

AMERICAN ABSTRACT ARTISTS

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ARTICLE I INTRODUCTION

Section 1: The Bylaws of the American Abstract Artists define the basic policies and procedures—not already defined in the Constitution—of how the membership will manage and run the business of the organization. In cases not specified in the Constitution, the Bylaws determine which members of the group, officers, and/or committees have authority and decision-making responsibilities and how those responsibilities should be carried out. They create a framework for the size and scope of the organization and aid in resolving internal disputes.

ARTICLE II COMMITTEES

Section 1: Members may volunteer to serve on the following eight committees:

1. Communications Committee
2. Development Committee
3. Events Committee
4. Exhibitions Committee
5. Finance and Budget Committee
6. Membership and Nominating Committee
7. Publications Committee
8. Records and Archive Committee

Section 2: Each committee will have no fewer than three members and no more than seven members. To create effective committees, the membership of each committee will be recommended and approved by consensus of the Officers. Committee membership will be reviewed annually by the Officers. Each committee will elect its Chair for a two-year term. Chairs may be elected to serve two consecutive two-year terms. After two consecutive terms, a member may not serve as Chair of the same committee for at least one year. There is no limitation of the number of years that a member may serve on a committee. Officers may serve on and chair committees.

Section 3: Prior to their implementation, all policies and procedures developed and proposed by committees must be approved by a vote of the membership.

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Section 4: In the event that a committee does not achieve or fails to maintain a membership of three or more members, the Officers may disband the committee and assign its responsibilities, in whole or in part, to one or more of the remaining committees. Any disbanding of a committee will be considered temporary and will be reviewed annually by the Officers.

ARTICLE III

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1: Communications Committee

- Develop, propose and assist in the implementation of policies and procedures for all forms of internal and external communications

Section 2: Development Committee

- Research, develop, propose and implement funding strategies and opportunities

Section 3: Events committee

- Propose, plan and organize events relevant to the Mission and solicit proposals of such from the membership

Section 4: Exhibitions Committee

- Seek, propose and develop exhibition opportunities for the organization
- Develop, propose and implement policies and procedures regarding exhibitions

Section 5: Finance & Budget Committee

- Research and recommend methods of recording and reporting financial information
- Develop and propose an approval process for the disbursement of funds from the Treasury

Section 6: Nominating & Membership Committee

- Develop, propose and implement policies relating to membership
- Oversee the election of new members
- Oversee the election of Officers

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Section 7: Publications Committee

- Develop, propose and implement a publications agenda to serve the mission of the organization
- Propose all publications and oversee their development, production and distribution

Section 8: Records & Archive Committee

- Research, propose and implement effective means of archiving all AAA documents
- Locate, properly store, and archive existing physical documents to insure preservation
- Research and propose the best means to document future exhibitions, lectures and other AAA events

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Dues

- All members pay dues regardless of age, length of membership or past or current service.
- Annual dues are due in January and are paid to the Treasurer who will bill each member by e-mail.
- If a member does not pay the full balance of his/her dues by the end of the following month (February), his/her membership will be suspended and s/he will forfeit all rights to membership until the full balance of dues is paid.
- If the full balance of a member's dues remains unpaid for a period of one year, the individual's membership will be revoked.

Section 2: Communication

- Each member will provide the Treasurer and the Secretary with a working email address to which the organization may send all communications.
- Each member will provide the Treasurer and the Secretary with a mailing address and phone number.
- Members will notify the Treasurer and the Secretary in a timely manner of any changes to any contact information referred to in this section.