

Artists of the Superstitions By Laws

MISSION STATEMENT: The Artists of the Superstitions is an organization of artists committed to enriching the art culture of our diverse community, by providing opportunities for education, promoting artistic expression, selling, displaying, networking and appreciation in an enjoyable and supportive environment, which includes attending meetings, and volunteering in various ways.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be known as **ARTISTS OF THE SUPERSTITIONS (AOTS)**

ARTICLE II – BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1 – Each board member shall be a member in good standing of AOTS and must be current with membership dues

Section 2 – All board members shall serve without pay

Section 3 – Board will consist of 5 members: President, Vice president, Treasurer, Secretary and Director of Membership & Events

ARTICLE III – ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1 – To replace the number of board members leaving for that year, members interested in running for a position will be added to the ballot for voting at the October general meeting. General membership will also have an opportunity to add a members' name to the election process at the meeting if the nominee agrees. The attending members will vote on candidates, at the November general meeting. The new board will convene at the first board meeting in December and board member position will be filled at that time.

Section 2 – Board members are encouraged to act in their respective offices until such time as the election process herein set forth replaces them. In the event a board member is unable to act in his/her office, a temporary board member who shall be appointed by a vote of the board may replace him/her. Such temporary board members may be nominated to permanently fill the position and voted upon during the election described above. The duration of the assignment is for a minimum of two (2) years.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT duties:

- Prepare the agenda and preside over AOTS board and general membership meetings
- Oversee projects by various committees
- All board members will assist with events as needed

VICE-PRESIDENT duties:

- Takes over all duties of the President as needed
- Coordinates publicity for Member Art Shows/Events
- Oversee marketing, publicity and accuracy of advertising to include date & location
- All board members will assist with events as needed

SECRETARY duties:

- Take and maintain minutes of the board/member meetings and provide in a timely manner to the board for approval. Once approved they will be sent to the webmaster for publication.
- Maintain the AOTS email, read and respond to email communications
- All board members will assist with events as needed

TREASURER duties:

- Prepares and presents to board and members a monthly financial status
- Pay all outstanding bills and make deposits
- Maintain accurate balance of bank account
- File appropriate tax documents
- All board members will assist with events as needed

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP/EVENTS duties:

- Coordinates and oversees the jury committee
- Sends letters of acceptance or denial to applicants
- Collects forms and fees for new members
- Compiles updated data and provides board with updated membership lists
- Oversees and coordinates all shows sponsored by AOTS
- Works closely with publicity for show advertising
- Designs show layout and artist assignments
- Picks up mail and directs as appropriate
- Communicates with participating artists on show details
- Setup and collaborate with volunteer committees for all events that will assist in preparation and coordination – sign people, set up and greeters

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR duties:

- Coordinates programs for AOTS members to and provides assistance to local organizations in need
- Programs focus on school art classes and food collection drives
- Works closely with the Secretary

HOSPITALITY duties:

- Work with volunteers to provide snacks for meetings and/or events
- Maintain supply of paper plates, napkins, etc.
- All board members will assist with events as needed

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Membership is capped at 100 members. If at any time, an artist expands their art portfolio to include other types of art that was not juried in when they joined the AOTS, they must submit the art to the jury to be accepted to show/sell in AOTS member shows.

Clearance or Liquidation sales are not allowed at AOTS sponsored shows.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Continued

Art must be designed and executed by the artist (does not refer to purchasing of beads, wood, glass, fabric, clay or other products that are used to create art, or duplicating original paintings and/or photography to sell as prints).

No commercially made products, garments or imports (ex: items produced in factories and/or shipped from USA or foreign countries) will be sold at AOTS art shows.

Termination of Membership:

The membership of a member shall be terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- Upon his/her notice of such termination delivered to the President or Membership Coordinator of AOTS personally or by mail, such membership to terminate upon the delivery of the notice.
- Upon failure to pay dues for one calendar year, (if reinstated must be juried back in)
- After providing the member with a responsible written notice and an opportunity to be heard either orally or in writing, upon determination by the AOTS Board that the member has engaged in conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the interest or purpose of the group.
- Any person expelled from the group will receive a refund of dues already paid or prorated for the current period. All rights of a member in AOTS shall cease on termination of membership as herein provided.

New Membership Applications: will be accepted throughout the year. The jury will meet as needed and can convene at any time of approved by the board. The jury will include a peer group of artists with specific guidelines. The jury will view the application and photo or art submitted for review. If needed the potential new member may be asked to bring physical pieces of their art for further review. If approved, the artist will submit a check for the full amount the annual dues.

Renewal of Membership: Will be due annually by September 30th.

AOTS Art Shows: If an artist is not on the volunteer list, they will not be able to participate in the AOTS member art shows. The board will review AOTS members' involvement and/or volunteering quarterly and annually.

Fees for exhibiting: members are required to pay fees for exhibiting art at sponsored member shows.

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Amended and approved by Board of Directors Dated: _____

President: _____