

The Forwardian Arts Society

By-Laws

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“THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY (TFAS) is a fellowship of people who love the arts and share in the belief that the arts can inspire our creative dreams to become meaningful realities. TFAS will focus on events, communications, and other opportunities that provide enjoyment, appreciation, understanding, and knowledge of the arts. Therefore, our fellowship shares a desire to support, encourage, and explore the artistic experiences of creative individuals and groups as they go forward toward their dreams.” Mission Statement

The Forwardian Arts Society Membership:

Art Lover (Basic) Membership: Art Lover Membership of The Forwardian Arts Society is open and free to all. The only requirement is one must love the arts and have a desire to be a member of The Forwardian Arts Society.

Passionate Art Lover (Upgraded) Membership: Passionate Art Lover Membership of The Forwardian Arts Society is available at an annual fee for those who would like to lend their financial support to the fellowship. Passionate Art Lovers receive additional appreciations (aka benefits) for their support.

The Forwardian Arts Society Leadership:

Entrusted Friends (aka Board of Directors): The Entrusted Friends of The Forwardian Arts Society shall be responsible for overseeing the general development of the fellowship. The Entrusted Friends may consist of The Forwardian Arts Society Passionate Art Lover membership who are nominated and seconded by The Passionate Art Lover membership and elected to their position by a majority vote of the entire membership. The Entrusted Friends may also consist of representatives chosen from within the groups and committees established by The Forwardian Arts Society who choose to attend a scheduled meeting. All members of The Forwardian Arts Society may attend The Entrusted Friends’ scheduled meetings.

Entrusted Friends Meetings:

All Scheduled meetings of The Forwardian Arts Society’s Entrusted Friends shall be presided by a president nominated and seconded a member of The Entrusted Friends and elected by a majority vote of the entire body. Other officers such as a recording secretary, treasurer, and other may be selected in the same manner.

Entrusted Friends Powers:

The Entrusted Friends shall have the power to establish committees to address the needs of specific creative disciplines that support the fellowship’s mission as the need arises and/or as expressed by the general public, the TFAS membership, or its officers.

The Entrusted Friends shall have the power to establish ad hoc committees to address the needs of specific creative disciplines that support the fellowship’s mission as the need arises and/or as expressed by the general public, the TFAS membership, or its officers.

The Entrusted Friends shall have the power to provide or designate individual members to provide oversight in specific areas including (but not limited to) a special elections committee.

The Forwardian Arts Society Groups and Committees:

Groups and Committees established by The Entrusted Friends shall be responsible for addressing the areas in which they're designated. Groups and Committees shall remain autonomous except in matters pertaining to another Group or Committee or to The Forwardian Arts Society as a whole. Each active Group and Committee may chose among its memberships officers to oversee the development of the Group or Committee and may choose a representative to be present at The Entrusted Friends' regular meetings.

These Groups and Committees may consist of (but not limited to): THE FORWARDIAN PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY to include (but not limited to) the disciplines of Theater, Dance, Music, and film, THE FORWARDIAN CREATIVE ARTS SOCIETY to include (but not limited to) the disciplines of painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, literature, and poetry, THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY EDUCATION COMMITTEE to include (but not limited to) the creation of workshops and classes relating to the arts, THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY FUND RAISING COMMITTEE is designed (but not limited) to secure and distribute funds to programs and endeavors relating to the arts, THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY OUTREACH/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE is designed (but not limited) to attract new members, address any membership concerns, enhance our membership benefits (aka appreciations), and enhance the fellowship's ability to inform the public in matters relating to the arts, THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY EVENTS COMMITTEE is designed (but not limited) to plan and execute events such as festivals, artists' receptions, and others created by The Forwardian Arts Society, THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE is designed (but not limited) to create and maintain online and/or printed publications serving the artistic community, and THE FORWARDIAN ARTS SOCIETY VISIONARY COMMITTEE is designed (but not limited) to explore ways to improve the fellowship's ability to express its love for the arts.

Amendments: Amendments to these By-Laws may be made when the need arises by a majority of the general membership in a special referendum and by The Entrusted Friends.