

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SEVEN OAKS ART LEAGUE

Article 1: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A: The name of this organization shall be the "Seven Oaks Art League" hereinafter abbreviated as "SOAL".

Section B: The purpose of the SOAL shall be to promote and stimulate the arts for its members and the community through classes, workshops, shows and other events; bring artists and others interested in the arts together for mutual purpose, promote art talent through various means; provide an organizational base for implementation of art shows, trips and long range planning and develop a permanent collection of art works and a purchase award(s) for selected area shows; and other responsibilities as may be deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

The fiscal year of the SOAL shall run from July 1st to June 30th.

Article 2: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to anyone age 18 or older residing in the greater Columbia area.

Article 3: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Section A: Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee composed of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

No member may hold more than one office at a time.

Election of the Executive Committee shall be made at the General Business meeting of the SOAL.

In the event of a vacancy, the remaining members shall elect a temporary officer to serve until a special election can be held to fill the office for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Section B: Board

The Board of the SOAL shall consist of the Executive Committee, one Member-at-Large, sub-committee Chairpersons and a staff member of the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission.

Amendment of the By-Laws may be made at the discretion of the Executive Board voted upon by general membership.

Section C:

Policy decisions, interpretations, implementations and other decisions shall be made by a simple majority of the members in good standing in attendance at the meeting at which they are presented.

General meetings will be held the third Thursday of the month, September through May with the General Business meeting held in May, or at such other time as the Board deems necessary.

Sub-committees may be formed for the implementation of special activities, shows and other events or responsibilities deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. They will serve only for the period of time necessary to complete the project. The President shall appoint committee Heads.

Amendments may be adopted at the General Business Meeting by a simple majority of the members in attendance. Notice of the proposed amendment must be made available to all members in good standing and the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

At all meetings, Roberts Rules of Order shall be in effect.

Section D: Board Meetings

Board meetings shall be held on the third Thursday of the month before the General Meeting or whenever the Board decides

Section E: Nominating Committee

At least thirty (30) days prior to the General Business meeting, a Nominating Committee shall nominate one (1) candidate for each office to be filled. Acceptance by all candidates must be obtained before presentation. Before the elections, nominations from the floor shall be permitted.

Section F: SOAL Checking Account

The checking account shall be in the name of Seven Oaks Art League and shall have two authorized signers: the Treasurer and the President. Checks may be negotiated with the signature of one authorized signer. Any expenditure over \$100.00 shall require the approval of the Board.

Article 4: FEES AND DUES

Section A: The annual dues shall be determined by the Board. Any increases in annual dues shall be voted on by a simple majority vote of the members in attendance at the General Business meeting. The annual dues shall be payable at the first meeting of the fiscal year (September).

Section B: Dues must be current for members to be eligible to participate in SOAL exhibits, sales or other non-juried events.

Section C: Inactive membership may be retained by the League after a change of residence from the greater Columbia area through the remainder of the SOAL fiscal year.

Article 5: JURIED ART SHOWS AND EVENTS

Section A: A committee shall be formed to select a judge for any juried show.

Section B: Such events shall be at the discretion of the Board.

Section C: Only members in good standing by December 31st prior to a juried show shall be allowed to participate. Any exceptions to this rule shall be at the discretion of the Board.

Article 6: DISSOLUTION

Section A: Dissolution of the SOAL may be made upon majority vote of the members in good standing present at the meeting where dissolution is to be voted upon. All members must receive thirty (30) days prior notice regarding such meeting.

Section B: Any funds remaining in the SOAL account shall be contributed to the Lexington/Richland School District 5 Art Department.

As amended September, 2016