

ALAMEDA WOMEN ARTISTS - BY-LAWS

August 2009

ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be the Alameda Women Artists, herein referred to as AWA.

Our Motto: "Alameda Women Artists is an art organization dedicated to fellowship among artists, to artistic & personal growth, & to professional exhibition and sales."

ARTICLE II – Objectives

- Section 1. Organization objectives are to promote good fellowship among its members and to Foster each member's artistic growth.
- Section 2. To present enrichment, social and educational events to its members such as exhibits, outings, speakers and demonstrations.
- Section 3. To provide a networking source for its members in the form of a newsletter, group meetings and exhibits.

ARTICLE III – Membership

- Section 1. **Active Members:** The membership shall consist of women 16 years or older, who are interested in artistic endeavor residing in or near Alameda.
- Section 2. **Associate Members:** Those members who are not themselves artists but wish to receive the newsletter and/or assist with events of the organization.
- Section 3. **Corporate Sponsor:** Those well be business persons that wish to support the group and will be included in group publicity.
- Section 4. Applications for membership must be signed by the applicant and be accompanied by dues.
- Section 5. To be in good standing as an active member, a member must be current on dues, attend at least 5 meetings per year, and be an active committee participant.

ARTICLE IV – Directors, Officers and Committees

- Section 1. **General:** The affairs of the AWA shall be managed by a minimum of 5, and a maximum of 9 Directors who shall be members in good standing. Each Director shall serve from the date appointed until her successor is elected. New Directors shall be elected at the annual election meeting. The officers of the AWA shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary. Each officer shall hold office until her successor is elected, unless she resigns, is removed or otherwise is disqualified from serving.
- Section 2. **Duties of Officers:** Officers shall perform the duties described herein and any other duties that may be prescribed by the Board.
- Section 3. **President:** The president shall preside over all meetings of the Board; to see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out; and sign leases and other written instruments.
- Section 4. **Vice President:** The Vice President shall act in the place and stead of the President in the Event of the President's absence or inability or refusal to act, and be a liaison to other community organizations that are pertinent to AWA.
- Section 5. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall receive and deposit into appropriate bank accounts all Monies of the AWA, disburse funds as directed by resolutions of the Board, sign checks and promissory notes of the AWA, keep proper books of account, and prepare all budget and financial statements.
- Section 6. **Corresponding Secretary:** The Corresponding Secretary shall respond to all inquires of the AWA and oversee publicity.

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- Section 7. **Recording Secretary:** The Recording Secretary shall record the votes and keep the minutes of all meetings, serve notice of meetings, and keep appropriate current records.
- Section 8. **Committees:** The Board may assign specific tasks to Committees as necessary. Any member in good standing may volunteer to participate on these Committees. The Board will appoint a chairperson for each Committee whose term shall last until the next election of Directors.

ARTICLE V – Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

- Section 1. **Annually in August**, the President shall appoint a **Nominating Committee** consisting of **4**, a Chairperson and 3 other members. 2 members shall be appointed from the Board of Directors and 2 from the general membership. The Nominating Committee must secure the permission of the nominee before the nominee may be listed on the slate of candidates for election. Nomination may be made from the floor at the election meeting providing the nominee has given her consent.
- Section 2. It shall be the duty of the **Nominating Committee** to select candidates for nomination for office for the ensuing year. They shall present their report at the **October General Meeting** and shall publish their nominations in the October Newsletter. (or e-mail) The **election of officers**, by ballot or acclamation, shall be held at the **November General Meeting** and installation at the December Holiday Meeting/Party.
- Section 3. All officers and appointed chairpersons shall serve for one year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st. Members may not serve in one office for more that 3 consecutive terms. (**Amendment I, November 1999:** Members may serve on the Board for an unlimited number of years or terms unless they resign or are no longer a member in good standing.)
- Section 4. It will be required that each officer and committee chairperson keep a procedure book pertaining to her position. This book shall be kept up to date and all information is to be recorded in same. These books shall be passed to the incoming officer or chairperson. It shall be the duty of each officer and chairperson to acquaint her successor with her duties and to instruct her in the suggested procedures for fulfilling her position.
- Section 5. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. 2 persons may co-hold and office. (This does not include Committee Chairpersons)
- Section 6. To be elected and remain as an officer, a member must be active for at least 6 months and be a member in good standing.
- Section 7. Should any vacancy occur on the Board of Directors, it shall be filled by the unanimous decision of the Board of Directors. An officer may be removed by a majority vote of the membership.

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ARTICLE VI – Meetings

- Section 1. AWA shall have a minimum of 10 general meetings per year. Members shall be notified Of meetings in the newsletter or email prior to such meeting, scheduled as follows:
January: General & Budget
February-August: General
September: No Meeting
October: General & Nominations
November: General & Elections
December: Installation & Holiday Party
- Section 2. At any General Meeting, the presence of one-third of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. Attendance will be taken at each meeting.

ARTICLE VII – Dues (Amended 2008, see below)

- Section 1. Annual dues of the AWA shall be \$35.00 for membership (\$25.00 for full-time students or seniors over 61 years of age.) Renewal of membership will be due in October of each year. Any member failing to pay dues by the 15th of November shall be notified by the Treasurer and shall cease to be a member of AWA until such dues are paid.
(AMENDMENT II – 1999: Dues shall be due January 1st of each year and delinquent March 1st of the same year. Beginning March 1st there is a late fee of \$5.00)
- Section 2. Associate members shall pay annual dues of \$20.00.
- Section 3. Corporate sponsors shall pay a minimum annual dues of \$100.

Amended February 2008 - ARTICLE VII Dues

- Section 1. Annual dues of the AWA will be charged for membership.
Renewal of membership will be due in January of each year. Any member failing to pay dues by the 15th of March shall be charged a late fee of \$5.
((AMENDMENT II – 1999: Dues shall be due January 1st of each year and delinquent March 1st of the same year. Beginning March 1st there is a late fee of \$5.00)
There will be Active, Active Limited Income, Student, Associate and Sponsor/
Corporate Memberships.

ARTICLE VIII – Juried Art Gallery Exhibit

- Section 1. Juried (Curated) art gallery exhibit will be open to active members in good standing of AWA.
- Section 2. Applicants may submit up to 5 actual art pieces to the juror/curator for consideration. Works must not be more than 2 years old and must not have been exhibited at previous AWA exhibits. Only juried (curated) work will be used in the exhibit.
- Section 3. The Jury (Curator) will be chosen by the AWA Board of Directors. A Jurist (curator) Must not be a member of AWA, and may serve only once within three consecutive years. **(AMENDMENT III – November 1999: The Juror/Curator may be a member of AWA.)**
- Section 4. Accepted artists will be charged a participation fee to finance the exhibit. They will be required to serve on a work committee for the exhibit.

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Motions/Resolutions

Two motions/resolutions were passed to improve the showing of the artwork of the museum exhibit.

08.01.09: Opening receptions at the museum will not have a sales table, so that it does not take away from the exhibit. We can play up the closing and advertise the boutique at the opening.

08.02.09: The main artwork in the exhibit at the museum will not be shown on pillars. Each artist will have a place on the wall and fewer pieces will be shown if necessary.