



AHAA Bylaws

Article I: Name

The name of this association is the Association of Historians of American Art.

Article II: Purpose

Founded in 1979, AHAA fulfills its mission of promoting scholarship on art of the United States from the European encounter with Native peoples to contemporary practice through several means. The organization provides a forum for presenting and advancing new approaches to the subject; for examining problems that confront the field; and for identifying scholarly needs and opportunities to its members. AHAA fulfills these goals through its annual meeting and periodic symposia, along with its e-journal, e-newsletter, and website. AHAA is organized exclusively for educational purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article III: Membership and Dues

Section 1. Membership in AHAA shall consist of those persons who have paid current annual dues.

Section 2. Dues shall be set in accordance with the activities of AHAA and shall be payable annually to AHAA, c/o the treasurer. Dues are due annually, based on the date of membership rather than the calendar year. Changes in the level of dues shall be ratified by a simple majority of the members present at the annual meeting or voting by proxy. Current dues for all members are \$35.00. A Lifetime Membership may be obtained for \$350.00, of which \$315.00 is tax-deductible.

Section 3. Upon its dissolution, the assets of AHAA shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article IV: Meetings

Section 1. AHAA meets annually at the national conference of the College Art Association to present a professional or scholarly session and a business meeting, or other CAA-accepted format that promotes useful exchange of ideas among the members.

Section 2. Additional regional or national meetings of AHAA may be held at the discretion of the co-chairs or at the request of the members.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of those members present at the annual meeting of AHAA or by proxy.

Article V: Voting

Each member of AHAA shall be entitled to one vote.

Article VI: Officers and Duties

Section 1. Elected officers shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

a. One **chair** and one **co-chair** shall serve for a term of three years, that is, one year as co-chair, one year as chair, and one year as chair emeritus. The co-chairs shall organize and preside over all meetings, appoint a secretary, membership coordinator, sessions coordinator, web coordinator(s), social media coordinator, and symposium liaison; and perform all the duties relevant to the office. The co-chair automatically becomes the chair unless he or she declines the position. The chair automatically becomes the chair emeritus, unless they decline the position.

b. A **treasurer** who shall serve for a term of three years. The treasurer shall collect dues annually. The treasurer cannot simultaneously serve as membership coordinator.

Section 2. Elected officers shall be chosen by e-mail ballot before the annual meeting. Election results shall be announced at the annual meeting, at which point the new officers shall begin their term. In the event that an officer does not complete a three-year term, a special election shall be held to fill the remaining portion of that term.

Section 3. Appointed officers shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. A **secretary** for the association, who shall serve for a term of three years. The secretary will work in close consultation with the elected co-chairs to record and distribute minutes to the annual business meeting and to all board meetings.
- b. A **membership coordinator** for the association, who shall serve for a term of three years. The membership coordinator will work in close consultation with the elected treasurer to coordinate active membership lists. The membership coordinator cannot simultaneously serve as treasurer. Members will update their information on the website, supervised by the membership coordinator.
- c. A **sessions coordinator** for the association, who shall serve for a term of three years. The sessions coordinator will work in close consultation with the elected co-chairs to determine, coordinate, and administer the association's conference sessions at the College Art Association annual conference.
- d. A **web coordinator** or co-coordinators for the association, who shall serve for a term of three years. The web coordinator will work in close consultation with the elected co-chairs to coordinate the management of the association's website.
- e. A **social media coordinator** for the association, who shall serve for a term of three years and manage social media accounts and liaise with website coordinators and other officers as needed, to disseminate Association news.
- f. The **executive editors of the e-journal** shall each serve terms of three years each and serve as members of the board.
- g. A **symposium liaison** shall serve a term of three years in consultation with the co-chairs to facilitate coordination of the biennial symposium and act as a liaison between the AHAA board and the local symposium steering committee.

Section 4. Officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the annual meeting of AHAA or voting by proxy.

Article VII: Committees

The co-chairs shall have the power to appoint members of AHAA to ad hoc and standing committees.

Article VIII: By-Laws

Bylaws shall become effective as soon as they are accepted by a majority of members who participate in an electronic ballot. Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority of members present at the annual meeting of AHAA or voting by proxy.

Article IX: Articles of Organization

The “articles of organization” of this association comprise these bylaws, as from time to time amended, and the “articles of association,” if any. In the absence of separate articles of association, these bylaws shall be deemed to be the articles of association. In the event of any conflict between these bylaws and the articles of association, these bylaws shall govern.

Article X: Fiscal year and Identification Numbers

Section 1. The fiscal year of AHAA shall begin January 1 and end December 31.

Section 2. The Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number (EIN) for AHAA is 68-0547795.

Section 3. AHAA is tax exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, effective February 17, 2005. Contributions to AHAA are deductible under section 170 of the Code. AHAA is classified as a public charity under section 509 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article XI: Parliamentary Authority

All matters not covered by these bylaws shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Adopted by the Association:

February 15, 2019

Naomi Slipp

Date of Adoption by the Association

AHAA Secretary