

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

Article 1 NAME

The name of the organization shall be National Society of Artists.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to promote the welfare of artists in this area and throughout the nation, providing a meeting place for workshops, demonstrations, exhibitions and other activities that would enhance and promote the betterment of the arts.

Section 2. The corporation may engage in planning, research, educational activities, and fund raising; may own or lease and administer property, and undertake such other services necessary to encourage participation in and the appreciation of the arts and other cultural activities that are compatible with the goals of the corporation.

Section 3. This corporation is a nonprofit educational entity, organized as stated. Including the making of distributions to organize and qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article III MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Any person, married couple, or organization interested in the arts and its development may become a member by paying annual dues as follows:

Individual Member	\$35.00
Spouse.....	\$15.00
Student.....	\$15.00
Patron (any person interested in promoting the arts).....	\$50.00
Corporate	\$250.00

Section 2. Lifetime Membership

Life Members (one-time donation).....	\$250.00
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Section 3. Signature Member

This honorary recognition is obtained by having artwork shown in 3 (three) National Juried Shows. This awards the artist a N.S.A. Medallion and the privilege of using "N.S.A." after his or her signature.

Section 4. Annual dues shall become due by Jan 31 of each calendar year.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the designated location.

Section 2. The election of officers will be held at the November meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be called by the president or by written request of three (3) members to the president. The full membership shall be notified prior to the special meeting.

Section 4. Each member except associate member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the membership. A majority vote of members present at a general meeting shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the membership.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of this organization shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Executive Board. All officers shall be over 18 years of age. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been regularly elected.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected at the November meeting of the membership and the vote of a majority of those present at said meeting shall be necessary for election. Nominations for office may be made from the floor provided the consent of the person nominated has been obtained before the nomination is made. Newly elected officers will assume their respective offices at the January meeting.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section I. The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization; shall appoint the standing committee chairpersons; and shall appoint a nominating committee no later than the October meeting. The nominating committee shall consist of the immediate past president, a member of the Executive Board and one member at large.

Section 2. The vice-president shall act as an aide to the president, be in charge of the monthly programs and shall conduct the business of the organization during the absence of the president. If the office of president becomes vacant, the vice president shall become president.

Section 3. The secretary shall keep correct minutes of all meetings of the organization and Executive Board, and all reports presented at these meetings. The secretary shall also handle all correspondence for the organization.

Section 4. The treasurer shall be custodian of all funds of the organization, shall pay all bills incurred, shall handle all financial matters for the organization, shall make regular reports on finances.

Section 5. In the event an officer fails to attend four consecutive meeting without sending a substitute, his or her name will be dropped. Any vacancy of an office occurring during the term shall be filled for the remaining part of the term through appointment by the president, with the consent of the Executive Board.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and shall meet as requested by the president. It shall have charge of the affairs of the organization and shall manage and control its property. Each member shall have one vote. These meetings will be announced and open to the membership to attend. The Executive Board is empowered to enlarge itself at its discretion.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES Section 1. Standing Committees:

1. National Juried Show
2. Membership Shows/LSAG Qualifier
3. Publicity
4. Refreshment
5. Workshops /demos
6. Website

Section 2. All other committees shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the Executive Board as the need arises.

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ARTICLE VIII FUNDS

Section 1. All funds shall be deposited to the account of the National Society of Artists and shall be disbursed by the treasurer, as authorized by the Executive Board. All financial and accounting records will be audited prior to the audited prior to the January meeting.

Section 2. Two signatures are required on all checks and three (3) Signatures should be on file: that of the president, treasurer, and a board member designated by the president.

Section 3. Funds collected by the National Society of Artists, after payment of operation expenses, shall be used for the purchase of display flats, rental of exhibition space, supplies, payment of jurors and demonstrators of art and any other purposes, which the Executive Board may deem to be in the best interest of the organization, consistent with this constitution and by-laws.

Section 4. No member of the National Society of Artists shall be liable except for unpaid dues of the current year. No personal liability shall in any event attach to any member of the National Society of Artists in connection with any of its activities or undertakings.

Section 5. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or any other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.

No substantial part of the organizations shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution and by-laws, the organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (A) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (B) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under 170 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IX PARLIMENTARY LAWS

Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the constitution and by-laws.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities, dispose of all of the assets of the organization to such organization or organizations operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Board shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the county in which the principal office of the organization is **located**, exclusively for such purposes to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operate exclusively for such purpose.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

This constitution and by-laws may be amended upon recommendation of the Executive Board at any regular meeting of the association provided the membership is furnished written notice of the proposed change at least ten days in advance thereof, and further provided the membership approves the change by a simple majority vote of those in attendance at any such meeting.

