League of NH Craftsmen
STANDARDS COMMITTEE CHARTER

Committee Name
Standards Committee

Relationship with the Board of Trustees
The Standards Committee is among the standing committees established through the League Bylaws and shall not have the power or authority to act for the full Board of Directors. Meetings and actions of the Standards Committee are governed by the same provisions of Board of Directors Bylaws pertaining to meetings and actions by the Board. Communication between the Board and Standards Committee will be facilitated by the Staff Liaison.

Purpose/Mission
The purpose of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Standards Program is to promote excellence in fine craft through education, integrity, and structure. The Standards Committee is responsible for overseeing and executing the LNHC Standards Program and Policies and for providing strategic direction for its initiatives.

Committee Staff
Administrative Coordinator of League Standards (Staff Liaison)

Committee Membership
Committee membership includes current juried members in good standing with relevant experience, and a demonstrated passion for upholding the League's Standard of Excellence. Additional juried members and/or external qualified ad-hoc individuals may be invited to Committee meetings to assist as needed but are not considered voting Committee members.

Applications for, appointment to, term limits of the Standards Committee will be conducted according to the universal nomination and vetting process established by the Board of Directors.

Committee Size
The Standards Committee should consist of no more than 9 juried members who represent a wide range expertise and experience in League media, plus a

Staff Liaison.

Committee Meetings

The Standards Committee meets monthly. Additional meetings may be held as needed to fulfill committee responsibilities. Committee meetings are convened by the Committee chair in conjunction with the staff liaison. The Executive Director and Board Chair should be informed and invited to all meetings. Attendance of the Executive Director and/or Board Chair is at their discretion.

Meeting Notes

The Staff Liaison will take notes at each meeting. Notes will be provided to the entire Standards Committee and the Board. Committee notes will include an attendance record, a copy of the agenda and a full summary of Committee discussions with documented recommendations and action items.

Committee Reports

As requested by the Executive Director and/or the Board Chair, periodic reports to the full Board or membership will be produced to support Board communication and engagement.

Committee Responsibilities

The Committee's primary responsibilities are as follows:

1. Attend and prepare for all regularly scheduled meetings in person or remotely. The Committee Chair and Staff Liaison should be informed of any anticipated absences. If inconsistent attendance occurs, membership on the Committee may be reevaluated.
2. Review the Committee Charter at least biannually and propose updates as needed..
3. Uphold the Standards Program purpose and mission through education, integrity, and structure initiatives.
    a. **Education:** Interpret and communicate League Standards and Policies, encourage and provide tools to attain higher levels of craftsmanship & artistry.
        i. Review and update media guidelines with the assistance of League jurors to ensure consistency, clarity, and compliance with Standards Policies.
        ii. Devise criteria and protocols for consideration of new media

and technologies.

b. **Integrity**: Preserve and sustain the League's tradition of and reputation for excellence.
    i. Receive, review and address Standards Policies compliance concerns.
    ii. Review Juried Member work for Standards Policies compliance at League venues and events.
    iii. Facilitate the Standards Program evaluation process in Jury & Critique Sessions.
        1. Review jury/critique applications for eligibility (residency requirements, qualifying media, etc.) and questions to address in evaluations.
        2. Oversee the recruitment, training, and selection of League jurors.
c. **Structure**: Encourage and promote connection, collaboration and mentorship opportunities.
    i. Provide recommendations to League Staff for the engagement plan to help support the onboarding and cultivation of new members.
    ii. Encourage and promote critiques and mentorships as a gateway to Juried Membership.
    iii. Engage with additional juried members and/or external qualified ad-hoc individuals as needed to consult on and contribute to Standards Program initiatives.

4. Recommend additional initiatives to further the Standards Program purpose and promote excellence in fine craft.
5. The Standards Committee can support staff initiatives to promote the Standards Program.
6. Manage and promote the Permanent Collection: curating exhibits, vetting donations, ensuring proper storage and upkeep, growing the collection. These duties shall be performed in coordination with the Exhibition Committee.

Indemnification

The League shall indemnify and hold each member of the Committee harmless from and against any and all expenses and liabilities arising out of membership on the Committee (including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements), excepting only expenses and liabilities arising out of such

member’s own willful misconduct or gross negligence, to the full extent provided by law and the Bylaws. The League shall maintain fiduciary liability insurance for the benefit of the members of the Committee and the resignation or removal of the Committee member who is entitled to the indemnity.