

# **Constitution of the Art Student's League**

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## **Article 1**

The name of the organization shall be the Art Student's League.

## **Article 2**

The purposes of this association are to promote interest in art, art history, and art criticism and to give a voice to those students interested in art and its related fields of study.

## **Article 3**

*Section 1:* Any student enrolled at the University of Alabama is eligible for membership after having paid the dues.

*Section 2:* Active members shall be enrolled students at the University of Alabama. Associate members shall be faculty, staff, or alumni.

*Section 3:* The number of active membership in the organization must be more than 25% of the total number of members. Associate members are not eligible to hold office or vote.

## **Article 4**

*Section 1:* The officers of the association shall be Co-Chairs, Graduate Advisory Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Chair of the Exhibitions Committee, Chair of the Publicity Committee.

*Section 2:* Officers shall be elected each year from the pool of nominations. Active members, seeking office may be nominated by other members or by themselves. The composition of the officers must be shared equitably between graduate and undergraduate students.

*Section 3:* Elections shall be by secret ballot. Candidates receiving the majority of votes shall be named to their respective positions.

*Section 4:* Officers shall be elected to serve for one calendar year, beginning at the close of the meeting at which they are elected. Elections shall be held each April. Vacancies during summer sessions shall be filled by members appointed by the Chairs in consultation with the faculty advisor.

*Section 5:* The Chairs are responsible for presiding over all meetings and determining with approval of a forum the time of the next meeting and the time of other events.

*Section 6:* The Secretary and Treasurer should be two separate positions. The secretary should keep meeting minutes. The treasurer should maintain the association's budget and make funds available for receptions and other activities.

*Section 7:* The Chair of the Exhibitions Committee is responsible for organizing the juried show in

consultation with the faculty advisor, coordinating the annual call for exhibition proposals, and chairing the committee that selects exhibitions for the gallery. This position is responsible for gallery maintenance and exhibition installation.

*Section 8:* The Chair of the Publicity Committee is responsible for public relations. This includes updating the website and advertising meetings and activities.

*Section 9:* In order to maintain active status, an officer may miss no more than three meetings per year.

*Section 10:* If an officer plans to miss a meeting he or she should nominate a proxy to attend that meeting to fulfill the officer's duties.

## **Article 5**

*Section 1:* The regular meetings of the association will be announced by the chair with approval of the officers. Meetings will be announced by the first of the month in which they will be held.

*Section 2:* Officers meetings will be announced by the chair on an as-needed basis. These meetings will be announced by the first of the month before they will be held.

*Section 3:* Special meetings maybe called by the officers at any time. Special meetings can also be assembled through the written request of five members of the association. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the notice and at least three days notice will be given in case of emergency.

*Section 4:* Twenty-five percent of active members shall constitute a quorum.

## **Article 6**

The Art Students League shall have no relationship or be controlled by any other local, state, or national organization.

## **Article 7**

*Section 1:* The Executive Committee shall include the officers of the association. They shall supervise affairs of the association between its business meetings, make recommendations to the association, and perform other duties as specified in these by-laws. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the association and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the association.

*Section 2:* Other committees, standing or special, shall be elected by members of the association or appointed by the Chair, or organized by the faculty sponsor.

## **Article 8**

The Chair of the Art Department shall appoint one or more advisors to an indefinite tern when the situation arises. Responsibilities shall be those assigned by the University of Alabama.

**Article 9**

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not consistent with these by-laws and special rules of order the association may adopt.

**Article 10**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting

**Article 11**

By-laws to this constitution may be added at any regular meeting of the association by two-thirds vote, provided the by-law has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.