

ATLANTA BEAD SOCIETY BY-LAWS

(Amended and Restated as of February 6, 2014)

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Atlanta Bead Society (ABS).

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

- Section 1. The object of this society is education and cultural development through participation in and encouragement of interest in the art of beads/ beadwork and the promotion of individual members' works.
- Section 2. The ABS shall also be dedicated to the creation and preservation of significant forms of beadwork for display in private and public buildings and historic landmarks of the United States, endeavoring to leave a legacy for future generations.
- Section 3. The object of the ABS shall be promoted through personal contact, verbal and written communications, including internet resources, educational workshops, and exhibitions/displays of beadwork.

ARTICLE III – POLICIES

This organization shall be self-governing and self-supporting.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Any individual who subscribes to the object of the ABS may become a member, subject to compliance with the provisions of these by-laws.
- Section 2. A member in good standing upholds the object of this organization and is current in payment of dues. All members in good standing shall be eligible to vote and hold office.
- Section 3. Membership cost is \$25 per calendar year for an individual or family of up to two individuals residing at a single residence.

ARTICLE V – FINANCES

- Section 1. The fiscal year of the ABS shall be January 1 through December 31.
- Section 2. Dues shall be paid to the treasury each year at the January meeting and shall be considered delinquent as of the February meeting of such year.
- Section 3. Dues will be used to cover ABS operational expenses and adopted projects and programs.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of the ABS shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Web Coordinator, a Program Coordinator, and an Event Coordinator.
- Section 2. All officers will be nominated and elected by voting of the ABS membership at the December meeting and new officers will take office in January of the following year.
- Section 3. The person receiving the most votes shall win the election. In the case of a tie, the Board of Directors shall vote and the results of that vote shall determine the election.
- Section 4. Offices vacated during a fiscal year can be filled for the balance of the year by nominations taken from the floor and a vote of membership.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers.
- Section 2. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to transact the necessary business of the ABS, and other such business as may be delegated to it by this organization, to promote adopted projects, and to determine date and location of ABS meetings.
- Section 3. Board of Directors Meetings – Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at the request of the President or at the request of a majority of its members.

ARTICLE VIII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the ABS, shall appoint all standing committees, shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees in order that the object may be promoted, and shall call meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of President, or if the office of the President should become vacant between elections, the Vice President shall fill the vacancy for the balance of the current fiscal year.
- Section 3. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the ABS, keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures, and make a financial statement at every meeting if requested.
- Section 4. The Web Coordinator will update the website with the upcoming project and events.
- Section 5. The Program Coordinator shall schedule the program meetings and coordinate with presenters several months in advance of upcoming meetings and provide upcoming program information to the Web Coordinator
- Section 6. The Event Coordinator shall coordinate the ABS special projects, such as shows, displays, sales, and joint ventures.
- Section. 7. All officers shall perform the duties outlined in these by-laws and additional duties as assigned by the President and/or the membership.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

- Section 1. Regular meetings of the ABS shall be held the first Thursday of each month except July. The President may change a meeting date, should it conflict with a holiday.
- Section 2. Quorum. For voting purposes, a quorum shall consist of a majority of members present at a meeting.

ARTICLE X – STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Such standing and special committees as may be needed to promote the ABS object may be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote from membership.