

WATERWAY ART ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

Article 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be Waterway Art Association.

Article 2 – Mission Statement

The mission of the organization shall be to encourage artistic awareness and enjoyment of the fine arts and to encourage growth on both an individual and community level.

Article 3 – Restrictions

1. Any person 18 years or older, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin, may become a member on application and payment of dues.
2. The fiscal year of the organization shall be September 1 to August 31.
3. The membership term is January through December. Annual dues shall be payable by January 31 of each year.
4. Those whose dues are not paid by January 31 shall be dropped from membership.

Article 4 – Officers

1. The officers shall be president, vice-president, recording secretary, and treasurer.
2. Officers shall serve a one-year term beginning in June with the exception of the Treasurer, whose term begins in September to coincide with WAA's legal fiscal year.
3. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two terms consecutively in the same office.
4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the president, the vice-president shall automatically become president; all other vacancies shall be filled by the president
5. A nominating committee shall be formed by the first meeting of the calendar year (January). The slate will be presented at least 30 days prior to the vote, which will take place at the final meeting of the year (May).

6. Nominations may also be made from the floor. If there is more than one candidate for an office, the vote will be taken by ballot.

Article 5 – Meetings

1. There shall be regular general meetings from September through May on the third Wednesday of each month except December.
2. A quorum shall be 15% of the membership.

Article 6 – Board of Directors

1. The board shall be composed of the elected officers, the immediate past president, and all committee chairs in attendance.
2. The board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the organization between the business meetings; fix the hour, day, and place of board meetings. The board shall in no way take actions that conflict with the actions taken by the general membership.
3. Recommendations of the standing committees shall be presented to the board and, if necessary, to the membership for approval.

Article 7 – Committees

1. The standing committees shall be annual exhibit, publicity, programs, membership, workshops/classes, sunshine, webmaster, grant writing, scholarship, historian, and any others as may be determined by the president.
2. The president shall appoint the chairs of the standing committees.
3. Recommendations of the standing committees shall be presented to the board and, if necessary, to the membership for approval.

Article 8 – Dissolution

1.
In the event of the dissolution of the Waterway Art Association, all assets and funds remaining after payment of all other debts shall be distributed to one or more not-for-profit organizations which the Association has designated by a 2/3 vote.
2. To comply with North Carolina law, the Board of Directors has designated the Brunswick Arts Council as the recipient of funds remaining after the payment of all debts.

Article 9 – By-law Changes

1. Proposed by-law changes and/or additions must be published prior to a vote.
2. Approval of said proposed changes will be by a quorum of the membership.

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