

CONSTITUTION OF THE AVON ARTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I. Introduction

Section 1. Definition

This Constitution of the Avon Arts Association, Inc. is a specification of the purpose and structure of the organization.

Section 2. Name

This association shall be called the Avon Arts Association, Inc. (hereinafter, the Association).

Section 3. Objectives

The Association has been organized to bring together artists and art-loving people to create and to foster in the community an interest in all phases of artistic expression and endeavor.

Section 4. Non-profit Character

The Association shall be a non-profit organization, no part of the net earnings of which shall inure to the benefit of any private individual. **Said Association is organized exclusively for purposes that qualify as exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.**

ARTICLE II. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Any individual or family interested in promoting the objectives of the Association shall be deemed eligible for membership, subject to such limitations as the Association shall impose.

Section 2. Categories

The categories of membership shall include:

- **General:** A general member may be either an individual or a family. For the purposes of this paragraph, a family is defined as a group of people living in the same household. General members shall be required to pay their dues in a timely fashion as assessed by the Board and shall have all the rights of general membership in the Association, including activities of the Association, membership on committees, the holding of elective office, and full voting privileges.
- **Honorary:** An honorary member is an individual who the Association elects to such status on the recommendation of the Board. Honorary members are not required to pay dues and are not eligible for membership on committees, to hold elective office, or to vote.

Section 3. Removal

Any member may be removed for just cause from membership by a majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE III. Executive Management

Section 1. Officers

The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary, and this list order shall be the order of succession.

Section 2. Standing Committees

There will be provision for standing committees to conduct the ongoing business of the Association.

Section 3. Ad Hoc Committees

There will be provision for ad hoc, or special, committees as necessary to carry out special projects for the Association.

Section 4. Board

The officers and standing committee chairpersons shall constitute the Board. The direction of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Board.

Section 5. Terms of Office

Each officer shall be elected for a term of two years. Officers are not eligible for re-election to the same office for more than two consecutive terms. The same office may be held after a lapse of two years.

Each chairperson of a standing committee shall be appointed for a term of two years. Chairpersons are not eligible for reappointment to the same position for more than two consecutive terms. The same position may be held after a lapse of two years.

Section 6. Terms as Successor

If the President is unable to serve, the Vice-President shall serve until the next election. If the Treasurer is unable to serve, the President shall perform all the duties of Treasurer until the Board appoints a successor. In all other cases where an elected official is unable to serve, the Board shall appoint a successor to serve until the next election.

ARTICLE IV. Meetings

Section 1. Board Meetings

Board meetings shall be held whenever the Board deems necessary and special board meetings may be called at any time by order of the President, or in his/her absence by any two members of the Board, the object of such meeting being stated in the call.

Section 2. Regular Meetings

Regular meetings of the Association shall be held according to a schedule to be determined by the Board.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Special meetings shall be called by the President upon request of at least five general members of the Association. Whenever special meetings are called, notice thereof shall be given as far in advance as possible and the purpose stated.

ARTICLE V. Bylaws

Bylaws shall be written for governing the Association's activities and affairs, subject to this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI. Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Association, assets remaining after payment of its just debts shall be distributed to such recognized qualified scholarship funds as may be designated by the Board.

ARTICLE VII. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Association, provided a written copy of the proposed amendments is made available to all general members at least three weeks prior to the meeting. To be approved, an amendment must receive approval of two-thirds of those general members present.

This Constitution was amended in 1977, 1983, 1999 May, 2017 Feb.
This ends this Constitution.