

WESTERN COLORADO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

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NAME: The name of this organization will be Western Colorado Watercolor Society. This name shall be registered with State of Colorado. A registration fee shall be paid to maintain a non-profit corporate name. Western Colorado Watercolor Society will use WCWS as their logo.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the society will be to offer the watercolor artist a support group, encourage and nurture the novice artist, to provide programs for all to reach their full potential; to devise ways to bring fine art to the public, while maintaining high standards for the society, and to promote art in the community at large.

STRUCTURE: The society will hold meetings as the governing board designates and/or is desired by the membership. Each meeting will consist of a business meeting and a program consisting of a demonstration, lecture, slide presentation, video or critique of members' work by a guest artist. The society can sponsor paint-outs or workshops with various teachers. Members can be offered reduced prices, but classes will be open to others on space available basis.

MEMBERSHIP: Types of membership offered shall be active, signature, life, honorary, contributing and patron memberships. Membership in the Society will be available to any person who meets the criteria prescribed for one or more classes of membership and who pays the designated annual dues.

ACTIVE: An active member is an artist or other interested person who has joined the Society, paying the designated dues, with payments remaining current. They shall have full voting privileges and be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

SIGNATURE: Signature members are artists who have had artistic work accepted in at least three (3) juried WCWS National Exhibitions within a ten (10) year period. After attaining Signature status, a member who has allowed a lapse in annual dues will be given notification by the Membership chairman. If dues are not made current within eighteen (18) months of the original due date, their signature status will be rescinded. To reinstate, all past dues must be paid within this 18-month period. If dues have not been paid within this period and member rejoins WCWS, member's past status will not be reinstated.

MASTER SIGNATURE: Artists who have had their work accepted in at least ten (10) juried WCWS National Exhibitions and pay their annual dues. After attaining Master Signature status, a member who has allowed a lapse in annual dues will be given notification by the Membership chairperson. If dues are not made current within eighteen (18) months of the original due date, their signature status will be rescinded. To reinstate, all past dues must be paid within this 18-month period. If dues have not been paid within this period and member rejoins WCWS, member's past status will not be reinstated.

LIFETIME MEMBER: Each Signature member shall have the privilege of choosing to become a Life member. Life members will pay special one-time dues and pay no further dues thereafter. They retain signature status and privileges.

HONORARY: Honorary membership for life may be granted by the Board of Directors to anyone who has made significant contribution to WCWS. An Honorary member has all the privileges of their status as either Active or Signature membership. They will no longer be assessed yearly dues.

CONTRIBUTING: Any person interested in the promotion of watercolor and of WCWS and who has paid the designated amount for such status will be a contributing member. They cannot vote or serve on the Board of Directors.

PATRON: Any individual or corporate patron who has supported WCWS or the Society's functions shall be noted as a Patron member and acknowledged as such in that year's Exhibition catalog. They can not have voting privileges or serve on the Board of Directors.

DUES: Dues shall be payable to Western Colorado Watercolor Society upon acceptance into the Society. They shall be renewed each year on July 1 to keep membership status current. Dues are payable by full fiscal year only. Dues paid April – June (after the national show) include the following fiscal year. Any member who has allowed a lapse in dues and lost membership status may reapply for membership. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to increase or reduce dues as circumstances may require.

GOVERNING BODY: The governing body of the society shall be the Board of Directors. The board shall exercise all governing powers in accordance with the Society's by-laws. It shall have the authority to adopt, amend or modify such standard rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the appropriate management of the Society, not inconsistent with the By-Laws.

OFFICERS: Officers will consist of President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The elected officers will serve two-year terms without a limitation to the number of terms served.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The executive board shall consist of all elected officers, appointed Chairpersons of Committees and up to three (3) members at large.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The slate of officers will be presented at one membership meeting with nominations taken from the floor. They will then be elected at the next membership meeting. The Nominating committee will consist of three members appointed by the President, with the President serving as one member.

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION:

The WCWS Constitution may be amended or repealed at any General Membership meeting of the Society by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members present, and that a written notice of the proposed amendments or repeals have been published in the newsletter and all members have had access to read them. At such General meeting, a voting member may vote by written proxy. All revisions must include a revision date at the end of the Constitution section.