

**American Carnival Glass Association  
By-Laws as Adopted July 12, 1985,  
Amended June 9, 2017.**

WE, THE COLLECTORS, DEALERS AND TRUE LOVERS OF OLD CARNIVAL GLASS, in order to interest and educate other people, to encourage learning and enlightenment of one of America's heritages, OLD CARNIVAL GLASS, in increase and promote friendship and to give each an opportunity to participate in new discoveries and experiences concerning OLD CARNIVAL GLASS, history of the same, to recruit new members into our organization, to promote legislation that makes permanent markings showing name or insignia of company and year of manufacturing imbedded in product mandatory, including all imports in the field of antiques and to discourage production of any re-issues of OLD CARNIVAL GLASS patterns in the future, to support policies of elected officials and at all times to work with and through the American Carnival Glass Association, Inc. to bring about these things, do hereby ordain and establish this:

**Our Constitution and By-Laws.**

## **ARTICLE 1 – NAME OF ORGANIZATION**

The name of the organization shall be THE AMERICAN CARNIVAL GLASS ASSOCIATION, INC., hereinafter referred to as the Association or ACGA.

## **ARTICLE II – DEFINITION OF OLD CARNIVAL GLASS**

The term CARNIVAL GLASS is defined as the colored, pressed or blown glass with iridescence fired on, produced in America between 1900 and 1925 and/or that glass later produced in America between 1925 and 1935, but under no circumstances, glass made later than 1940.

## **ARTICLE III – EMBLEM**

The emblem shall be a drawing or replica of a Tumbler of the well known “God and Home Water Set” at the center of the flowers the letters ACGA, INC. Feb. 1966.

## **ARTICLE IV**

The American Carnival Glass Association, Inc. shall be a non-profit organization.

## **ARTICLE V**

An Annual Convention of the general membership shall be held, and such general convention shall be the supreme governing body of the Association. The meeting shall be held each year during the last two weeks of June at a time and place designated by the Executive Board. The Annual Convention shall be published in the Association’s NEWSLETTER at least three (3) months in advance of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP**

Anyone interested in CARNIVAL GLASS shall be eligible to become a member of the Association. All persons who became members or applied for membership before March 1, 1966, shall be known as Charter Members and thereafter shall be assigned by the Secretary.

**SECTION A** - Each member shall be furnished with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws upon joining the organization and amendments to the Constitution enacted hereafter shall be published in the NEWSLETTER in the issue next following the Annual Convention.

**ARTICLE VII – DUES**

Carnival Glass lovers may be admitted to The American Carnival Glass Association, Inc. upon written application for membership. The membership fee shall be determined by the board. The fiscal year is June 1st through May 31st, payable to the Treasurer in advance. No one under the age of 16 is entitled to vote during any election. Each household is entitled to receive any publication by the Association

**SECTION A** – When a member fails to pay his/her dues within a three (3) months' grace period he shall be considered a delinquent member and shall not be eligible to receive any publication of the Association or participate in the Annual meeting; a delinquent member shall be reinstated upon payment of current annual dues and shall be assigned a new number.

**ARTICLE VIII – ORGANIZATION**

There shall be elected from the membership the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and four Directors and, in addition, effective with the installation of officers for the term beginning in July or August 1974 the immediate past president shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION A** – The elected officers and the NEWSLETTER EDITOR shall constitute an Executive Board who shall manage and conduct the affairs and business of the Association.

**ARTICLE IX – ELECTION –**

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors shall be nominated and elected during the business meeting of the Association's Convention held annually. Nominations shall be presented by the Nominating Committee, in addition to which

nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting. Candidates must declare their willingness to serve if elected, in person if present, or in writing if absent. Election shall be by majority vote of the members present and voting at the Annual Business Meeting. In the event there are more than two candidates for any one vacancy and no candidate receives a majority on the first vote, there will be a run-off election between the two candidates receiving the most votes. A secret ballot shall be conducted upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

**SECTION A** – A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Board, and whose duties shall be to seek out and interview prospective candidates for office. The names of the Nominating Committee shall be announced at the opening function during the Annual Convention.

**SECTION B** – A report of elections and all pertinent action taken during the Business Meeting of the Annual Convention shall be published in the next subsequent NEWSLETTER following the Annual Convention.

