

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
Of
IRVING ART ASSOCIATION
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ARTICLE ONE: Name

The name of this organization shall be IRVING ART ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE TWO: Purposes

The Purposes of this organization are:

1. To encourage the recognition of Irving as a center of artistic endeavor in the media of the visual arts.
2. To educate artists and the public in the visual arts by programming lectures, demonstrations, exhibitions, workshops classes, and critiques.
3. To promote development of young artists through awards, scholarships and classes.
4. To operate exclusively for educational purposes by engaging directly in support of such purposes or by making distributions to other organizations for use by the distributes, in support of such purposes, all within the meaning of section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding, provisions of any later Federal tax laws.

ARTICLE THREE: Membership

Section 1. Membership shall consist of four types:

- A. Active Membership requires that the member be interested in the purposes stated in Article Two. Only active members shall be eligible to hold office in the Association.
- B. Associate Membership has all privileges except entry in the Irving Art Association Annual Awards show, voting and holding office. (No dues paid, such as art teachers)
- C. Patron Membership shall be extended to those individuals making a contribution of \$100.00 or more.
- D. Honorary Membership shall be extended to prominent members of the Irving Art Association, and to special friends of the Association.
- E. Lifetime Memberships are awarded by two-thirds vote of the membership for those members serving over 25 years as an active participant dedicated to the mission of the Association. The Executive Board will recommend this member to be voted on by the membership.

Section 2. DUES:

- A. Annual dues shall be an amount recommended by the Executive Board and approved by a majority vote of members.
- B. Dues are payable in April and delinquent June 1.
- C. New members joining during the last three months of the fiscal year ending May 31 shall be considered paid up for the following fiscal year. (Since they will not be eligible for the IAA Juried Members Show in May.)

ARTICLE FOUR: Administration

The general planning and oversight of the Association shall be executed by the Executive Board and the Board of Advisors.

Section 1. The Executive Board

- A. The Executive Board shall handle the regular business of the organization.
- B. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, the appointed committee heads, chairman of the Board of Advisors, and the immediate Past President and one Member at Large.

- C. Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held monthly, except June, July and December, and at any other time specified by the President.
- D. A quorum for conducting the business of the executive board shall be not less than one-third of the executive board members.

Section 2. The Board of Advisors

- A. The Board of Advisors shall be composed of 3 members, the immediate past President, the President, and one Member at Large elected annually plus such additional members as may be selected annually plus such additional members as may be selected by the chairman for their expertise.
- B. The Advisory Board Advisors shall meet in May to elect a chairman, and meet periodically as called by the chairman.-

ARTICLE FIVE: Officers and Committee Chairpersons

Section 1. There shall be the following elected officers.

- A. President, who shall have served at least one year on the executive board.
- B. First Vice President- Scheduling Coordinator for the gallery, demonstrations and workshops.
- C. Second Vice President- Membership Show Chairman for annual juried and non-juried membership shows.
- D. Third Vice President-
- E. Recording Secretary- Minutes of meetings & records updated.
- F. Treasurer- Membership directory (yearbook) publication and distribution-

Section 2. Vacancies occurring in office after April elections shall be filled by the Executive Board.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee is responsible for appointing the Standing Committee Chairman from the active membership and appointed by the President.

ARTICLE SIX: Elections

Section 1. Nominations:

- A. A nominating committee of three shall be elected by the body at the March membership meeting.
- B. Report by the Nominating Committee shall be made at the April meeting.
- C. All nominees must consent to serve before election.

Section 2. Election: The annual election of officers shall take place at the April meeting. The majority of votes cast shall constitute an election of officers.

Section 3. Term of Office: The term of office for all officers shall begin in August 1.

Section 4. Transition of Administration: There shall be a meeting of the outgoing and incoming executive boards prior to the beginning of the new term. At that time the gavel, files and guidelines are turned over to the new President.

ARTICLE SEVEN: Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President: shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall act as Chairman of the Executive Board. The President shall be authorized to appoint any committees necessary to the efficient operation of the Association, and shall be ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 2. The First Vice President: shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and shall serve as chairman of scheduling committee.

