



Dear Arts Council Members,

The Kodiak Arts Council (KAC) Policy Committee has been working to update the Bylaws of the organization this year. There have been no revisions of the document since it went into effect. To assist in this effort the committee researched recommendations nonprofit bylaws, and used suggestions from The Foraker Group, based in Anchorage.

The following is a list of some of the items addressed:

- The word trustee has been replaced by the term director as has been commonly used by the board.
- Article 4 Membership lists the definitions, duties and responsibilities of the general membership including meetings and voting.
- Article 5 does the same for the Board of Directors. Previously these two groups were discussed in the same section one after the other.
- The new bylaws address the ability to meet remotely, vote electronically per Alaska statute, store documents electronically to name a few of the technology driven updates.
- The standing committees were reviewed and given their current names and a general description of their focus.
- Sections were added to address conflict of interest and board liability (indemnification). The committee tried to use general wording so that the natural growth could occur and not necessitate frequent revisions.

At the May 25, 2022 regular meeting of the KAC Board of Directors, board members unanimously voted to recommend adoption of the Bylaw amendments to the membership at the Annual Membership meeting.

Please read through the proposed Bylaws, and be prepared to vote up or down at this year's annual meeting on September 8, 2022. You may address any comments/concerns by emailing the council at katie@kodiakarts.org and your comments will be forwarded to the board.