

FLORIDA ARTIST GROUP CONSTITUTION
FLORIDA ARTIST GROUP, INC. INCORPORATION

The Florida Artist Group is a duly incorporated, nonprofit organization. Granted by the State of Florida on June 30, 1949 and reincorporated on February 3, 1965.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Hugh McKean, Hollis Holbrook, Alida Conover and E. Robert Hunter

BYLAWS Adopted June 30, 1949

Revised

May 1978 and 1979, August 1979, May 1983 and 1984, June 1985, March 1986, October 1988, June 1994, April 1997, May, 2009

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be Florida Artist Group, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to exemplify the highest standards in the exhibition of works of art and the stimulation of finer standards of the creative effort within the State of Florida

ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1. Qualifications

- A. Membership in this organization is by invitation only. .
- B. The members of this organization shall:
 - 1. Be engaged professionally in the visual arts or have training or competence in the visual arts.
 - 2. Must reside in Florida at least 6 months of the year.
 - 3. Application signed by the Chairman of the Area of residency of the candidate.
 - 4. Must submit professional background information, including:
 - a. Five to seven images in JPEG format on a CD – Max. size 1 MB each.
 - b. A list of images on CD that include title, medium, size and date.
 - c. Resume (maximum size two pages). This should include educational background and a listing of exhibitions and awards.
 - d. Artist statement.
 - e. SASE with sufficient postage for return of materials.
- C. The Board of Directors may, by unanimous vote admit to membership an exceptionally qualified talent. This artist may be brought to the attention of the Board by either an Area Chairman or the State Membership Chairman with support material and/or information.
- D. The jury is composed of members of the board. All applications must be received by the Membership Chair prior to January first for the annual review of applications in February.
- E. Fulfilling the above qualifications does not guarantee an invitation to membership.

Section 2. Classifications

The classifications of members shall be: Active, Associate, Corporate, Honorary Life, Member-at-Large and Honorary Museum/ Art Organization.

A. Active Member

1. Subscribe to FLAG objectives.
2. Participate actively.
3. Pay initiation and dues.
4. Will be placed on inactive status if member has not exhibited in an annual exhibition in a consecutive three year period.

B. Associate Member

1. Subscribe to FLAG objectives.
2. Have an interest in FLAG and may serve on committees.
3. Pay initiation and dues.
4. May not vote, hold office or exhibit.

C. Corporate Member

1. Have an interest in FLAG..
2. Contribute to the financial support of the organization.
3. May not vote, hold office or exhibit.

D. Honorary Life Member

1. Subscribe to FLAG objectives.
2. Having served a full two year term as President receives Honorary Life Membership.
3. Dues are waived.
4. May vote, hold office and exhibit.

E. Inactive Member

1. Subscribe to FLAG objectives.
2. Pay initiation and dues.
3. Any member may request inactive status.
4. May not vote, hold office or exhibit.
5. To be reinstated to Active Membership classification after a three year period, a member is required to submit JPEGs of current work to the State Membership Chairman and Committee.

F. Member-at-Large

1. Subscribe to FLAG objectives.
2. Pay initiation and dues.
3. May vote, exhibit but not hold office.
4. Will be called upon to vote on a Board decision in case of a tie vote.

G. Honorary Museum and Art Organization Member

1. Subscribe to FLAG objectives.
2. May attend meetings.
3. May not vote, hold office or exhibit.
4. Will be a perpetual member until rescinded by Board vote.

Section 3. Good Standing

A member in good standing *is* one whose current dues are paid and who complies with the bylaws.

Section 4. Honorary Membership

- A. Recommendations may be made by any member to the Board of Directors for consideration.

1. Must be a member in good standing.
 2. Have contributed time and effort to further the aims of the organization.
 3. Have contributed financially for either awards or expenses.
- B. A three-fourths vote by the Board of Directors is necessary for election.

Section 5. Resignation, Removal and Reinstatement

A. Resignation

1. Any member whose dues are not in arrears may resign in good standing.
2. Resignation of a member must be made in writing to the State Membership Chairman who will present it to the committee for action.

