

MOORESVILLE ARTIST GUILD CONSTITUTION

The Mooresville Artist Guild is a non-profit cultural organization incorporated under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and is dedicated to the advancement of visual arts and art appreciation for the general public through activities sponsored by the membership to encourage and promote interest in the visual arts through workshops, demonstrations, exhibitions, and other similar means designed to stimulate creative art and appreciation.

ARTICLE I – OBJECTIVES

Section 1.

To enable those seriously interested in creative art to assemble regularly for study of and participation in the methods and activities pertaining to the visual arts.

Section 2.

To encourage and promote high standards of individual endeavor in visual arts by its members and other interested persons.

Section 3.

To participate in community activities designed to increase public appreciation for visual arts and to permit artists to display their work.

Section 4.

To provide a visual arts center to be used as a meeting place, an exhibiting gallery, and a place to hold exhibits for the general public.

Section 5.

To promote the advancement of visual arts and appreciation of the art through demonstrations, workshops, lectures, and discussions and study for its membership and other interested persons

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Any person sixteen years of age or over who will endeavor to further the objectives of the Guild may become a regular member upon fulfilling the conditions prescribed in the By-Laws.

Section 2.

Corporate and other individual memberships are available by fulfilling the conditions prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section 1.

The Executive officers of the Guild shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

Section 2

The Management of all affairs of the Guild except as otherwise specified in the By-Laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors consisting of elected officers and the Chairpersons of all Standing Committees, and Special Committees (Task Force).

ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

Section 1.

Standing Committees of the Guild shall include the following: Gallery, Program, Publicity, Hospitality, Finance, and Nomination. These Standing Committees may consist of one person or as many persons as the appointed chairperson needs to assist with the work.

Section 2.

All special projects of the Guild (ARToberfest, Spring Show, Children's Show, etc.) shall be under the direction of Task Forces. The Task Force will have a chairperson who will recruit volunteers to work on the specific project or program. Once the program or project is completed the Task Force is dissolved.

Section 3.

Chairperson of Standing Committees and Task Forces will be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1.

The Guild shall meet on a monthly basis for conducting business and educational programs. All members are invited to participate in the business of the Guild at monthly meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet on a monthly basis for conducting Guild business. These meetings are open to all Guild members, but only members of the Board may vote. The Guild shall conduct an Annual Business Meeting for annual evaluation, planning and conducting business.

Section 2.

All meetings shall be open to all Guild members in good standing.

Section 3.
Regular meetings shall be open to all members and to the general public.

Section 2.
Amendments or other changes to the Constitution or By-Laws may be proposed by any member at any Guild meeting.

ARTICLE VII – VOTING

Section 1.
The necessary quorum for voting in a meeting by the Guild members on issues concerning the Guild requiring voting shall be fifteen (15) percent of the total Guild membership in good standing. No issue concerning the Guild will be decided at any meeting if a quorum is not present.

Section 2.
A two-thirds majority of all members in good standing present at the meeting will be necessary to approve amendments to the Constitution, providing a quorum is present.

Section 3.
A simple majority of all members in good standing present at the meeting will be necessary to approve amendments to the by-laws, providing a quorum is present.

Section 4.
All other issues requiring approval of membership will require a simple majority of all members in good standing present at the meeting, providing a quorum is present.

Section 5.
On Guild business involving Constitution or by-laws changes or additions, and election of officers, voting by proxy is permitted providing that in such cases a quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) percent of the membership in good standing represented by attendance and/or proxy votes.

ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL MATTERS

Section 1.
The Guild Fiscal Year will begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

Section 2.
It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to see that an internal audit is made and reported to the membership annually.

Section 3.
An external audit will be conducted if and when it is requested and voted by a majority of the members in good standing.

ARTICLE IX – FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY AND DISSOLUTION

Section 1.
The Mooresville Artists Guild is a non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of North Carolina, whose purpose is to promote visual art and appreciation of visual art. No funds received by this organization will be disbursed for any other activity and the records of the Guild will be available for public inspection on written request.

Section 2.
The Guild is a funded member of the Iredell Arts Council, Inc. and the North Carolina Arts Council. In the event this Guild should disband all funds left will be given to a like art organization to be determined by the Board of Directors. No funds will be distributed to Guild members in the event of dissolution.

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MOORESVILLE ARTIST GUILD BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.
Any person or corporate entity meeting the requirements set forth in Articles I and II of the Guild Constitution may be admitted to membership upon submission of an application for the membership and payment of the annual dues for class of membership desired.

Section 2.
Members must have paid the current year annual dues to be in good standing.

ARTICLE II – CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.
Regular Membership entitles the member to all privileges of the Guild including voting, exhibiting, and holding office or committee appointments. Regular members are expected to attend meetings and take part in Guild

activities.

Section 2.

A corporate membership is made available to help promote the goals and mission of MAG and is subject to annual dues as stated in Article III, Section 4.

Section 3.

A corporate membership entitles their currently employed personal to participate in all MAG sponsored activities as regular members with no additional annual membership fee.

Section 4.

A corporate membership must identify, in writing, a single representative of the corporation who will have the only voting privileges on MAG business by such corporate membership.

ARTICLE III – DUES

Section 1.

Annual dues are payable to the Treasurer of the Guild and are due on the members anniversary date.

Section 2.

Membership dues are not refundable.

Section 3.

