

Constitution of Northwest Arkansas Community College Art Club

Article I. Name

The official name of this organization shall be Northwest Arkansas Community College Art Club. It shall be abbreviated NWACC Art Club when addressing the public, and Art Club when addressing the campus.

Article II. Affiliation

The organization is affiliated with its community sponsor, Fusion Art Center in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Article III. Purpose

Section A. Type of Organization: This group shall function as a social, educational, and creative organization. No part of the group's net earnings, if any, shall inure to the benefit of, or shall be distributed to, its members, officers, advisors or other private parties.

Section B. Legal Requirements: The group shall abide by the applicable rules and policies of the Northwest Arkansas Community College's Student Organization Handbook and by federal anti-discrimination laws. In compliance with the Northwest Arkansas Community College's Legal Guidelines for Student Organizations, the group's activities may not "substantially disrupt the academic process" or "result in or provoke lawless action"

Section C. Educational Purpose: This organization is formed for the following purposes: 1) to increase the visibility of visual art on campus, 2) to increase the knowledge of aesthetics, 3) to broaden world view and visual art across cultures, 4) to empower artists to step out of their social and creative comfort zones.

Section D. Functions: This educational mission shall be accomplished by sponsoring and developing programs which 1) illuminate issues related to visual art, 2) encourage open discussion, and 3) increase the visibility of visual art.

Article IV. Membership Requirements and Limitations

Section A. Types of Membership: Voting membership (hereafter referred to as "membership") is open to all fine art, graphic design, and art education students as well as any student interested in visual art who is enrolled at Northwest Arkansas Community College. Membership is free.

Section B. Eligibility for Membership: Membership is open to all who qualify without regard to race, color, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, creed, disability, veteran status, marital status, or public assistance status. Members must complete and registration form to register their membership with the organization.

Article V. Officers

Section A. Eligibility of Officers: The officers of the organization shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers must be enrolled students at Northwest Arkansas Community College and registered for at least six credit hours at the time of election. [An exception to this rule shall be made during the first year of operation. In this case, an Executive Committee of at least three students, as defined above, shall serve as officers.]

Section B. Timetable for Elections: Officers shall be elected in September of each year by the membership and shall serve for a period of one year. [An exception to this rule shall be made in the first year of operation. In this case, an Executive Committee shall be selected by the membership upon the forming of the organization and shall serve until the following September.]

Article VI. Meetings

Meetings shall be conducted monthly or whenever the officers or faculty advisors have business to discuss with the membership. At the discretion of the officers or advisors, the meetings may be conducted via email or group discussion board. Special meetings may be called by the president, faculty advisors, or by petition of the membership.

Article VII. Decision Making

Decisions (including election of officers and by-laws) shall be enacted by a majority of the membership registering their votes, at the discretion of the officers or faculty advisors, in one of three ways: 1) in person, 2) via email, or 3) via group discussion board. Every effort will be made to minimize the amount of time required for members to make contributions to the organization.

Article VIII. Amendments

Amendments to the constitution may be proposed by the membership and officers of the organization. Such proposals shall be submitted in writing to the secretary. The proposal shall be distributed to the membership and a vote taken. A 2/3 majority of the membership registering their votes must be in favor for adoption of such amendments.

