

# **Lambeth Art Association Constitution**

## **Article #1**

1. The "Lambeth Art Association" (hereinafter known as the LAA) is an association of members, formed for mutual support in the practice and appreciation of art. It is not a registered or incorporated entity and is not registered for tax purposes. It operates on a non-profit basis and all funds are used solely to promote its objectives. This Constitution sets out the rules by which members agree to operate the association.

2. The LAA is a non profit organization formed to:

- encourage emerging artists;
- foster relationships between artists of all skill levels;
- provide educational opportunities;
- promote the appreciation of art through an annual sale;
- participate in various community exhibitions.

3. The LAA fiscal year shall run from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Club activities generally run from September to May.

## **Article #2**

### **The Executive Committee**

1. The LAA shall be governed by the Executive to consist of the following:

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| - President,                | - Treasurer           |
| - Vice President,           | - Membership Convenor |
| - Immediate Past President, | - Workshop Convenor   |
| - Secretary,                |                       |

2. The Executive may recruit other members to perform other duties and functions of the club through establishing Convenors and Committees for such functions as the annual art show, web-site, advertising, social media, and such other responsibilities as set out in the policies and procedures of the club.

3. The elected Executive Committee shall be responsible for the ongoing function of the LAA on behalf of the members.

4. Executive Meetings shall be called by the President as necessary to discharge duties, needs and responsibilities.

5. The quorum for Executive Meetings shall be a minimum of five members of the Committee's members.

## **Article #3**

### **Annual Election of The Executive Committee**

1. Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from a slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee, and any nominations of members in good standing from the floor.

2. A Nominating Committee consisting of the Past-President, a member appointed by the Executive Committee, and a member at large, shall be struck each January to enlist candidates for Executive Committee and Convenor positions.
3. Terms of office shall be for one year, although this can be extended to two years or more if persons holding the position are willing and able.
4. The President and Vice-President shall serve no more than two consecutive years in office. It is expected that the Vice-President shall become the next President.
5. Effective with the close of the Annual General Meeting, the transition of details and responsibilities of the outgoing executive to the incoming executive will commence.
6. The detailed responsibilities of Executive members, Convenors and other procedures for the ongoing function of the club are set out in the Policies and Procedures, updated as required by the executive, maintained by the Secretary of the club and appended to this constitution.

#### **Article #4**

##### **Membership**

##### **Regular membership**

1. Any person who applies, accepted by the LAA and pays the annual membership fee becomes a regular member of the LAA
2. Regular members must pay annual fees in order to maintain good standing within the LAA.  
Membership fees are determined annually by the Executive. Such fees are due by the end of the October meeting each year.
3. Regular members are required to participate in LAA activities and contribute to its operation as detailed in Policies and Procedures.
4. Regular members in good standing shall have the right to vote at all meetings.
5. Members are required to adhere to the LAA Code of Conduct.
6. Members attend and participate in LAA activities at their own risk.
7. Regular members are required to attend at least three monthly meetings from September to May each year to remain in good standing within the LAA.
8. *Membership levels are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Executive to ensure that the size of the club is appropriate to its objectives and facilities. Proposed significant increases or decreases in the size of the club must be presented to members for ratification.*



9. New members will be invited to join throughout the year, with payment of applicable annual fees and certain restrictions regarding show participation.

10. The Executive has discretion as to membership participation, admittance, and attendance matters in special circumstances

### **Honorary Membership**

The Executive may offer honorary membership to LAA members who have provided exceptional service to the LAA for a minimum of twenty years and are no longer able to fully participate in club activities. Honorary members are not required to pay the annual fee, to work at the annual art show, or to attend a minimum of meetings, but have all the entitlements of regular members except for show submission limits which may be reduced as set out in the LAA show guidelines.

## **Article #5**

### **Annual, General and Other Meetings**

#### **General Meetings**

1. General Meetings begin in September with a minimum of six general meetings per year.
2. Meetings shall be conducted with Roberts Rules of Order used as a guideline.
3. Meetings, ideally, should consist of a business and announcement portion, a scheduled Guest Speaker or other presentation, with a time for refreshments and fellowship.
4. A quorum shall be defined as over 50% of the members present.
5. The President shall not vote on any motions except to break a tied vote.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in May at which time officers shall make reports and the election of officers shall take place.
2. Annual General Meeting agenda is to be made available to all members in advance, minimum of one week prior of the meeting

#### **Workshops**

1. The LAA shall ideally offer up to four workshops per year for its members for a variety of mediums.
2. Workshops may be opened to non-members if not filled by members. Non-members will be charged a non-member fee.
3. Any workshop or field trip arranged in the name of the LAA must have Executive approval.

#### **Shows and Sales**

1. The LAA shall hold an annual art show and sale governed by LAA Guidelines.
2. All art must be original to the LAA member and of any art form as defined by LAA Guidelines.
3. Other LAA sales and exhibitions may be added throughout the year with Executive approval.

**Article #6**  
**Amendments to the Constitution**

1. This Constitution supersedes all previous Constitutions and By-Laws.
2. It may be amended and replaced by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting and those providing a written proxy.
3. Notice of motion must be given no later than the previous general meeting.
4. Following the requirements of the previous Constitution and By-Laws of the LAA and duly voted upon and passed by two-thirds of the membership present and those providing a written proxy, this Constitution and becomes effective:

Dated March 27, 2023

Signed:

Ann Pigott Title President

Luis Fuchs Title Secretary

B J Title VICE PRESIDENT