

BY LAWS
THE TAR HEEL DECORATIVE ARTISTS
The Society of Decorative Painters, Incorporated
Approved March 18, 2006

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this nonprofit organization shall be The Tar Heel Decorative Artists Chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters, Inc.

ARTICLE II ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

The chapter exists as a charter chapter of its members. Its "Articles of Organization" are comprised of these by-laws, as from time to time amended.

ARTICLE III OBJECT

The object of this organization, in common with the objects of the SDP, INC., is:

Section I. To raise and maintain a high level of quality in tole and decorative painting;

Section II. To endeavor to stimulate interest in and appreciation for the art of tole and decorative painting.

ARTICLE IV BASIC POLICIES

Section I. The chapter shall be a nonprofit organization, filed with the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt subordinate of the SDP, Inc., and shall comply with all regulations designed to prevent loss of that status.

Section II. The name of the Chapter or the names of any members in their official capacities, shall not be used in connection with a commercial concern, or with any partisan interest, or for any purpose not appropriately related to the promotion of the objects of the organization.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Tar Heel Decorative Artists requires that each Chapter member be a member in good standing in the SDP, Inc. under any classifications of membership, and that in accepting membership, thereby agrees to be bound in all things not contrary to law, by these by-laws, and those of the SDP, Inc.

Section II. The membership classifications of this Chapter shall be as specified in the STANDING RULES.

Section III. Nonresident members of the SDP, Inc. may visit this Chapter. Nonmember guests are welcome to visit not more than one (1) meeting annually.

Section IV. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the President, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of their obligation to pay any outstanding accounts due to the chapter.

ARTICLE VI DUES

Section I. Membership dues shall be determined by the voted of the membership.

Section II. Membership dues shall be paid annually and shall be payable to correspond with payment of dues to the SDP, Inc.

Section III. Amount of dues shall be specified in the STANDING RULES.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section I. The elected officers of this Chapter shall be President, First Vice-president, Second Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section II. The term of officer shall be one year. No officer may hold the same office for more than two consecutive full terms.

Section III. Nomination and election shall take place at the November meeting, following the report of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE as provided for in Article XII, Section I. A majority vote is required to elect if there is more than one candidate for office in which case voting shall be by ballot. There shall be provision for nominations from the floor for each office.

Section IV. Officers shall assume their duties on January 1 and hold office until a successor is duly named.

Section V. Vacancies in office shall be filled by majority vote of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, or at its discretion, by vote of the members with voting privileges as designed in the STANDING RULES.

ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

Section I. The President shall preside over meetings of the membership, and the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be a member ex-officio of all committee except the NOMINATING COMMITTEE and shall be authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer; and shall perform other duties as usually pertain to the office. The PRESIDENT shall be responsible to see that all required reports and correspondence are sent to the SDP, Inc.

Section II. The FIRST VICE-PRESENT shall assist the President and perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. It will be the duty of the FIRST VICE PRESIDENT to serve as Chairman of the Program, Seminar, and Membership Committee.

Section III. The SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT shall assist the President and the FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT and shall serve as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Section IV. The SECRETARY shall read the minutes of all the meetings of the Chapter and of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, sending copies of these minutes to elected officers and required SDP officers as specified by the SDP, Inc. She shall maintain an accurate record of membership, and shall keep a record of attendance at meetings.

Section VI. The Treasurer shall receive moneys of the Chapter, shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, pay all bills upon approval of the Executive Committee and shall prepare a complete report at the end of the calendar year.

ARTICLE IX. APPOINTED OFFICERS

Section I. The appointed officers of the Chapter shall be for special duties as deemed necessary by the President, with the approval of the other elected officers. Such appointed officers may be NEWSLETTER EDITOR, LIBRARIAN, PARLIAMENTARIAN, PUBLIC RELATIONS/SERVICE DIRECTOR, etc.

Section II. The number of appointed officers shall not normally exceed four.

Section III. Appointed officers shall hold office for one year, and shall normally serve no more than two (2) consecutive full terms in the same office.

ARTICLE X. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXECUTIVE BOARD)

Section I. The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall consist of the elected officers, appointed officers, and the past president. The appointed officers and past president will serve on the committee as nonvoting members.

Section II. The duties of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall be:

A. To transact necessary business in the intervals between Chapter Meetings, and other business as may be referred to it by the Chapter.

B. To prepare and submit to the Chapter for approval, an annual budget.

C. To approve payment of routine bills within the budget.

Section III. The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall meet prior to each meeting of the Chapter, with time and place to be determined by the Committee. A quorum shall consist of the majority of the elected officers. Special meetings of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE may be called by the PRESIDENT, and must be called by the PRESIDENT upon written request by two members of the COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES

Section I. Standing Committees may be created as may be needed to promote the objects and interests of the Chapter. Members shall be appointed by the PRESIDENT, with the approval of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Each chairperson shall serve a term of one year and may normally serve only two consecutive full terms in the same position.

A. Nominating Committee- This committee shall consist of no less than three (3) or more than five (5) members, who shall prepare a slate for the election of officers, having first obtained the consent of those to be nominated.

B. Audit Committee- This committee shall consist of three (3) members, as specified on the STANDING RULES, who shall verify the accuracy of the financial records of the Chapter, prior to the assumption of office by the new officers.

C. Ethics Committee- This committee shall consist of not more than three (3) members, including a SUNSHINE LADY to serve as chairman. They shall be responsible for cards and calls. Also responsible for greeting guests and new members at meetings and may be transportation contact for rides to distant meetings.

