**Alamance Artisans**

**Bylaws**

Fall 2005

\*Amended April 2013

\*Amended April 2019

Article I

Name

The name of the organization shall be Alamance Artisans.

Article II

Purpose

\*To encourage the production of fine craft and fine art.

\*To raise awareness of the value of handmade objects.

\*To facilitate networking among artisans for professional development and support.

\*To provide marketing venues for area artisans.

Article III

Membership

Section 1 - Eligibility

(1) Individual —18 years and older

(2) Household—More than one artist per household 18 years and older

(3) Student—16 years and older

(4) Patron/Sponsor

Section 2 - Rights

Members must be 18 or older to vote or to hold office.

Section 3 - Dues

Members will pay dues annually as specified by the board.

Article IV

Board of Directors

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than 6 and no more than 12 members in good standing to be elected annually by the general membership. The length of a board membership shall be staggered so that no more than one half of the positions are open in a given year.

Section 2 - General Powers

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs and business of this organization.

Section 3 - Terms

Board members shall serve for three - year terms and may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

Section 4 - Meetings  
The Board of Directors shall meet as needed.

Section 5 - Vacancies

The Board will fill vacancies as they occur by appointment. Such appointments shall be confirmed by the general membership at the next monthly meeting.

Article V

Officers

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall elect officers from the membership of the Board.

Section 2

Officers shall consist of the following:

(1) President—The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors.

(2) Vice President—In the absence of the president, the vice president shall perform the duties of the president and function as the chair of a standing committee to be determined by the board.

(3) Secretary - The secretary shall keep a faithful record of all actions taken by the organization and the Board of Directors. He or she shall keep a list of all active members, all board members, and current policy statements adopted by the Board of Directors and the members of the organization. This information shall be compiled for storage in the archives.

(4) Treasurer - The treasurer shall be custodian of all organization funds. He or she shall

also prepare the annual financial report and such interim reports as may be requested by the Board of Directors and shall make financial records available for audit annually.

Section 3 - Terms

Officers shall serve one-year terms and may be eligible for re-election for two additional years.

Article VI

Standing Committees

Section 1 - Committees

The Standing Committees shall be:

(1) Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, and shall implement policies established by the Board of Directors and report on its activities.

(2) Communication Committee shall be responsible for the AAG website, emails to the membership, and other online communication as Facebook.

(3) Hospitality Committee shall be responsible for coordinating the Potlucks, reporting on potential artistic venues that members may have an interest in participating such as local art and craft shows and “caring” needs of members such as sending cards to members if someone dies, wedding or special accomplishment.

(4) Events/Exhibitions Committee shall be responsible for finding venues, recommending, planning and overseeing any board-approved art related events and any Guild exhibitions.

(5) Membership Committee shall be shall be responsible for keeping membership information current and accurate, including dues payment records, contact information, and committee preferences of members.

(6) Program Committee shall plan 30 to 40 minute educational programs for monthly meetings and coordinate the artist’s spotlights each month.

(7) The Art Extravaganza Steering Committee subcommittees will plan for and oversee the annual Art Extravaganza. The Steering Committee is responsible for forming subcommittees as deemed necessary to achieve that goal and shall be responsible for regular reports to the Board of Directors.

(8) Nominating Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed by the Board who shall appoint two additional members. Any member in good standing may make additional nominations from the floor at a meeting prior to elections designated by the Board.

Section 2 - Additional Committees

Additional committees shall be established by the organization as needed.

Article VII

Meetings

Section 1 - Frequency

General membership meetings shall be held once a month with the exception of July and December or as decided by the Board.

Section 2 - Quorum

All eligible members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority

is required. Eligibility to vote requires fully paid dues.

Section 3 - Annual Meeting

The meeting held in the first month of the calendar year shall be called the annual meeting.

Article VIII

Elections

Section 1

Elections shall be held at the annual meeting in the first month of the calendar year.

Article IX

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be July1 through June 30.

Article X

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order: Revised shall govern the organization in

all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these

bylaws.

Article XI

Amendments

Section1 - Ratification

These bylaws can be amended by a majority vote of the quorum at a general meeting.

Section 2 - Notification

Proposed amendments shall be communicated to the membership at least 30 days prior to

the date of the vote.

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