

BY LAWS
OF
ARTISTS ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL ALABAMA, INC
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ARTICLE I: Name

The name of the organization herein conceived shall be: Artists Association of Central Alabama, Inc. (AACA).

ARTICLE II: MISSION STATEMENT:

To encourage members of the local and surrounding communities to study art by participating in some form of creative work. To sponsor workshops, schedule classes, and hold exhibitions. To elect a board of directors who will mentor members, set standards, and provide advice for the betterment of the association and its members.

ARTICLE III: NON-PROFIT PURPOSE:

The Artists Association of Central Alabama, Inc. is a non-profit, tax exempt Alabama Corporation, qualifying as an exempt organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Formed exclusively for non-profit purposes and not for pecuniary profit or financial gain, no part of the assets, income, or profit of the Cooperation shall be distributed to the benefit of the members, Directors, or Officers.

In case of dissolution of the Organization, any assets will be distributed to one or more non-profit, tax- exempt Alabama organizations.

ARTICLE IV: GOALS:

- To develop and promote community interest and appreciation of visual arts;
- To provide members with instruction and encouragement;
- To conduct and promote public relation activities to further these objectives;
- To provide members with venues where they can exhibit their work;
- To encourage all interested individuals to take advantage of visual art programs provided by Artists Association of Central Alabama.
- To actively promote programs and educational classes for all members to enable them to develop their innate abilities to create visual arts;
- To challenge members creative thinking and problem-solving skills;
- To liaison with organizations, and community groups, who can provide advice, new ideas, and information about art and artists in our local and surrounding communities.

ARTICLE V: Membership Criteria:

Section 1. Members may be anyone who enjoys art; wishes to promote art and art education; wants to support artists and art activities in the local and surrounding communities.

Section 2. Membership is open to any individual or artists when such representation is desired, regardless of race, religion, color, or creed. Membership will be granted upon payment of the Artists Association of Central Alabama annual dues.

Section 3. Current dues are as follows and may be changed at the discretion of the Executive Committee and the approval of the General Membership.

- Student Membership (Age 10 -17) \$20
- Family Membership* \$55
- Individual Membership \$35
- AACA Patron \$100+

*Family includes one or two parents and one or more children 18 or under all living in the same house.

Section 4. A member in good standing shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and obligations of membership and shall be entitled to cast one individual vote on each issue to come before the General Membership. Members shall be notified 30 days in advance of a General Meeting when an issue is to be voted upon. A majority of members present is necessary to validate a decision.

Section 5. General meetings shall be held monthly.

Section 6. Artists who have met the requirements of membership will be eligible to submit their art, in the appropriate category, to be juried for upcoming exhibitions.

Section 7. The Organization's fiscal year will run from July 1 through June 30th.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) up to seven (7) members. Members may be elected officials of the organization and/or Members at Large enlisted from supporting patrons in the surrounding communities.

Section 2: The Board of directors shall meet at least once a year to conduct such business as shall come before it and shall make a report to the General Membership.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall determine Organization policy in a manner consistent with the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws and shall make effective the needs and wishes of the members of the Organization.

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (Voting Board)

Section 1:

a. The appointed five members Voting Board (Executive Committee) will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Website chairman, Facebook chairman and Public Advertisement chairman. Members will serve one-year terms with the option to serve a second one-year term without a vote. At all meetings of the Executive Committee, a majority then in office shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

b. For tie breaking purposes, the Executive Committee will always consist of an uneven number.

c. Any executive Committee Member who misses three unexcused meetings in a given year will be asked to resign.

d. Executive Committee members may not personally receive a monetary benefit from AACA. The only exception will be if the board requests a board member to conduct a demonstration and/or teach a class/workshop.

e. Other non-voting Chairpersons may be added to the Executive Committee to head committees who will; plan workshops, exhibits, displays, refreshments, community outreach, and board advisors as needed.

f. Each Chairman will report to the Executive Committee regarding the progress of their committees.

g. The Executive Committee will determine the duties of the Committee Chairperson.

Section 2:

a. The Executive committee shall implement the Organization policy by supervising, administering, and coordinating the professional, the financial and other activities of the club. Organization in accordance with the procedures authorized by the articles of Incorporation, these bylaws, the Board of Directors, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements for a 501(c)3 organizations, and the Membership.

b. Any item costing more than \$150.00, which is not provided for in the annual budget must be submitted for approval to the Executive Committee.

Section 3:

a. The Executive Committee shall establish a calendar of regular meeting dates. If there is a change in the date of a regular scheduled meeting or if there is an emergency concerning business of the committee that cannot wait, the President may call a meeting with at least 48 hours notification of each member of the Executive Committee.

