

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ART HISTORIANS BYLAWS

I. The name of this society is the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ART HISTORIANS (NCAH).

II. PURPOSE. The purpose of this association is to promote community within the field of art history. Membership is open to university and community college faculty, curators and museum professionals, recent Masters and Ph.D. graduates, and members of the community at large who have a passion for the arts. The Association seeks to promote knowledge of all aspects of art history and visual culture through facilitation of discussion groups, presentations of works in progress, and the active encouragement of research among its members. It further proposes to encourage graduate training in any field of art history, architecture and design history, and other aspects of visual culture through mentoring and career development.

III. MEMBERSHIP. Membership is open to any individual residing in, enrolled in schools, or working in Northern California interested in the purpose of the society, regardless of academic affiliation or discipline. Active or voting members are those who have paid current dues to the Secretary-Treasurer of the society. We will actively seek local institutional membership.

IV. AFFILIATION. The society will maintain affiliation with the College Art Association (CAA) on such terms as both determine to be mutually acceptable.

### V. ORGANIZATION.

A. Officers. The society will have an Executive Board consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and an Editor for on-line information. The last two offices, with permission of the President and Vice President, may be held by the same individual. The term of office is two years. The Vice President will move up to the presidency at the end of the President's two-year term, and other Officers will be elected by a simple majority vote of the members present at the annual Association meeting. Results will be posted on the NCAH website. All nominations (including self-nominations) can be presented to the President in advance or made from the floor at the annual meeting.

B. The program chairpersons for the annual meeting shall be the Executive Board. The program chair for the affiliated society session at CAA will be determined by floor nomination and vote at the annual meeting. The initial program chair will be the President or an individual designated by the President in the first instance. The CAA session chair in any year will complete his or her duties after the call for papers for the next year's session is promulgated.

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C. Participation in any NCAH event is predicated upon membership in the Association. All presenters on any NCAH College Art Association session panel must also be members in good standing of CAA.

D. COMMITTEES. At the discretion of the Executive Board, ad hoc committees, with officers, may be established. The officers will clearly define the duties of all such ad hoc committees. The ad hoc committees will inform the members of the society of their actions either through the website or by a presentation at the annual meeting.

#### VI. MEETINGS.

There will be an annual business meeting of the society. Additional meetings may be held in conjunction with the annual CAA conference. In addition, bimonthly salons for

#### VII. AMENDMENTS AND DISSOLUTION.

Motions to adopt a new constitution for the Association, or to amend the existing constitution require a simple majority vote of those present at the meetings. To dissolve the Association a motion must be made in writing over the signature of the majority of the society. Such motions will then be submitted to the President, who shall submit them to the membership for acceptance or rejection.