

# Iowa Watercolor Society Bylaws

## Article I

### Name, Purpose & Location

#### A. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Iowa Watercolor Society (IWS).

#### B. Purpose

The purpose of the Iowa Watercolor Society, a nonprofit organization, shall be twofold: to support and encourage the advancement of water-based media, and to foster the appreciation and interest of both the artist and the viewing public. The activities of the Society shall include:

The publication of a newsletter to contact, inform, and share interests and efforts in the field of watercolor.

The sponsorship of an annual juried exhibition upholding the highest aesthetic standards in the field of watercolor.

The sponsorship of an annual workshop conducted by a nationally recognized artist in the field of watercolor.

Other art-related projects or activities as the Board may approve.

#### C. Location

Boundaries of the Society are confined to the state of Iowa and its six neighboring states; Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota. IWS

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## **Article II**

### **Membership**

A. Qualifications for membership include residency in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota and an age of 18 years or over

Categories of Membership

Participating Membership

Participating members shall receive the newsletter and shall have voting privileges to elect officers.

Participating members are eligible to exhibit in the annual juried exhibition.

Patron Membership Patron members shall assist financial support of IWS by contributing \$20.00 or more above membership dues.

Patron members shall receive the newsletter and shall have voting privileges to elect officers. Patron members are eligible to exhibit in the annual juried exhibition.

Patron members contributing \$100.00 or more shall receive special listing in the catalog of the annual juried-exhibition

#### Life Membership

Those making a one-time payment of \$300.00 shall be considered life members.

Thereafter, no other dues are required.

Life members retain their signature membership and all other membership privileges regardless of residence.

#### Signature Membership

Signature members shall be those who have been accepted in three (3) juried annual exhibitions. Signature members may use IWS after their signature if yearly dues are maintained. Lost signature memberships shall be reinstated upon payment of all delinquent dues.

#### Membership Dues

Membership dues shall be determined annually by the Board and published in the fall issue of the newsletter.

Annual dues cover the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st.

Annual dues in any category shall be due and payable on or before the end of January of each year.

## Membership Meetings

### Annual Meeting

Time and place of the annual meeting shall be determined by the Board. The membership shall be notified 30 days in advance.

### Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the president as needed.

The President must call for a special meeting upon the written request of four Board members, and the membership shall be notified 30 days in advance of the time and place of this meeting.

## **Article III Administration**

### Bylaws

Subject to the Articles of Incorporation, the provisions of the Bylaws shall govern membership, organization, and activities of the Iowa Watercolor Society, incorporated September 30th, 1977. A proposed amendment to the bylaws must be submitted by a member for consideration by the Board. A two-thirds majority approval of the Board members present and voting requires presentation to the membership with a notice 30 days prior to the vote. Passage of the amendment requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership present and voting.

### Board

The Board, consisting of elected officers and the appointed chairpersons, shall be authorized and directed to carry out the purposes of the organization in conformity with its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Members shall act through and be bound by the proceedings of the Board. The Board shall include the following: President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Chairs as determined by the Board.

In accordance with the procedures herein provided, the membership shall elect for a two-year term: President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President-elect shall automatically serve as President for a two-year term immediately after serving two

years as President-elect. Duties of Elected Officers

#### President

Shall be chairperson of the Board.

Shall be Chief Executive Officer of the Society and shall preside at the annual meeting and all meetings of the Board.

Shall enforce all regulations relating to administration of the Society.

Shall appoint committee chairpersons, subject to the approval of the Board.

Shall serve on the Board as Past President for two years upon retirement from the Presidency.

Shall call Board meetings when needed or when requested in writing by four Board members. (In lieu of meetings, the President has the right to contact members of the Board for votes via mail, telephone, fax or e-mail.)

Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Shall appoint members of all standing committees, including the Nominating Committee.

Shall appoint an auditor to perform annual audit of financial accounts prior to annual meeting

Shall arrange for facilities and coordinate activities associated with the official IWS annual workshop, exhibition, and annual meeting.

#### President-Elect

Shall perform all duties of the president when the President is not available.

Shall, in advance, contract and engage jurors for the annual exhibitions to be held during his/her future two-year term as president.

Shall assist the President upon request.

Shall be the liaison between the Board and any appointed committee chairperson.

#### Secretary

Shall record and keep on permanent file all resolutions and proceedings of the annual meetings.

Shall record all correspondence of the Society and send notice of meetings.

Shall perform such other duties assigned by the President.

#### Treasurer

Shall receive all monies of the Society and immediately record and deposit funds to the bank account of the Society and shall keep an up-to-date record of funds and financial transactions at all times.

Shall pay all authorized financial obligations of the Society.

Shall make a complete yearly financial report of the Society prior to the annual meeting.

Shall perform such other duties assigned by the President .

#### Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the Board.

### **Article IV Activities**

#### Newsletter and Website

The IWS newsletter and website shall be the official publication of the Society. The intended purpose shall be:

To publish information concerning the activities of IWS and its members.

To stimulate interest in watercolor throughout Iowa.

#### Publishing Dates:

One issue prior to annual exhibition and annual meeting.

One issue following exhibition and annual meeting.

Additional issues as the Communication and Public Relations Committee, items to be published, and the Board determine.

#### Annual Exhibition of IWS

One of the primary goals of the Society is to produce an annual juried exhibition in accordance with the guidelines of the IWS and the Exhibition Committee as follows:

The objective shall be to organize annually a high-quality exhibition. The annual exhibition shall be open to all members and nonmembers residing in the state of Iowa.

A reasonable fee, as determined by the Board, may be charged for entry.

A non-refundable fee in an amount established by the Board shall be paid in advance by each nonmember entrant in the annual exhibition. Dues must be current or the nonmember fee paid. If necessary, a nominal handling fee may be charged by the Exhibition Committee for all accepted paintings.

#### Jury of Selection

The jury of selection shall be composed of one or more highly competent watercolor painters. At the discretion of the Exhibition Chairperson and Executive Board, the Juror may serve more than one year in succession or otherwise.

No juror shall be eligible for any award for paintings entered in the exhibit. IWS reserves the

right to reject any work not complying with the qualification set in Section v below.

The jury of selection shall be the sole judge(s) of qualified paintings to be selected for exhibition and all awards.

To qualify for exhibition acceptance, a painting must:

Have been executed within the past two years.

Be the original work of the artist. Copies of other works or published photographs shall not be accepted.

Have use of pencil for preliminary sketching only (not for permanent definition).

Have been executed with removable resists only.

Consist of one sheet only with no affixed material

Be in good taste.

### **Article V Procedures**

#### Rules of Order

The most recent edition of "Roberts Rules of Order, Revised" shall apply in all appropriate cases.

#### Elections

Officers shall be elected from and by the participating, Patron, and Life membership for a term of two years.

A Nominating Committee of three members, appointed by the President, shall provide

nominations of officers for election. Participating, Patron, and Life members may suggest to the Nominating Committee a name or names of candidates for election of officers. The ballots shall be distributed in a newsletter and the results reported at the annual meeting. Any vacancy in office shall be filled for the balance of the term by a member of the Society selected by the Executive Board.

See Article III, Section B.2 for content of slate of officers.

#### Compensation

No IWS member shall be compensated except with Board approval.