Section II. Special Committees - May be created at the discretion of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The duties of any SPECIAL COMMITTEE shall be stated upon their appointment, such committees shall cease to exist when their final report is accepted and adopted.

ARTICLE XIII. MEETINGS

Section I. Regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held as stated in the STANDING RULES.

Section II. The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall have authority to change dates of meetings and set places and times for meetings, provided that sufficient notice is given to the membership.

Section III. A quorum shall consist of not less than one-fifth of the members with voting privileges as designated in the STANDING RULES.

Section IV. The privilege of holding office, making motions, debating, voting and participation in Chapter events shall be limited to members in good standing and as further described in the STANDING RULES.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

Section I. These by-laws may be altered or changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present, provided that the proposed changes have been presented to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which voting takes place.

Section II. All proposed amendments or revisions to these by-laws must be submitted to the office of the Executive Director of the SDP, Inc. for approval prior to voting upon them.

Section III. If at two consecutive meetings, a quorum has not been present, these by-laws can be changed upon written ballot of the membership which may be provided in the Chapter Newsletter, provided that a majority of the members return their written ballots.

ARTICLE XIV PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, combined with common courtesy shall govern the Chapter in all matters not in conflict with these by-laws, or the by-laws of the SDP, Inc.

ARTICLE XV DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Chapter, all liabilities and obligations of the Chapter shall be paid, satisfied, and discharged, or adequate provisions made therefor. Any remaining funds as are in the treasury at the time shall be given to the SDP, Inc. or to another nonprofit group as determined by a majority of the remaining members. Any remaining assets shall be given to the SDP, Inc. to a nonprofit group as determined by a majority of the members remaining.

**STANDING RULES
THE TAR HEEL DECORATIVE ARTISTS CHAPTER**

1. Annual dues for a New Membership shall be: Individual Membership \$25.00, Retail Business Membership \$26.00, and Associate Business Membership \$31.00. This new membership rate shall also apply to any membership which has not been renewed by December 31st for the next calendar year.

1. Annual dues for a Renewal Membership shall be: Individual Membership \$20.00, Retail Business Membership \$25.00 and Associate Business Membership (Wholesale, distributor, manufacturer, etc.) \$30.00 Renewal Membership for the next calendar year are due on October 1st. After December 31st, New Membership rates shall apply.

2. The financial records for the Chapter shall be kept on a calendar year basis from January 1st through December 31st.

3. Meetings of the Chapter shall be held not less than five (5) times annually, normally on the third Saturday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November. Additional meetings may be held as determined by the Executive Committee and the membership.

4. A grant may be presented annually to the President for the purpose of attending the Annual Meeting and Convention of the National Society. If the President is unable to attend, the grant may then be offered to another officer. The officer receiving the grant shall attend those functions at the Annual Meeting and Convention that will benefit the Chapter, and shall be expected to provide a report to the Chapter. No member shall receive this award more than once.

5. New members joining the Chapter after October 1st will have their Chapter dues credited to the following year, but may participate, and receive participation credits, in remaining Chapter activities for the year in which they join.

6. Any member who is delinquent in payment of dues for sixty (60) days after November 1st may lose the privilege of renewing present membership.

7. The Annual CHAPTER RIBBON SHOW, normally held at the March meeting shall be open for entries from active members only as defined in the STANDING RULE Number 10. All members present may vote on entries.

8. The AUDIT COMMITTEE shall consist of three (3) members, not to include the Treasurer.

9. The November meeting should be held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

10. Status and Classification of Membership Categories is as follows:

1. **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

A. **ACTIVE MEMBERS.** Member shall pay dues and attend at least two (2) regular Chapter meetings in a twelve month period, shall have voting and office holding privileges, and shall be

given priority consideration in determining participation in Chapter seminars and other events. Active member status shall apply to all categories of membership.

B. INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. This shall include all those desiring membership who, because of a distance or personal circumstances, cannot attend Chapter meetings. Inactive status may be checked at time of joining and/or renewing, or can become automatic if attendance specified under **ACTIVE MEMBERS** is not fulfilled. Inactive members shall pay dues as specified under **STANDING RULE** Number 1. Members in this classification will have voting privileges but they may, when necessary, be given a lower priority consideration in determining participation in Chapter seminars and other events. Inactive status shall apply to all categories of membership.

2. BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP. This category shall include all businesses which cater to the Decorative Artist. Members shall: pay dues as specified in **STANDING RULE** number 1; receive a separate listing in our membership directory in addition to their alphabetical listing; and shall have a separate listing in our Chapter Newsletter. This category includes: (a) **RETAIL BUSINESS MEMBERS**- those who are primarily in retail and provide goods and/or services to the Decorative Artist; and (b) **ASSOCIATE BUSINESS MEMBERS** - those who are distributors, manufacturers, wholesalers, manufacturer's representatives, publishers, etc. Business Members may choose active or inactive status.

3. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP. This membership may be recommended at the discretion of the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** by a majority vote, then approved and awarded by vote of the Chapter. Honorary Members may choose active or inactive status, but need not pay dues to the Chapter. They shall be directly responsible for payment of their **SDP** dues as described in Article V of these By-Laws.

11. These **STANDING RULES** may be amended without notice to the membership by a majority of the voters at any meeting wherein there is a quorum. Any changes so made in these **STANDING RULES** are provisional and subject to approval by the Society of Decorative Painters, Inc.