**DADE ART EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED**

**CONSTITUTION**

(As Amended March 7, 2017)

**ARTICLE I – Name**

The name of the organization shall be the Dade Art Educators Association, Incorporated, hereinafter designated as DAEA or as the Association.

**ARTICLE II – Purpose**

The purpose of the Association shall be the advancement of visual arts education to:

1. promote awareness and cultivate excellence in visual arts education for all students;
2. promote quality instruction in visual arts education conducted by certified art educators;
3. develop and promote quality exhibition opportunities for visual arts educators;
4. facilitate effective professional development for visual arts educators;
5. encourage research and the development of best practices in art education;
6. encourage the publishing of articles, reports, and surveys;
7. identify and advocate for arts education within the community.

**ARTICLE III –** **Membership**

Section 1. **Eligibility**

Membership in the Association shall be open to individuals or entities interested in or engaged in activities concerned with or related to art, art education, or education in general.

Section 2. **Members**

Membership in the Association may be divided into classifications for annual membership dues, the election of members, other purposes as the Bylaws may prescribe, or as DAEA Board of Directors may designate. The conditions, terms, privileges, rights, and duties of membership shall be stated or provided for in the Bylaws of the Association.

Section 3. **Meetings**

There shall be at least one annual meeting of DAEA Board of Directors and an annual meeting of the general membership.

**ARTICLE IV – Organization and Governance**

Section 1. **Governance**

The Governance of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the DAEA Board of Directors as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2. **Board of Directors**

The DAEA Board of Directors shall be the legal representative of the Association and as such shall have, hold, and administer all the property, funds, and affairs of the Association. Provisions for the governance of the Association shall be provided in the Bylaws.

Section 3. **Elections**

The manner of the election or appointment of the members of DAEA Board of Directors shall be provided in the Bylaws of the Association.

**ARTICLE V – Disposition of Assets in Case of Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution or termination of the DAEA, the DAEA Board of Directors shall, after the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association, dispose of all of the assets of the Association exclusively for the objectives of the Association in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the DAEA Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of proper jurisdiction exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE VI – Amendments**

Section 1. **Constitutional Amendments**

Constitutional amendments shall require reading and approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote in two (2) consecutive meetings of the DAEA Board of Directors.

Section 2. **Publication of Constitutional Amendments**

Any proposed constitutional amendments shall be made available to the membership between the first and second readings by the DAEA Board of Directors.

Section 3. **Vote by the General Membership**

Following reading and approval by the DAEA Board of Directors, the general membership shall vote to approve any Constitutional Amendment by simple majority present at the annual business meeting.

**Approved by a vote of the general membership this March 2017**

**ATTESTED TO BY:**

Maggie Vidal-Santos

Secretary, Dade Art Educators Association