

New Media Caucus Constitution

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ARTICLE I: NAME AND AFFILIATION

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the New Media Caucus.

Section 2: Affiliation

The New Media Caucus (NMC), hereafter referred to as "the Organization", shall maintain affiliation with the College Art Association (CAA).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND MISSION

Section 1: Organizational Purposes

The Organization is an international non-profit association formed to promote the development and understanding of new media art. The constituents we represent and serve are artists, designers, practitioners, historians, theoreticians, educators, students, scholars, and researchers, as well as like-minded organizations with interests including, but not limited to, digital media, electronic media, mobile media, virtual media, and/or emergent media which we will hereafter refer to as "new media." We recognize that new media art is inherently interdisciplinary, multimodal, and evolving, as is reflected in the endeavors of our members whose engagement with new media art permeates and advances numerous fields. Our purpose is to support and advance a diverse range of inquiry in order to catalyze further evolution of the field of new media art.

Section 2: Mission

Leadership: to provide leadership to the diverse and emerging field of new media art.

Networking: to provide a scholarly network for sharing of ideas and to facilitate collaboration and cooperation of like-minded organizations.

Advocacy: to advocate and promote the development of new media art in scholarly contexts and in academic programs.

Recognition: to provide recognition of outstanding achievements in new media art through awards programs.

Scholarship: to promote the growth and dissemination of new media art by maintaining a scholarly journal, "*Media-N*," and organizing public presentations and conference panels.

ARTICLE III: GOVERNANCE

Section 1: Governance

The Organization shall be governed by this Constitution and its Bylaws, and other such actions as the Board of Directors and Executive Committee may take consistent therewith.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Classes of Membership

Membership in the Organization shall comprise a class of Individual members and other such classes as may be provided in the Bylaws. Members are eligible to vote and hold office as outlined in the Bylaws.

Article V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors.

Section 2: Composition

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Officers of the Organization and up to 15 additional Board Members as elected by the procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 3: Function and Authority

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Organization, and is invested with the power to formulate policies of the Organization consistent with its mission and subject to any specific directions of the membership as adopted at any duly held membership meeting. The Board of Directors shall have authority to conduct all business pertaining to the Organization between official meetings of the membership. The Board of Directors shall be the custodian of the property of the Organization and shall assume responsibility for the management of its finances.

Board votes are required for action on management of finances, initiation or modification of policies and procedures, and strategic alliances with other organizations. Day-to-day activities of the organization not requiring a Board vote may be handled directly by the Executive Committee.

Section 4: Budgetary Approval

Each year the Board of Directors must approve the annual budget.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: Officers

The Officers of the Organization shall be President, President-Elect (in years when a President-Elect has been elected), Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President, and Chair of *Media-N*.

Section 2: Election

The Officers of the Organization will be elected by the Board of Directors by the procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

Section 3: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, a Standing Committee of the organization, is comprised of the Officers. The Executive Committee shall handle all day-to-day activities of the Organization, as outlined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1: Designation

There shall be Standing Committees of the Organization. Committees and the duties of such committees shall be set forth by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 2: Other Committees

Other Standing and Special Ad Hoc Committees may be created by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1: Membership Meetings

There shall be at least one regular meeting of the membership during each year. Such regular meeting(s) and any special meetings shall be held in accordance with provisions of the Bylaws.

Section 2: Board of Directors Meetings

There shall be at least two regular meetings of the Board of Directors during each year. Such regular meeting(s) and any special meetings shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Proposal of Amendments

Proposed amendments may be initiated by the Board of Directors for the purposes of recommending or proposing amendments to the Constitution or by petition of twenty percent (20%) of the membership of the Caucus.

Section 2: Adoption of Amendments

Amendments are adopted by 2/3 of the board members voting at an official board meeting where a quorum is required. Voting may take place by electronic means. Ballots will be sent to the most recent electronic contact information in the membership records. A period of no less than fourteen (14) days will be provided for voting before ballots are tallied.

ARTICLE X: RATIFICATION

Section 1: Board Vote.

This Constitution shall become effective when ratified by a majority of the vote of the Board of the New Media Caucus.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

Section 1: Dissolution

Should said organization (New Media Caucus) dissolve for whatever reason, all assets shall be distributed to like organizations qualifying 501(c)3.