CURRENT WCWS POLICIES (Revised October 30, 2026)

DUES, SALARIES & FEES

1. Dues will be $40.00 per year payable to WCWS by January 1, each year. The fiscal and membership year is concurrent with the calendar year. A "Past Due" notice will be sent to members that are two (2) months past due on their membership dues. After three (3) months past due, their name will be removed from the membership list and they will no longer be eligible to receive newsletters and other mailings, vote, be in the members' shows, or receive a discounted entry fee for the national show.
2. Officers and Committee chairs can be reimbursed mileage when carrying out WCWS business. This does not include mileage to and from meetings, show set-ups or take downs. Mileage will be reimbursed at $0.40 per mile.
3. Officers and Committee chairs will be reimbursed for expenditures necessary to carry out WCWS business provided the purchases are approved by the President and Treasurer and receipts are turned in. Approval is waived for purchases of common items needed to fulfill duties of the office and don't exceed $150.00, but receipts still need to be turned in to the Treasurer.
4. Presenters will be paid $100 and Jurors will be paid $150 for their time, or an amount negotiated by the President or Treasurer. Mileage will reimbursed at the discretion of the Board or Chairperson(s) of exhibitions. Presenters and Jurors may be asked to facilitate a workshop.
5. Awards for members' show will be Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Places, and two (2) Merit Awards. Show committee will determine categories if any, and dollar amount of awards.

NATIONAL EXHIBITION POLICIES

1. Exhibition chairperson will be paid $2,000 or Co-chairs will be paid $1,000 each. Duties of the chairperson(s) will be to serve on the Board of Directors, head the show committee and either carry out, or see that each task is carried out in a timely manner. Show committee will be comprised of members that will take responsibility for tasks assigned to them by the chair(s). These can include publicity, exhibit brochure, prospectus, advertising, fund raising, take-in, hanging the show, take-down, shipping paintings, workshop host, and other tasks as needed. Workshop Chair and Treasurer are compensated for time and work by having the cost of the workshop waived.
2. The President and Vice Presidents will be ex-officio members of the exhibition committee. The Second Vice President will serve as the Workshop and Juror Selection Chairperson.
3. Awards will be determined by the Exhibition Committee with approval by the Board of Directors.
4. Fundraising should prioritize award sponsors from local merchants as well as art suppliers. Options include cash, merchandise, service, or purchase awards.
5. A member can be paid for compiling the show brochure and getting it printed in time for the opening reception if there is no volunteer to undertake this task. WCWS pays the Webmaster for putting the images on the website. A member may be paid to prepare the images and information for the website, working with the Webmaster to do so.
6. The National Exhibition prospectus will be mailed to all members and posted on our website. Entry forms and payment will be submitted online through the WCWS website.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

1. Members who have attained Signature membership status (acceptance in three WCWS national exhibitions within a ten-year period) will be recognized with a certificate. Signature members must keep their dues current to retain Signature status. Signature members can become Lifetime members by paying a one-time fee of $400.00. This figure is arrived at by multiplying annual dues by 10. They will not be assessed annual dues thereafter.
2. Master Signature members having been accepted in ten or more WCWS national exhibitions, will receive a certificate and a medallion. They must keep their dues current to retain Master Signature status.
3. Members who have served in exceptional ways and devotion by giving many years of service will be honored with an honorary lifetime membership. They will be selected by the Board of Directors.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

A list of current members will be posted on our website, www.wcwsociety.net, and updated periodically. The membership list is available to the public with links to members' websites and includes first and last name, city, state, and member status. The Membership Chair will provide a copy of the membership list with all contact information to Board members as needed.

BROCHURE

The Publicity Chair, or Vice President, shall be responsible for editing and publishing a brochure that includes information about WCWS, how to become a member, when we meet, annual dues, member benefits, etc. It will include WCWS contact information and a new membership form. Brochures should be placed in locations where interested people can pick them up and be available at our meetings and exhibitions.

WEBSITE

1. The WCWS website is www.wcwsociety.net. The website shall be maintained and kept current by The Web Administrator(s) to the best of their abilities. Editing and maintenance tasks beyond the skill level of the Web Administrator(s) shall be done by the Webmaster, a paid consultant.
2. Members can have their own page by paying a one-time fee equivalent to one hour of the Web Master's time. An additional fee may be charged when the member's page is updated or changed.
3. WCWS newsletters, meeting information, membership list, and prospectus for exhibitions shall be posted on the website.
4. Images from current and past RWN exhibitions shall be displayed. The current versions of WCWS Constitution, By-laws, Policies, and exhibition rules will also be posted on the website. Images with artist's name and title of all paintings accepted in past RWN exhibitions will be retained on the website as a record of acceptance.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The newsletter will be published at least four (4) times a year and be distributed at least one (1) week prior to general membership meetings. Newsletters will be sent by email except for members with no email address. They will also be posted on the website.

2. General membership meetings will be on the second Wednesday of the month scheduled. A winter meeting will be held in January in Grand Junction, a spring meeting in May in Grand Junction, a summer meeting July in the Roaring Fork Valley (Glenwood Springs or Carbondale) and a fall meeting in October in Delta, unless otherwise announced. Other activities such as, but not limited to, plein air outings, demos, critiques, workshops, and social gatherings can also be scheduled and may be part of general membership meetings or informal gatherings.
3. WCWS will maintain a postal box. The address is P. O. Box 3584, Grand Junction, CO 81502-3584.
4. WCWS owns an overhead mirror that is housed at the Art Center of Western Colorado in Grand Junction. It is for our use but other organizations may be allowed to use it.