

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Washington Water Color Association.

The principal location of this organization shall be in Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of the Washington Water Color Association is to bring together the best water media artists in the Washington D.C. area to share mutual interests, enrich their art experience and that of the communities and make creative contributions to the community.

The Association shall conduct and promote creative and educational activities in the art of watercolor.

These purposes are to be served by:

- + sponsoring watercolor exhibitions
- + sponsoring painting workshops
- + sponsoring painting excursions
- + inviting guest artists and speakers to address our meetings
- + holding annual membership meetings
- + donating cash awards to specific watercolor exhibits
- + issuing newsletters to the membership

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

The membership shall consist of Active and Honorary members. Membership shall be open to adults over 18 years of age.

Section 2. Only artists creating water media works on paper, and under glass or Plexiglas shall be eligible for active membership.

Section 3. Membership Status

To obtain membership status, applicants must possess artistic skill of high caliber, must have been juried into three exhibitions within two years of application, submit samples of their work and must submit a resumé or background history to be elected. An application fee may apply.

Membership selection shall be made annually or semi-annually.

Each year, a jury of five WWCA artists shall select members from the applicants. This jury shall be selected by the Membership Chairman and shall remain anonymous.

Section 4. Active Members

Active members will be those accepted by jury, who pay regular membership dues and who are accorded all privileges of exhibiting and voting.

Section 5. Honorary Members

Honorary Members shall be persons to whom the Association wishes to express its esteem and respect and who wish to aid the purpose of the Association. They may attend all meetings of the Association, but shall have no vote and pay no dues. They shall be life members. Honorary Members are artists of national reputation who have been given complimentary membership. An Honorary Member is selected by the Executive Board and voted on by the general membership.

Article IV. DUES

Section 1. Annual dues of active

members shall be an amount determined by the Board of Directors and ratified by the membership at a general meeting. The dues shall be paid to the Treasurer, no later than March 1, of each year. Fiscal year January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. Members in arrears for

dues for one year shall be notified by the Treasurer. If dues are not paid after one month, the member may be suspended from the membership and must reapply.

Section 3. The Treasurer and

Membership Chairs shall keep records of membership.

Article V. GOVERNANCE

Section 1. The following shall be elected officers of the Board of Directors:

President/Director *Chairperson*

**Vice-President/
Director** *Program
Chairperson*

**Recording
Secretary/Director** *Records minutes
of meetings and
board meetings*

Treasurer/Director *Keeps financial
records and
issues checks*

All other persons shall be appointed by the President.

- + Publicity
- + Exhibitions
- + Newsletter Editor
- + Mailing
- + Hospitality
- + Telephone
- + Membership
- + Parliamentarian
- + Workshops
- + Historian
- + Care Chair

Any other deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Association.

All past Presidents are an Advisory Board and may attend Board Meetings. In case of a vacancy occurring within the term, the President shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the President in the second December of the President's term.

This committee shall report a slate of officers by February and the election to take place at the Spring meeting.

Nominations from the floor shall be accepted at that time. No member may serve consecutive terms on the Nominating Committee. Officers shall be elected by favorable votes of two thirds of the votes cast.

Section 3. Election may be by voice vote, if there is but one nominee for an office or by mail-in ballot. Election and installation will be held at the Spring membership meeting. A term of office shall be for two years. No proxies shall be allowed in elections.

Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be the ones usually performed in the office, together with any specific duties assigned by the President or in the by laws.

Section 5. In the absence of both the President, and Vice President, the Treasurer shall preside and in his/her absence, the Secretary.

Section 6. The President shall preside over the business of the organization and shall chair the meetings of the Board and membership meetings.

The President may sign checks when necessary.

The President and the Treasurer shall prepare the annual budget.

A meeting of the Board shall be at the call of the President.

A quorum of the Board shall be five members.

Article VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. Board meetings shall be called by the President, and or if deemed necessary by any member of the elected Board, five members of the Board must be present.

Section 2. There shall be three "regular meetings held each year: in the fall, midwinter and spring.

Section 3. The (first of an administration) annual meeting shall be the regular meeting held in the spring.

Section 4. A quorum for general membership meetings shall be ten members. A meeting of less than

ten members shall be called an informal meeting and no action may be taken.

Article VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint a Parliamentarian and chairman of standing and special committees as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Association.

Article VIII.

PARLIAMENTARIAN AUTHORITY

“Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall govern the proceedings in cases not provided for in these By-laws.

Article IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended, repealed or restated provided they are presented to the membership in writing, in advance. The by-laws may be amended at a regular meeting by a majority vote of members present or by returning the ballot by mail to the President 20 days after publication.

Article X. MEETINGS

1. Call to Order.
2. Reading of Minutes
of proceeding meeting.
3. Treasurer Report.
4. Reports of Officers and
Committees.
5. Unfinished Business – *when
applicable, no 6,7,8 or 9.*
6. Nominating Committee report.
7. Nominations from the floor.
8. Voting.
9. Installation of Officers.
10. New Business.
11. Adjourn.
12. Program

Article XI. Dissolution

Section 1. In the event of the necessity of dissolution of the organization: upon dissolution, and after all expenses are paid, the remaining assets will be distributed to a 501 (c)(3) organization chosen by the Board of Directors.

Revised May 2012 and approved by the Membership.