

EXECUTIVE BOARD PROPOSED NEW BY-LAWS of THREE CITIES ART CLUB
Effective May 2, 2022

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this organization shall be Three Cities Art Club.

ARTICLE II Objectives

To promote the mutual acquaintance of those interested in the arts, to stimulate and guide toward practical expression the artistic sense of the Three Cities Art Club members, and to advance the knowledge and appreciation of the fine arts in every possible manner in the community. Provide opportunities for members to exhibit and possibly sell their art.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1. Membership (a) Members shall be artists and/or patrons interested in the aims of this club. (b) Upon payment of annual dues shall be eligible to participate in and vote in general meetings, attend club functions, receive notices and information distributed by the club, enter their work in club shows and sales, and serve on committees. (c) Prospective members may attend up to three meetings before membership. Dues shall be paid prior to the fourth meeting.

Section 2. Dues (a) The Executive Board, subject to a quorum approval of the membership, shall establish dues. (b) If dues are paid by November, they will be in the membership directory. If dues are paid April or later, that payment will be applied to next years' membership.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer

Section 2. The officers of this organization shall perform the duties prescribed for them as follows: **(a) President** (1) Shall see that all laws and resolutions are enforced; (2) Shall transact or delegate all necessary business with officers of the club; (3) At the end of the fiscal year she/he shall prepare and submit to the club a report on the administrative activities of the club during the prior year; (4) Shall recommend to the club for adoption such measures as she/he may deem necessary; (5) Shall represent the club at all public and professional activities; (6) Shall appoint standing committee chairpersons as she/he deems necessary; (7) Shall preside over both the General Meeting and the Executive Board Meeting. **(b) Vice President** (1) Shall be the President pro-tempore in the absence of the President and shall exercise the powers associated with that office; (2) Shall perform other such duties and have other such responsibilities as the President deems necessary to the administration of the club's government. **(c) Secretary** (1) Shall keep a record of all laws, resolutions, or club's proceedings; (2) Shall be custodian of papers, documents, and records pertaining to the government of this club; (3) Shall provide copies of the by-laws for all members; (4) Shall answer all communications as directed by the Executive Board; (5) Shall perform other such duties and have other responsibilities as the President deems necessary to the administration of the club's government. **(d) Treasurer** (1) The Treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys of the club and all evidences of value belonging to the club; (2) Shall collect and deposit all moneys in such manner and only in such places as may be determined by the Executive Board and shall report the same in detail to the Secretary and members as requested; (3) Shall sign check and pay all bills; (4) Shall be the general accountant of the club and shall keep the books of account of the assets, receipts, and expenditures of the club; (5) Shall perform other such duties and have other such responsibilities as the President deems necessary; (6) Shall keep the club advised at all times as to the financial condition and needs of the club.

Section 3. **Election and Term of Office** (a) Officers shall be nominated by a member or may volunteer to run for office. Providing there is one name for each office, a motion may be made that the President authorize the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate presented. In the event there is more than one name presented for an office, a written ballot must be cast – a majority rules. Election of officers shall take place at the Annual May meeting. (b) The term of office shall be one year.

ARTICLE V. Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:45 p.m. unless otherwise ordered by the organization.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President and shall be called upon the request of three members. An attempt to notify all members shall be made at least 24 hours prior to said special meetings.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of 1/3 of the members.

ARTICLE VI. Boards

Section 1. The Board shall consist of elected officers (i.e., Executive Board) and Committee Chairpersons. The following shall be the Committee Chairperson(s): (a) Exhibition (b) Historian (c) Hospitality (d) Membership (e) Newsletter (f) Online Presence – Website and Facebook (g) Programs (h) Sunshine (i) Technical Assistant. Each Officer and Committee Chairperson shall have one (1) vote on the Board at the discretion of the President.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet when the President deems necessary.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall be empowered to carry out all governmental activities of the club, which conform to the stated aims of the club.

ARTICLE VII. Exhibits

Section 1. The Executive Board shall provide for at least two member shows annually.

Section 2. At the discretion of the Executive Board, non-members may be invited to submit their work for approval to exhibit in club shows.

Section 3. Members previous judged work may not be re-submitted in future judged shows. Entries in judged shows must be original. No copied work unless proof of permission. Possible exception is when the artist gives credit to the originator.

Section 4. Judged show awards shall be limited to one award per artist. (President or Exhibition Chair to make these rules clear to the judge prior to judging.)

ARTICLE VIII. Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended at any General Meeting, provided that the proposed amendments are submitted in writing at a previous meeting or received in the mail or email by the membership before the vote, then a simple major vote of the membership present is necessary.

Ratification:

1. These By-Laws shall become effective and binding upon their adoption by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership present at the February 1964 meeting.
2. These By-Laws shall become effective and binding upon their adoption by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership present at the March 1975 meeting.
3. These By-Laws shall become effective and binding upon their adoption by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership present at the October 1988 meeting.
4. These By-Laws shall become effective and binding upon their adoption by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership present at the May 2022 meeting.