## **ARTICLE X – DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

It shall be the duty of the President to carry out the intentions as set forth in the Preamble of this Constitution, to preside at all meetings of the Association, to preside at all meetings of the Association, to appoint necessary committees as permitted by this Constitution or By-Laws here or hereinafter adopted, subject to approval of the Executive Board. The President's duties shall be limited or expanded by directives of the Executive Board. Vacancies of offices of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by the President subject to approval of the Executive Board, such vacancies must be filled from the ranks of the Executive Board. . In the event of a vacancy in the Board, the President shall appoint to fill vacancy, subject to approval of the Executive Board to serve until an election is held at the next Annual Meeting by the Association.

**SECTION A** – The President shall appoint subject to approval of the Executive Board a competent Recording Secretary to record and prepare all proceedings during all Annual or Special Meetings of the Association.

**SECTION B** – The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, a parliamentarian to advise Robert’s Rules of Order during the Annual Business meeting of the Association.

**SECTION C** – The President shall report to the Executive Board at each meeting on all of his activities, including the places visited and a summary of the purpose and the results. This refers to his activities as President of the Association where expenses to the Association are involved.

**SECTION D** – The President shall call at least one meeting of the Executive Board immediately prior to the Annual Convention, but sufficiently in advance so that all pertinent business may be discussed and finalized. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and must be called by the Secretary upon written request of the majority of the Executive Board. Necessary expenses of the Board meetings shall be paid by the Association.

**SECTION E** – The President shall appoint an Editor of the NEWSLETTER subject to the approval of the Executive Board and shall supervise its publication at least quarterly and at other times as directed by the Board.

### **DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to act as President of the Association when the President is absent, or unable for any reason to carry out the duties or the office becomes vacant for any reason.

### **DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY**

It shall be the duty of the secretary to maintain accurate records of the Association, conduct the correspondence of the Association, to keep accurate record of the membership, to keep records of the Association as a whole under the supervision of the President.

**SECTION A** – The Secretary shall submit the books and records to the Annual Meeting of the Executive Board or such other times as directed by the Executive Board.

**DUTIES OF THE TREASURER**

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of and disburse all funds of the Association, the same to be spent only for and in behalf of the welfare of the Association. The Treasurer shall work with and seek the will of the President in all matters pertaining to the office of Treasurer.

**SECTION A** – The Treasurer shall submit his/her books and records to his/her books and records to the Annual Meeting of the Board or at such other times as directed by the Board, who shall select a Committee of three to examine all books, statements, cancelled checks and other data and report findings to the full Board and to the membership at large at the Annual Convention. The Annual Financial Statement shall be published in the next subsequent NEWSLETTER following the Annual Convention.

**SECTION B** – All financial officers of the Association shall be bonded sufficient to protect the assets of the Association at the expense of the Association. Funds shall be spent only to further the purposes of the Association as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws as directed by the Executive Board.

**DUTIES OF THE EDITOR**

It shall be the duty of the Editor to receive all news items and to prepare copy for printing.

**DUTIES OF THE DIRECTORS**

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to supervise the business of the Association as a whole and shall specifically provide for the general and editorial policies.

**ARTICLE XI – TERMS OF OFFICE**

The terms of office of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for two (2) years. The term of office for Directors shall be for two (2) years. The elections will be staggered; on even years the President, Treasure and 2 Directors,

and on odd years the Vice President, secretary and 2 Directors. Upon leaving office, all officers must turn over all books, papers, and other property to his successor as soon as possible.

**ARTICLE XII – CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

No official of the Association shall have any substantial interest in, accept fees, salaries or gratuities from any company making new or reproducing of any type of iridized glass.

**ARTICLE XIII – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE**

The Executive Board shall have the authority to remove from office any officer or director for violation of this Constitution and By-Laws or for conduct deemed by this Board detrimental to the Association. In such event written charges shall be presented, signed by two or more Directors at any meeting of the Executive Board and this Board shall render a decision on the matter during the course of such meeting.

**ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership present at any regular business meeting during the Association's Convention held annually and/or by majority vote of the Executive Board called to Special Session which then must be ratified by a majority vote of the membership present and voting during the next business of the Association's Annual Convention.

## CHARTER MEMBERS OF A.C.G.A.

1. E. Ward Russell
2. Charlotte F Ormsbee
3. Bettie Ridder
4. Rose M Presnick
5. William Crowl
6. John P McDonald
7. Mrs. W. P. Beard
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12. Victor E Wickersham
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17. Margaret E Zea
18. Raymond J Heeley
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21. Frankie Van Johnson
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23. Joseph Presznick
24. Raymond B Hunter
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26. Charlotte Jamieson
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