
THE WATAUGA VALLEY ART LEAGUE BYLAWS

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be known as THE WATAUGA VALLEY ART LEAGUE, INCORPORATED, a nonprofit organization.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to promote interest in fine visual art (two and three dimensional stationary art) and to provide fellowship and education among visual artists.

Article III: Membership

Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older. Members are NOT restricted as to race, gender, creed or color. A person under the age of 18 who chooses membership in the league must be accompanied by an adult. Members are not restricted as to race, gender, creed, or color.

Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors pending approval of the general membership.

Article IV: Government

Section 1: The fiscal year of this organization shall be from January 1 through December 31.

Section 2: Business will be conducted at scheduled meetings provided a quorum is present. A quorum is defined as twenty per cent (20%) of the membership which includes three members of the Board .

Approval of amendments to bylaws requires a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of members present. Notice of the proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to each member 15 days in advance. A majority vote of members present is needed for approval of all other motions.

Parliamentary authority is Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

Section 3: The governing Board of Directors of this organization shall consist of the elected officers of this organization plus the Past President (9 members). Vacancies on the board are filled by a vote of the Board of Directors. Officers are elected for a term of one year and may be reelected except for the offices of President and Member Advocate.

The governing board shall meet monthly unless otherwise announced. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum. A majority vote of officers present is needed for approval of a motion.

Section 4: The officers of this organization and their duties are as follows:

President: The President serves as chief executive officer of this organization; appoints all committees with the approval of the Board; presides at all regular meetings of this organization; serves as an ex-officio member of all committees; and submits an annual written report to the general membership regarding the activities of this organization. The President is a nonvoting member of the board.

President-Elect: The President-Elect assumes the duties of the President in the event of the President's inability to serve, and is responsible for educational activities of the organization, and serves as an ex-officio member of any committee responsible for these activities. (2 year term)

Past-President: The Past President assumes the duties of the President as requested in the absence of the President, acts as a mentor and advisor to the Board regarding parliamentary and procedural questions, maintains an updated Procedures Manual, and serves as an ex-officio member of any committee responsible for these activities.

Vice President for Exhibits: The Vice President for Exhibits coordinates the shows and roving gallery displays of this organization, maintains and orders supplies for these activities, selects chairperson for each exhibit, submits a written monthly report to the board, and serves as an ex-officio member of any committee responsible for these activities.

Vice President for Programs: The Vice President of Programs is responsible for planning and organizing the monthly programs of the art league. (1 year term) Change approved at General Membership Meeting, 20 September 2009

Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary takes and maintains written signed copies of the minutes of all Board and general membership meetings, maintains official copies of bylaws, maintains the permanent record of this organization's official papers, and serves as an ex-officio member of any committee responsible for these activities.

Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary notifies members of Board and general meetings as needed, maintains current membership list in conjunction with the Membership Chairperson, prepares and disseminates newsletters, and serves as an ex-officio member of any committee responsible for these activities.

Treasurer: The treasurer prepares an annual budget for approval by the Board, collects and disperses funds, presents a written report of the financial standing at each Board meeting, serves as member of the Finance Committee and as ex-officio member of any committee with financial responsibilities. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual financial report and such report and underlying documentation shall be reviewed by the other members of the finance committee.

Member Advocate: The Member Advocate represents the membership of this organization. The Member Advocate attends all Board meetings, presents member ideas, suggestions and concerns to the Board of Directors and votes only to break a tie.

Section 5: Duties of each committee, committee members and chair is recorded in the Procedures Manual of the organization. Committee vacancies are filled by the President with Board approval.

Standing Committees :

1) The *Finance Committee* will consist of two members and the Treasurer. The Chairman will serve as assistant to the treasurer. The primary duties of the committee will be to review the budget and annual report, review and make recommendations on non-routine expenditures, and assist the Treasurer in any other related functions.

2) The *Nominating Committee* consists of three (3) members not on the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the July meeting and will present a slate of officers at the board and general meetings in October. Nominations can be made from the floor at the general meeting. Vote is by written ballot mailed out with the November newsletter. Election is by a majority of returned ballots.

3) The *Publicity Committee* prepares and disseminates news releases to all news media and prepares and disseminates flyers, etc. regarding WVAL functions.

4) The *Membership Committee* recruits members for this organization, collects dues and applications and keeps attendance at meetings and certifies quorums.

5) The *History Committee* keeps records of pertinent data of this organization and its members and maintains a scrapbook of League and member activities.

Other committees shall be appointed by the President to carry out the business and activities of this organization.

Section 6: Each officer and committee chair shall submit an annual written report to the Board. Each officer may assume other duties at the request of the President or as designated by parliamentary authority.

Article V: Meetings

Meetings of the general membership are monthly unless otherwise announced. Meetings are open to visitors. Specific date and place of meetings is set by the board and communicated to the membership in writing at least quarterly. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly unless otherwise announced. Board business may be conducted if a majority of the Board is present.

Article VI: Dissolution

in the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c) (3) and 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code or to the Federal, State or Local government for exclusive public purpose. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or by (b) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Original: Adopted July 1, 1971

Amended: by committee of Emilie Slocum, Mabel Williams, Sharon Buckley; Amended August, 1985; Amended October 1991; Amended May 1999; Amended October 1999; Amended February 2001; Amended October 2002, Revised 2007, Revised and Amended September 2009

Recording Secretary, Joyce Cox Moore, certifies that these rules were adopted by the required vote on 10/20/2002.

NOTE: Hospitality is not listed as a standing committee-should this be added?