

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS

IT IS PROPOSED THAT ARTICLE I OF THE CLUB BY-LAWS BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY AND BETTER ALIGN ITS PROVISIONS WITH CURRENT POLICIES AND ELIMINATE REDUNDANT, ARCAIC AND GENDER-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE.

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. NAME:

The name of the Club shall be **Salmagundi Club**.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE:

The objects of the Club are to encourage originality in artists among its members and to advance art of all kinds; to encourage the appreciation of art by the public by all available means; to provide a place for artist members where they may meet on a professional level and where all members may gather socially and culturally in furtherance of these and related purposes; to provide facilities for the exhibition of paintings, sculptures, and other works of art; and to bring together the Artist and Patron members of the Club. For its educational purposes the Club offers art classes which are open to members and non-members. For its charitable purposes it renders professional and financial assistance to indigent artists.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership consists of six categories: Artist, Patron, Guest, Honorary, Affiliate and Custodial. Membership is restricted to those 21 years of age and older. Members are subject to all rules, regulations, obligations and penalties as set by the Board of Directors and these By-laws.

Section 3a: Artist

The Club recognizes as an artist one who practices any of the arts and whose work is approved by the Art Committee, subject to the provisions of these By-laws. The Art Committee is charged with certifying applicants to the Committee on Admissions as qualified candidates for Artist membership.

Section 3b: Patron

Applicants not seeking Artist membership or who fail certification by the Art Committee shall be deemed candidates for Patron membership. Patron members are ineligible to participate in Club exhibitions. A Patron member in good standing for a minimum of one year who applies to and satisfies the Art Committee that they possess proper qualifications will be certified an Artist member. Such reclassifications will be reported by the Chair of the Art Committee to the Board of Directors and announced at a subsequent General Membership meeting.

Section 3c: Guest

Guest membership may be extended to spouses of deceased members in good standing with specific privileges and obligations set by the Board of Directors. Guests are ineligible to participate in member exhibitions, vote, hold office, or serve as Directors or on committees and do not count toward membership quotas prescribed by other sections of these By-laws.

Section 3d: Honorary

Honorary membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors on non-members for whom the Club wishes to express its respect. Honorary members are exempt from the payment of dues, assessments or minimums and are ineligible to vote, hold office, or serve as Directors or on committee and do not count toward membership quotas prescribed by sections of these By-laws.

Section 3e: Affiliate

Affiliate Membership may be extended to officers and/or members of outside organizations or entities by the Board of Directors. Affiliate Members are ineligible to participate in member exhibitions, vote, hold office or serve as Directors or on committees and do not count toward membership quotas prescribed by other sections of these By-laws. Obligations and privileges are set by the Board of Directors.

Section 3f: Custodial

Upon recommendation or application, a renewable one-year Custodial membership may be conferred by the Board of Directors on executors, administrators or trustees of charitable trusts or foundations that the Club is a beneficiary of. Custodial members do not count toward membership quotas prescribed by other sections of these By-laws. Obligations and privileges are set by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4: RESIDENCY CLASSIFICATIONS

Section 4a: Resident

Resident members are those residing within a radius of fifty miles from the Club's headquarters at 47 Fifth Avenue, New York City for an aggregate period of three months or more in any Club year. Active resident members of the U.S. Armed Forces, deployed outside the fifty mile radius, shall be classed as non-resident for the duration of their deployment. Any member having a place of business in New York City shall be classed as a resident member. A resident member wishing to transfer to non-resident classification shall apply in writing to the Board of Directors with evidence to support such request. The resident membership shall be limited to six hundred.

Section 4b: Non-resident

Non-resident members are those residing and maintaining places of business beyond a radius of fifty miles from the Club's headquarters. Non-resident members are ineligible to vote at General Membership or Biennial Election meetings and cannot hold office or serve as a Director or on committees. Non-residents who relocate within a radius of fifty miles from the City Hall of New York City will be reclassified as resident.

SECTION 5: SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATIONS

Section 5a: Junior

Applicants under the age of 35 may opt to seek a Junior designation which offers varying financial concessions as set by the Board of Directors. Junior members are granted most privileges but cannot hold office or serve as Directors. At the age of 35, Junior membership automatically converts to full membership. Prior to that age a Junior member in good standing for at least 5 years may apply to the Board for full membership. The Junior membership shall be limited to one hundred.

Section 5b: Scholarship

Applicants for Artist membership between 21 and 29 years of age (unless excepted by the Board) may opt to seek a Scholarship designation which offers varying financial concessions as set by the Board of Directors. Scholarship members cannot vote, hold office or serve as Directors but can be selected to serve on committees. At the age of 30, Scholarship designation automatically converts to Junior designation. The Scholarship membership shall be limited to 100.

Section 5c: Emeritus

The Board of Directors shall have the authority in its sole discretion to bestow Emeritus designation on a member in good standing, taking into account the age of the member, duration of membership, level of service to the Club, ability to carry their financial obligations, state of health, and such other circumstances as the Board may deem pertinent. Emeritus members retain all privileges of their prior membership category but are exempt from further dues, house minimums or assessments.

Section 5d: Life-Member

Resident members in good standing a minimum of five years who, upon approval of the Board, are willing to tender payment of an amount equal to ten times the annual resident dues in effect at the time of their request, may apply for a designation of Life-member. Life-members retain all the privileges of their prior membership category but are exempt from further dues or assessments.

SECTION 6: SUSPENSION FROM ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Subject to approval by the Board of Directors, members in good standing may apply to suspend their membership for a period of up to one year. No dues or minimums will be assessed during this time and all membership privileges will be relinquished. At the conclusion of the specified term, active membership will be reinstated unless written application with supporting evidence is made to and approved by the Board to extend the suspension for an additional period of time. Members on suspense shall be tallied separately from the active membership and are not counted in quotas mandated by other provisions of these By-laws.

SECTION 7: EXCESS OF ARTIST MEMBERSHIP

The resident Artist membership shall always exceed in number by twenty-five the resident Patron membership. When the excess of the resident Artist membership over the resident Patron membership falls below this number, no resident Patron members shall be elected or reinstated until the resident Artist membership again reaches this majority.

[Proposed by Mitch Kahn (RA'91) and offered at the October 6th, 2011 General Membership Meeting, to be voted at the December 2011 General Membership Meeting or failing a necessary quorum the first General Membership meeting thereafter that a necessary quorum is in attendance.]