

Suggested Bylaws for NAHS and NJAHS

The NAHS and NJAHS Constitutions may be adapted to fit your school's needs and schedule. To avoid problems at graduation time, make sure that all students receive a copy of your bylaws when they are inducted. This basic guideline for the creation of your bylaws helps ensure that you do not fall below the suggested National Standards as defined in the Chapter Constitution (see page 11 for the NAHS Constitution and page 14 for the NJAHS Constitution).

Section 1. A chapter may wish to include bylaws to amplify sections of its constitution. Bylaws do not need to be approved by the National Council if they are consistent with regulations outlined in the constitution. A current copy of the local chapter bylaws must be filed with NAEA.

Section 2. To remain a member in good standing, a member must pay dues and complete 24 (12 per semester) service hours in the visual arts each year. (You may adjust the number of hours to fit your school or community needs.)

Section 3. Annual dues of \$ 15 will be collected from each member. (The amount you charge should cover chapter registration fees and any other expenses you expect to incur.)

Section 4. Attendance is required at meetings to maintain membership and privileges. (You may set the number that may be missed with cause or adjust the meeting frequency to fit your school's schedule.)

Section 5. All members must participate in 2 of our projects, activities, and fundraisers. (You set the number or percentage of events required.)

Section 6. For the NAHS and NJAHS officers, attendance is also required at any executive meetings called outside of the regularly scheduled meetings.

Section 7. To graduate with NAHS honors and earn the right to wear a cord, pin, or tassel at graduation, a member must remain in good standing until the graduation date.

Section 8. Members must retain a B average in an honors or AP class or A in a regular class. (Many schools require a higher GPA in art classes than the B required by the National Constitution. You may adjust the requirement or leave it at the required B average.)

Section 9. Members must have and maintain a 2.5 cumulative average in all other subjects. (Many schools require an overall minimum GPA. This change is not required and the required minimum should not be as high as the art GPA.)

Section 10. Members may remain active during such time when there are no visual arts on their class schedules as long as they fulfill all of the other requirements each year.

Section 11. In the event of an infraction of rules, a review by the officers and

sponsors will be conducted. If the individual in question is an officer, he/she will not participate in the decision-making process. This applies to all community laws as well as school and chapter rules.

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this chapter shall be the 1428 Chapter of the National Art Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of the chapter shall be to:

- A. Inspire and recognize those students who have shown outstanding ability in art;
- B. Foster excellence and a dedicated spirit to the pursuit of art;
- C. Further creative abilities and talents of the Society's members, as well as the school's entire student art enrollment;
- D. Aid members in working toward the attainment of their highest potential in an art area;
- E. Bring art to the attention of the school and community;
- F. Increase an awareness of art in relation to other areas of the school curriculum; and
- G. Further aesthetic awareness in all aspects of the school's total program.

Article II: Membership

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based upon art scholarship, service, and character.

Section 2. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period equivalent to one semester in art in this school.

Section 3. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be senior high school students, and shall have a minimum art scholarship average of B. This level of achievement shall remain fixed.

Section 4. Members may remain active during such time when there is no art on their class schedule.

Article III: Selection of Members

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter of the National Art Honor Society shall be by recommendation from the art faculty of this school who are members in good standing of the National Art Education Association.

Section 2. Any member who falls below the standards that are the basis for selection shall be promptly warned. If during the next regular marking period of the school, the member fails to meet the standards used as basis for selection to the Society, the case shall be passed upon by the chapter council.

Section 3. When a member is dismissed, he/she must be notified and the membership card returned to the Society sponsor.

Section 4. An active member of the National Art Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given a letter indicating the status of his/her membership, signed by the sponsor and principal.

Section 5. An active member of the National Art Honor Society who transfers to this school will be accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member must maintain the membership requirements for this chapter in order to retain membership.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. The officers of this chapter shall be president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer (these could be combined), historian/parliamentarian, chair for awards and ceremonies, chair for public relations, and chair for activities. The chapter council shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and the chapter sponsor.

Section 2. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect any officer of this chapter.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at the meetings of this chapter.

Section 4. The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president, and serve as the chapter's program chair.

Section 5. The chapter secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings, a record of all business, and all records on file.

Section 6. The treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the chapter and keep an accurate account of receipts and disbursements in accordance with school regulations.

Article V: Supervision

Section 1. The activities of this chapter will be subject to the approval of the sponsor and the principal.

Section 2. The post of sponsor shall be voluntary.

Section 3. The sponsors must be National Art Education Association members in good standing.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held weekly (indicate frequency) during the school year on days designated by the chapter council and approved by the principal.

Section 2. The officers of the chapter shall be elected at the last regular meeting of the year.

Section 3. Special meetings, approved by the chapter council, may be called by the president.

Section 4. All meetings shall be open meetings and shall be held under the supervision of the sponsor.

Section 5. This chapter shall conduct its meetings according to *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, in all points not expressly provided for in the constitution of this chapter.

Article VII: Membership Fees

Section 1. A yearly NAHS membership fee of \$3.00 per student shall be forwarded to the National Art Honor Society at the NAEA National Office.

Section 2. A yearly chapter fee is required of each NAHS chapter. This fee is equivalent to the regular active NAEA member fee. This ensures that each faculty sponsor of the NAHS is a member in good standing of NAEA. Designated faculty sponsors receive NAEA member benefits in addition to NAHS chapter benefits. The school/chapter fee is waived if the art faculty sponsor is a current active member of NAEA.

Section 3. Chapter fees and student membership fees may be paid by the individual or school, community group/agency.

Section 4. School chapters may establish and collect annual dues at their discretion for local operating expenses. A \$15 due will be collected from each member, this fee includes registration with NAEA, a T-Shirt and other operating expenses throughout the year.

Article VIII: Bylaws

Section 1. A chapter may wish to include bylaws to amplify sections of its constitution. Bylaws do not need to be approved by the National Council if they are consistent with regulations outlined in the constitution. A current copy of local chapter bylaws must be filed with the NAEA Office.

Article IX: The National Council

Section 1. The National Council shall be: The Executive Director of NAEA, the Secondary Division Director, the Secondary Division Director-elect, and one member at large appointed by the Executive Director from the general Secondary Division membership of NAEA.

Section 2. The National Director of the National Art Honor Society program shall be selected by the members of the National Council from the Council membership.

Section 3. Terms of office for members of the National Council shall be two-year terms.