NEVADA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

ARTICLE I NAME

According to the Articles of Incorporation the name of this organization shall be Nevada Watercolor Society ("NVWS" or "the society"). The headquarters shall be in the County of Clark.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this society shall be to encourage, promote and advance watercolor painting through the education of the artist and general public.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section A ELIGIBILITY

Membership is open to any person residing in the United States or Canada upon payment of the society's yearly dues.

Section B CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be four categories of membership: Charter, Signature, Associate and Student.

1. ***CHARTER MEMBERSHIP***
   Consists of those who organized and founded the Nevada Watercolor Society and are therefore lifelong members and shall pay no dues.

2. ***SIGNATURE MEMBERSHIP***
   To qualify as a Signature Member, the applicant must have been accepted in three juried shows of the NVWS. The applicant is responsible for submitting proof of acceptance in the three shows to the membership chairman. Applicants will be notified by letter of this formal acceptance and they will be announced in the newsletter. Only Signature Members may use the initials NVWS when signing a watercolor painting.

3. ***ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP***
   An associate member may participate in all activities of the society with the exception of non-juried shows.

4. ***STUDENT MEMBERSHIP***
   High school and college students may be full members of the society by paying an annual membership fee of $15.00 due September 1.

Section C REQUIREMENTS

1. Dues shall be payable May 1 for Associate Members, June 1 for Signature Members, and September 1 for Student Members.

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2. Dues will be considered delinquent June 1 for Associate Members, July 1 for Signature Members, and October 1 for Student Members.
3. Members failing to pay dues by July 1 will be dropped from the rolls.
4. Readmission after forfeiture shall be by reapplication as with new associate members.
5. Resignations shall be in writing to the secretary.
6. New members paying dues after January 1 shall be in good standing until April 30 of the following year.

Section D ***REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP***

Members acting in a manner detrimental to the welfare of the society may be removed from membership only by a unanimous vote of all officers.

ARTICLE IV **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section A ***OFFICERS***

1. Any member may serve as an officer or committee chair provided he/she is able to attend monthly board meetings.
2. Officers shall consist of:
   President
   1st Vice President/Programs
   2nd Vice President/Membership
   3rd Vice President/Shows & Exhibits
   Secretary
   Treasurer
   Past President

Section B ***COMMITTEES***

1. The Board of Directors can create or eliminate committees, each of which shall be entitled to a vote at any board meeting, according to the changing needs of the membership. The Standing Rules list of committees will be updated after such vote.
2. A nominating committee of three shall be voted on by the board at the February meeting.
   a. The nominating committee shall present a slate of nominees in the April newsletter and at the April meeting.
   b. Nominations may be made from the floor at this time and before the election at the general meeting in May. Consent must be given by the nominee before placing on the ballot.

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Section C ***RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS***

1. Officers will be elected to serve a term from June 1 through May 31. Officers may be reelected.
2. A vacancy in the president's office will be filled on a temporary basis by one of the vice presidents by a vote of the Board of Directors until the members elect a new president. If a vacancy occurs in another office or committee chair, the Board of Directors will elect a successor.
3. Any expenditure from the general fund of $500 or more must be approved by the board and presented to the general membership for final vote. Any expenditure between $50 and $199 over and above the amount already approved in the yearly budget must be approved in advance by a majority of the elected officers. Any expenditure between $200 and $499 over and above the amount already approved in the yearly budget must be approved in advance by a majority of the board.
4. The president is the official spokesperson of the Nevada Watercolor Society. All matters of communication with the membership or the public shall be cleared through this office.
5. All chairpersons shall be appointed by the president and approved by the board.
6. An annual meeting will be held in May of each year. Elections will be held and the presentation of new officers will take place at that meeting.

ARTICLE V **MEETINGS**

Section A ***BOARD MEETINGS***

There shall be a monthly meeting of the officers subject to the call of the president. Any three officers may call a meeting of the board at any other time upon written notice seven days in advance of the proposed meeting.

Section B ***GENERAL***

Monthly meetings will be held September through May.

Section C ***ANNUAL***

An annual meeting shall be held in May of each year. Elections will be held and the presentation of new officers will take place at that meeting.

ARTICLE V REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These bylaws may be revised or amended at the annual meeting in May by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided a written notice of each proposed change has been sent to the membership fourteen days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VII STANDING PROCEDURES

Section A PROCEDURES

All procedures shall be according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section B STANDING RULES

There shall be Standing Rules, considered an addendum to this document, outlining procedures and practices meant to facilitate the orderly business of the society. Standing Rules may be changed by action of the board.

Section C AUDIT

An audit shall be prepared by a qualified and impartial accountant prior to the September meeting.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

If this society should be dissolved, its assets shall be distributed to another art oriented and non-profit organization within Clark Count, Nevada. No assets may be disbursed to individual members or heirs.