

**Santa Clarita Artists Association Inc**  
**~ Bylaws ~ Updated May 2015**

**ARTICLE I – MISSION STATEMENT, NAME and PURPOSE**

**Section 1 - MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote the visual arts in the community and to help educate and encourage members to develop their artistic talents.

**Section 2 - NAME**

The name of this nonprofit organization shall be Santa Clarita Artists Association Inc herein referred to as SCAA.

**Section 3 - PURPOSE**

- To be a source of artistic education, promotion and encouragement for the community and its members, and to provide information on artistic, technical, financial and promotional aspects of the visual arts.
- To coordinate public displays of members' art, and to work closely with public and private entities to elevate artistic awareness in the community.
- To be a center for artists to share ideas, experiences, achievements and aspirations.

**ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES and ANNUAL DUES**

**Section 1 - Full Membership:** \$50 a year entitles the member to:

- free admission to all general membership meetings and demonstrations,
- a one year subscription to the SCAA newsletter online or by mail,
- a link to their own art related web site via "Members Art" page on the SCAA web site,
- the opportunity to enter their own art work in all SCAA sponsored events and venues,
- the opportunity to hold office and vote in all General or Special elections (18 and over),
- all other benefits listed on the SCAA's web site's Benefit's page.

**Section 2 - Senior Membership:** \$40 a year, 60+ years of age. Senior members are entitled to all benefits of Full Membership.

**Section 3 - Student Membership:** \$20 a year, includes college, 12+ units or more. Student members are entitled to all benefits of Full Membership with the following exclusions: if under the age of 18 they may not vote in General or Special elections or hold SCAA office.

**Section 4 - Courtesy Membership:** No dues.

- These are given at the discretion of the Executive Board to those individuals/businesses for their past or present outstanding support or contribution to SCAA.
- Requires an Executive Board vote.
- Executive Board Members will also receive a Courtesy Membership during their term(s) and receive Full Membership Benefits.

**Section 5 - Lifetime Membership:**

The retiring President shall be entitled to a free lifetime full membership upon retirement from office if they have completed a minimum of one full term or at the discretion of the Executive Board.

**Section 6 - Annual Dues:** to annual dues are recommended by the Executive Board. The members present at a General Meeting will vote on changing the dues. All membership dues are payable on January 1st and are valid for one calendar year. Membership fees paid during and after the Art Classic Event in October will be credited to the next year's dues.

### **ARTICLE III - GENERAL MEETINGS**

**Section 1 - General Meetings:** These meetings shall be held each month. If there is an emergency or scheduling conflict, the meeting date may be changed by the President or by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

**Section 2 - Quorum:**

A quorum of 15% of the Membership must be present at any meeting to conduct general member voting.

**Section 3 - Non-Members:** A non-member guest may attend the General Meeting free of charge.

### **ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS**

**Section 1- Nominations:**

- The existing Executive Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three Members in October of each year to select nominees for the next year's Executive Board.
- Existing Board members shall be offered the opportunity to be nominated first (see Term Limits, Section 3).
- Nominees must give their consent prior to being presented to the General Membership during the November General Meeting.
- Nominations "from the floor" will be accepted by the Nominating Committee during the November General Meeting.

**The following offices require nomination and election: President ~ Vice President ~ Recording Secretary ~ Treasurer**

**Section 2 - Elections:**

1. Elections will be conducted during the November General Meeting,
2. The candidates will be elected to each office by a simple majority of the voting members present during the election.
3. New officers will be installed at the December General Meeting.

**Section 3 - Term of Office:** Each Executive Board position will be for one calendar year. The President may hold the same office for no more than four consecutive terms.

There are no term limits for Committee Chairs.

**Section 4 - Vacancy of Office:** In the event the office of President becomes vacant prior to the completion of the term, the Vice President will assume the duties of President Pro tem, and will complete the balance of the scheduled term. Pro tem service shall not be counted toward the four term limitation period. Other vacancies of elected office shall be filled by election at a time determined by the Executive Board.

## **Section 5 - Duties and Responsibilities:**

### **1. President –**

- Presides over all SCAA meetings and is a member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- Conducts all Executive Board and Board meetings.
- Appoints members to the Board to fill available non-executive positions.
- Acts as spokesperson for the membership in all external matters, and shares responsibility for all correspondence with other civic and governmental agencies.
- Determines the Board meeting schedule at the first Board meeting of the year.
- Prepares an Annual Budget Proposal (in coordination with the Treasurer) for presentation to the Board and General Membership.

