

Constitution of the Northern California Society of Botanical Artists

1. Name

The name of this organization is the Northern California Society of Botanical Artists (NCalSBA).

2. Type of Organization

This organization is an unincorporated association formed for charitable, educational and non profit purposes under the laws of the State of California.

3. Mission of the NCalSBA

The organization's primary mission is to provide support to botanical artists, recognizing that botanical artists frequently work alone in a discipline which is demanding and technically difficult. The NCalSBA will provide such support by sponsoring activities and events for members and for the general public. Members of the NCalSBA also wish to create public awareness and appreciation for historical and contemporary botanical art in the communities of Northern California and seek to educate the public on plant diversity, regional plant ecology and the rationale for preservation of plant species. In furtherance of these goals, the purposes of the NCalSBA are:

1. to conduct activities to support the above stated mission;
2. to promote a public interest in botanical art as a fine and applied art;
3. to foster, stimulate, support and improve botanical art;
4. to assist individuals endeavoring to create botanical art;
5. to provide a forum for botanical artists and their supporters to meet and enjoy the benefits of an artistic peer group.

4. Membership

Membership in the NCalSBA is open to any person who participates in botanical art or supports the tradition of botanical art, who pays the annual dues established by the executive committee and is a current member of ASBA in good standing. The rights and duties of the members are governed by the Bylaws of the NCalSBA.

5. Executive Committee

The business of the NCalSBA shall be supervised by an executive committee. The structure of the executive committee, their duties, and the method of appointment or election of the members of the executive committee shall be established by the Bylaws of the NCalSBA.

6. Meetings of the NCalSBA

The general members of the NCalSBA shall meet at least once annually. The date and location of the annual meeting, and all other meetings of the general membership, shall be set by the executive committee.

7. Amendment of Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by majority vote of the members of the executive board. Alternatively, this Constitution may be amended by the general members at an annual meeting of the members, with a vote of sixty percent (60%) or greater of members present at such meeting. Alternatively, this Constitution may be amended by vote of sixty percent or greater of members responding to a vote conducted through electronic communication and polling of the members; or this Constitution may be amended by a vote of sixty percent or greater of members responding to a vote conducted through United States Postal Mail service.

8. Adoption of Constitution

This Constitution was adopted by the Organizing Committee of the Northern California Society of Botanical Artists.

Dated August 11, 2010

Signed Sally Petru, President, NCalSBA