

## **How the board functions**

**Board Meetings are best if held at least two weeks before a Membership Meeting. This provides sufficient time to get the minutes typed and placed on the web site before the meeting for reference. It also allows time for publication of a Mail Chimp message well before the Membership Meeting.**

**Membership meetings are generally held in the morning on the third Saturday of the month. Or the past few years we have not held meetings in the months of July and August. SWS Shows in April and October sometimes require that the meeting date be moved. A ½ hour social time is provided before the start of the meetings. We try to have the meetings completed by noon but sometimes they run a little over. The business portion runs from 10:00 to 10:30 and the demo, discussion or lecture portion runs from 10:30 to 12:00.**

**The Spokane Watercolor Society (SWS) is one of the largest watercolor organizations in Washington. SWS was founded in 1952 and has always strived to improve artist capabilities. On 23 June 2021 SWS became a Federal Nonprofit 501c(3) organization. The purpose of the organization is derived from the State Approved Articles of Incorporation. SWS is an education and charitable service for artists and the Spokane community.**

**We work to support a minimum of two shows each year.**

**NATIONAL SHOW:** Our spring show normally is held in April and pits the best of the Spokane area watercolor community against the nation. This show is held at the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture (the MAC) and runs for approximately one month. The show is juried by a nationally known artist. Artist's credentials normally include signature status in AWS, NWS TWSA or similar high level recognition.

**MEMBER SHOW:** A fall show of about the same size is normally held in October and provides a means for younger artists to learn how to compete at the national level. This member's only exhibit emphasizes the best way(s) to present an individual's art and how to follow the requirements of a prospectus for entry in a show.

**Signature membership represents the highest level of artistic recognition for the organization. The individuals who attain signature membership tend to retain membership with the organization while the regular members come and go. Each year we gain and loose approximately 15 members at the beginning of the year. Our future growth will depend on retention and advancement of these younger artists.**

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