institute a biennial prize, (“the Prize”) to be awarded to the author of the best paper on a topic relevant to or touching on domestic or international construction disputes, including, but not limited to, their resolution and avoidance; and the lessons to be learnt from them.

The rules governing the Prize are as follows:

1. The Prize is open to non-members and all grades of members except members of the committee, officers of the Society and members of the evaluation board.
2. There is no age limit.
3. The paper submitted should comprise new and original work, intended to make a substantial contribution to the thinking on construction dispute resolution or avoidance.
4. The Paper will be published on the Society website.
5. There will be one prize of £4,000.
6. Scrutiny of the papers will be carried out by the evaluation board in such manner and subject to such criteria as it in its absolute discretion determines. The evaluation board will recommend to the Committee whether to make an award in any particular year; and if so advised, the identity of the proposed recipient.
7. The Committee reserves the right to make a joint award if appropriate. It also reserves the right not to award a prize in any particular year.
8. The subject can be on any topic whatsoever within the scope defined in the recital to these rules.
9. The paper must be written in English.
10. Prize-winners are not eligible to enter for the Prize in subsequent years.
11. The copyright in the winning Paper shall be in the Society and permission to publish the paper or parts thereof shall be sought from the Society; and will not be unreasonably refused.
12. No paper shall be more than 5,000 words. The text is to be double spaced, and printed on one side of A4 paper only. On the paper itself, the only identification is to be the title. The paper is to be accompanied by a covering letter, showing the title of entry, the author’s name and contact details.
13. The covering letter will be retained by the Honorary Secretary and not shown to any member of the evaluation board until after the decision as whether to award the Prize, and if so, to whom, has been taken.
14. The Paper is to be submitted to the Honorary Secretary of the Society in hard copy form with one original and three duplicates. To be considered, the Paper must be received by the Secretary on or before the 30 June in the competition year.
15. If the Prize is awarded, the name of the prize-winner will be announced at the Society’s Annual Dinner.



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16. The winner will be invited to deliver the Paper at an open meeting to which a wider audience would be invited. The venue for the meeting will be determined by the Committee after considering any views of the prize-winner on the topic.
17. The Prize-winner's reasonable expenses of attending the open meeting at which the paper is delivered will be met by the Committee out of the Society's funds. Save as aforesaid there shall be no liability to the prize-winner on the part of the Committee, the Society or any of its members in any way whatsoever arising out of or in any way connected with the Prize, or otherwise.
18. Submission of a paper to the Honorary Secretary for consideration for the Prize constitutes an unqualified acceptance of these Rules.

