

Independent Art Society—By Laws

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Article 1-Name: The name of this organization shall be **The Independent Art Society** also known as **IAS**.

Article 2-Object: The Independent Art Society is an organization, dedicated to the encouragement of artistic endeavor in our Long Island Communities, an opportunity for amateurs and professionals alike to exhibit their work and to share with one another a common interest.

Article 3-Procedures:

Sec. 1 The rules contained in the Roberts Rules of Order, revised based upon the rules and practices of Congress, shall govern the society in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with the rules of this society.

Sec. 2 Elections shall take place in the June meeting every 2 years. A member elected to the presidency cannot serve more than 2 consecutive terms (4 years) in office. Nominations will be taken from the floor and voted upon.

Sec. 3 Voting shall be by secret ballot unless otherwise decided.

Sec. 4 These By Laws may be amended by the Board of Directors or by the general membership at it's monthly meeting. A majority vote at any given meeting shall be required.

Sec. 5 Members must be notified by newsletter regarding a vote on an amendment.

Sec. 6 There shall be one general meeting per month, usually the second Tuesday, except during January and February.

Sec. 7 The membership can remove a Board Member by a majority vote or ordinary resolution.

Article 4 Membership:

Sec. 1 Membership entitles each member to exhibit and participate in all our shows, demos, critiques, socials, special events and a copy of our monthly newsletter. Our sister league, Suburban Art League members can also participate in all Society events except the Spring membership show.

Sec, 2 Membership in this organization shall be open to any person 18 years or older (artist or patron) who subscribes to the society's purpose and who contributes to It's support.

Sec.3 Membership cards with the date of expiration on It shall be sent to all paid up members. Current membership cards must be shown in order to exhibit in our shows.

Sec. 4 Members at least 6 months in arrears in annual dues are no longer considered members and will be eliminated from member's privileges until they pay their current dues. Membership must be up to date to take part in our shows.

Article 5 Officers:

Sec. 1 The elected officers of this organization shall be as follows: President, Program Director, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Officer, Newsletter Officer, Publicity/Social Media Officer, Greeter, Hospitality Officer and Web Master. The afore-mentioned officers shall also be known as the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2 The President shall preside at all meetings, and have the power to hold special meetings (Board Meetings). Any committee chairperson may be appointed by the elected President.

Sec.3 The Program Director shall oversee any artist's demonstrations, juried exhibits, as well as all other events. The Program Director shall take the place of the President in his or her absence.

Sec. 4 The Secretary shall take minutes and write a review of the demos at each monthly meeting and any special Board of Directors meeting.

Sec. 5 The Treasurer shall collect all funds, place them in a bank and disperse them accordingly to the will of the organization. He/she shall keep a record book of all transactions and expenses.

Sec. 6 The Membership Officer Shall keep a record of the Membership Roster and keep it up to date, remind members of dues payments and send payments to the treasurer.

Sec. 7 The Newsletter Officer shall publish a monthly newsletter advising all members of the organizations activities, publish the review of previous months demo artist, announce the date of next months meeting and demo artist and announce any member's upcoming shows or awards. Email the Newsletter to all members.

Sec. 8 Publicity/Social Media Officer shall take pictures at all meetings and social events of the organization and publish them on the IAS social media pages; independentartsociety.IAS on Facebook and independentartsocietyli on Instagram.

She/he will also forward them to our Web Master to put on our website:
www.independentartsociety.org

Sec. 9 The Greeter shall keep a list of attendance at every meeting, one for members and one for guests, maintain a record of the membership list and acquaint potential members with the society and bring new membership forms to every meeting.

Sec. 10 The Hospitality Officer shall have charge of all social activities and have refreshments at monthly meetings and be responsible for cleanup after each meeting.

Sec. 11 The Web Master is in charge of managing the organization's website: www.independentartsociety.org. Putting up and taking down information about coming events and exhibits and maintaining the site.

Article 6 Committees:

Special temporary committees may be appointed by the President as necessary to enable the function of any art events or exhibits.

Article 7 Finances:

Sec.1 The dues shall be paid in full every 12 months, as determined by the board, beginning March 1st and ending February 28th of following year.

Sec. 2 Dues can be paid by check made out to IAS and sent to the Membership Officer or can be paid on our website www.independentartsociety.org/membership by credit card.

Article 8 Juried Exhibitions:

Sec. 1 There shall be an Open Juried Exhibition each Fall and a Membership Juried Exhibition each Spring. A prospectus for each exhibition must be printed at least one month prior to the show.

Sec. 2 The juried exhibition fees in each respective prospectus may be changed by membership vote.

Sec. 3 A critique by an appointed judge, awards and reception shall occur sometime during the course of the show.

Sec. 4 Independent Art Society and TOB libraries are not responsible for damage to art work.

Sec. 5 Entered work must be original, within the agreed size limitation and be in ready for hanging condition with secure wire; no saw tooth or loop hangers.

Article 9 Activities:

Sec.1 Activities at each meeting may consist of artist demonstrations, films, project sharing and the like. Usually there is a raffle sale during the meeting for a small painting or print of the demo artist's work.

Sec. 2 Future membership activities may be changed or decided upon by membership vote or by the discretion of the Program Director.