Section 3. The Second Vice President: shall be responsible for the promotion of membership, publication and distribution of annual directory or yearbook.

Section 4. The Third Vice President: shall coordinate all special membership projects sponsored by the association. Includes: Juried and non-juried membership shows and the annual Wildlife show.

Section 5. The Recording Secretary: shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Association and present the minutes for the approval at the next meeting, and keep all records of the Association.

Section 6. The Treasurer: shall be responsible for all monies received and disbursed by the Association, and all financial reports and audits. All checks issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and co-signed by the President or a member of the board whose signature is on file at the bank. Maintain membership database.

Section 7. The Chairman of the Advisory Board: shall act as the Associations liaison with other Irving Arts groups, the Irving Arts Board and Irving Arts Center. The Advisory Board shall coordinate fund raising activities for the association from inception to closing of all grants or gifts received by the Association.

ARTICLE EIGHT: Committees and Duties

Section 1. The Nominating Committee: shall present a slate of nominees at the April meeting.

Section 2. The Scheduling Committee chairman: (First Vice President) shall be responsible for scheduling all Association sponsored events at the Center for the Arts in Jaycee Park.

Section 3. The Standing Committees: shall include the following, plus any other committee created in the future and not set out by the Constitution and Bylaws:

- A. Historian shall keep the archives of the Association.
- B. Parliamentarian shall advise the presiding officers on questions of parliamentary law and matters pertaining to the policies or procedures of the Association.
- C. Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of the Newsletter. Promotion of membership, publication and distribution of annual directory/yearbook.
- D. Property Chairman shall maintain an inventory of the physical property belonging to the Association and be responsible for setting up and clearing the room for membership meetings.
- E. Publicity Chairman shall arrange for publicity of the activities sponsored by the Association.

- F. Chairman of the Texas & Neighbors Competition shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to this event and shall appoint sub-committees as necessary.
- G. Hospitality Chairman shall schedule Hostesses for membership meetings and all other events at the Center for the Arts at Jaycee Park sponsored by the Association.
- H. Membership Shows Chairman shall be responsible for the “Artist of the Month” competition and coordinating all juried and non-juried membership shows and the annual Wildlife competition.
- I. Workshop Chairman coordinates all IAA sponsored workshops which includes publicity distribution, registration of students; coordinating workshops with instructors, setting up space per instructors needs, providing sign-in logs for each day of classes, end of class survey and payment of instructor. Chairman will also monitor classes.
- J. Scholarship Chairman- shall provide information about IAA scholarship program to the local schools for student participation. Chairman will select a committee of 3 to select scholarship recipients each year.

ARTICLE NINE: Meetings

Section 1. Membership meetings shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month except June, July, August, and December.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President or any three members of the Association.

Section 3. A quorum for all membership meetings of the Association shall consist of not less than one-fifth of the members.

ARTICLE TEN: Exhibits

Section 1. The Association shall hold juried and non-juried membership exhibits annually. Any Juror shall be a competent and qualified artist, and not a member of IAA.

Section 2. The Association may charge entry fees for all membership shows to defray costs, such fees to be set by the Executive Board.

Section 3. The Show Chairman shall have the responsibility to reject any entry that does not conform to the exhibit rules.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: Standing Rules

Standing rules shall be those matters not explicitly set forth in the Bylaws and shall not conflict with same.

ARTICLE TWELVE: Amendments

Section 1. The Bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds vote of members present, providing the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at the previous meeting.

Section 2. The standing rules of the Association may be amended at any regular or special meeting by majority vote of members present.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: Conduct of Meetings

All meetings of members, boards and committees shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: Dissolution

Upon dissolution of this non-profit corporation, the assets remaining after all debts and obligations have been paid or satisfied shall be given to a local college to be used for art scholarships, or as directed by a court, to another organization to be used for the same general purposes for which the Irving Art Association was created. Upon dissolution, assets of the Irving Art Association shall not be distributed to members of this organization