



## BYLAWS OF THE RIO GRANDE ART ASSOCIATION

### Article I: NAME AND PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is to further the interests of Artists working in oil, acrylic, egg tempera and other media not requiring glass to exhibit or permanently display. The Association shall be dedicated to the highest aesthetic standards, encourage education of the public and the members, sponsor competitive shows and provide information for its members via newsletter and electronic media. There shall be no bias among varying schools of art.

### Article II: MEMBERSHIP

#### Section one: MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

There shall be one class of membership.

Anyone who is accepted as a member and has paid dues during the last two months of any fiscal year shall be considered paid up for the following fiscal year. The fiscal year shall commence on Jan. 1 of each year.

The husband or wife of an active member shall pay half the normal dues.

The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the authority to increase or reduce dues as sound management of the Association may require.

#### Section two: ACTIVE MEMBERS

All artists of work not requiring glass are eligible to become active members in the association upon payment of dues.

Active members shall have full voting privileges, and are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, serve as officers of the Association, serve as chairperson and members of any committee of the Association, enter any juried show and receive the newsletter.

### Article III: MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Section one: GOVERNMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Board of Directors (the Board) shall be the governing body of the Association and shall manage and govern the affairs of the Association. They shall, from time to time, make, adopt, amend or modify such standards, rules and regulations for the governing of the Association as it deems necessary and appropriate, not inconsistent with the bylaws.

Such standards, rules or regulations as affect the members shall be distributed and promulgated to the members of the Association. The President of the Association shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

#### Section two: MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.

The members of the Board shall be the officers of the Association, the immediate past President of the Association, the chairmen of the standing committees and the chairman of any other committees created to reach goals of the Association not specified in these bylaws. The officers of the Board may request or appoint others, non-members to act as Members-at-Large of the Board. The Members-at-Large will pay no dues.

Standing Committees of the Association shall be MEMBERSHIP, PROGRAM, EXHIBITION, and NEWSLETTER. Other committees shall be formed as deemed necessary. The Chairman of the committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board.

#### Section three: QUORUM OF THE BOARD

The quorum for the meetings of the Board to transact business shall be four. The four may also include Members-at-Large.

#### Section four: VOTING AT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

A majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the Board shall be sufficient to conduct the business of the board.

#### Section five: MEETING OF THE BOARD

The Board shall meet when called by the Chairman and at such place as the Chairman

shall determine.

#### Section six: TENURE OF THE BOARD

The tenure for the Board shall be one calendar year to begin Jan 1 and end on Dec 31. All members may succeed themselves. The officers, chairperson, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer are to be elected by the general membership. Members-at-Large serve at the discretion of the Chairperson and have no tenure.

#### Section seven: POWER AND FUNCTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairperson of the Board shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. The President shall be Chairperson of the Board. The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Board, the officers and the Association membership, and shall determine the agenda of such meetings. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the administration of all business of the Association through its officers and committees. The Chairperson may create and dissolve committees as necessary except those committees created in these bylaws. The Chairperson may call special meetings of the membership when necessary.

### Article IV: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

#### Section one: GENERAL FUNCTION OF OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall administer the everyday business of the Association under the management of the Board and pursuant to the duties delegated to them by the Board and under the description in these bylaws of their functions, powers and duties.

#### Section two: OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### Section three: TERM AND SUCCESSION

The term of each officer shall be one calendar year to commence on Jan. **1** and expire on Dec. **31** of the next year. All officers may succeed themselves in office.

#### Section four: APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In September of each year the Chairperson of the Board shall appoint a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The committee shall file its list of appointments in September to the Board which shall accept or reject all or part of such nominees. Election of officers shall be held at the next meeting of the membership in October. The officers shall be elected from those nominated by the committee or nominated from the floor. Each candidate having a majority vote of the attending members shall be elected to office. The elected officers shall be announced at the next meeting as well as published in the newsletter. The Board may initiate an absentee ballot system if necessary.

#### Section five: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICERS

**President:** The President is the Chairperson of the Board and has the duties as set out in Article III, Section seven.

**Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall act as the chief executive assistant to the President and assume the duties of the President in his absence or inability to serve.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall prepare and keep records of each meeting of the Board and of the general meetings. The Secretary shall submit the minutes of RGAA meetings for publication in the monthly newsletter .

