

BYLAWS OF
MARYLAND PASTEL SOCIETY, INC.
P.O. BOX 54
RIDERWOOD, MARYLAND 21139
AMENDED AND REVISED 1999

ARTICLE I: NAME, ETC.

- SEC. 1. The name of this organization shall be The Maryland Pastel Society, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as the Society, a non-profit Corporation formed under the non-profit corporation laws of the State of Maryland on October 4, 1977, and having its principal office in Baltimore County, Maryland.
- SEC. 2. This Corporation shall not be authorized to issue capital stock. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall pay reasonable compensation or reimbursement of expenses for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. There shall be no political activities or any other activities not permissible to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

- SEC. 1. The purposes for which the Society was formed are as follows:
- a. The Society has as its primary objective, the promotion and development of professional and original works of art, principally in the medium of dry pastel,
 - b. To provide educational opportunities for artists and the public through the quarterly newsletter, lectures, art demonstrations, workshops, and art exhibitions, including awards and certificates for achievements.
 - c. Distributions may be made to organizations which qualify as exempt organizations under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code, or corresponding section(s) of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

- SEC. 1. There shall be four classifications of membership: ARTIST MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, PATRONS, and CORPORATE MEMBERS.
- a. ARTISTS shall submit an application along with a resume of credentials and professional qualifications in the media of dry pastels, along with required fees, and six or more examples of original paintings or slides. New ARTIST MEMBERS shall be elected by a majority vote of a panel of qualified jurors at specified meetings of the executive board.
 - b. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS are considered future artist members, and may submit an application with required dues by mail, or at any general meeting. Associates may not vote, but may serve on a committee, with the exception of the chairman. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS may participate in scheduled shows for Associates only, are urged to participate in all open juried exhibitions, and are encouraged to acquire the desirable credentials of a professional artist.
 - c. PATRONS are individuals who, although they may not be artists, wish to become an important part of the promotion of the arts in Maryland and the surrounding region. Monetary contributions, which are tax deductible, are welcomed at any time during the fiscal year. They will receive the “*Shades of Pastel*” Quarterly Newsletter.
 - d. CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP will be encouraged to participate by supporting the Society’s efforts in promoting public interest in fine paintings and art works through the purchase of paintings, as well as contributions, monetary and merchandise awards in juried national and regional art exhibitions. Contributions and awards are tax deductible. They also receive the “*Shades of Pastel*” Quarterly Newsletter.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

- SEC 1. The annual dues of ARTIST MEMBERS and ASSOCIATE MEMBERS shall be determined by the Executive Board.
- SEC. 2. ARTIST MEMBER dues are \$25.00* annually, and are payable during the month of January. If not remitted timely, dues are in arrears after February 1st. ARTIST MEMBERS whose dues are not received by April 1st are not in good standing and will be deleted from the roster. New members admitted after October 1st are automatically paid through the following year.
- SEC. 3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS dues are \$15.00* annually. New ASSOCIATE MEMBERS joining in October, November, or December are automatically paid through the following year.
- SEC. 4. PATRONS may have their donation applied to a number of important pursuits for a tax-deductible contribution of \$35.00 or more, annually.
- SEC. 5. CORPORATIONS may make tax-deductible contributions of \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 or more, and may also support the Society through purchases of art, prizes, memorial awards or other appropriate awards for portraits, landscapes, still life, or special subjects of interest within the confines of dry pastel. Prizes and awards are tax deductible.

* These amounts are subject to change at the direction of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE BOARD

- SEC. 1. The elected officers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.
- SEC. 2. The Executive Board shall consist of the five elected officers and following appointed Chairmen of Standing Committees:
- a. Exhibitions
 - b. *"Shades of Pastel"* Newsletter
 - c. Membership
 - d. Special Events
 - e. Publicity
 - f. Finance

SEC. 3. Other committees may be formed as necessary to serve the needs of the Society, and chairmen of any added standing committees will be members of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SEC. 1. The President shall appoint, by June 30th of odd-numbered years, a nomination committee of three active members, none of whom may be an elected officer, to select a slate for President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

SEC. 2. Elections shall be held at the Autumn meeting in odd-numbered years. A term of office shall be for two years.

