



International Association of Silver Art Collectors

P.O. Box 28415, Seattle, WA 98118

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Mission Statement

Article I - Name

The organization shall be known as the International Association of Silver Art Collectors or IASAC.

Article II - Purpose

The IASAC shall provide service, education and fellowship to all interested in the history and collecting of silver art bars, rounds and other items related to the silver art hobby. It shall also encourage the preservation of these items.

Bylaws

Article I - Membership and Dues

Section 1 - Regular membership shall be open to any person 18 years of age or older of reputable character. They may vote and hold office.

Junior membership is available to those under 18 years of age with the approval of a parent or guardian. Junior members shall receive the club newsletter but not have voting rights. Junior dues shall be half the rate of regular members.

Section 2 - Members in good standing shall be those whose dues are current and conduct themselves in a manner not detrimental to the IASAC or its other members.

Section 3 - Any member who acts improperly or unfairly may have his/her membership suspended or revoked following an opportunity for a hearing and a majority vote of the IASAC Officers and Trustees.

Section 4 - Member's names and home state/country may be published in the club newsletter, *The Silver Bugle*.

Section 5 - Dues are payable on January 1 of each year. Any changes shall be posted in *The Silver Bugle* as recommended by the IASAC Board and then voted upon by the general membership at the annual meeting.

Article II - Officers and Trustees

Section 1 - The IASAC Board is comprised of the Officers and Trustees. The Officers of the IASAC shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Historian. The Trustees shall be five members in good standing.

Section 2 - All Officers and Trustees are elected by the membership and shall serve a term of two years. Officers are elected in odd-numbered years and Trustees in even-numbered years. All are installed at the annual meeting at the close of regular business.

Section 3a - The President shall chair all meetings, appoint committees and oversee the general business of the IASAC.

3b - The Vice President shall assist the President, act in his/her absence at the annual meeting, and assume the duties of that office in the event of the President's vacating due to death, injury or other circumstances.

3c - The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a record of all actions at the annual meeting and an official file of membership. He/she shall also prepare and receive dues notice and fees and pay bills with proper receipts from a separate IASAC account, answer correspondence, and generally maintain and safeguard all the records of the IASAC.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare an annual report of all receipts and expenditures for the annual meeting.

3d - The Historian shall maintain a record of all club activities pertaining to the IASAC and store these items in the archives.

Section 4 - The Trustees shall vote on all business brought before the club and serve as requested by the President.

Section 5 - No Officer or Trustee shall receive compensation for service to the IASAC except for the expenses necessary to perform the duties of their office.

Section 6 - In the event of a death or resignation of any Officer or Trustee before the end of his/her term, then any other Officer or Trustee may recommend any member in good standing to fill the vacancy until the next scheduled election. A majority approval by all Officers and Trustees shall be necessary to fill the vacancy.

Article III - Nominations, Voting and Elections

Section 1 - Only members in good standing age 18 or older may be nominated or serve as an Officer or Trustee of IASAC.

Section 2 - A call by the President for nominations shall be made in *The Silver Bugle* at least 180 days prior to the annual convention. Any member in good standing may declare candidacy in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer. A résumé shall be provided as information to the membership about the candidate for publication in the club newsletter upon acceptance of the nomination.

Section 3 - All elections shall be held by mail unless the election is uncontested; then no ballot will be issued and one vote will be cast at the general meeting by any non-candidate. The ballot will be included in the newsletter immediately prior to the annual meeting and successful candidates shall be elected by a simple majority of all ballots returned by a specified time. Results will be announced at the annual meeting and an installation will be performed.

Article IV - Meetings

Section 1 - An annual general membership meeting shall be called to conduct business, install newly elected Officers or Trustees and conduct programs. Meeting notice shall be posted in *The Silver Bugle*.

Section 2 - Other meetings may be called by the Officers or Trustees to insure a smooth operation of the IASAC.

Section 3 - All meetings shall be conducted according to these Bylaws or Roberts' *Rules of Order*.

Article V - Club Medals and Dies

Section 1 - Dies used in the striking of IASAC medals (bars and rounds in alternating years) shall remain the property of the club and shall be held in safekeeping by an elected Officer of the club. In addition, two club medals shall be reserved for the IASAC archives, one to be held in permanent storage and another to travel to club meetings.

Section 2 - These dies shall not be defaced or cancelled in any manner. They shall never be given, sold or auctioned to the private ownership of any individual. Should the IASAC cease to exist, the dies shall be donated to the American Numismatic Association, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Section 3 - Once the initial striking of the medal is complete, no future or additional striking of any previously struck medal shall be authorized. No Officer, Trustee or other individual member of the IASAC shall ever be authorized the power to use, or grant the use of, any club medal die for the purpose of striking additional medals. Any future use of these dies for this purpose shall be reason for automatic and immediate expulsion from the IASAC.

Section 4 - This Article of the IASAC Bylaws shall never be subject to any change or amendments and shall remain in effect for the lifetime of the club.

Article VI - Amendment and Revision

Section 1 - Any member may submit changes to these Bylaws in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at least sixty days prior to the annual meeting.

Section 2 - These Bylaws may be amended, revised or repealed by a majority vote of the responding members in good standing after approval of a majority vote of the Board. All changes shall be published in *The Silver Bugle*.