The budget is due at the October Board and finalized at the February Board meeting.

During the year, reviews budgets and recommends changes as necessary to the Board.

- The President has the power to excuse a board member from attending a board meeting.

### **2. Vice President -**

- Presides over all General Membership and Board of Directors meetings in the absence of the President.
- Assists the President in selecting committees and chairpersons.
- Completes other duties as assigned by the President.

### **3. Recording Secretary –**

- Records and maintains minutes of Board meetings including financial reports and records a brief summary of each General Meeting.
- Maintains a loose-leaf binder of all meeting minutes which will be available to any member upon request.
- Is responsible for maintaining attendance sheets at General Meetings

### **4. Treasurer –**

- Maintains records of all financial transactions including expenditures and deposits in a checking account.
- Approves and initials all invoices prior to payment.
- Prepares an un-audited Annual Financial Statement to be presented to the Executive Board.
- Assists the President in preparation of the Annual Budget.
- Prepares a written monthly reports for the Executive Board meetings with a copy to the Secretary.
- Maintains and records all required legal documents pertaining to the Association's 501( c ) 3 status.
- Pays out member's sales within 30 days of the sale's transaction.

## **• ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **Section 1 - PURPOSE:**

- The Executive Board consists of four elected positions.
- Manages the administrative operation of SCAA.
- Makes recommendations to the membership.
- Oversees all events, policies and procedures; acts in emergencies without a special meeting of the Board of Directors or the General Membership.
- Immediate Past President may vote in case of a tie.

**Section 2 - ORGANIZATION:**

The Board of Directors (also known as the "Board") consists of all elected officers, appointed committee chairpersons, and the immediate past president. Committee chairpersons are appointed by the President, and serve as voting members of the board.

**Section 3 - VOTING:**

- A quorum of 50% of the elected and appointed Board members is required at all Board meetings for voting on official transactions.
- Emergency board votes may be taken by telephone polling or email, subject to approval at the next board meeting and entered in the minutes.
- Any board member may act as Proxy for another board member during board voting, provided prior written notification has been given by the absent member to the secretary.

**Section 4 - EXPENDITURES:**

All reimbursements must be submitted with a voucher to the Treasurer for payment. Any non-budgeted amount must be approved by two Executive Board Members.

**Section 5 - BY-LAW REVIEW:**

At least three (3) Executive Board Members shall review the Bylaws annually, and recommend changes to the general membership as required. Bylaws will then be amended and become effective immediately after membership approval.

**Section 6 - MEETINGS:**

The Board will meet at least monthly, with meeting schedules posted in the SCAA newsletter. Any current member, with notification to the Secretary, may attend Board meetings as a non-voting observer. Meeting times and locations may be designated by the President or a majority of the board.

**Section 7 - MEMBER REMOVAL:**

The Board shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any person for cause. Reasons for termination shall include, but are not limited to: any act which brings discredit to SCAA, recurrent violation of the SCAA Bylaws, or immoral conduct.

The Executive Board may also remove any member of the Executive Board or Board of Directors for just cause if the assigned duties and responsibilities of the position are not met. Termination is approved by a 2/3 vote of the board.

**Section 8 - License and Insurance of SCAA:**

Included in Annual Budget:

- a. Board of Directors Insurance: current, up to date and reviewed annually by Executive Board.
- b. Liability Insurance: current, up to date and in April by the Executive Board.
- c. 501(c) 3 filing status: current and up to date and on file with the President.

## **ARTICLE VI - APPOINTED OFFICERS**

### **Section 1 - ORGANIZATION:**

- Members shall be appointed by the President to serve as voting officers of the Board of Directors.
- All officers are expected to attend all Board meetings, or if unable to do so notify the President in advance.
- Appointed officers may serve as the chairpersons of specific committees, and shall document and report their committee's activities to the board.
- Each chairperson shall organize and maintain a Procedures and Resources Binder which will be passed on to each successive chairperson.

### **Section 2 – POSITIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

These chairs have one vote on the Board of Directors.

