

CAPITOL ART SOCIETY BY-LAWS

By-Laws Revised December, 2008

ARTICLE I-NAME

The organization shall be known as Capitol Art Society.

ARTICLE II-OBJECT

The object of this society shall be to further art appreciation in Austin, to exhibit and sell paintings, and to associate with other artists in an organized group.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. All persons who are members of this organization or may be hereafter admitted to this membership in the manner prescribed and whose dues have been paid for the current year shall constitute the membership of this organization. Each year at its first meeting the Society shall determine the maximum number of members.

SECTION 2. All applications for membership shall be submitted to the Membership Chairman who will submit them to the Society for its approval.

SECTION 3. Active members are those who are actively engaged in creative art work. They are entitled to exhibit their work in exhibitions sponsored by the Capitol Art Society, when such members are in good standing.

SECTION 4. Patron members are those who are not actively engaged in creative art work but who desire to encourage and promote art. Applications for patron membership shall be submitted to the Executive Board for its approval.

SECTION 5. Temporary Inactive Membership shall be available to Active Members who because of illness or other serious reason cannot participate in projects planned by the Society. An Inactive Member may request reinstatement to active membership upon the payment of the yearly dues.

SECTION 6. Life members are persons who desire to aid this organization in encouraging the promotion of the fine arts in Austin and contribute \$250 or more.

SECTION 7. Honorary Life Members. Distinguished persons who have contributed their time to the Capitol Art Society and have demonstrated their interest in this organization may be elected as Honorary Life Members when deemed worthy by the members. They shall have all the privileges of the floor except those of holding office, exhibiting and voting. They shall pay no dues.

SECTION 8. If a former member of Capitol Art Society wishes to rejoin, the current dues and up to three years' past dues must be brought up to date.

ARTICLE IV—DUES AND FINANCES

SECTION 1. The annual dues of each Active Member shall be \$25.00 for a full year beginning January 1st through December 31st. Inactive Member's dues are \$15.00 and Life Member's dues are \$250. Patron's dues are \$50. The Executive Board shall set the fees with the approval of membership per Article X.

SECTION 2. A percentage commission shall be paid to the Society for any artwork, including paintings in any and all media, portraits, and crafts, sold or commissioned at a gallery, exhibition, or place of business secured by the Society.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

SECTION 1 The officers of this Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, and Historian.

SECTION 2. A Nomination Committee consisting of three or more members including the immediate past-president shall be appointed by the President. The Nominating Committee shall report their nominations to the membership at least thirty days before the December meeting.

SECTION 3. At the December meeting the new officers shall be elected. The election may be by ballot, and a majority vote shall be necessary to elect. If there are no nominations from the floor, the vote may be taken by voice vote or a motion may be made that the President instruct the Secretary to cast the vote of the Society in favor of the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 4. The officers elected shall assume office immediately.

SECTION 5. In case of resignation, death, or inability to serve any portion of the elected term, the President shall be automatically succeeded by the Vice-President. Other vacancies shall be filled by ballot or voice vote on candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee, or nominated from the floor.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society. The President shall appoint all Committee Chairmen except the Membership Chairman and shall be ex-officio member of every committee except Nomination Committee. The President shall have general supervision over all affairs of the Society.

SECTION 2. The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in the absence of the President. In addition, the Vice-President shall serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall keep full and accurate records of the meetings and work of the Society, a full list of all members and a record of Treasurer's reports.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall collect, hold and disburse all Society money as directed by the Society. The Treasurer shall collect all membership dues, exhibition fees and commissions due. The Treasurer shall present a budget to the membership for approval at the first meeting of the year. A financial statement including receipts, disbursements and balances shall be furnished to the members at the first meeting of the year.

SECTION 5. The Parliamentarian shall direct the Society meetings in Parliamentary law. Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall be the recognized authority.

SECTION 6. The Historian shall collect press clippings, pictures, reports and news items concerning the activities of the Society to be kept permanently in the History Book.

ARTICLE VII—COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Standing Committees shall be Membership, Newsletter, Public Relations, Shows, and Telephone.

SECTION 2. Committee chairmen shall name their committee members.

ARTICLE VIII—MEETINGS

Meetings may be called by the President and two other members of the Executive Board. A quorum at a general meeting shall consist of 10 members.

ARTICLE IX—EXECUTIVE BOARD

The officers of this Society and the immediate past-president shall constitute the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have all power and authority over the affairs of the Society between the general meetings except that of modifying any action taken by the Society, providing no debt or liability except necessary current expense is incurred. These meetings shall be open to all members.

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by the membership at a general meeting, provided thirty days' written notice has been sent to all Active members.

Capitol Art Society Standing Rules Actions taken since March, 2005

March 27, 2006

1. Membership capped at 45.
2. Dues must be paid by Feb. 28 each year with an accurate membership roster available at Spring Meeting

June 15, 2006

Prospective members must receive at least 75% approval of the attending active members to be offered membership.

Sept. 11, 2006

Dues paying members must attend at least one CAS meeting per calendar year to be eligible to exhibit in CAS shows or contribute in another way such as:

- Find and secure a location for an exhibit
- Chair an exhibit
- Produce postcards or labels for an exhibit
- Hold office

Feb. 29, 2008

1. Rescinded the participation rules passed Sept., 2006
2. Cancelled credit card.

June 6, 2008

Approved new "Membership Application" forms and Evaluation process of prospective members.