

Approved by Board 8/5/20

SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON ARTISTS BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

This organization shall be known as the Society of Washington Artists of Vancouver, Washington (hereafter referred to in this document as SWA).

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

The purpose of SWA shall be to promote the visual arts by fostering an understanding and appreciation of them among members and in the community at large. To achieve this, SWA will sponsor activities which may include exhibitions, demonstrations, lectures and other appropriate events.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I – Membership is open to anyone interested in actively furthering the purpose of SWA. Membership becomes operative upon submission of a completed application form and payment of appropriate dues.

SECTION II – The SWA membership year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

SECTION III – Annual dues shall be set by the SWA Executive Board.

SECTION IV – Privileges of membership include:

1. Electing Executive Board members,
2. Voting on group activities and procedures presented to the membership by the Executive Board,
3. Participating in SWA activities, shows, etc.,
4. Using the SWA name in personal advertising, (i.e., Member of...),
5. Showing personal art in physical and virtual SWA venues.

SECTION V -- Responsibilities of membership include:

1. Promoting and participating in SWA activities,
2. Exchanging ideas with and encouraging other members,
3. Volunteering to help with activities and operations of SWA.

ARTICLE 4 – ELECTED OFFICERS

SECTION I – Elected officers of SWA include: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and 3 Board Members-at-Large.

Officers are elected by a majority vote of members voting.

SECTION II – Officers are elected for two-year terms and can be re-elected for consecutive terms.

SECTION III – Duties of the President:

1. Presides at all Executive Board and General Membership meetings,
2. Promotes and supervises all activities and affairs of SWA,
3. Serves as ex-officio member on committees, as needed,
4. Acts as signatory on the bank accounts of SWA,
5. Pays out funds in the absence of the Treasurer, and
6. Represents SWA in the art community and the community at-large.

SECTION IV – Duties of the Vice President:

1. Works closely with the President in the supervision of SWA affairs and activities,
2. Assumes the duties of the President in the absence of the President.

SECTION V –Duties of the Recording Secretary:

1. Records the minutes of all General Membership and Executive Board meetings,

2. Maintains and archives an accurate account of all meetings.

SECTION VI – Duties of the Treasurer

1. Receives all club funds, keeps them in a designated bank and pays out funds upon approval of the Executive Board,
2. Keeps an accurate record of all financial activity
3. Provides a financial report, which is to be filed in the minutes, at each SWA general meeting,
4. Keeps the Executive Board apprised of the current status of SWA funds,
5. Makes all financial records available for annual audit as determined by the Executive Board,
6. Assists in the maintenance of membership records.

SECTION VII – Should an officer resign or an office become otherwise vacant, the Board shall appoint a replacement to serve until the next Annual Membership Meeting of SWA.

ARTICLE 5 – EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION I – The Executive Board consists of the four elected officers of SWA and three members at-large elected by the General Membership at the Annual Membership Meeting of SWA.

SECTION II – The Executive Board is responsible for developing strategies, plans, procedures and activities aimed at achieving the purpose of SWA. Its duties include:

1. Overall oversight and administration of SWA.
2. Regular meetings for the purpose of transacting the business, administering the programs and activities, and promoting the goals of SWA.
3. Oversight of the finances of SWA, including appointing an audit team to perform an annual audit of SWA books,
4. Designation and appointment of committees and non-elective officers needed to carry out the work of SWA.
5. Contractual agreements with consultants and other agents as needed to carry out the work of SWA.

SECTION III – A quorum of four (4) board members is required to transact business.

ARTICLE 6 – MEETINGS

SECTION I – A schedule of membership meetings for the coming year and their locations, including the designated Annual Membership Meeting, shall be developed by the Executive Board and published in the September newsletter.

SECTION II – Election of officers shall be held at the Annual Membership Meeting.

SECTION III – A quorum shall consist of fifteen members of SWA.

ARTICLE 7 – AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any general meeting of the membership provided the proposed amendment was submitted to the Executive Board in writing, approved by the Board, and presented to the membership via the newsletter one month prior to taking a vote.

ARTICLE 8 -- DISSOLUTION

In the event the Society of Washington Artists should disband, all remaining funds and properties shall be distributed to another non-profit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Codes.