- **Art Classic Co-Chairs:** Oversees all aspects concerning the annual Art Classic event and provides information as necessary [but not limited to] the Newsletter Editor, Fundraising and Publicity Chairpersons.
- **Fundraising Chairperson:** Provides means for ongoing donations and support for SCAA programs throughout the calendar year.
- **Hospitality Chairperson:** Coordinates refreshments at SCAA events.
- **Membership Chairperson:** Sends welcome letters, renewal reminder letters, and maintains records of member status. Maintains and updates the membership roster.
- **Publicity Chair:** Coordinates advertisement for exhibits and events through local newspapers, radio, television, print and other organizations. Provide publicity clippings, newsletters, and other memorabilia for archival purposes to the Historian.
- **\*Program Chair:** Oversees all plans and coordination for monthly meetings.
- **Scholarship Chair:** Coordinates entry and selection of local high school student art for scholarship consideration. Coordinates the scholarship competition and awards.
- **Gallery Chair Committee:** Coordinates all aspects of the managing of the gallery and reports to the Executive Board. Only votes when there is a gallery.
- **Technical Director Chair:** Works closely with venue coordinator to determine event set-up needs. Gathers and arranges transport of required supplies. Supervises set up and tear down of panels, lights, etc. Provides technical advice for Executive Board. Works with board members to keep storage center organized.
- **Events Chair:** Coordinates all events except for Art Classic.

**These committees actively support SCAA. They do not have a vote on the Board of Directors.**

- **Sunshine Coordinator:** Sends out cards and/or flowers to acknowledge illness, deaths, as well as very special happy occasions to members.
- **Social Network Coordinator:** Handles all announcements and activities of the SCAA on Social Networks such as (but not limited to) Facebook, City Calendar, Fine Art America
- **Graphics:** Prepares graphics for events including posters, postcards, gallery tags, etc.
- **Grants:** Heads the committee to research and apply for grants.
- **Exhibit Coordinator:** Coordinates rotating exhibits for member displays within their venue. Provides advance information to members about details for these displays including limitations, timing and subject requirements.
- **Historian:** Records and maintains a chronological history of the Association and the members through photo albums, scrapbooks, videos, or other methods as appropriate.
- **Newsletter Editor:** Reminds Executive Board and Committee Chairs of deadline to submit information. Creates monthly newsletter with given information. Distributes to membership via email.

- **Newsletter Snailmail:** Has copies made of current newsletter. Mails via snailmail to those members without email.
- **Plein Aire Coordinator:** Coordinates paint outs, sends information to newsletter editor.
- **Webmaster:** Maintains updates and publishes the SCAA web site as needed.

## **ARTICLE VII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The operation of the SCAA shall be governed by "Roberts' Rules of Order", latest revision, in all instances not covered by these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VIII -AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

### **Section 1 - Review and Amendment:**

The Board of Directors shall begin a review of the Bylaws in February following installation of new officers. They will be updated as necessary. Membership approval of proposed changes is required.

### **Section 2 - Ratification:**

The By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at a General Meeting at which a quorum (15% of general membership) is present. Notice must be given to all members at least 5 days prior to the general meeting.

### **Section 3 -Addenda:**

When it becomes necessary to add new Committees, the Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws without approval. Chairpersons will have the rights and responsibilities equal to already established Chairpersons.

**ARTICLE IX - FISCAL YEAR:** is the calendar year – beginning in January and ending in December.

**ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION:** In the event of dissolution of SCAA, the Executive Board shall assign all assets to an educational organization chosen by the membership in accordance with the IRS Code, Section 501(c) (3)s

- *Revised February 2012*
- *Revised May 2015*

## **STANDING RULES:**

### **1. AWARDS**

- The **Huff Award** is named for a former SCAA officer. It is awarded to someone who has given extra effort to make others aware of SCAA.
- The **Service Award** is given to members who perform extraordinary work on behalf of SCAA.
- These awards are not given every year. They are awarded when someone goes far beyond expectation. The Board approves the choices. Awards are presented at the Art Classic.

### **2. DUES**

- Any dues paid after the Art Classic will be good for the following calendar year.
- Officers can contribute the amount of their dues to be given to a prospective member who could use financial assistance to pay his or her dues.

### **3. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

SCAA scholarship award amounts will be \$1000, \$750, and \$500.

### **4. SCAA COMMISSION FEES**

SCAA commission fees on artwork sold at SCAA sponsored events and venues will increase to 25% beginning April 1, 2015.

### **5. GALLERY PLAN**

The board will establish a plan to research, obtain, and fund a gallery within a two-year period. All money raised through SCAA raffles this year will go into a separate account to be spent on leasing a gallery.





