

# VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION

## BYLAWS 2003

These revised BYLAWS 2003 replace prior BYLAWS of September 17, 1999, Addendums "A", "B" and Amendment #1.

The amendments to the bylaws have been incorporated and are shown in ***italic format***. The date of the amendment is identified at the end of the bylaws.

### ARTICLE I

The name of the organization shall be **Visual Arts Association of the Villages**, hereafter to be referred to as the Association or VAA, a not for profit organization located in **The Villages, Florida**. (**Amendment #1**)

### ARTICLE II

The purpose of the Association shall be to foster and encourage artistic talent and its appreciation and to bring together people interested in encouraging artists, amateur and professional, and to co-operate with other organizations having similar ideals and purposes, and to further opportunities for participation in classes and shows. In addition, the Association will provide art appreciation services and support to area children and schools, developed on an annual basis.

### ARTICLE III

The membership of the Association shall consist of dues paying members, and open to all **residents of The Villages**. (**Amendment #2**). The fiscal year is **September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>**. (**Amendment #4**). Dues shall be set annually by the Executive Committee, payable in September and must be current to participate in Association membership activities.

### ARTICLE IV

**Elective Officers** – shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Each elected officer shall serve a term of 2 years and may succeed him or herself only once. They may be re-elected after an absence of one year.

**Appointed Officers** – are 6 other members of the Executive Committee, to be appointed by the President, and shall serve 1 year terms. Past Presidents automatically become members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall manage the entire general affairs of the Association.

The Executive Committee shall meet as required. A quorum of 2/3 shall be necessary for any action or expenditures of the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE V ADVISORY BOARD

When called upon by the Executive Committee, the Board of Advisors will assist with artistic, financial and community concerns. Members of this board will be selected from educational, municipal, business and community organizations, and from Visual Arts Association members.

All board members shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All elected officers shall be full time residents of The Villages, Florida.

A Nominating Committee of four persons shall be appointed by the President 4 months prior to the election. The slate of nominees will be presented at the April general meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor. The final slate will be voted on at the May meeting. The newly elected officers will begin their terms in September. In the event an elected officer is unable to complete the term of office, the President can appoint, with the approval of the remaining Executive Board, a replacement for the balance of the year.

### OFFICERS JOB DESCRIPTION

**President:** Shall preside over all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee and the meetings of the general membership, appoint committees and committee chairpersons as specified in the Bylaws and participate as a voting member on any committee.

**Vice President:** Shall preside in the absence of the President, provide liaison with other arts organizations in the County and the region, and shall co-ordinate all standing committees.

**Secretary:** Shall record minutes of all proceedings at meetings of the Executive Committee as well as those of the general meetings.

**Treasurer:** Shall receive and disburse all monies with checks, maintaining appropriate and accurate records of all financial transactions.

## ARTICLE VII STANDING COMMITTEES

All standing committees shall be appointed or replaced by the Executive Committee, and the chairperson elected by those members serving on said committee shall report to the Vice President and/or the Executive Committee.

**Program -** The Chairperson is responsible, along with the committee, for planning scheduled programs such as lectures, films, etc. All proposed events shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

**Hospitality -** The chairperson is responsible for refreshments at major functions of the Association. He or she may have a committee as large as necessary.

**Membership -** The Chairperson is responsible for the collection of Association dues, maintains a membership list for the Association and submits monies collected to the Treasurer.

**Publicity -** The chairperson is an ex-officio of the Program Committee and is responsible for publications, radio and television coverage for the Association activities.

## ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Membership Meetings are scheduled for the THIRD (3<sup>rd</sup>) FRIDAY of each month, unless otherwise announced. Time 1:00 PM – Location to be published in monthly newsletter. The executive board meets at 10:30 AM prior to the regular monthly meetings, and/or at any time it becomes necessary.

## ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

These BYLAWS may be amended by written notification to the membership 30 days prior to a general membership vote. Such amendment shall require a majority vote of the members in attendance.

## ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

The VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION shall continue until the event of dissolution by its members, at which time the entire assets of the Association, together with any and all accumulations thereto, shall be distributed in accordance with the majority vote of the then membership to either a succeeding organization or distributed to charitable organizations.

## ARTICLE XI RULES FOR ART SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

**Acceptance:** Only artwork by VAA members in good standing will be accepted for exhibit. (See Article III regarding dues.)

**Media:** All artwork entered must be entirely original by the exhibiting artist. Two and three-dimensional work may be entered. Only fine art may be entered.

**Condition of Submitted Artwork:** Photos, watercolors and pastels, etc. shall be matted and framed. Works must be exhibition ready with appropriate wire, frame, glass or Plexiglas, etc. Oils and acrylics framed at the artist's discretion. **Gallery wrap is acceptable. (Amendment #3)** Due to local governmental policy, art of political, religious and nudity subjects will not be accepted for exhibits.

**Entry:** Placement of exhibiting pieces will be at the discretion of the Hanging Committee, which is also responsible for coordination of any replacement by artists of removal or sold art. Entry fees, size and number of entries allowed per event to be determined by Executive Committee and to be published in monthly newsletter. All entrants will be required to sign a liability disclaimer.

**Registration:** Each piece requires a VAA display card made out by the artist, unless advised otherwise by the Hanging Committee.

**Removal of Artwork:** Every artist is responsible for replacement and/or removal of his or her own work. Notify a representative of the Hanging Committee and also the public official or manager of the site when removing or replacing any work. When a member agrees to exhibit, they agree that the artwork shall hang for the duration of the show.

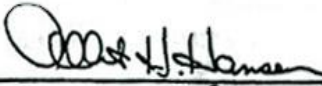
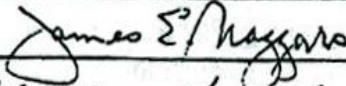
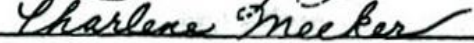
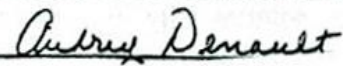
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## ARTICLE XII SOLICITATIONS

No member may use the Visual Arts Association name in solicitations for contributions, discounts, or displays, without the written approval of the Executive Committee. Member misrepresentation can result in expulsion from the Association.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**RATIFICATION**

These BY LAWS of the VISUAL ARTS ASSOCIATION are hereby adopted by certified members in the regular

Signed: President   
Vice-President   
Secretary   
Treasurer 

meeting this 18day of April, year 2003.

**Amendments**

In accordance with Article IX (Amendments) the following Amendments were presented to the membership of the VAA at least 30 days prior to being voted on unanimously, and accepted by the Officers and Executive Committee of the VAA on dates shown.

**Amendment #1** Article I accepted on August 23, 2004.

**Amendment #2** Article III accepted on August 23, 2004

**Amendment #3** Article XI accepted on April 19, 2006

**Amendment #4** Article III accepted on February 15, 2008

**Amendment #5** Article III accepted on February 15, 2008