

ROCKWALL ART LEAGUE BY LAWS

(Note: Revision A approved by Rockwall Art League membership May 26, 2010.)

1. Name and Purpose

- 1.1. The League shall be known as Rockwall Art League, with Headquarters in Rockwall, Texas, but the membership is not limited to Rockwall County.
- 1.2. The Mission of the Rockwall Art League is
 - To Communicate, share ideas, educate, and support each other,
 - To bring fine art to the area,
 - To provide scholarships and support to young, talented artists, and
 - To further the education and interest of its members by its programs and exhibits, providing local, statewide, and national opportunities for artists to expand their skills, reputation, and marketability.
- 1.3. The Rockwall Art League is a private non-profit corporation. It is organized and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes. No part of its net earnings shall benefit any officer, director or private individual.

2. Membership

2.1. Membership Classifications

- 2.1.1. There shall be four classes of membership: Individual, Family, Patron, and Honorary. Annual dues for each class shall be set by the Board.
- 2.1.2. Anyone who is accepted as a member and has paid dues during the last three months of any fiscal year shall be considered paid up for the following fiscal year. The fiscal year shall commence on January 1st and end on December 31st of each year.
- 2.1.3. The Board of Directors of the League shall have the authority to increase or reduce dues as sound management of the League may require.

2.2. Individual and Family Members

- 2.2.1. All fine art artists are eligible to become individual or family members in the League.
- 2.2.2. Individual or family members shall have full voting privileges. Individual or family members are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors and to serve as officers of the League and as Chairman and members of standing or other committees of the League.

2.3. Patrons

Friends of the League, non-artists, may become patrons. Patrons may attend meetings and functions of the League, but may not hold office or have voting privileges.

2.4. Honorary Membership

2.4.1. Honorary membership in the League may be granted by the Board of Directors to any person who has made a significant contribution to the League or to art.

2.5. Resignation

2.5.1. A member may resign or surrender his membership to the League without compensation or reimbursement. No member will be allowed to transfer their membership to another individual.

3. Board of Directors

3.1. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the League and shall manage and govern the affairs of the League.

3.2. Membership of the Board -- The members of the Board of Directors shall be the officers of the League: The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate Past President, Exhibits Chair, Membership Chair, Newsletter Chair, Publicity Chair, and Liason to other art organizations.

3.3. The President shall be the Chairman of the Board. (See Duties and Responsibilities of President.)

3.4. Quorum of Board of Directors -- The quorum for the meetings of the Board of Directors to transact business shall be the presence of a majority of the Board. If no quorum is present, the meeting shall be adjourned and re-scheduled by the President.

3.5. Order of Business -- The agenda shall be prepared by the President and delivered to the rest of the Board not less than three (3) days prior to a meeting.

3.6. Meetings of the Board of Directors -- The Board of Directors shall meet when called by the Chairman and at such place as the Chairman shall determine. The Chairman shall call a meeting of the Board when requested to do so by a majority of the Board, but at the time and under the conditions prescribed by the Chairman.

3.7. Vacancy on the Board of Directors -- In the event of the vacancy of the Presidency, the duties of the Chairman shall be assumed and performed by another member, elected by the sitting Board members. For other vacancies on the Board, the President shall appoint a new person to fill that position.

3.8. The rules contained in the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order" shall govern all matters not covered in these bylaws.

4. Officers and Committee Chairpersons

4.1. Officers -- The officers of the League shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

4.2. Term

4.2.1. Term of each officer of the League shall be two years to commence on January 1st and expire on December 31st of the next ensuing year, with the exception of the Treasurer.

4.3. Appointment, Nomination and Election of Officers

4.3.1. The appointment, nomination and election of Officers will be in October of each year. At the October meeting, the slate of officers will be presented by the Nominating Committee or nominated from the floor. The officers will be elected at the December meeting. There will be an annual meeting sometime in the first quarter of the year where the budget will be presented.

4.4. Duties and Responsibilities of Officers

4.4.1. President -- The President shall execute the day-to-day administration of the business and functions of the League. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the League, shall direct the affairs of the League and provide leadership and direction to the officers and its members. (S)He shall preside at all meetings of the League and of the officers and prepare the agenda of such meetings. (S)He may create committees for such purposes as is necessary, except those created by the By Laws. (S)He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall appoint the Chairman of each Standing Committee.

4.4.2. Vice-President -- The Vice President shall be the chief assistant to the President and assume the duties of President in his absence. (S)He shall be the Chairman of the Programs Committee. (See Programs C.)

4.4.3. Secretary -- The Secretary shall be both corresponding and recording secretary. The Secretary shall prepare and keep records of each meeting of the Board of Directors, of the officers and of the members. (S)He shall maintain a file of the records and business of the League which will be filed on the Permanent Records.

4.4.4. Treasurer -- The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and of the financial records of the League. (S)He shall make necessary disbursements for the business of the League. Disbursements shall be made by checks signed by two of the following three officers: the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the President. (S)He shall maintain books and records and have them available for the Board and make reports on the financial status at the League meetings. At the end of each year, an audit will be made of the books.

4.4.5. Standing Committees -- Each Committee Chairman may appoint members of his committee.

4.4.6. Exhibitions -- It shall be the duty of the Exhibitions Chairman and Associate to make recommendations to the Board of Directors covering the plans, budget, details and other arrangements for the membership exhibitions, or other shows during the year. The Exhibition Chairman shall recruit the judge or jury for these shows, but shall approach no one whose name has not been approved by the Board.

4.4.7. Publicity -- The Publicity Chairman shall recommend to the Board means of promoting the purpose of the League. (S)He shall prepare all releases for news media.

- 4.4.8. Membership -- The Membership Chairman and committee shall accept all member applications and present name to the Board of Directors. This Chairman shall keep an accurate, up-dated membership roll in cooperation with the Treasurer, and actively recruit new members. The Membership Chairman is also responsible for notifying members that memberships need to be renewed at the beginning of each year. The Membership Chairman also assigns refreshments to 3-4 people per month for club meetings.
- 4.4.9. Programs -- The Vice President, as Chairman of the Programs Committee, shall arrange all programs, obtain meeting places for the League, make arrangements with non-member artists for lectures and programs with the approval of the President.

5. Meetings of Membership

- 5.1. Meetings -- Membership meetings will be held monthly in Rockwall, Texas.
- 5.2. Quorum -- The quorum for membership meetings shall be the majority of voting members in attendance.
- 5.3. Voting -- A majority vote shall determine any action, motion, or business at a membership meeting. Each member shall have one vote.

6. Exhibits

- 6.1. Annual Open Exhibit -- One or more open exhibits shall be held annually.
- 6.2. Fees -- The League may charge entrance fees for all exhibits to defray the exhibition expenses. These fees shall be set by the Board of Directors.

7. Amendments

- 7.1. The By Laws may be amended and changed by a 2/3 majority vote of all active members present at a League meeting. Prior notice of amendment change must be made one month in advance at a regular League meeting.