SPECIAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
ISLAND ART ASSOCIATION  
ART EDUCATION CENTER, 18 N. 2ND STREET, FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034

Meeting Minutes  
March 20th, 2023

A) Call to Order by President (John Abbott) at 4:00pm, 20 Exhibiting Artist Members were in attendance

B) Proposed Changes to IAA By-Laws (John Abbott)

(1) Amendments to By-Laws Vetted by:
Sharon Haffey  
Gwen Cowart  
Denise Murphy  
Logan Pierson  
Liz Krawieki  
The proposed amendments were presented to the IAA Secretary and submitted to all members, via email, for review and consideration.

(2) The Following Revisions were submitted for review and presented for vote to the general assembly of Exhibiting Artists:
In general, the changes are to:
- correct typos and grammar  
- provide clarification of, and consistency of, terms and titles  
- clarify the new system of dues renewal dates  
- Delete term limits for all offices  
- clarify the overseeing and appointment of chairs and members of committees  
- in general, clean up the language to reflect how we actually do business

(a) GENERAL CHANGES
The word “Director” should be capitalized throughout the document.
Revise the term “Exhibiting artists” to “Exhibiting Artist members”.
Comment: These revisions are to achieve consistency within the text.

The term “Associate member” will replace the term “Supporting member” throughout the document.
Comment: This revision is to ensure common nomenclature used in the By-laws, Operations Manual and web site.

Address any miscellaneous typographical and punctuation errors.

(b) SECTIONS
(i) Section 3.8
Revise the first sentence, in part, to read:
“The dues for Exhibiting Artist members shall be due….”
Add the following sentence to this section:
“The dues for Associate members are due January 1”.
Comment: This revision updates the By-laws to reflect the recent Board decision to split the membership dues between January (Associate members) and June (Exhibiting Artist members) as now stated in the Operations Manual.

Section 5.2 Delete this section in its entirety and revise to read as follows:
“The terms of office of all officers shall be one year beginning June 1. There shall be no limitation on the number of consecutive or nonconsecutive terms which may be served by any officer.
Comment: The officers of the Association, including the President, are subject to the annual elections by the membership. There are instances in which elected officers have served many consecutive terms and one instance where the President served three consecutive terms.

Section 5.3 Delete the last three sentence of this section. (beginning with “and shall, with the approval of the Board” to “ex officio member of all committees”.)
Comment: This section as currently written does not reflect how committee chairs and committee members are actually appointed. Some committee chairs are not officers or Directors and do not sit on the Board of Directors. Through annual elections, certain officers automatically become chairs of certain committees and are not “appointed” by the President. The President does not “appoint all members of all committees”. It has been our custom to have Exhibiting Artist members sign up for the committee(s) of their choice and /or volunteer to be a committee chair.

Section 5.7 Delete item 5.7-14. Delete item 5.7-17.
Delete the numeric references to the bullet points. Substitute with a, b, c, d
Comment: Item 14 is the responsibility of Membership. Item 17 is the responsibility of Marketing / Communications. The numbering of the bullet points doesn’t relate to anything.

Section 9.3 Revise the names of the following standing committees:
Revise Marketing / Publicity to Marketing / Communications.
Revise Computer Support to Technical Support.
Comment: This revision is to achieve consistency with the nomenclature used in the Operations Manual.
VOTE to accept all proposed changes, corrections, and revisions was unanimous to the affirmative.

C) Open Floor

D) Meeting adjourned