

By-laws

Article I — Name of Organization

This organization shall be known as the Bloomington Watercolor Society (BWS).

Article II — Objects of the Organization

1. To promote the interest of the Bloomington Watercolor Society.
2. To increase the effectiveness of artists through education and activities about watercolor painting.
3. The definition of watercolor is “aqua media on paper.” Other surfaces are not accepted. The term “watercolor” shall be deemed to exclude encaustic or oil. Watercolor paintings can include other mediums, e.g. collage, pastel, ink, etc. if it does not exceed 10% of the painting.

Article III — Membership

The classifications of memberships shall be Active, Family, Student, Associate, Founding, Patron, Lifetime, Signature and Honorary.

1. **Active Member:** An Active Member is a member in good standing that lives in the local area. An active member has voting rights; may run and hold a club office; and, serve on a committee.
2. **Family Member:** A Family Member can be a spouse or family member living at the same residence. They will have the same status as an active member.
3. **Student Member:** A Student Member is a member in good standing. A student member can attend all meetings and serve on a committee. They cannot make motions, vote or hold office. They will have one (1) representative on the Executive Board.
4. **Associate Member:** An Associate Member is a non-resident. They can attend all meetings and serve on a committee. They cannot make motions, vote or hold office.
5. **Founding Member:** A Founding Member is considered an active member in good standing. These members do not have to reside in the local area. These members include: Marilyn Martin, Jodi Estell, Jacki Frey, Kathy Korinek, Carolyn Rogers Richard, Tricia Wentz, Carol Rhodes, Connie Brorson, Jeanne Iler, Shelley Frederick, James M.C. Yang, Paul and Alice Sharp, Rose McCay, and Sandy Taylor.
6. **Patron Member:** A Patron Member makes a monetary contribution to BWS to further the objectives of the organization. A patron member cannot make motions, vote or hold office. They can attend all meetings and serve on a committee.

7. **Lifetime Member:** A Lifetime Member makes a \$250.00 contribution to BWS. They will be considered an “active member” with all the rights of membership.
8. **Signature Member:** A Signature Member is a local artist who has been admitted to membership after completing the application process and has paid dues through the current year.

The application process includes submitting the completed application, a current resume, and three framed and matted paintings to the members of the Jury of Selection in even numbered years.

The process begins with a 100 point system starting with the application and resume: juried competition 20%, art education 10%, art experience 20%, publication 5%, awards 10%. The outside art professional will perform the final jury process of the artwork by this point system: composition 10%, concept 10%, use of watercolor 10%, and overall presentation and body of work 5%. An applicant must obtain a minimum score of 70 points to be considered into Signature Membership.

Prior to application, the member must have been accepted into juried competition in at least three (3) or more recognized shows, i.e. Hoosier Salon, Indiana Watercolor Society, NWS, AWS, Southside Artist’s League, Penrod or other approved organizations. They must remain an active member to keep their Signature Member status.

The Signature Member is entitled to use the initials BWS after their name. They will be invited to display their paintings in special exhibits, and have BWS show entry fees waived.

9. **Honorary Member:** the Executive Board nominates an Honorary Member for exemplary service to the arts and BWS. They are not considered “active” members. All Honorary Members must have the majority of the membership’s approval at a BWS general meeting.

Article IV — Officers of the Executive Board

The officers of BWS will be President, two Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Executive Board shall conduct all necessary business of BWS between general membership meetings.

Article V — Meetings

BWS will hold at least seven (7) meetings during each year.

The President or the Executive Board can call special meetings. Members must be notified either by phone or by written request, which may include electronic mail.

Article VI — Dues

Dues are payable May 1st of each year and shall be considered delinquent after June 30th. Non-payment of dues shall result in deletion from the active membership roster.

1. Annual dues for an active member are \$25.00 per year.
2. Annual dues for student and associate members are \$10.00 per year.
3. Annual dues for two family members are \$40.00 per year.

Article VII — Quorums

1. Twenty percent (20%) of the active members shall constitute a quorum in order to transact the business of BWS at a meeting.
2. Three (3) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Executive Board.

Article VIII— Duties of the Officers

1. The President shall preside over all regular meetings; may attend all committee meetings as an ex officio member except the nominating committee; and, sign checks.
2. The 1st Vice President shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the President. They shall succeed to and become President of BWS in the event that the office of President becomes vacant. The 1st Vice President will chair the Show(s) Committee.
3. The Second Vice President shall have the same duties as the 1st Vice President except that they will chair the Membership Committee.
4. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings including (officer's) board meetings. In even numbered years, the Secretary will review the BWS By-laws along with one other member. The Secretary will serve as chair.
5. The Treasurer shall handle all the banking and handling of club's money, and writing checks. Drafts may be signed by any officer; however, drafts must be approved by the treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for reporting to appropriate state and federal agencies.

Article IX — Election

1. The nominating committee of three members shall select a slate of officers prior to the election held at the November meeting. The Board selects this committee.
2. All officers shall serve a one-year term beginning January 1st after their election and continue through December 31st. No officer elected shall succeed themselves consecutively in office, except the Treasurer and Secretary, or unless they fill an unexpired term.

Article X — Special Elections and End of Term

Special Elections In the event an Officer position becomes vacant, the remaining members of the Executive Board shall select a replacement for that office. The Board shall nominate a replacement for approval by the general membership at the next business meeting.

End of Term

Each Officer and Committee Chair shall deliver all records, files, and properties of BWS to their successor or the President within ten (10) days after their term has expired.

Article XI— Committees

The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall appoint standing and special committees as necessary to carry forward the objectives of BWS. Standing

committees shall include: Membership, Nominating, Activities, Hospitality and Cheer, Newsletter, Meetings/Programs, Show, Website, Historian and Publicity.

Article XII — Parliamentary Procedures

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable.

Article XIII— Amendment of By-Laws

These By-Laws, at the discretion of the BWS Executive Board, can be amended. The Executive Board must first approve proposed amendments.

An amendment notice of at least two (2) weeks must be sent to the BWS members prior to voting.

Approval of the amendment(s) requires 2/3 vote of the active membership; votes may be cast in person, by mail, telephone, or electronic medium, i.e. website or email. Votes may be delivered to the By-Laws Chair (Secretary).

We certify that the members approved the foregoing By-laws of Bloomington Watercolor Society day of _____, 2005.

Jacki Frey President

Jeanne Iler Secretary

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Second draft 6/24/05 Tricia Wente and Jeanne Iler, By-laws committee
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Amended _____ by BWS