The Finance Committee is responsible for making recommendation for changes in dues in a timely manner so that recommended changes can be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Section 4.

Annual dues shall be:

Regular Member	\$40.00
Family	\$60.00
Corporate (2 –100 employees)	\$500.00
Corporate (101+ employees)	\$1000.00

ARTICLE IV – ELECTION OF GUILD OFFICERS

Section 1.

Nomination of candidates for each office will be made as a report of the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting.

Section 2.

Following the report of the Nominating Committee and additional nominations which may be made from the floor providing the nominated candidate has agreed to serve, officers for the oncoming year will be elected at the annual meeting, by a majority vote of members in good standing present, providing a quorum is present.

Section 3.

Vacancies occurring in the officers may be filled at any regular meeting in the same manner as prescribed for the annual elections, except for the office of President. Vacancy of the Presidency will be filled by elevation of the vice-president to that position and subsequent election for a new vice-president.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

President. The President of the Guild shall preside at all Guild meetings, except when necessary to delegate this authority to another officer or member. The President shall appoint the Chairperson of all standing Committees, and other Special Committees as may be needed and shall be ex officio member of all committees, with vote.

Section 2.

Vice-President. The Vice-President of the Guild shall conduct and shall assume other duties relative to the Guild when requested to do so by the President, or when necessary because of absence or inability of President to perform. The Vice-President shall assume the office of the Presidency in the event that the office is vacated during the Guild year, and hold that office until the next Annual Meeting.

Section 3.

Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining records of all Board, Regular, and Special meetings and shall report these records

when requested by the Presiding Officer. The Secretary shall handle Guild correspondence as required.

Section 4.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible to the Guild for collecting all funds due the Guild, properly disbursing and managing all Guild Funds, and keeping all financial and membership records pertaining to the Guild. He/she shall present a financial statement at each regular meeting and as requested by the President. H/she shall prepare an annual financial report and make records available for audit when required. He/she shall be an ex officio member of the Finance Committees.

Section 5.

Past President. The Immediate Past President will serve on the Board of Directors and will advise and assist the officers as requested.

Section 6.

All officers of the Guild, upon retiring from the office, shall deliver to the retiring President, or the new President, all records, funds, or property of the Guild, in their possession, or shall report location of any property for which they are responsible which cannot be delivered.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1.

The Chairman of each committee will be responsible for the work of the committee and will secure the assistance of Guild members as may be needed to fulfill the duties of that committee.

Section 2.

Program. This committee will be responsible for arranging programs for regular meetings and special meetings when requested to do so by the President. The committee will be responsible for making all necessary program arrangements including notification of the Publicity Committee in time for proper promotion and notification of Treasurer of disbursements required.

Section 3.

Finance. This committee will be responsible for preparing and presenting an annual budget for approval at the annual meeting, recommending changes in the dues structure for by-law changes, recommending revenue raising projects in keeping with the financial needs of the Guild, and will be responsible for conducting the annual internal audit.

Section 4.

Publicity. This committee will be responsible for arranging proper promotion of the Guild and Guild affairs through the use of press, radio, TV or other desirable and practical means. The committee will remain available to the Guild Officers and Committees to assure the desirable use of publicity. This committee will also be responsible for production and distribution of the Guild's monthly newsletter *Palette Patter*.

Section 5.

Hospitality. This committee will be responsible for assuring that social amenities for the Guild are met as requested by the Guild for regular meetings and other events that might be required. The committee will solicit the assistance of Guild members as might be required for planning and accomplishing the desired results.

Section 6.

Gallery. This committee will be responsible for planning, arranging, and overseeing exhibits in the gallery sections of the Depot Visual Arts Center. In addition the committee will also work closely with and assist the Spring Artfest and ARToberfest Committees, Christmas Show, Children's Show, etc. to assure coordination of the programs.

Section 7.

Spring Artfest. This committee will be responsible for the planning and implementation of activities as required to conduct the annual Spring Artfest show open to all artists. This committee will coordinate its efforts with other sponsoring groups to optimize results.

Section 8.

ARToberfest. This committee will be responsible for the planning and implementation of activities as required to conduct the annual all-member fall art show. This committee will coordinate its efforts with other sponsoring groups to optimize results.

Section 9.

Nominating. This committee will be responsible for determining suitable persons for each Guild office, contacting such persons to determine if they will serve, and reporting results at a regular meeting at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting and making the nominations at the Annual Meeting. The committee may also recommend to the in-coming President persons for committee appointments. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members in good standing appointed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1.

The Annual Meeting will consist of a review of the years events, establishing a budget for the oncoming year, election of officers, and conduction of other Guild business. The Annual Meeting will be held on a date within the last six weeks of the calendar year on a date set by the President and approved by the Board.

Section 2.

Regular meetings will be held monthly on a specific day and week basis as established by the Board. Regular meetings may be superseded by the Annual Special meeting, or may be canceled by action of the President with the approval of the Board.

Section 3.

Board of Directors meetings will be held at least quarterly but preferable on a monthly basis by call of the

President.

Section 4.

Board meetings may be combined with Executive meetings consisting of Board Members and Committee Chairmen, provided that business specifically requiring Board action be voted on only by board members.

Section 5.

Special meetings may be initiated by Board action, or by petition of five (5) Guild members in good standing and a review by the Board to ascertain if a Special meeting is required.

Section 6.

Standing and Special Committees shall meet at the call of their respective chairpersons.

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