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Dear Chapter Executives,

The Federation Standards Committee recently brought forth a number of policy clarifications and changes. I've updated the FCA Policy Manual to reflect the changes they brought forward. There are some points that impact Chapter operations I thought to bring to your attention. These are: changes to the Active Status Application process and a clarification of Federation policy around exhibitions and jury.

1. Change to application for Active Status

A new policy (2.4) disallows the once common practice of a single Signature member signing off on an Active Status Application. Now all applications for Active Status must go through the FCA office via the website [https://artists.ca/membership\\_chapters/active\\_status](https://artists.ca/membership_chapters/active_status). All applications for Active Status will require ten images to be juried by three Signature members.

2. Clarification on the Federation policy around exhibitions and jury

The difference between the Federation of Canadian Artists and 'art clubs' is artistic standards. While the focus of art clubs is to be inclusive of all their members (hanging work from everyone who wants to submit to an exhibition, for example), the focus of the FCA is rather, to raise artistic standards. For artwork to be included in a Federation exhibition the work needs to meet or exceed FCA artistic standards (in the eyes of the jury).

For this reason, ALL exhibitions hosted in the name of, or advertised under the banner of, the Federation of Canadian Artists or its chapters MUST be juried by Federation standards. We do NOT allow exhibitions of unjuried work.

This has always been the case, but our newly rewritten policy 4.1.6 outlines this a bit more clearly with revised wording.

Section 7.5 outlines Federation policy on Chapter exhibitions. This section has been re-organized and re-written primarily for clarity. Please be sure to review this at your earliest convenience.

**Please find the new FCA Policy Manual here at <https://artists.ca/content/item/download/6303/119>**

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