

Vermont Art Teachers Association Bylaws

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Article 1 Name

This Association shall be called the Vermont Art Teachers Association (VATA), an affiliate of the National Art Education Association.

Article 2 Purpose

Section 1. To represent art educators and promote the study and teaching of the visual arts.

Section 2. To affirm art as a core subject in the school curriculum (PK-12) with instruction that is comprehensive, sequential, and taught by certified art educators.

Section 3. To cooperate with other state and national associations and government agencies to strengthen the place of art in education.

Section 4. To advocate the value of art in the schools to the public, school administration, and government leaders.

Section 5. To provide quality workshops, seminars, and conferences which contribute to personal and professional growth.

Article 3 Membership and Dues

Section 1. We are an affiliate of NAEA and membership is directly linked to membership in VATA.

Section 2. Membership is open to those individuals engaged in the teaching of art, or the direction of programs of art education, or in pursuits closely related to the field.

Section 3. Privileges of membership include the right to vote and to hold office.

Section 4. Dues for membership include membership in the NAEA and shall be determined in accordance with NAEA and the VATA Executive/Governing Committee.

Section 5. Classes of Membership

- **Active Professional:** For individuals professionally engaged in the field of visual arts and/or who facilitate programs of, or related to, art education. Active Professional membership provides all the privileges of membership including the right to vote and hold national office.

- **First Year Professional:** For educators entering their first year in the field of art education. Membership is granted for one year only, on a one-time basis. First Year Professional membership provides all the privileges of Active Professional membership.
- **Associate:** For individuals interested in, supporting, or involved with pursuits closely related to the field of art education. Associate membership provides the privileges of Active Professional membership except the right to vote and hold national office.
- **Emeritus:** For individuals who are retired and no longer professionally employed in the field of art education and have been a member of the Association for a minimum of five (5) years. Emeritus membership provides all the privileges of Active Professional membership.
- **Preservice:** For undergraduate students and full-time graduate students. Preservice membership provides all the privileges of Active Professional membership including the right to vote and hold national office.
- **Institutional:** For colleges, universities, libraries, and institutions directly or indirectly involved in art education. Institutional membership provides all the privileges of Active Professional membership except the right to vote or hold national office.

Article 4 Organization and Governance

Section 1. VATA shall be organized to include 4 elected officers (forming the Executive Committee) and a Governing Committee.

Section 2. The elected officers will consist of:

- **President-** two year term
- **President Elect-** two year term
- **Secretary-**two year term
- **Treasurer-** two year term

Section 3. These elected officers shall not serve more than two consecutive terms on the Executive Committee. A majority vote of the Governing Committee may extend a term of office in extreme circumstances.

Section 4. The Governing Committee shall consist of:

- **Past Co-Chairs**
- **Membership Chair**
- **Advocacy Chair**
- **Communications Chair**
- **Conference Chair**
- **YAM Chair**
- **YAM Co-Chair**
- **Area/Regional Representatives**

All VATA members are eligible for non-consecutive terms on the Executive Committee and to attend board meetings.

Article 5 Elections of Officers

Section 1. Elections of new officers will be held in conjunction with the annual general membership meeting at the VATA fall conference. Any active member who seeks office may have his/her name placed on the ballot by contacting a member of the Governing Committee.

Section 2. When vacancies occur, or when an elected officer is unable to perform his/her duties, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement, who is a member in good standing, subject to Governing Committee approval.

Article 6 Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The Officers of this association shall be expected to carry out the following duties and mentoring incoming replacements:

- President
 - Call and conduct all Executive/Governing Committee meetings and the Annual Meeting
 - Communicate with NAEA
 - Coordinate and delegate organizational activities
 - Appoint officers when vacancies occur
- President Elect
 - Conduct Board/Governing Committee meetings when the President is unavailable
 - Communicate with NAEA
 - Learn VATA procedures and history
 - Assist President in VATA duties in preparation for President role
- Secretary
 - Record agendas and minutes of all meetings of the Executive and Governing Committees
 - Send/provide copies to all Committee members
- Treasurer
 - Maintain accurate records of all organizational financial transactions
 - Submit financial status reports to the Executive/Governing Committee
 - Develop and propose an annual budget for Executive/Governing Committee consideration

Article 7 Duties of other members of the Governing Committee

- Advocacy Chair
 - Assemble available research on the value of arts education
 - Promote activities of VATA at state and national educational events
 - Be a spokesperson for arts education at state and national educational events
- Communications Chair
 - Provide a communication network for our members and the community to share visual art education knowledge and information
 - Oversee the creation of a calendar of shows, educational events, and other relevant activities for the VATA website with active input from the Executive/Governing Committee
 - Oversee the maintenance of the VATA website
 - Oversee VATA social media outlets
- Conference Chair

- Work with the Executive Committee and Conference Committee to set a yearly theme for the conference and keynote speakers
- Establish, oversee and delegate the tasks required to manage the annual VATA conference.
- YAM Chair
 - Plan and promote YAM shows
 - Coordinate and delegate YAM publicity and event tasks
- YAM Co-Chair
 - Work with and learn from YAM Chair
- Membership Chair
 - Receive and organize membership records from NAEA
 - Create and sustain an active membership list
 - Annually update list of preservice educators as future professional members

Article 8 Governing Committee Meetings

Section 1. The Governing Committee will have at least 6 meetings a year. The general membership shall convene for the annual business meeting to elect officers and conduct such other business of VATA as necessary.

Article 9 Dissolution

Section 1. VATA shall use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these Bylaws and no part of said funds shall inure, or be distributed to the members of VATA. On dissolution of VATA, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more qualified scientific, educational, charitable or philanthropic organizations related to the field of art education to be selected by the Executive/Governing Committee.

Article 10 Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended, in whole or in part, at any annual business meeting of VATA by a two-thirds majority vote of the accredited voting representatives present at the meeting, providing that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing and presented to the Executive/Governing Committee 30 days prior.

Article 11 Indemnification

Section 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

No officer, director or former officer or director shall be personally liable to VATA or its members for monetary damages for any conduct as an officer or director; provided, however, that this section shall not eliminate or limit liability for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law by an officer or director or for any transaction from which the officer or director will personally receive a benefit in money, property, or services to which he/she is not legally entitled; and provided, this limitation shall not eliminate or limit the liability of an officer or director for any act or omission prior to the date when this provision becomes effective.

Section 2. INSURANCE

VATA may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any such director, officer, employee or agent or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any such expense, liability or loss, whether or not VATA would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under Vermont state law.