

Constitution and By-Laws of the Society of New Jersey Artists

Founded in 1948 in Greenwich, NJ

Article I – Name

The Association shall be called the Society of New Jersey Artists

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of the Society will be to foster knowledge and appreciation of art specifically in these two dimensional mediums and techniques. These are: oil, watercolor, pastel, colored pencil, charcoal, pencil, egg tempera, gouache, acrylic, pen and ink, and collage.

Members will not be categorized as professional or non-professional. Members shall compete with other members without regard to education, age, or perceived status in the art community. The Society will also provide visual art workshops and/or programs of interest to the membership and the public.

The Society will also encourage and honor originality. For this reason, we will not knowingly allow art work which is copied from the work of another artist or photographer to be exhibited in our shows. If copied work is discovered to be such after going undetected by the exhibit committee or judges and wins an award, a request will be made in writing for the return of the monetary award and/or ribbon.

Article III – Membership

Adult Members: Any artist who is compatible with the purpose of the Society.

Family Members: Two artists living in the same residence

Student Members: High school or college students studying art

Patron Members: Any person with a love of art who is interested in fostering art through the Society of New Jersey Artists

All of the above may vote on any issue brought before the membership.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Officers of the Society shall be:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer/Membership Chair
- Secretary
- Web Site Chair

The President shall be the chief officer of the Society and as such shall see the Society is housed, shall sign all contracts necessary to the operation of the Society, and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

The Vice President shall perform duties as requested by the President shall act as ex-officio member of the Exhibit and Program Committees, and shall be in charge of newspaper and postcard public relations

The Treasurer/Membership Chair shall keep an updated membership list. The Treasurer shall also collect and disburse all funds of the Society and keep accounts of Society books which shall be open to membership inspection. A financial report will be given by the Treasurer at each monthly meeting. The Membership Chair shall be in charge of the Membership roll, collect dues, issue delinquent notices and notify the secretary of new or changed addresses. The MC shall also keep an updated list of members.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of the general membership and officers meetings of the Society and shall keep a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. The Secretary shall also handle all Society correspondence.

The Web Site Chair shall be in charge of supervising and maintaining the Society of New Jersey Artists Web Site.

Article V – Meetings

The Society shall not hold regular meetings. However a meeting of the membership may be called at any time by the President with a least two weeks notice. A quorum is needed for any transaction to go forward.

Article VI – Committees

**Exhibit
Programs/Workshops
Nominating**

Article VII – Duties of the Standing Committees

Exhibit Committee shall arrange and hand all exhibits of the Society except in galleries that have their own hanging committee. The exhibit Committee shall develop a theme and write prospectus for each exhibit entered into by the Society.

The Exhibit Committee members shall be present for drop off day for each exhibit. They shall receive the art works checking for proper framing and ID tags. They shall check the membership list and require that each member is up to date prior to entering the exhibit. They shall then collect the fees that are relevant. The funds will then be turned over to the Treasurer. Unless specified by the prospectus, no painting previously shown in a SNJA art show will be accepted.

The Exhibit Committee shall hire a judge who shall be a non-member of the Society. The judge will be paid at the rate determined by a vote of the membership. The judge should be a professional artist with an art education such as BA or BFA in Art or Diploma from a reputable art institution. The judge will be given directions as to the number of awards to be given by a member of the Exhibit Committee. The Exhibit member will then leave the room while the judge is judging. Prize categories will be decided by the Exhibit Committee based on the number of entries and the monetary intake.

Program/Workshop Committee shall pole the membership as to areas of interest for programs and or workshops. They will then seek out competent persons to fulfill this need. Members can give suggestions of effective people to the P&W committee for consideration. The P&W committee will then find a room at RRCA or other venue to house the program or workshop. They shall register members and collect the fee for the workshop at least two weeks in advance of the event. The price of the program or workshop will be determined by the fee charged by the presenter. The P&W committee shall

design and advertise the program or workshop on our web site and by flyer to be distributed through e-mail and hard copy in galleries and other venues. The public can participate by registering and paying the fee for the program or workshop. The P&W committee members are also responsible for setting up the venue for the presentation.

The number of programs/workshops shall be determined by the committee.

Nomination Committee shall be appointed by the president at the beginning of the term for two years; they shall recommend a new slate of officers. The committee meets biennially.

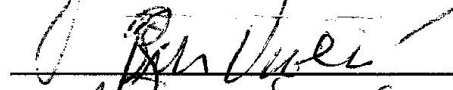
Article VIII – Dues

The annual dues for all members shall be payable in January by the 31st. Dues will be determined by a vote of the membership.

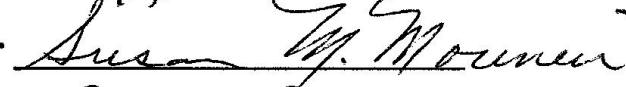
Judith A. Scull, President



Rik Viola, Vice President



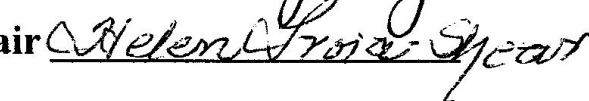
Susan Mounier, Treasurer



Paula Pagliughi, Secretary



Helen Troia, Web Site Chair



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