

BYLAWS OF THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this association shall be the San Juan Islands Farmers Market Association.

ARTICLE II: DEFINITION

Throughout these bylaws, "Market" shall mean the San Juan Islands Farmers Market Association.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSES

- A. To promote agriculture in San Juan County and to encourage the direct marketing of agricultural products.
- B. To provide a forum for discussion of agricultural and market issues.
- C. To educate members and the general public about local food production.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Market shall be open to vendors and guests. A vendor is defined as a single person or "selling unit" as defined in the *Participation Agreement*. Guests are defined as non-vendors and can include crafters/artists and non-profit organizations. Vendor members (See APPENDIX A for definitions) are allowed one vote in Market voting matters. 55% of the vendors must be Farm Vendors. The remaining 45% (Prepared Food and Processed Food Vendors) must use ingredients that support local farms as much as possible as described in the current FMA Participation Agreement. Guests may be included at the discretion of the market manager to create a full and vibrant market.

Section 2. Membership shall become effective after submission of a completed participation agreement and payment of corresponding fees.

Section 3. Any member may be removed from membership upon a vote of two-thirds of the membership, if, after providing the member to be removed with an opportunity to be heard, the membership determines that said member has engaged in, or is engaging in activities contrary to the Market's purposes.

Section 4. New members may join at any time. Fees are set each season before the start of the regular season in April. To receive the benefits of membership, vendors must pay annual fees before selling at the Market. All individual members of a producer group booth are required to pay the participation fee and become voting members of the Market. Members may offer another non-member's products with Market Manager's permission.

Section 5. Nominations and Elections: Officers and Board members shall be nominated and elected at the first meeting of the year. Only voting members may be Officers or Board members.

ARTICLE V: The Board

Section 1. There shall be the following elected Board members. Elected Board members shall serve for two years, and can run again.

- A. President
- B. Treasurer
- C. Secretary
- D. Two at-large members

Section 2. Duties of the elected officers

A. President shall:

1. Preside over all meetings and prepare agenda.
2. Oversee the good order of the records of the Market.
3. Call special meetings as necessary.
4. Appoint members as representatives, as necessary, within community, county and State forums.

B. Treasurer shall:

1. Oversee the collection of, all dues, table fees and any other monies that are due the Market.
2. Keep orderly bookkeeping records of Market finances.
3. Present to the membership reports, from time to time, or as requested from the membership, the financial condition of the Market. Treasury reports must be prepared at every meeting to answer specific questions about the condition of the Market finances.
4. Be generally responsible for the financial affairs of the Market. Work in partnership with the market manager to see that all Market dues are collected.

C. Secretary shall:

1. Take and distribute minutes of the meetings.
2. Oversee filing of signed Participation Agreements and membership lists.

3. Perform any other duties that are in keeping with the position of the Secretary.

4. Oversee coordination of marketing surveys and results.

E. The Board shall hire and supervise the Market Manager.

ARTICLE VI: MEETING OF MEMBERSHIP

A. There shall be membership meetings in January and March

B. More organizational meetings may be held as needed.

C. Voting members of the Market present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called meeting of the Members. Proxy votes, submitted before the meeting, will be counted toward a quorum on that particular vote. If less than 50% of the members are present in person, the president has the authority to table a vote.

D. The fiscal year for this Association shall be January 1 to December 31.

E. Roberts Rules of Order shall prevail in the conduct of meetings.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended or revised by an affirmative vote of two thirds of all members present at a meeting designated for that purpose.

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APPENDIX A: Definitions of Market Vendors

FARMERS - Farmers are persons from San Juan County who raise produce (vegetables, fruits) herbs, flowers or nursery crops from seed or plants and care for, cultivate and harvest the crops. This also includes beekeepers, egg farmers, fish or shellfish growers, and poultry and livestock producers.

PROCESSORS - Processed Food Vendors are vendors offering fresh food product that they have processed themselves into the product being offered for sale at the market. These products are prepackaged. Processers must feature local San Juan County grown ingredients as much as possible in their products.

PREPARED FOOD VENDOR - Prepared Food Vendors are vendors offering fresh food products that they have processed themselves into products being offered for sale at the market. Prepared Food Vendors must feature local San Juan County grown ingredients in their offerings.

GUEST VENDOR - Guest vendors include all other types of vendors including Artists, Community Organization, Non-Profit, and Service Providers.