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2009-2011

The official year of the Arena Art Group shall be twelve months beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Name and Purpose:

- A. The original name of the organization formed in 1951 was the Arena Group. The name shall now be the Arena Art Group.
- B. The purpose of the organization is to foster community interest in contemporary art forms through the exhibitions of its members' works and to maintain an active, viable, and professional visual arts presence.
- C. The purpose of the organization shall also be to benefit its members through the privileges of meetings, public exhibitions and receptions, publicity, special events, and social occasions.

Membership:

The membership consists of professional artists living or working in the Greater Rochester area. A non-resident membership for ½ the annual dues is for active members living out of state.

- A. Membership is by nomination only by an active Arena Art Group member.
- B. Nominations for new members may be submitted anytime during the year in the form of a written "letter of nomination" and sent to the Membership Chairperson.
- C. The Membership Chairperson will request slides or a CD of 10 of the nominees' recent artworks along with a bio, artist's statement and resume. The information will be sent to the Arena Art Group Chairperson. A meeting of the Arena Art Group Steering Committee will be called at the earliest convenient date to review the nominees' information.
- D. The Steering Committee will vote to accept or decline each nominee as a candidate.
- E. An interview of the candidates will be conducted by the Steering Committee prior to the formal vote of the membership.
- F. All members attending the next general meeting will review CD of each candidate and vote to accept or decline each candidate as an Arena Art Group member.
- G. The Membership Chairperson will notify each candidate in writing with the results of the vote.

- H. Members must serve in a steering position, on a committee or volunteer at least once in a three-year period.
- I. Fewer art spaces that can accommodate the artworks of large groups are available. This has limited the Arena Art Group to accepting a maximum of 55 *active members*. Once the Arena Art Group comprises 55 active members – a waiting list for membership will be created and maintained by the Membership Chairperson.
- J. The definition of *active member* is one who pays dues annually and exhibits work in at least two shows within a two-year period of a calendar year January 1 to December 31.
- K. Membership in the Arena Art Group shall terminate for any member whose dues have not been received by the grace period deadline.
- L. Membership in the Arena Art Group shall terminate for any member who fails to comply with the exhibition rule that artworks must remain on display until the close of the exhibition.
- M. Any former member wishing to regain membership must be nominated by an active member and become subject to the process for new members as described in B through H of this article.
- N. Exceptions will be at the discretion of the Arena Art Group Steering Committee.

Officers:

- A. The officers shall include a chairperson, a vice –chairperson an exhibit chairperson, a secretary, a treasurer, a membership chairperson, and one or more members at large to total an odd number of individuals. Chair and vice chair two individuals may share positions.
- B. Officers shall be elected for a two–year term.

Committees:

- A. The officers, standing positions, and members-at-large constitute the voting members of the Arena Art Group Steering Committee.
- B. Additional committees may be appointed by the Chairperson as required to fulfill the purposes and programs of the Arena Art Group.
- C. The Steering Committee shall carry on the day-to-day programs of the Arena Art Group in fulfillment of its purposes and shall report to the membership at its meeting(s) and/or through written communications.

Election of Officers, Standing Positions, and Member-at-Large:

- A. Officers, standing positions, and members-at-large may either volunteer or be nominated by the Steering Committee subject to the approval of the membership.

Meetings:

- A. The annual Membership Meeting shall take place in the fall.
- B. Meetings of the Steering Committee may be called by the Chairperson or at the request of any member of the Steering Committee.
- C. The minutes of each meeting and a record of attendance shall be documented by the Secretary or an appointed member of the Arena Art Group. The records shall be held by the Secretary with copies to the Chairperson.
- D. The treasurer will report expenses and balance of the Arena Art Group treasury at the membership meetings.

Dues:

- A. Membership dues shall be set annually by the Steering Committee.
- B. Dues shall be payable January 1st of each year with a grace period to February 1st of the same year. Failure to comply will jeopardize membership status.
- C. Benefits as privileges listed under, membership will be accorded only to members whose dues are paid.
- D. The Steering Committee may review each individual case regarding unpaid dues and privileges.

Exhibitions:

- A. The Arena Art Group shall have a minimum of one annual exhibit.

Amendments and Revisions:

- A. These by-laws may be amended or revised by the Steering Committee
- B. A vote will be taken by the membership and the majority rules.