

HAMILTON COUNTY ARTISTS' ASSOCIATION, INC.
CONSTITUTION
(Revised 2016)

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Hamilton County Artists' Association, Inc."

ARTICLE II
INCORPORATION

Section A: The Hamilton County Artists' Association shall be a non-profit organization.

Section B: None of the officers or members of the Hamilton County Artists' Association shall benefit financially from the dissolution of the organization.

Section C: Upon the dissolution of the Hamilton County Artists' Association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Hamilton County Artists' Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Hamilton County Artists' Association by equal donations to the Art Departments of the High Schools in Hamilton County.

ARTICLE III
OBJECT

The aims of this organization shall be:

To provide opportunities for artistic development, fellowship and art appreciation to its members and the community; thereby enhancing the quality of life in Hamilton County.

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERSHIP

Section A: **Levels and Dues:** The levels of membership and annual dues pertaining thereto shall be determined by vote of the membership. (See Standing Rules for more information on levels of membership and dues for each.)

Section B: **Membership Requirements:** Application for Juried Artist Membership shall be limited to residents or former residents of Hamilton County who are interested in the purposes of the association. Members who change their county of residence within the state may retain membership status. Responsibilities and requirements of Juried Artist Membership are detailed in the Standing Rules. The Constitution and the Standing Rules of the Hamilton County Artists' Association shall be made available to each member.

Section C: **Membership Levels:** Shall be recommended by the Board, voted on by the membership, and accepted with a 51% majority vote of responding Juried Artist Members.

**ARTICLE V
OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

The governing body of the HCAA shall be the Officers and Board of Directors. (See Standing Rules for details and duties for each.)

Section A. Elections:

1. The election of all Officers and Board of Director positions shall be held by the November meeting.
2. Eligible members may be placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee or from the floor prior to the vote.
3. Election for any office or board member position shall be by a majority vote of the Juried Artist Members present.
4. New officers shall assume their duties in January.
5. In the case of the resignation or incapacitation of the President, the Vice President of Exhibitions shall assume the responsibilities of the President, and shall immediately call a general meeting for the purpose of electing a new Vice-President. All other vacancies of office shall be filled by a majority vote of Juried Artist Members present at the meeting following the creation of the vacancy.
6. The term of office for all officers and board members shall be one year. It is recommended that no officer or board member serve in the same office for more than two consecutive years.

Section B. Board of Directors: See Standing Rules.

**ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS**

Section A. General Meetings

1. There shall be one (1) general membership meeting per month.

Section B. Extra Meetings:

1. Emergency meetings may be called by the President or the Board of Directors when necessary.
2. Board of Directors Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet as stated in the Standing Rules.

**ARTICLE VII
STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Membership and Participation Committee and Nominating Committee shall seek nominees for chairpersons for each of the Standing Committees. (See Standing Rules.)

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS**

Section A. Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be presented in writing at a general membership meeting.

Section B. Amendments to the Constitution shall be made by ballot. Fifty-one percent (51%) affirmative vote of all responding ballots are required to make the changes.

**ARTICLE IX
GOVERNANCE**

Section A. The rules contained in the Constitution shall govern the Association in all cases where they apply and are not inconsistent.

Section B. “Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised” shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure.