

Monroe Art League ByLaws

August 22, 2017

Article I: Mission

The mission of the Monroe Art League shall be to promote fine art in Monroe County, to encourage artistic talent, be a showcase for our members and their work, and to stimulate art appreciation within the community.

Article II: Membership

Section A: Active membership shall consist of persons practicing fine art.

In order to be considered in good standing, members are expected to:

- . Keep dues current
- . Attend a minimum of two regular meetings annually
- . Serve on and/or assist with any combination of two committees or MAL events

A member in good standing will be entitled to participate in Art League sponsored events such as: The Members Only Show, the Downtown Fine Art Fair Booth, Spot Shows, Member Recognition Award and other member specific events.

Section B: Honorary membership shall be conferred on persons who are members in good standing for 25 consecutive years. Honorary members are not required to pay dues.

Article III: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Article: IV: Dues

Section A: Dues for membership shall be determined by the Executive Board and approved by members at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Section B: Annual dues shall be payable by the September meeting.

Section C: Persons whose dues have not been paid by the September meeting shall be considered delinquent and not in good standing; and will not be entitled to membership privileges until said dues are paid in full.

Article V: Meetings

Section A: General membership meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month with place and time determined by the Executive Board.

Section B: The Executive Board and/or President shall set the agenda for the meetings. Members may suggest agenda items to the President.

Section C: When Monroe Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, meetings are canceled or rescheduled if necessary.

Article VI: Officers, Terms, and Responsibilities

Section A: Officers of the League shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section B: Officers shall be elected at the November meeting for terms of one year with no more than five consecutive years in the same office. Officers assume duties at the adjournment of the December meeting. Vacancies in an elective office shall be filled by vote of the members.

Section C: Responsibilities of Officers shall be as follows:

1. The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the League and Executive Board; be ex-officio member of all committees; appoint Chairs of Standing and ad-hoc committees, and may submit committee membership recommendations to Committee Chairs.
2. The **Vice President** shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and shall assume the chairmanship of the Program Committee.
3. The **Secretary** shall keep minutes of all meetings, attend to League correspondence, and distribute minutes of the previous meeting to the membership.
4. The **Treasurer** shall pay all approved bills of the League, receive and account for all dues and other funds and prepare the annual financial report. An audit will be conducted during the month of December.

Article VII: Executive Board

Section A: The Executive Board shall be comprised of the elected officers, the immediate Past President and two members at large to be elected by the members.

Section B: The Executive Board shall determine the function, policies and programs of the League, and approve financial transactions.

Article VIII: Standing Committees

Section A: **The Program Committee** (Chaired by the Vice President) shall provide demonstrators, presenters, etc. for designated monthly meetings, make all arrangements thereof, and work closely with the Publicity Committee.

Section B: **The Publicity Committee** shall be responsible for media publicity regarding meetings, and League activities as needed.

Section C: **The Nominating Committee** shall poll the membership for those willing to run for office and shall present the slate of proposed officers to the membership at the October meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the November meeting.

Section D: **The Scholarship Committee** shall work with the Monroe County Community College Foundation and Financial Aid Office to select qualified candidates and award scholarships as approved by the Executive Board, as long as funds are available. The Scholarship Committee shall be appointed annually by the President, and consist of a minimum of three individuals, members in good standing. An annual report of activities shall be prepared by the Scholarship Chair for submission to the Executive Board.

The Francis A. Maedel Art Scholarship. This scholarship has been created to support Monroe County Community College students who are pursuing a Fine Arts Associate Degree. This fund will be administered by The Foundation at Monroe County Community College and the Financial Aid Office. The amount of the scholarship award shall be determined by the Monroe Art League Executive Board and approved by the members. The Scholarship Committee chair shall be the liaison of the Monroe Art League.

Section E: **The Membership Committee** shall seek new members and publish an updated membership list annually or as needed.

Section F: **Ad-Hoc Committees** may be appointed by the President for a limited duration to address specific concerns, areas or topics as necessary.

Article IX: Committee Personnel

Committee Chairs (except those serving by virtue of elective office described in Article VI) shall be appointed by the President and shall select members for their respective committees.

Article X: Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the active membership in good standing who are present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Article XI: Amendments

A request for changes to the Bylaws must be made at a regularly scheduled meeting and can be made by any current member in good standing. The requested change(s) will then go to the Executive Board for review. The board will then refer the approved changes to the membership as a whole at the next regularly scheduled meeting at least one month prior to the meeting where the voting for the changes to the bylaws will occur. Membership will also be notified by mail or e-mail of suggested changes that will be up for a vote prior to the meeting in which the voting will take place. Changes to the Bylaws will be done by a favorable vote of a majority of members in good standing present at the meeting when the voting takes place.

Article XII: End of Year Reports

Joint Executive Board meeting: The outgoing officers of the League shall deliver to the incoming Executive Board all pertinent and historically significant printed information and reports no later than December 31.

Article XIII: 501 (c) 3 Qualification

All activities of the Monroe Art League shall be conducted so that the corporation qualifies in all respects as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) 3 of the internal revenue code.

This revision of the bylaws was approved by members at the MAL regular meeting on August 22, 2017