# NORWEGIAN SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT ARTISTS LAWS AND STATUTES

#### 1. ASSOCIATION

NORWEGIAN SOCIETY OF INDEPENDENT ARTISTS, abbreviated to NFUK, is a nationwide association for visual artists who are engaged with creating art fulltime or part-time, regardless of educational artistic education or background. NFUK is a non-profit and spiritually independent organization.

#### 2. PURPOSE

The society's purpose is:

- A. to protect members' interests, academic and artistic.
- B. to creating partnerships within a visual artist environment.
- C. enhancing the quality of the individual, and safeguard the diversity of the association
- D. arranging exhibitions showing quality and doing the name NFUK known.

#### 3. MEMBERSHIP

Applicants must be 18 years old and legally competent.

All independent visual artists may apply for membership through the jury of the association.

The jury can refuse to consider image expressions that do not fully master, or expressions that are considered crafts.

The jury is chaired and organized by a Secretariat and a secretariat member who is elected by the General Meeting for a period of 2 years. Jurors appointed by the Board.

Applicants may obtain membership in NFUK upon presentation / submission of at least 5 photos - original photos / slides / artworks - for the jury. The average level of the images must be approved by the jury. They exhibited / submitted images should be carried out within a maximum period of 3, three vears.

NFUK should facilitate jury of member's artwork twice a year.

Members who resigns from NFUK are welcomed back any time, but must apply for membership in line with others wanting membership.

# Rights

Members may have the opportunity to exhibit pictures in NFUK 's auspices, and they can refer to NFUK 's membership at its own exhibitions and web site. This under the assumption that the fee is paid. Exhibitions are organized by NFUK conducted by "Rules and regulations for exhibitions in NFUK".

# Subscription

Dues are determined at the AGM.

The dues for calendar year shall be paid by May 1st. Members who have not paid this year's dues before September 1 will be automatically deleted from the register of members. The dues for new members will be reduced by 50 % if the jury takes place after 1 September. Dues must be paid before the deadline in order to participate in exhibitions in NFUK 's auspices. Withdrawal from the association shall be made in writing to the Board. Members are obliged to follow the prevailing jury- and exhibition rules.

#### 4. ORGANS

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE JURY COMMITTEE, ELECTION and LOCAL GROUPS

#### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The annual meeting shall be held once a year, usually before the end of March and convened no later than 5 weeks in advance. At the annual meeting foreseen agenda, annual report, annual accounts signed by auditors, budget proposals and election proposals. Member Proposed treatment at the AGM must reach the board at least 3 weeks in advance.

The AGM agenda include the following

- Election of Chairman
- Choice of referent
- Election of two members (for signature of the AGM Protocol)
- Election of auditors (2)
- Choice of vote counters when needed
- Annual Report
- Annual Accounting Report approved by the auditor
- Budget for the coming year
- Determination of dues
- Election of the Board for the coming year
- Plans/operations for the coming year
- Choice of Secretariat and member of the jury for two years.

# **Extraordinary General Assembly**

An Extraordinary General Assembly convened if one third of the members demand this, or if the board deems it necessary.

#### The Board

The Board shall consist of:

- leader
- treasurer
- secretary
- director with responsibility for the web application
- artistic leader
- 2 deputies

The Board is responsible for the association operated under annual meeting decisions, the association's statutes and adopted annual budget. Paid mission NFUK cannot in principle be granted to parties related to the members of the current board: A board member may not participate in the consideration or decision of issues of particular relevance to them or for which the member is deemed to have substantial personal or financial interest in the case. An agreed fee is paid after the AGM i.e. by the end of March, assuming control obligation is completed. (\* By own resignation during the control period considered steer obligation to be not carried out.)

If it turns out that board by choice do not get elected all of it's the members, the Board may constitute itself after the AGM. The Board arranges member meetings, exhibitions and other activities as required.

Exhibitions is normally juried by persons authorized thereto by the Board. Jurors are selected by the Board for each exhibition. The jury must consist of three to five members, including at least one third and at most half comes from the association. The external jury participants will be visual artists or art professionally competent. The Board can also arrange local unjuried member's shows. A quorum regarding commissions and participation of the exhibitions.

#### Selection and Nomination Committee

Nomination committee consists of at least 2 people and are elected at the annual meeting. The Nomination Committee finds candidates for the board chairs that are empty, and sends its proposal to the Board five weeks before the annual meeting. The nomination committee presents its proposals to the annual meeting, where the final election takes place.

Chairman and Treasurer are elected for two years. Other board members and deputies are elected for a year. The Board constitutes itself.

Members who cannot attend, may send in a written vote on issues or propose candidates in advance. The proposal must be submitted to the election committee / board at the latest after the meeting began. Voting at Annual Meeting can happen to a show of hands. If five members requires a written ballot, a written poll has to be completed.

## Regional groups

In the Board 's approval, the regional groups are created. Groups must consist of members of the association, which naturally regionally and communicatively may form a group. The groups will work for NFUK 's laws. Region Board must always submit to the Executive Board guidelines. The groups may not engage in events that clash with NFUK 's events.

The groups must send the Executive Board annual report and financial statements and hold annual meeting with elections. Membership fee accrues always NFUK. Unjuried member exhibitions can be organized and marketed with the wording: "Exhibition by juried members of NFUK and so forth."

## 5. ASSOCIATION LOGO AND NAME

Members usage of the name and logo must be approved by the board.

## 6. RESOLUTION

Association resolution must be placed at least two thirds of the membership votes. Any funds of the association addressed jointly by the Board to have been made decisions on its use.

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