

CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS' GUILD MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

As Proposed to Membership on October 9, 2014

Changes to the Guidelines and Bylaws can only be made by a majority vote at any announced meeting of the entire membership. The previous version was adopted September, 2000 and revised October, 2013.

Contemporary Artists' Guild, an organization of visual artists, was founded in 1975 in the central Louisiana region and has operated continually since that time. CAG functions on a non-profit basis through membership dues and donations. The fiscal year runs from September through August.

Mission Statement, Goals and Initiatives

Mission Statement: The Contemporary Artists' Guild is an organization of visual artists united to:

- promote the artistic endeavors of each individual member and
- foster the growth and development of a cultural art atmosphere in the community.

CAG Board Members will set prioritized goals for each year with an updated strategic plan, reviewed and revised at the beginning of each fiscal year. The goals, initiatives and specific plans to achieve those goals will be available to all members.

Membership

Membership in the Contemporary Artists' Guild provides the artist an opportunity to collaborate with other artists, share perspectives and interpretations and build a strong base of camaraderie among fellow artists all committed to promoting art. It can consist of active exhibiting artist members or patron members who are interested in supporting the local artists and art community. The artist members can be either

professional or non-professional.

All members are encouraged to participate in the operation of the organization by serving on committees or other duties.

Members must meet attendance requirements or may pay additional fees for entries into the Gallery 111/CAG Members' MayFest Art Show and other exhibitions. Any former members that have not paid their dues by November 30 may be removed from the roster.

Sponsor and Patron members will be non-voting members of the guild. Only artist members current in their dues will be permitted to vote.

Members should:

- attend as many meetings as possible*
- sign in at all meetings for attendance records and must sign in when membership vote is on the agenda
- support the mission of the Contemporary Artists' Guild
- help spread the word about the organization and assist with increasing membership numbers
- Member Dues: \$50 per fiscal year, September through August

All members are encouraged to participate in the operation of the organization by:

- provide all necessary information for inclusion on website as described on membership form
- attending meetings
- being active artists
- serving on committees or performing other duties. Members can volunteer at any time.

Meetings

Membership meetings are held once per month, unless the group votes in the spring to delete that summer's meetings. The meetings are regularly held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The meeting

place will be announced.

Decisions regarding the entire group will be made by a majority vote of the attending members in good standing (dues paid) at any announced meeting.

Executive Board/Officers

The officers are the Executive Board of the Contemporary Artists' Guild. Office term is one year and runs from August through July. The summer will be a mentoring period for the new officers. When possible, each officer should be an active member for at least one year as well as have had attended the majority of meetings that year.

When possible, the floor is open for nominations of new officers through April and the annual election of officers for the upcoming year will be held at the May meeting.

When possible, a nominating committee, assigned at the March meeting by the President, will research those qualified members interested in becoming officers and will present the slate sometime before the May meeting. Nominations can also be taken from the floor during the May meeting.

Current officers who wish to remain in their positions or hold another office will be given the opportunity to speak to the Nominating Committee. Board members may elect to run for the same office for the upcoming year.