

Plein Air Painters of New Mexico

Painting the "Land of Enchantment"

Plein Air Painters of New Mexico (PAPNM) is an organization of independent artists dedicated to preserving and promoting the tradition of painting *en plein air* — in the open air, or outdoors.

Plein Air Painters of New Mexico BY-LAWS (1/08)

ARTICLE 1. ORGANIZATION

Plein Air Painters of New Mexico (hereinafter referred to as PAPNM) shall function under the laws of the State of New Mexico and pertinent rules and regulations issued by the State as a 501 (C)6 organization.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The mission of PAPNM is to provide information and support to its member artists.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in PAPNM is open to anyone interested in plein air painting. Members shall be considered in "good standing" if their dues for the current year have been paid.

ARTICLE 4. BOARD MEMBERS

PAPNM Board Members shall consist of Executive Officers designated as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Past-President/Member at Large. Executive officers shall be elected annually, at a general meeting of the PAPNM and shall serve for a period of one year. Executive officers may be re-elected to serve additional term or terms. Executive officers shall receive no "salary" and shall be current members of the PAPNM.

- A. PRESIDENT shall preside at Board meetings and shall appoint a nominating committee for Board candidates.
- B. VICE PRESIDENT shall assist the President and preside at board meetings if the President is not in attendance.
- C. SECRETARY shall keep minutes of the Board meetings and conduct official correspondence of PAPNM.
- D. TREASURER shall receive, disburse and manage monies for PAPNM. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing and presenting the annual financial report.

- E. PAST PRESIDENT shall attend Board meetings. In the event there is no qualifying Past President, a Member-at-Large, shall be elected and shall attend Board meetings and perform such duties which may be requested by the Board or the President.

ARTICLE 5. VOTING

Every PAPNM member shall have the right to cast one vote, either in person or via electronic means in the election of Board Members. A simple majority of ballots cast will determine the winner of all elections.

ARTICLE 6. VACANCIES

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the president or to the secretary of PAPNM. When an officer has resigned or is recalled, the office shall be filled by a special election following procedures outlined in Article 5. The Board is empowered to fill vacancies in any elective office until a special election is held. The person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Recall. All members of the Board are subject to recall.

- a. A two-thirds (2/3) vote by PAPNM members attending a regular or special meeting, or a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of PAPNM members shall cause a recall election to be conducted within one (1) month.
- b. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of PAPNM members casting ballots in favor of recall, the officer shall be recalled and relieved of his/her duties. This vote shall be held as stipulated in Article 5.

Other conditions. Should circumstances arise when there is but one remaining officer, Executive Officers shall be recruited from PAPNM members and confirmed by electronic balloting.

ARTICLE 7. FINANCES

The fiscal Year is January 1 to December 31. All monies collected and expended shall be managed by the Treasurer under the direction of the Board and reported annually.

ARTICLE 8. FEES

Annual dues shall be paid by January 31st. The amount of annual dues to be assessed shall be determined by the Board. The Board may assess other fees for participants of special events or projects such as the Annual Paintout Exhibition.

ARTICLE 9. MEETINGS

There shall be one general meeting of PAPNM in conjunction with the Annual Paintout Exhibition, or as designated by the Board, for the purpose of electing new Board Members, presenting the annual report and budget, and such other business as deemed appropriate by the Board. A quorum is simply those present at any meeting where a vote is taken.

ARTICLE 10. NON-BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Non-elected Chairpersons shall be appointed by Board Members and shall include, but not be limited to: Annual Paintout Exhibition Chair(s), Publicity/Promotion Chair(s), Paintout Chair(s), Communications Chair and Website Chair. Chairpersons may be re-appointed to serve additional term or terms. Chairpersons shall receive no "salary" and shall be current members of the PAPNM.

- A. ANNUAL PAINTOUT EXHIBITION CHAIR(S) shall be responsible for overseeing committees that select paintout locations, procure award donations, obtain suitable exhibit space, organize opening reception, and any other tasks necessary for the show.
- B. PUBLICITY/PROMOTION CHAIR(S) shall be responsible for advertising PAPNM events and soliciting donations for use as awards or benefit to artists.
- C. PAINTOUT CHAIR(S) shall be responsible for scheduling paintouts and providing information about them to the Website Chair.
- D. COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR shall be responsible for communications of PAPNM to include mailings/emailing of announcements, special events, promotions.
- E. WEBSITE CHAIR shall be responsible for compiling information for transmittal and posting to the Website by the person or company managing the site in a timely manner.

ARTICLE 11. MISCELLANEOUS

A. PERSONAL LIABILITY

No Board member or active or inactive member shall be held personally liable for any debts of PAPNM.

B. CONTRACTS, CHECKS, BANK ACCOUNTS

The Board is authorized to select such bank or depositories as it shall deem proper for the funds of PAPNM. The Board shall authorize who, in addition to the Treasurer, shall co-sign checks, drafts, or other orders of payment or money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness for amounts greater than \$100. The Board shall designate who, in addition to the Treasurer, shall be authorized to enter into contracts.

C. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the by-laws shall be voted upon and require a simple majority of the attending members.

D. DISSOLUTION

If, for any reason, the association shall cease to exist or function, all debts, obligations and commitments of PAPNM shall be satisfied in full, and remaining funds shall be donated to a non-profit organization.