

The Greater San Angelo Crafts Guild BYLAWS

As established August 13, 1974

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be **THE GREATER SAN ANGELO CRAFTS GUILD**.

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

This organization shall be a nonprofit, educational organization, and its purpose shall be to promote interest in crafts by means of an educational program which may consist of: lectures, exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, tours and fairs.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section One There shall be two kinds of members: Active and honorary. An active member may be any person interested in arts and crafts. An honorary member shall have been a member at least five (5) years, nominated by the *Executive Committee* and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at a regular business meeting.

January 20, 1980 Motion made and seconded that Membership in the GSACG will be limited to 120 active members. A waiting list of prospective new members is to be kept by the President..... Passed.

Section Two Application for active membership shall be made in writing to the *Secretary* of the Guild. The application shall be accompanied by the payment of dues. Dues shall be six (\$6.00) dollars per year due in February and new memberships prorated at fifty cents (.50) per month. Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of dues. Membership entitles members to participation in activities of the Guild, use of the facilities and access to publications of the Guild.

January 16, 1977 Motion made and seconded that membership dues and status be changed as follows.

*MEMBERSHIP DUES: Active-----\$6.00 individual----\$10.00 family.
Inactive-----\$10.00 individual & family*

*MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Active-----attend three meetings and one activity.
Inactive-----no meetings required.*

*(Active members to be given Fair booth selection priority)
(Passed by two thirds of membership.)*

September 18, 1979 Motion made and seconded that ALL members must attend at least 3 meetings and 1 Fair each calendar year, with the exceptions of members outside a 50 mile radius of San Angelo, (Only includes members listed in the July 1979 membership list.) These members shall be associate members, by which they are not required to attend 3 meetings and 1 Fair, but must attend all 3 Fairs each calendar year to qualify for membership booth fees.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Active \$6.00 individual-----\$10.00 family
 Associate \$15.00 individual-----\$25.00 family

Any associate member who fails to comply with this amendment without just cause or drops out of the Guild for any reason, will not be eligible to rejoin under this amendment, but will have to abide by the three (3) meetings and one (1) fair each calendar year rule. This amendment is to become effective November 1, 1979.....Passed.

January 16, 1985 Motion made and seconded to allow all members, when they reach the age of 80 years old, to automatically become honorary life members of GSACG. They may exhibit in the guild booth at any future Fairs without meeting membership requirements. Honorary members do not have to pay annual dues. When a member reaches 80, they must tell the President, so they can be put on the honorary list.....Passed.

February 19, 1995 Motion made and seconded to change memberships dues.
 Active \$10.00 individual-----\$15.00 family
(Effective March 1, 1995)

June 17, 2001 Motion made and seconded to allow membership with no distance limitation as long as membership requirements are met.....Passed

Section Three A member whose dues are in arrears more than *thirty (30)* days shall be notified by letter and shall not be allowed to participate as an active member until dues are brought up to date.

Section Four A member who has not attended at least one meeting or activity during the year shall be notified prior to the last meeting of the year and then if not present then shall be deemed suspended from the Guild.

May 22, 1981 Motion made and seconded that anyone (including nonmembers) exhibiting with a professional promoter coming into San Angelo will be dropped from the membership lists and mailing lists (for non-members).....Passed.

ARTICLE FOUR - OFFICERS & THEIR ELECTION

Section One Officers shall be elected at the first January meeting.

Section Two The officers of the *Greater San Angelo Crafts Guild* shall be: *President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer*. These officers and the Publication Editor shall constitute the *Executive Committee*, who shall manage the affairs of the *Guild* between meetings.

November 1996 Motion made and seconded to add the position of Co-President to the Executive Board. Duties will include helping the President set up Fairs and any other duties as requested by the President. The Co-President will have a free single booth at all future fairs.....Passed.

Section Three The officers shall have been members for at least one year, with the exception of the President, who shall have been a member for at least two years. These officers shall serve a term of one year, beginning in January after their election.

January 16, 1976 Motion made and seconded that ARTICLE FOUR, Section Three be stricken from the Bylaws.....Passed.

Section Four In the event of the inability of any officer to complete his term of office, his resignation shall be accepted by the *Executive Committee*, who shall appoint a successor to complete the term of office.

ARTICLE FIVE - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section One The *President* shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Guild, and shall preside at all general meetings, including those of the *Executive Committee*. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section Two The *Vice President* shall assist the *President* in the performance of his duties and shall act in his stead when required. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall be chair person of the public affairs committee.

Section Three The *Secretary* shall keep any accurate roll of the membership, transactions of the *Guild* and the business of the *Executive Committee*. Each month the *Secretary* shall provide the *Editor* with names and addresses of new members, changes of address and other *Guild* news. The *Secretary* shall be official correspondent of the *Guild*, shall send a roster of members after February 1st. to all members, shall prepare a revised membership list at the end of his term of office for the new *Executive Committee*, and shall fulfill any other duties required of him by the *President*.

Section Four The *Treasurer* shall receive dues, have charge of the general funds of the *Guild* and shall pay all bills from these funds. The *Treasurer* shall keep an accurate and current account of receipts and expenditures. The *Treasurer* shall make a report to the *Executive Committee* when necessary and a quarterly written report to the membership.

May 16, 1979 Motion made and seconded that the books of the Guild be audited each January. Passed.

Section Five The publications of the organization shall be the responsibility of the *Editor*, who shall publish a minimum of six (6) bulletins a year. The bulletins shall contain the affairs of the *Guild*, articles of interest, reports on books and arts and crafts publications. The *Editor* shall keep a complete file of all publication of the *Guild* and any exchange publications. The *Editor* shall be a member of the *Public Affairs Committee*.

ARTICLE SIX - COMMITTEES

Section One There shall be a standing *Public Affairs Committee*. Members other than the *Vice President* and the *Editor* shall be appointed by the *Executive Committee*.

Section Two Other committees shall be appointed by the *Executive Committee* as the need arises.

Section Three Committees shall maintain accurate records of the activities and file these records with the *Secretary*.

ARTICLE SEVEN - MEETINGS AND EXHIBITIONS

The *GREATER SAN ANGELO CRAFTS GUILD* shall have at least *twelve (12)* stated meetings during the calendar year and other meetings at the discretion of the *Executive committee*, for the purpose of transacting business, electing officers, exhibiting the work of the membership, sharing ideas and planning exhibitions or fairs.

November 20, 1981 Motion made and seconded that as of January 1, 1984 the Executive Board, consisting of the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor, will have a free single booth at all future Fairs.....Passed.

November 20, 1983 Motion made and seconded that any member exhibiting elsewhere on the three (3) weekends of the Guild fairs will be dropped from the membership list.....Passed.

July 1986 Motion made and seconded to change numbers of meeting dates to eleven (11) meetings a year.

ARTICLE EIGHT - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in "*Robert's Rules of Order Revised*" shall govern this *Guild* in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE NINE - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

January 16, 1977 QUORUM required for amending bylaws changed from two-thirds vote of membership to at least 20 members present and majority vote. (Vote was made by required two-thirds of members.)