

# CONSTITUTION OF THE COLBORNE SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

(Draft dated July 21, 1997 - ratified on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2000)

## ARTICLE 1: NAME

The organization shall be known as The Colborne Society of Artists (The Society).

## ARTICLE 2: RATIONALE

The Society is a cooperative of artists who manage the Colborne Art Gallery, in an atmosphere of goodwill with each other, and with the community at large.

## ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

All members in good standing have equal voting rights in all matters under The Society's control. A member in good standing is defined as a paid up member (January 26<sup>th</sup> 2000).

**Membership** is limited to founding members and qualified additional members.

Founding members are those listed below:

Avril Bull Jones	Audrey Caryi	Ruth Coleman Harding
Tim Dignam	Betsie Downie	Wilhelmina Kennedy
Ethelwyn Rempel	Anne McDonald	Irene Osborne
Alice Vander Vennan	Alison Seale	John Stubbs
Barbara Brown	Dorothy Winter	Ann Young Nicholas
	Liz Willoughby	Yoka Jeronimus

### Qualified Additional Members

Any member in good standing may propose a candidate for membership of The Society. A candidate who receives the support of two-thirds of the members in good standing and makes the required financial contribution will be accepted as a member of The Society

### Disqualified Members

Any member in good standing (one who has paid their dues), may move that an existing member be disqualified from membership of The Society. If the motion is seconded and receives the support of two-thirds of the members in good standing, said existing member will be disqualified from The Society.

## ARTICLE 4: MEETINGS

Meetings will be held as needed, with one annual meeting each year. All members will be notified of meetings at least two weeks in advance.

A majority of the current membership shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS**

The following offices shall be filled by nomination and election at the annual meeting:

Chairperson - presides at all meetings.

Secretary - liaison with other bodies, groups and individuals e.g. Colborne Council, LACAC, etc.

Recording Secretary - records minutes of meetings.

Treasurer - bank account, financial records

Curator - hang shows, oversee gallery operations

An officer serves for at least one year, and may serve subsequent one-year terms if willing, and if elected. A member may hold more than one office.

## **ADDENDUM TO ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

All members in good standing have equal voting rights

All voting regarding membership will be by secret ballot; two-thirds support regarding membership will be supported.

### Additions to membership

1. Maximum number of members will be set by consensus. (Defined as two-thirds approval of members in good standing March 22, 2000)
2. All written applications for membership will be considered by a membership committee in order of receipt.
3. Any member may propose a candidate for membership
4. Recommendations of the membership committee will be brought to the membership for voting.

### Withdrawal of membership

1. Any member who is unable or unwilling to make the contributions, as required, may meet with the membership committee for mediation. Their recommendations will then be brought to the membership for voting.
2. Written resignations will be accepted and brought to the membership.

