

Membership Committee Description and Guidelines

The Membership Committee comprise of two members who are responsible to facilitate the membership process for new members. Application for membership is an online process facilitated through the website. The Membership Committee is automatically cc'd.

Committee Membership Duties

- Committee members receive a direct link from the online membership application.
- The committee members are cc'd on the initial contact email sent to the application.
- Follow up with an email to potential new member, invite to next meeting. Offer Question and Answer options.
- The website has a Benefits and Prerequisites section. Direct potential new members there.
- Facilitate the adjudication process for potential new member.
- Add new members to the Membership List. Add new members to the Historical Membership List. Manage the membership files and storage.
- Inform webmaster of changes to Membership and Historical List in order that information can be correctly reflected on the website.
- Follow up, from time to time, with the membership to update contact information.
- File an annual report to the Executive Committee, and Grant Committee and Treasurer.

The following are excerpts from the official Edmonton Art Club Policies. The official document can be found on our website in the Members Only section Resource Directory.

How Many Types of Membership Do We Have?

- a. ***Disability Membership*** applies only to a written, confirmed, medical condition.

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- b. **Active members** automatically default to affiliate status when they fail to attend meetings for one calendar year.
- Re-instatement of Active Membership status requires re-qualifying by attending 5 meetings and participating in 5 critiques within the calendar year in which full dues are paid. Re-applying members must notify the executive in writing of their intention to reinstate to Active Membership status.
- c. Criteria for **Honorary Membership**:
- Has participated in the EAC for a minimum of 15 years;
 - Assisted the EAC in an executive position for at least one term and/or chaired a committee for at least three terms;
 - Consideration of outstanding performance in the EAC;
 - Zero to three Honorary Memberships may be granted each year, as decided by the executive;
 - Final decisions for honorary memberships shall be made by the executive.

Fees

- a. **active members \$75 yearly**
- **Affiliate members \$50 yearly**
 - **Honorary members - no charge**
 - **Disability members - as reviewed by executive**
 - Mailing of newsletter \$25.00 yearly
- b. Fees are due by the February meeting of the current year.
- c. Members who have not paid their fees by February 28 are ineligible to participate in EAC exhibitions.

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- d. Members who have not paid their fees by September are withdrawn.
- e. Renewals for membership will be posted in December's newsletter.

The following are excerpts from the official Edmonton Art Club Constitution and Bylaws. The official document can be found on our website in the Members Only section Resource Directory.

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.

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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.

The following are excerpts from the official Edmonton Art Club website. Benefits and Prerequisites section.

Membership Prerequisites

- Applicants for membership must apply in writing on the membership application form (link is located at the top and bottom of this page). Applicants must be 18 Years or older.
- Applicants for membership are required to submit five samples of their work which includes one drawing/sketch produced within the previous three years as well as attend 2 (two) general meetings prior to the jurying process. Applicants are passed by secret ballot at an executive meeting called for that purpose.
- Members are expected to attend regularly at general meetings. All those attending 5 or more meetings and submitting 5 or more original paintings for critique shall be entitled to submit 5 (or number specified by the executive) pieces of artwork for exhibition at the Edmonton Art Club sanctioned events.
- In the event of non-attendance at meetings or failure to produce original work, the executive committee may, after 12 months, delete the defaulting member's name off the role, after having given due notice of such procedure to the member in question. In special circumstances, leave of absence may be granted upon written request.

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Membership Benefits

- Become a member of a respected art organization. We are the oldest continuing art organization in Alberta, formed in 1921. We commemorate 100 years. Participate in group and juried shows to display and sell your artwork.
- The Edmonton Art Club does not sell artwork exhibited on our website. Artwork sales are the responsibility of the artist. We are not a business. We are an art group, with benefits.
- We offer monthly artwork critiques by accredited critics.
- We offer Open Studio and Plein-Air painting opportunities in the community.
- We offer a mentorship program.
- Meet and form friendships with other artists.
- Participate in workshops & demonstrations by well-known artists at competitive fees.
- We offer two scholarships annually.
- Artists Discounts at select art retailers.
- We have an internationally renowned website. Members each have a profile page on our website where you can display your artwork and link to your own site and/or blog. Members are responsible to sell their own work, through their own venue(s).
- We are members of the Alberta Community Art Clubs Association ("ACACA"), Alberta Foundation for the Arts, CARFAC

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Rubrics for Jurying

- ✓ Original/not copied --/5
- ✓ Skill with media --/5
- ✓ Courses/background --/5
- ✓ Composition/design --/5
- ✓ Potential --/5