

BY-LAWS OF THE VERDES ART LEAGUE
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Verdes Art League (hereafter known as VAL) is to stimulate, encourage and promote the artistic talent and interests of residents within the Verdes communities.

GOALS

- Provide a place for artists to connect with one another in pursuit of their artistic interests.
- Provide a wide range of educational, instructional and art experiences for artists and crafts persons of all skill levels.
- Provide opportunities for local exhibition of original art and crafts.
- Encourage the appreciation of art in the Verdes communities.

BY-LAWS

The By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members present at any annual meeting.

1. VAL is a non-profit organization.

- Dues are payable at the annual meeting.
- Any change in dues requires a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members present at the annual meeting.
- Dues will be used only for approved VAL expenses.
- Upon dissolution of the organization, any remaining cash or other assets shall be used to purchase supplies for the art room.

2. Membership:

- Anyone who owns property or lives (for any length of time) in the Verdes communities can become a member.
- One must be a VAL member in order to show their work at any art show or exhibit that is sponsored by VAL.

- Members will have priority in participating in VAL sponsored activities, however non-members may participate in activities by adding \$10 to the registration fee.

3. Art instruction and educational programs:

- Any resident of the Verdes and/or surrounding communities are eligible to participate in instructional and educational classes and events. However, members will always have priority. Non-members may be bumped from a scheduled class/program to accommodate a member.

- Any monies collected for instructional/educational classes that remain after expenses are paid will be allocated to the instructor.

4. **Art Exhibitions:**

- VAL will sponsor at least one art show/exhibition per year.
- Only members will be able to show their work in a VAL sponsored event.
- All art or crafts submitted for exhibition or sale must be an original creation.
- There will be specific requirements for shows and exhibitions that will be published before the events.

5. **Meetings:**

- There will be one annual business meeting per year. The date will be set by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee.

The President can call a membership or Executive Committee meeting whenever he/she deems it is necessary in order to conduct the business of the VAL.

6. **Executive Committee:**

- The Executive Committee consists of five (5) Officers: President and/or Co-President or Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Past President, Educational Program Chairperson and one or more appointed officers. The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, will appoint a Program Chairperson(s) and a Communications Chair who will attend the Executive Committee meetings if deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
- If deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, two people may share the Office of the President, hereafter known as Co-Presidents.
- The Executive Committee is elected at the annual meeting.
- The current Executive Committee is responsible for recommending a slate of candidates to the membership for elections to the Executive Committee.
- Any member can volunteer his/her name for election consideration to the Executive Committee.
- An Executive Committee officer will be elected for a two-year term if possible.
- Elected officers cannot serve in the same office for more than two (2), two-year terms.
- Temporary officers can be appointed by the President, with the majority approval of the Executive Committee to replace any vacancies between elected terms.
- If the President can no longer fulfill his/her term, the Co-President or Vice President will become the President and will then appoint, with the majority approval of the Executive Committee, a new Co-President or Vice President.

Duties of the Executive Committee:

- Determines the agenda for VAL meetings.
- Determines and approves shows, exhibits and educational/instructional classes.
- Determines the yearly goals and long term direction/strategies for VAL.
- Approves Program Chairperson(s).

President:

- Calls and chairs VAL meetings.
- Calls and chairs the Executive Committee meetings.
- Oversees educational and instructional classes and seminars.
- Responsible for contracting for services and supplies.
- Appoints a Program Chair(s) or other temporary officers as needed in replacement of vacancies between terms. Appointments require the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Files a report on his/her term which shall be placed in a binder in the art room.

Vice President or Co-President:

- Acts as President when the President is absent.

Treasurer:

- Collects and tracks all dues and funds received by VAL.
- Maintains checking account(s) and provides reports on membership totals to the Executive Committee and Communication/Newsletter.
- Pays bills and invoices as authorized by the President/Co-President, Vice President or Program Chair(s)

Secretary:

- Maintains membership list and communicates changes to the Executive Committee.
- Records the minutes of the VAL meeting(s) and Executive Committee meetings.

Communication Chair:

- Shall be a member of the Executive Committee.
- Shall have a Communication Assistant.

Immediate Past President:

- Serves as a liaison to ensure continuity of the VAL's mission and organizational goals through the transition of the new Executive Committee.
- Provides advice and counsel to new Executive Committee members as needed.
- Maintains the historical information of the VAL's activities, programs, shows and exhibits.

Program Chair(s):

- Program chairs shall work with the Executive Committee to plan and implement educational and informational classes for all VAL members, in all types of mediums.
- Program chairs shall submit a one page report at the end of their term which describes their group's activities during their term.
- Program chairs' activities fall under the following areas (but are not limited to the following): Lecture Series, Glass Case Exhibit, Alcove Exhibit, Social Committee, Member Care (correspondence), New Member Orientation, Art Excursions, Website (Website chairpersons are expected to attend Executive Committee meetings).