B. Removal

- I. Membership will be terminated on November 1 for non-payment of dues

C. Reinstatement

1. A past member must make a new application to the State Membership Chairman who will present it to the committee for action.
2. Application shall include at least six JPEGs of current work.
3. Reinstatement will be by majority vote of the committee.

ARTICLE IV

STRUCTURE

Section 1. Areas

- A. Florida Artist Group shall be divided into geographical sections of the State of Florida.
 1. The number and boundaries of the areas shall be determined by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.
 2. Areas shall be identified by numerical designation.
- B. Area Chairmen will be appointed by the President, unless
 1. An Area chooses to elect their own Chairman with the approval of the Executive Board.
 2. Each Area will be under the supervision of its Chairman.
 3. Area Chairmen are to act on behalf of the members in their Area.
 4. All Chairmen shall be responsible to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

- A. The elected officers shall be President, First Vice-President, a Recording Secretary and/or a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and State Membership Chairman.
- B. The officers constitute the Executive Board and three members is a quorum.
- C. The Board of Directors shall include the Officers, State Membership Chairman, Area Chairmen, and two Members-at-Large (Directors-at-Large). Five members shall constitute a quorum which must include two officers.

Section 2. Terms of Office

- A. Officers shall be elected for a term of two years.
- B. No elected officer shall serve more than two terms (4 years) in the same office except the Treasurer and Area Chairmen.

Section 3. Vacancy in Office

- A. A vacancy in office of President shall be filled by the First Vice-president.
- B. In the event the offices of the President and First Vice-president are vacated concurrently, the immediate Past-President shall exercise the duties of President until the vacancy of President is filled by The Board of Directors.
 - 1. The Board of Directors shall fill the vacancies of the President and First Vice-President by ballot and a majority vote.
 - 2. The title shall be interim President until duly elected during an election year at the Annual Meeting.
- C. Any other vacancy shall be filled by ballot and majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1.

Annual Meetings and Elections

- A. There shall be a Membership Meeting held annually in the late spring or early summer time and place determined by the Board of Directors.
- B. The purpose of the meeting shall be to receive reports and transact business which may properly come before the membership-

Section 2.

Special Meetings

A special meeting of the Florida Artist Group shall be called by a two thirds vote of the Board of Directors, or by a written petition of fifteen members in good standing to the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President. The Executive Committee shall meet prior to and following each annual membership meeting and at the call of the President, If necessary the Executive Committee may conduct business by mail or telephone. A report of any action taken shall be made part of the minutes of the next meeting.

ARTICLE VII

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominating Committee

A. Composition

- 1. A nominating committee of three members shall be elected at the Annual Meeting prior to an election year.
- 2. No more than two members of the Board of Directors may serve on this committee.

B. Duties

- 1. The committee shall consider the qualifications of all proposed members for office.
- 2. The slate of nominees shall be mailed to the membership prior to the Annual Meeting.
- 3. No name shall be placed in nomination without prior consent of the nominee.

Section 2. Elections

- A. Elections will be held at the Annual Membership Meeting during an election year.
 - 1. Nominations may be made from the floor.
 - 2. Nominees must have given prior consent, before the Membership Meeting.
 - 3. Vote by proxy shall be accepted if mailed to the Recording Secretary two weeks prior to the Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII
FEES, DUES AND FINANCE

Section 1. Initiation Fee

- A. Initiation fee is due and payable upon acceptance as a member.
- B. Initiation fee is the same amount for all membership categories except Corporate and Honorary Museum and Art Organizations.

