

## PLEIN AIR PAINTERS OF ORGEON

**Preamble:** It is the intent of the Plein Air Painters of Oregon to provide an organized opportunity for plein air painters to capture and display the beauty of Oregon in an atmosphere of camaraderie. The organization shall be not-for-profit.

**Plein Air Painting Defined:** Plein air painting is a painting whose origin, concepts, composition, and value range has been established on site.

**Effective Date:** The by-laws agreed to on 1 March 2006 were revised 1 January 2007.

### ARTICLE I NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the organization is the Plein Air Painters of Oregon. Organization headquarters initially will be Bend, Oregon, but may be in any location in the state of Oregon.

### ARTICLE II MISSION

Plein Air Painters of Oregon is a fellowship of artists who paint in the historic tradition of plein air, in an effort to capture the visual beauty of Oregon, foster the exchange of ideas between artists, and promote and heighten public awareness of plein air painting.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1: Membership in this organization is open to all artists who support the mission.

Section 2: There shall be no geographic restrictions on membership.

### ARTICLE IV DUES

Section 1: The Leadership Council shall set dues.

Section 2: Dues shall be considered for adjustment once a year in the month of October to match expenses.

Section 3: Dues cover the period from 1 November through 31 October of the following year.

Section 4: Dues will be due in the month of November and delinquent by the last day of the following month of January. After January, those members who have not paid their dues will be removed from the membership and deprived of the associated benefits.

## ARTICLE V GOVERNANCE AUTHORITY

- Section 1. A Leadership Council shall govern the organization.
- a.1. The Leadership Council shall be legislative and administrative.
  - b.1. The Leadership Council shall consist of a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Webmaster, and three (3) members at large.
  - c.1. The President shall preside over the Leadership Council.
  - d.1. A quorum shall be five (5) members of the Leadership Council.

## ARTICLE VI OFFICES

Section 1: The offices shall consist of a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Webmaster.

- a.1. The President shall preside over the Leadership Council and shall represent the organization to the public.
- b.1. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and banking of dues and other fees, and for the payment of expenses.
- c.1. The Secretary shall be responsible for general correspondence, minutes of meetings, and maintenance of the membership list.
- d.1. The Webmaster shall be responsible for the design and maintenance of the Plein Air Painters of Oregon website. The Webmaster shall maintain or cause the website to be maintained.

Section 2. Terms of office shall be two (2) years. Individuals may hold an office for multiple terms.

Section 3. Candidates for the offices of President, Treasurer, Secretary, and any new non-technical offices added in the future will require a majority of received member votes to take office. Elections shall take place 30 days after identification of the candidates.

Section 4. Vacancies for unexpired terms will be filled by appointment of the remainder of the Leadership Council for the remainder of the term.

Section 5. Volunteers from the membership shall fill the three (3) members at large seats on the Leadership Council. Should two or more members vie for a single seat; the individual receiving the most member votes will fill the position.

## ARTICLE VII COMMUNICATIONS

Section 1. The organization shall strive to make all correspondence electronic.

Section 2. The website shall be the primary tool for marketing the organization and dispensing information.

a.1. The Webmaster shall establish the technical standards for the website.

b.1 Individual members may submit to the Webmaster for posting on the website, information that would be of interest to all members.

## ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

The Leadership Council shall appoint committees and committee members as needed.

## ARTICLE IX EXHIBITS

The Plein Air Painters of Oregon shall sponsor one juried membership show a year. A committee shall be formed each year to organize the show.

## ARTICLE X REVIEW OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Each year in the month of October, beginning in the year 2007, The Leadership Council shall review the by-laws and recommend any necessary changes.

Section 2. Any changes to the by-laws shall be voted on by the membership in the month of January following the month of November. A majority of received votes will determine acceptance.

## ARTICLE XI DISSOLVEMENT

The laws of the State of Oregon shall be followed to the fullest should the organization wishes to dissolve.

### HISTORY OF THE PLEIN PAINTERS OF OREGON

In the summer of 2002, an informal group of painters led by Kathleen Keliher, began painting together on location in Central Oregon. The Plein Air Painters of Oregon was established as a not-for-profit organization in July 2003. Kathleen became the first President of the organization.

A Founders Group was formed of people who gave time and energy to the formation of the organization. The Founders Group consists of:

Gordon Baker  
Kay Baker  
Jean Domeruge  
Linda Gillard  
Beth Hines  
Carol Jacquet  
Kathleen Keliher  
Ron Raasch  
Denise Rich  
Ken Roth  
Dan Russell  
Ruth Schassberger

The original by-laws took effect 1 January 2004. It envisioned the Founders Group as the leadership and decision makers. Experience has indicated that a Leadership Council would be a better form of governance as the Council has provisions for change and turnover in membership. Therefore authority has been transferred to the Leadership Council from the Founders Group in this set of by-laws.