**Treasurer;** The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and of the, financial records of the Association. The Treasurer shall make necessary disbursements for the business of the Association. He/She shall maintain books and records and have them available for the Board and make reports of the financial status at Board and Association meetings. At each (month) Board meeting, the Treasurer shall prepare and present a written financial report. Upon receipt of membership dues, the Treasurer provides these names to the membership chairman within five days.

#### Section six: STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership. It is the duty of the Membership Chairperson to accept all membership applications and keep an accurate updated membership roll. If dues are presented to the Membership Chairperson he must turn these in to the Treasurer within five days. The Membership Chairperson shall update and maintain name badges for members and transport them to each monthly meeting, or, make arrangements for transport in the event of their absence.

Program: The Program Chairperson will research and ARRANGE for programs when meetings are held. This committee will also be responsible for social events involving the membership unless it becomes necessary to form another committee for this function.

Exhibition: The Exhibition Chairperson will make recommendations to the Board of plans, budgets and make the arrangements of all shows sponsored by the Association.

MasterWorks Representatives- The two Representatives coordinate with the MasterWorks Central Committee. See info in EXHIBITS > JURIED SHOWS.

Newsletter: The Newsletter Chairperson shall act as editor of the monthly newsletter. All items of interest to the membership shall be published as well as time, place and program of the next general meeting. The Chairperson shall be responsible for assembling, printing and distributing the newsletter to all members. The committee will gather information for the newsletter and solicit exhibit opportunities from other groups. The committee may use electronic media to share information about the Association. Other duties may be determined by the Board.

#### Article V: MEETINGS OF MEMBERSHIP

##### Section one: MEETINGS

Meetings of the general members will be announced in newsletters. There must be one meeting a year to elect officers.

##### Section two: VOTING

A majority vote shall determine any action, motion or business at a membership meeting. Proxy voting shall be regulated by the Board. Each member shall have one vote.

#### Article VI: EXHIBITS

##### Section one: JURIED SHOWS

It is the intention of the Rio Grande Art Association to sponsor as many shows as possible. The Association would like to hold an open juried show once a year. The open show is not restricted to members. The members of the jury shall be persons who are not dues paying members of the Association. These jurors shall be selected by the Board. The jurors and judge may be a Board Member-at-Large.

##### MasterWorks Representatives

The Association as of the year 2000 became a co-sponsor of an annual multi-media show in Albuquerque, NM called "MasterWorks of New Mexico." MasterWorks of New Mexico is a juried show in separate categories including watermedia, pastel, miniatures and oil-acrylic-egg tempera and other media not requiring glass to exhibit. The Association's responsibility includes recruiting two members to serve on the MasterWorks Central Planning committee, who, separately will 1. Organize handling and tallying show entries in oil, acrylic, egg tempera and other media not requiring glass, and, 2. Organize a 2 or 3 day workshop in oil or acrylic or tempera painting which will be held at the MasterWorks venue. Representatives are encouraged to serve two years, the first as an active representative and the second for training and as a back-up resource.

##### Section two: MEMBERSHIP SHOWS

A membership show shall be held periodically. It is open to all Association members. It will be juried and judged the same as open shows.

##### Section three: SPECIAL SHOWS

Some special shows will be treated as an event and not juried. This classification may

include but not be restricted to a retrospective show of the work of an individual important to the Association and the community.

Section four: FEES

The Association may charge entry fees for all shows to defray the exhibition expenses. Such fees are to be set by the Board with recommendations from the Exhibit Committee. All monies collected after debts are paid shall be deposited into the general fund for operations of the Association as voted on by the general membership.

Article VII: FORFEITURE FOR NONPAYMENT

Nonpayment of dues by any member by the end of the second month after such dues are due will result in forfeiture of membership. Such member shall be dropped from the rolls of the Association.

Article VIII: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of active members voting. The proposed amendment and ballot shall be mailed to all such members. Votes shall be counted two weeks after the ballots are sent to such members. Electronic mail may also be used to vote when feasible.

ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

We certify that the foregoing amendments to Bylaws were adopted by the Directors of the Corporation at the Organizational meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 19, 2010.

Jeff Potter, President

Diane Walton Reitz, Vice-President

Terry Rafferty, Secretary

Vera Neel, Treasurer