Section 2. Dues

- A. Dues will be billed September 1st and are due and payable on October 1st of each year.
- B. Dues are delinquent November 1st of the same year.
 - 1. Delinquent members will have 2 weeks (November 15) to reinstate their membership by paying their dues plus \$20 penalty. A member's check with insufficient funds or canceled account shall pay dues, bank charges and \$20 to be reinstated..
 - 2. The Treasurer shall notify all Area Chairmen on or about October 15 of those who have not paid.
 - 3. The Treasurer shall notify all Area Chairmen on or about January 1st the members that have retained membership.
- C. A percentage of each member's dues will be returned to the Area Chairmen to help cover Area expenses.
- D. Expenses of the officers. State Membership Chairman and Exhibition/Symposium Chairman will be paid from the State funds,
- E. All fees, dues, and Area returns will be determined by the Executive Board.
- F. The Treasurer shall:
 - 1. Have custody of all funds and securities.
 - 2. Pay bills for expenses of normal operating costs.
 - 3. Make financial report to the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and at all meetings when requested
 - 4. Maintain a current membership list of names and addresses
 - 5. Upon receipt of new member forms, certify payment of initiation and dues and forward information to the State Membership Chairman
 - 6. Upon receipt of forms reporting change of address, resignations, or death of members maintain a current record.
 - 7. File the annual Corporation report to the State of Florida with annual fee.

ARTICLE IX

EXHIBITION AND SYMPOSIUM

Section 1. Annual Exhibition

- A, There shall be an exhibition held each year in conjunction with, and in the city of the Annual Membership Meeting, and shall be a featured part of the Symposium.
- B. The President shall appoint the Chairman for the Exhibition/Symposium, usually the

Area Chairman where the exhibition will take place.

C. The Chairman shall call upon the members from the general membership and the Area to be on the committee.

D. The Executive Board will obtain a Museum gallery, College gallery or other suitable professional art organization as an exhibition site.

E. The Executive Board will obtain an out-of-state juror.

F. All contracts with the exhibition site and juror will be signed by the President.

Section 2. Annual Exhibition Rules

A. All members in good standing are entitled to submit work to the Annual Exhibition and any Area sponsored exhibit.

B. No work older than three years will be accepted.

C. The juror will be informed of available awards and rules pertaining to the awards.

D. Entries will be submitted in JPEG format.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

A. There shall be the following Standing Committees, Awards Funding, Bylaws, Long Range Planning and Exhibition/Symposium Committee

B. The chairmen of these committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of [he Executive Board.

C. The committee members shall be appointed by the Chairman unless otherwise specified.

Section 2. All Committees

A. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

B. The Chairmen shall notify the President of all meetings and provide the President with a record of any official action taken.

C. Committees may conduct business by mail or telephone.

D. A report shall be submitted to the Recording Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting.

E. Additional Standing and Special Committees may be appointed by the President and if necessary by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI

HISTORY

The President shall appoint an Historian who will collect and protect the memorabilia generated from die Annual Exhibitions. To include the catalog, photographs of the exhibit, publicity and juror's commentary.

ARTICLE XII

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

A. The President shall appoint a parliamentarian to advise the Board of Directors of procedures at the Annual Meeting.

B. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern Florida Artist Group Inc. in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws or any special rules of order this organization may

adopt.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Section 1. Amendments

- A. The bylaws shall be amended at the Annual Meeting as follows:
 - 1. By a two-thirds vote, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been published and mailed to the membership prior to the Annual Meeting at which the action is to take place.
 - 2. By unanimous vote, provided previous notice shall have been given at an earlier meeting of the same Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Revision

- A. These bylaws may be revised only upon approval of the Executive Board.
 - .1. The proposed revision shall be submitted to the membership in an official publication prior to the Annual Meeting at which action is to be taken.
- B. A two-thirds vote by the membership is necessary to pass a revision.

ARTICLE XIV

HEADQUARTERS

The Executive Board shall establish the location of the State Headquarters. If not designated it will be at the city of residence of the presiding President

ARTICLE XV

TAX EXEMPTION STATUS

- A. The Florida Artist Group, Inc. is a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. Florida Artist Group, Inc. shall not promote any fund raising which violates State or local tax law that pertains to tax exempt organizations or interpretations thereof.
- C. In order to protect tax exempt status Florida Artist Group, Inc. shall not contribute funds to other organization or persons except in connection with exhibitions, awards, programs and/or meetings.