

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
OF THE  
SANTA CLARA ART ASSOCIATION**

Revised 2007

ARTICLE I NAME: SANTA CLARA ART ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of this organization is to help, by example and assistance, the furtherance of individual art talent.

Section 2: Our policy will be to support, whenever possible, any activity that promotes community interest in and appreciation of art.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Eligibility: open membership.

Section 2: Dues: Annual dues shall be that amount determined by the Board and approved by a simple majority of members at a subsequent General meeting. Dues shall be payable on or before the January meeting and shall be considered delinquent after that date. New members entering on or after July shall pay a prorated amount of not less than one-half of the annual dues. Any member who has not paid his/her dues may not vote nor exhibit with the club.

ARTICLE IV ELECTIONS

Election of officers: At the September meeting a nominating committee composed of three members shall be elected by a simple majority of members in attendance. The slate of officers shall be listed in the club newsletter in October and shall be presented at the October meeting. At the November meeting, the slate of officers shall be presented again and nominations open to the floor. Voting will follow. The new officers shall be installed at the December Party.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

The officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Duties are as follows:

**President** shall preside over all member meetings and board meetings. President shall also appoint chairs for all standing committees.

**Vice President** shall assume the duties of President whenever that officer is unable to preside. Vice President shall also serve as Program Chair.

**Secretary** shall record minutes and maintain proper records.

**Treasurer** shall receive and distribute all monies for the club at the direction of the Board and shall propose an annual budget to the Board.

The officers shall meet periodically with the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Regular monthly meetings shall be conducted at the hour and place as designated by the Board. All meetings shall be open to the members and general public.

#### ARTICLE VII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings of the club shall be governed by parliamentary law as set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised*.

#### ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by any member or the Board. Recommended amendments must be reviewed by the Board and presented to the membership at a general meeting. Amendments will be approved by a two-thirds vote of those present at a general meeting. A notice of the proposed amendment must be submitted at a previous general meeting or submitted to the membership by email or mail at least one general meeting prior to the vote.

#### ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

Upon the dissolution or termination of activity of this Club, all remaining assets (after payment of all legal debts and obligation of the Club) shall be distributed to a tax exempt organization in such a manner as the Board of Directors or persons in charge of liquidation or dissolution shall determine.