

MOUNTAINSIDE ART GUILD BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this club shall be the Mountainside Art Guild. This Guild originated in January 1970.

ARTICLE II. Purpose

The purpose of this Guild is to pursue and promote the artistic endeavor of visual fine artists; to provide artistic exposure for the members; to educate members in the organization and mechanics of art exhibition; to encourage originality by the members; and to provide both the professional and nonprofessional Guild member with opportunities to obtain public recognition and to present their work to the general public for display and/or sales. Visual fine art shall include original painting, drawing, photography, collage, silk-screen, etching, sculpture, digital, and others.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. The Guild membership is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Each person must complete a Guild Membership Form.

Section 2. All members are expected to participate in Guild activities, have voting privileges and may hold office. Those members who exhibit in any Guild show are expected to be working participants of such show.

ARTICLE IV. Dues

The dues of this Guild shall be determined by the Board, payable on or before the first meeting in January. If a member does not pay his/her dues by the first meeting in January, he/she will be dropped from membership. New members who join after July 1 will pay half of the annum dues for the balance of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE V. Meetings

Section 1. The term of the fiscal year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

Section 2. The Guild will conduct a regular, monthly meeting nine times per year as determined by the Board. This meeting shall consist of a business meeting and a program. Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of three (3) members of the Board.

Section 3. The annual meeting and election of officers shall take place in November. Annual reports of the outgoing officers shall be presented in duplicate, one copy for the President and one copy to the new officer during the January board meeting.

Section 4. One-fifth (1/5) of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Guild.

ARTICLE VI. Officers and their Guild duties

Section 1. The offices of the Guild shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and all special chairpersons.

Section 2. The elected officers and the special chairpersons shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 3. A nominating committee of at least three (3) members shall be appointed by the President. It shall be the duty of this committee to present at least one (1) name for each of the offices to be filled. Nominations from the floor shall be accepted at the November meeting. If no nominations are presented from the floor, the slate presented by the nominating committee shall be approved by acclamation. Installation of officers shall take place at the January meeting.

Section 4. The President shall preside at meetings of the Guild and Board of Directors. The President shall appoint any necessary committees and perform all duties usually incumbent upon the office of President. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees. The President can, for good and sufficient reason, remove any appointee and appoint a replacement with approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Vice President shall preside at meetings of the Guild in the absence of the President or at the request of the President. The Vice President shall oversee or chair special exhibits as determined by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be to keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, file all reports of the officers and chairpersons, preserve all papers and properties of the Guild.

Section 7. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to have custody of the funds of the Guild. The Treasurer shall collect and deposit in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors, all dues and monies received by the Guild and expend same on order of the Board of Directors. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer or by one Executive Board member. The Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all monies received and disbursed, and report each month to the Board of Directors meeting and, at such other times as the Guild or Board may direct. Upon the appointment of an Auditor by the Board or Directors, the Treasurer shall submit the account books and all supporting papers to the Auditor by February and ready for the March Meeting.

ARTICLE VII. The Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall fix the hour and place of meetings, and perform such other duties as are specified in the bylaws. They are subject to the orders of the Guild and none of their acts shall conflict with action taken by the Guild.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall be made up of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Guild between its business meetings.

Section 3. Vacancies in any elective office shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors for the interval until the next annual election.

Section 4. Half of the Board of Directors members plus one shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII. Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern this Guild in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

Section 2. These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Guild by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided a quorum is present and provided that written notice of the proposed revision has been given to the members on two (2) consecutive months.

Section 3. A mail or email ballot may be used. For each member not submitting a ballot a Yes vote shall be registered.

ARTICLE IX. Policy

The Mountainside Art Guild shall be not-for-profit, nonpartisan and nonpolitical. Further, it shall not discriminate against any volunteer or participant on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical disability, veteran status, or political service or affiliation. The Mountainside Art Guild pledges to incorporate access and planning for access for people with disabilities into its program and service delivery.

ARTICLE X. Jurying at Exhibits

Only the show committee chairperson is authorized to talk to the juror at a show. The chairperson of the show will meet the juror(s) before the jurying begins, answer questions and give necessary assistance or direct the committee members to provide assistance as required.

Article XI. Review of the Bylaws

The bylaws of the Guild shall be reviewed as deemed necessary under a committee appointed by the President.

ARTICLE XII. Dissolution

Should the Guild dissolve, disbursement of funds and equipment shall be determined by the Board of Directors with the approval of the membership.