Section 4: By written petition to the President by three (3) members of the Executive Committee, the Committee shall be called to order to conduct official Organization business.

Section 5: All meetings of the Executive Committee are open to the General Membership.

ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, , Treasurer, Web chairman, Facebook chairman and Advertising chairman .

Section 2: The term of each officer shall begin with the beginning of each fiscal year. Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors have been elected or appointed. No member shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms or at the discretion of the President. Vacancies occurring in the office during the fiscal year shall be appointed by the president.

Section 3: Each Officer should prepare an annual report at the end of the fiscal year to be presented to the President with a copy to be passed to the new Officers.

ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

All officers should be prepared to make reports at all General Meetings of the Organization.

PRESIDENT:

Section 1: The President shall carry on the business of the Organization including but not limited to:

The conducting of all meetings, appointing committee Chairpersons, compiling an annual report to members, appointing a committee to prepare an annual budget for the organization based on input from each Officer and Chairperson and submitting the budget for approval by the Membership, representing the Organization with other community organizations, executing the policies and procedures of the Organization as set forth by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, requirements for a 501(c)3 organization, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The president shall assume the responsibilities of the immediate Past President upon completion of his/her term.

Section3: The President shall be responsible to the Membership of the Organization.

Section 4: The President shall work with the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors to establish sources of funding from the community and/or agencies.

VICE PRESIDENT:

The Vice President shall work to carry out the business of the Organization including but not limited to: presiding in the absence of the President, assuming duties assigned by the President, chairing a program committee, preparing an annual report, and seeking sources of outside funding.

SECRETARY:

The Secretary shall take minutes of all meetings of the Board of directors, the Executive Committee, and General Membership Meetings, which shall be read and approved at the next meeting of the group for which the minutes were taken, and keep a permanent record of the minutes of all meetings, a record of attendance at all meetings. The Secretary shall carry out all necessary correspondence of the Organization, keep a permanent file of all correspondence, and file an annual report.

TREASURER:

The treasurer shall have the care and custody of all of the funds of the Organization, and shall deposit said funds in the name of the Organization in such bank accounts as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine. The Treasurer shall when duly authorized by the Executive Committee, sign and execute all contracts in the name of the Organization when counter signed by the President; he/she may also sign checks for the payment of money, which will have been duly authorized by the Executive Committee and counter signed by the President or other signature authorized by the Executive Committee and shall collect all dues, and maintain all necessary records of Members, including keeping a record of hours volunteered by each member.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Membership Chairman shall be a member of the Executive Committee, collect all dues, and maintain all necessary records of Members, including keeping a record of hours volunteered by each member. (see treasurer)

Web Chairman:

The Web chairman shall maintain and update the website for the club.

Facebook Chairman:

The Facebook chairman shall maintain and update the website for the club

Advertising chairman:

The Advertising chairman shall place activities in local newspapers, magazines and set-up television interviews.

HISTORIAN:

The Historian will supervise the collection of all reports, newsletters, and publications and maintain a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, pictures and other advertisement about the Organization, and develop an archive for their storage.

ARTICLE X: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Section 1: The Nominating Committee:

The Nomination Committee shall be composed of three (3) AACA members. The Chairperson must be a member of the Executive Committee and is appointed by the Executive Committee at the January meeting. The other two appointments may be taken from the General Membership, and are appointed by the President during the month of January. The President shall not preside on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will work to choose the next slate of officers during the months of February and March. Membership will be notified of the names of the Nominating Committee at the January meeting.

Section 2: Nominations

- a. Consent of the Nominee for the office must be obtained before submitting the name for nomination. Nominee must be a member in good standing.
- b. The slate of Nominees from the Nominating Committee shall be submitted in the AACA newsletter one month prior to the General Membership and Election Meeting in May.
- c. A General Election and Membership Meeting will be held in May. A slate will be prepared prior to nominations from the floor as in Robert's Rules of Order, under "Nominations" in the index.
- d. The elective Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at the General Membership and Election Meeting in May.

Section 3: Removal from Office:

- a. Any or all of the members of the Board of Directors may be removed with or without cause, by majority vote of the Members of the Organization.
- b. The Board of Directors may remove any Director for cause only.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS:

Proposed amendments to these Bylaws can be accepted at any General Meetings of the Organization by two-thirds vote of the membership present, provided the amendment was submitted in writing to the Executive Committee and published to the General Membership 20 days prior to that General Meeting.

In case of disagreement on procedure during the official meeting, the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall apply.