

Palouse Watercolor Socius Bylaws

Mission Statement

Our mission is to encourage and promote watercolor artists and to foster an appreciation of watermedia* in the region.

The Palouse Watercolor Socius (PWS) is dedicated to encouraging artists at all levels of ability and artistic achievement in a nurturing, educational and supportive environment. PWS strives to enhance the awareness of watercolor as an art form.

Identified goals include, but are not limited to, monthly meetings with an emphasis on educational activities, at least one annual exhibit and sale, and the sponsorship of workshops or other educational events for members and the community.

I. Membership

Any individual who subscribes to the mission of PWS and has an interest in creating watermedia may become a member by completing a membership form and paying annual dues. The membership year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

Current membership entitles a person to participate in PWS shows, vote on membership matters, run for elective office or serve on committees.

Courteous and ethical behavior is expected of members. The board of directors has the right to revoke the membership of anyone demonstrating disrespectful or unethical behavior.

II. Meetings

Membership meetings will be held once a month at a dedicated location and time to be determined by the membership.

A quorum for conducting business consists of 40% of the membership, and a majority of votes cast is needed to pass a motion.

III. Officers and Board

The board of directors is comprised of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and three other elected PWS members. All board members must be able to communicate with each other and the membership by email.

The board shall meet virtually or in person, as needed. Any PWS members are welcome to attend board meetings but may not vote. Four members of the board, present virtually or in person, constitute a quorum, which is required to pass any motion. A summary of the board's meeting will be presented at the following PWS meeting and/or included with the minutes of the PWS monthly meeting.

President: Plans and conducts meetings, calls board or special meetings, appoints various committees, and communicates with members in a timely manner as needed.

Vice President: Conducts meetings in the absence of the president and supports the president in his/her duties, including taking minutes at board meetings.

Secretary: Records, retains and distributes minutes to members by email and is responsible for upkeep, accuracy and distribution of the membership roster.

Treasurer: Receives and provides receipts for money due and payable to PWS; deposits all money in the established PWS bank account; writes checks for PWS expenses; reimburses members who have paid PWS expenses from their personal accounts; collects, reports and pays all Idaho state sales taxes from PWS sponsored sales or from members who request this service for their personal sales; keeps accurate records of all receipts and disbursements subject to the review of the president; presents monthly and annual income and expense reports to the membership.

IV. Election of Officers and Board Members

Officers and board members are elected for a one-year term with re-election possible. The board will act as a nominating committee to identify members willing to serve if elected by the membership.

Election of officers will be held each year in May with new officers assuming their positions in June of the same year.

Voting will be by email prior to meeting and/or by paper ballot, with a majority determining the outcome, as long as the total of votes cast on-line and at the meeting constitute a quorum.

If someone cannot serve out his or her term, the board will appoint a successor to serve until the next regularly scheduled election.

V. Committees/Appointments

The board or president may create both standing and special committees and appointments.

VI. Exhibit and Sales

There will be at least one annual exhibit and sale providing that there is sufficient interest among the membership.

Paintings must meet the requirements listed in the published PWS show regulations, in addition to any requests of the venue.

VII. Amendments

The board will notify all members via email two weeks in advance of a general membership meeting to amend the bylaws. These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote.

**Watermedia is defined as only watercolor, acrylic, water-based ink and other water-based paints.*

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