

Edmonton Art Club Constitution



Name

The organization shall be called the Edmonton Art Club.

Object

To encourage the production of original work among its members by means of monthly meetings and criticism, by holding exhibitions and encouraging the public to appreciate the value of original art work.

The Operations of the Society are chiefly carried out in Edmonton in the province of Alberta.

By Laws

Members

- There shall be four classifications of memberships: honorary, active, affiliate and disability.
 - Honorary members are members duly elected as such by the executive, as a tribute to a long active members or for outstanding service to the club. They do not pay annual dues and are entitled to show at least one art piece at annual shows. (Further definition of criteria is in the EAC Policies.)
 - Active members are those who have successfully applied for membership. They are entitled to participate in all club shows if they have attended at least five meetings and presented five works of art for criticism each year.
 - Members with disability designation may be exempt from attending meetings but not from the requirement of submitting 5 paintings for critique during the year.
 - Affiliated members are non-active paying members wishing to continue their association with the club.
- Non-payment of dues cancels a membership. A membership may be reinstated on reapplying. Fees for membership to determined by the club as proposed by the executive.
- Only residents of Edmonton and surrounding area shall be accepted as active members.
- Candidates may apply by filling out the required application form, attend two mandatory general meetings after which a submission of five samples of their most recent work to be juried by the Executive (or special admittance committee).
 - All work submitted must be original.
 - Artist's working in oil, watercolour, pastels, acrylic, etching, engraving, sculpture or any medium accepted by the executive are eligible for membership.

Officers

- The officers of the EAC composing the executive shall be president, vice-president, recording secretary, treasurer, corresponding secretary and the immediate past president as an ex-officio member with voting rights.

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- The executive shall appoint all other necessary committees and chairmen.
- A quorum at any executive meeting shall consist of four members of whom one must be the president or vice-president.
- Election of officers shall be by nomination at the December meeting as required. Such term of office shall be for two years. No officer shall be eligible for more than two consecutive terms in the same office except for the treasurer, who at the request of the executive may continue for a determined time.

Duties of Officers

President:

- Shall preside at all meetings of the executive and all general meetings.
- Shall present a report of the year's activities at the annual meeting each year.
- Has a working knowledge of all events, exhibits, initiatives
- Is an ex officio member of all committees.

Vice President:

- Shall, in the absence of the president, assume all his or her responsibilities.

Recording Secretary:

- Shall keep a roll of membership, noting work submitted for criticism at each meeting.
- Record minutes for each meeting.
- Keep a record of any club property.

Treasurer:

- Shall be responsible for all club funds entrusted to him/her.
- Shall make a report of the club's financial standing at each meeting.
- Shall submit an audited report within three months of the annual meeting.
- Shall oversee or chair the Grants Committee.
- Shall prepare a recommendation for fee amount for the coming year.

Corresponding Secretary:

Shall conduct the correspondence of the club.

Shall keep all membership application forms and send them to candidates as requested.

Past President:

Shall be responsible for gathering nominations for executive and committee positions at the appropriate times.

Meetings

- General meetings shall be held each month, except July and August, when routine business shall be transacted and such other activities as arranged by the executive.

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- An annual meeting shall be held in January for the election of officers and the reports of the president and the treasurer. Other reports may be presented as deemed necessary by the executive.

Committees

- The executive shall appoint the following committees: critic organizer, newsletter, publicity, social convener, historian, communication, special shows, scholarships, grants, website and such other committees as the need arises.
- The nominating committee shall be appointed by the executive and the immediate Past President shall be chairman.
- Unless authorized at any meeting, no officer or member shall receive any remuneration for work done for this organization.

Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in a current edition Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable, except where Roberts Rules are inconsistent with the by laws or the special rules and order of this society.

Dissolution

- In the event that the Edmonton Art Club ceases to exist, all operating funds shall be given to the Edmonton Art Gallery after all financial obligations have been honoured.
- The dispersement of any and all scholarships will be consistent with the wishes of the donors.

Amendments of By Laws

An amendment must be submitted in writing at a general meeting and voted at the next regular meeting by a two-thirds majority.