

BYLAWS
SOUTHWESTER LEAGUE OF FINE ARTS

Article I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be Southwestern League of Fine Arts, hereafter referred to as the League.

Article II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the League shall be to promote an appreciation of the arts among the public and to educate the developing artist. The League shall be dedicated to the highest aesthetic standards and shall foster interest through demonstrations, workshops, and competitive exhibits.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three classes of membership, admission to which shall be conditioned upon approval of the Board of Directors.

1. General Membership: All new applicants shall join as general members. As general members, they are eligible for all activities of the League including voting and serving on committees.
2. Signature Member: A member must be juried into 3 juried shows in a three year period to achieve signature status.
3. Honorary/Lifetime Membership: A member who has made an exceptionally significant contribution to the League is eligible for Lifetime Membership. He/she shall pay no membership dues and he/she shall be identified as a Lifetime Member on the roster. The Executive Board may vote on an Honorary Member for various reasons. Names of persons to be considered may be submitted for approval to the Executive Board.

Article IV – DUES

Membership dues shall be set by the Executive Board and voted upon by the members. Dues shall be based on a budget prepared by the Treasurer.

The membership year shall be May through April. Dues are payable to the League on or before the April general meeting and are delinquent after the May general meeting. New members joining the League after September 1 shall pay an amount based on the remaining months in the membership year.

Non-payment of dues or assessments by an active member beyond May 30 shall be grounds for suspension from membership and the loss of all entitlements.

Special assessments may be made as necessary should dues prove insufficient. The assessment shall be approved by two-thirds of the membership present at any scheduled meeting.

Article V – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Management of the League shall be vested in an Executive Board consisting of elected members and appointed standing committee chairpersons or co-chairpersons. Any Board member who misses three consecutive board meetings without just cause will be relieved of his/her duties.

The Executive Board consists of the following :

President	Vice-President	Treasurer
Secretary	Membership	Publicity

And the following committee chairpersons and/or co-chairpersons have a vote on the executive board:

Show and Exhibit committee	Jury Committee	Program Committee
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1. The Executive Board members shall be jointly responsible for determining responsibilities of Board members including, but not limited to:
 - a. Conducting meetings (President).
 - b. Liaison to vendors. Liaison to all committee's. (Vice-President)
 - c. Collecting, depositing and disbursing League funds, as approved by the Board, and preparing a Monthly report, and end-of-fiscal-year statement and the following year's budget (Treasurer).
 - d. Recording board and general meeting notes and handling correspondence. (Secretary)
 - e. Providing educational programs at general meetings. (Program Chairman)
 - f. Providing the membership with opportunities to exhibit their work. (Show Chairman)
 - g. Shaping and directing general policies of the League.
 - h. Appointing committee chairpersons and persons to fill vacancies on the Board.
2. The Executive Board may invite members to attend Board meetings in an advisory capacity.
 - a. All scheduled Executive Board meetings are open to members.
 - b. Tenure of elected Board members shall be two years, not to exceed two consecutive terms. (Four years)

- c. The Executive Board shall consist of six elected Board Members and appointed Standing Committee Chairpersons, not to exceed a total of fourteen Board Members
 - d. Board Members shall assume their duties following their installation at the March meeting.
3. Election of Board Members
- a. Three Board Members will be elected each year.
 - b. The President, Vice President and Secretary will be voted for in 2009 for a two year term.
 - c. The Treasurer, Membership and Publicity will be voted for the following year.
 - d. The Elected Officers will continue to be voted for in this rotation every year.
 - e. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for election at the February general meeting.
 - f. Nominations may be made from the floor at the February meeting.
 - g. Voting shall be by written ballot at the February meeting. Election shall be by a simple majority.
 - h. Results of balloting shall be reported at the February general meeting.
 - i. Installation of the Board shall be at the March general meeting.
4. Removal from the Board
- Any Board member may be removed from office for non-performance or malfeasance of duties by a two-thirds vote of membership at a general meeting.

Article VI – COMMITTEES

Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the Executive Board.
 Chairperson of Standing Committees shall serve as voting Members of the Executive Board
 Standing Committees are:

Show and Exhibit Committee Jury Committee Program Committee

Appointed Committees shall be appointed by the board, but shall not be a part of the Executive Board and do not have a vote.
 Appointed Committees are: Phone Nominating Hospitality Special Events ARTery

Article VII – MEETINGS

A scheduled meeting shall be held each month. Summer meetings may be eliminated upon approval of the Executive Board.
 Business decisions at a general meeting shall be made by a majority vote of those in attendance, except where a two-thirds vote is stipulated in the Bylaws. Votes taken at a general meeting shall be binding on the total membership.
 A quorum for voting on policies of the League shall be two-thirds of the voting membership present at any scheduled meeting, provided at least one-third of the total membership is present.
 The Executive Board shall meet once a month unless otherwise decided by the Board. Executive Board votes will be decided by the majority of those executive board members present at the executive board meeting.
 Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Article VIII – SHOWS AND EXHIBITS

The League shall hold shows and exhibits as approved by the Board.
 The League shall endeavor to have at least one non-juried show, one juried show and one signature member show each year.
 The Show Chairperson, appointed by the board, shall present a proposal for location, dates, procedures, and budget to the Board for approval.

- The Show Chairperson shall make all arrangements for delivery, hanging, and pickup of art.
- Artists receptions will be coordinated by the Show Chairperson and the Hospitality Chairperson.
- Jury information will be coordinated with the Jury Chairperson and the Show Chairperson.
- A show entry form with all procedures, deadlines, and general show information will be available to the membership in the ARTery and on the organization web site.

A donation of 10% of the purchase price of sold items should be paid to the League when the show promoter does not charge a commission.

Article IX – NEWSLETTER

The ARTery newsletter shall be the official communication for the League.

Article X – AMMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting membership assembled at any general meeting. Copies of proposed amendments will be presented to the membership via the newsletter prior to the meeting in which the action is to be taken. Proxy votes will be accepted.