

Constitution/Mandate

1. The name of the Society is OKANAGAN ARTISTS ALTERNATIVE ASSOCIATION
2. The purposes of the Society are:
 - (1) To establish and operate an artist-run art gallery as and alternative to the municipal and commercial art galleries in the Okanagan Region.
 - (2) To exhibit high-quality contemporary art by both member and non-member artists.
 - (3) To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas within the artistic community and with the general public.
 - (4) To support and encourage innovative and experimental artwork.
 - (5) To provide a venue for unorthodox or controversial art that cannot be seen in the municipal or commercial galleries.
 - (6) To support and encourage promising new artists.
 - (7) To sponsor or collaborate with artists to carry out special artistic projects.
 - (8) To foster knowledge skills important to practicing, professional artists.
 - (9) To establish links with a national network or artist-run parallel galleries thereby gaining access to a board range of information and opportunities.
 - (10) To record and publicize the activities of the Society.
 - (11) To collect information about current artistic events in the form of books periodicals, newsletters, catalogues, tapes, and other relevant documents as a resource for both members and the general public.
 - (12) To generally enrich the visual arts and culture of the Okanagan Region.
3. The Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society to be used in promoting its purposes. This clause shall not be altered.
4. On the winding up or dissolutions of the Society, the assets of the Society shall not be distributed among the members, or any of them, unless such recipient member or members are charitable institutions in existence solely for charitable purposes. After all debts have been paid, or provision for their payment has been made, the assets remaining shall be paid, transferred and delivered to one or more charitable institutions in existence solely for charitable purposes, which shall be chosen by resolution of the members of the Society, or failing such resolution, by resolution of the Directors of the Society. This provision shall be unalterable.

5. The Bylaws of the society are those set out in schedule B to the Society Act, with the following variations, deletions and additions;

1. By-Law number 3 as set out in Schedule "B" of the Society Act, shall be deleted and the following By-Law shall be substituted in its place:

"Membership in the Society shall be open to all practicing artists and any other person supportive of the aims and goals of the Society."

2. By-Law number 4 as set out in Schedule "B" of the Society Act shall be varied as follows:

"Subject to the provisions of By-Law 3 herein, the members of the Society are the applicants for incorporation of the Society, and those person who subsequently have become members, in accordance with these By-Laws and, in either case, have not ceased to be members."

3. By-Law number 26(1) as set out in Schedule "B" of the Society Act shall be deleted and the following By-Law shall be substituted in its place

"At the first annual general meeting following removal of 25 (1) and the adoption of this motion, a number not exceeding half the directors shall be elected for a term of one year and the remainder of the number of directors for a term of two years. At the end of the first year after adoption of this bylaw, the directors elected for a term of one year shall retire and an election shall be held to fill the positions vacated for a two-year term."

4. By-Law number 16 (3) as set out in Schedule "B" of the Society Act shall be varied as follows:

"A quorum is 9 members in good standing present or a greater number that the members may determine at a general meeting."

5. The following By-Law shall be added:

25 (3) "No board member shall serve for more than six (6) consecutive years."