SEC. 3. The President may serve no more than two consecutive terms, but may serve again as President after an interval of two years. All other elected officers may be re-elected without restrictions.

SEC. 4. No members shall be nominated without their consent to serve.

SEC. 5. Nominations may be made from the floor, with the nominee's consent.

SEC. 6. Election shall be held by ballot vote of those present at the election meeting. In the event that there is but one nominee for each office, election may be by voice vote. A majority vote shall elect.

SEC. 7. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties just prior to adjournment at the election meeting.

SEC. 8. If any elected officer or committee chairman is unable to fulfill their duties, the president shall have the power to appoint, with the approval of the Board, another qualified member to serve out the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at all general and board meetings, sign all contracts and obligations of the Society, and shall be, ex-officio, a member of all committees except the committee on nominations.

The President shall have the power to appoint the chairmen and members of all committees, may fill vacancies, and may convene the Board in special session if necessary.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, preside at the meetings, and perform such other duties as are required by the President. The Vice-President has the obligation to serve as a committee chairman or serve actively on a committee during the two-year term, and should expect to assume the presidency when the President's term of office ends.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate, written minutes for all general, executive, and special meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the President and the Executive Board.

SEC. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall give at least ten (10) days' notice for all meetings, conduct the general correspondence of the Society, keeping permanent records thereof, shall notify the membership regarding nominations and elections, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the President and Executive Board. Meeting announcements must be sent to the Newsletter Editor prior to publication.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall be responsible for bank accounts and any special funds, and shall collect and receive all payments, fees, and dues for the Society, as well as disburse all legitimate bills. Further duties include preparing accurate treasurer's reports for all meetings, keeping thorough written records of all financial activities, maintaining a current, accurate roster of all ARTIST MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, PATRONS, and CORPORATE MEMBERS, including addresses and telephone numbers. The Treasurer shall send dues invoices in January each year, and mail out delinquent notices as necessary. The Executive Board shall be notified of all recorded changes in the roster. The fiscal year for the Society shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year for accounting purposes. The Treasurer shall work closely with the President and the Executive Board regarding an annual budget.

SEC. 6. Retiring officers and chairmen shall turn over all Society records to their successors.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

- SEC. 1. All general meetings are open to the public and emphasize educational programs to promote knowledge and appreciation for art.
- SEC. 2. Two general meetings are scheduled annually in Spring and Autumn. A quorum for all general meetings shall be twelve ARTIST MEMBERS, at least five of whom shall be members of the Executive Board.
- SEC. 3. Two Executive Board meetings shall be scheduled by the President. A majority of the total Board shall constitute a quorum for such meetings.
- SEC. 4. Special Executive Board meetings may be scheduled by the President as necessary.
- SEC. 5. The ARTIST MEMBERS may be asked, at times, to vote on certain issues or proposals by mail if they cannot be present at a meeting. (Exception, election of officers, when they must be present in order to vote.)

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

- SEC. 1. At least (30) days in advance of a general meeting, amendments to these Bylaws may be offered to the Executive Board in writing by any ARTIST MEMBER, to be voted upon at the next general meeting of the Society. A copy of any such proposed amendment (s) shall be sent by the Corresponding Secretary to each ARTIST MEMBER at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which it is to be acted upon.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

- SEC. 1. Upon the majority vote of the membership to dissolve the Society, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The Executive Board shall decide which exempt purposes with benefit from these assets.

NOTE: These revised Bylaws supercede any and all prior bylaws for the Maryland Pastel Society, Incorporated. Changes and revisions were adopted by the ARTIST MEMBERSHIP of the Society at a general meeting held on _____.

President _____
Date

Address _____

Vice-President _____
Date

Address _____

Recording Secretary _____
Date

Address

Corresponding Secretary _____
Date

Address

Treasurer _____
Date

Address _____