

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
BYLAWS and STANDING RULES
OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY**

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Rocky Mountain District of the American Rose Society, hereinafter known as the District.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1: PURPOSE – The exclusive purpose of the District shall be to educate the people of the Rocky Mountain about roses and thus enrich their lives.

SECTION 2: ACTIVITIES – To further its purpose, the District shall:

- A. Encourage membership and active participation in the American Rose Society (ARS) and District societies.
- B. Provide information, encouragement, and assistance to the rose growing public.
- C. Sponsor an annual District meeting which shall include a District Rose Show and educational programs.
- D. Assist in the formation of new District Societies.

SECTION 3: LIMITATIONS – The District shall not:

- A. Engage in any illegal activity.
- B. Engage in any activity in conflict with the bylaws of the ARS.
- C. Permit any part of its earnings to inure to the benefit of any individual.
- D. Engage in any partisan activity.
- E. Engage in any activity prohibited by 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The members of the District shall be all members of the ARS who reside within the boundaries of the District as defined by the ARS.

ARTICLE IV: FINANCE

SECTION 1: DUES – The District shall collect no dues or assessments from individual members

SECTION 2: DISTRICT SOCIETIES – A District Society is any ARS Affiliated Club or Chapter located within the District. A District Society shall be in good standing if it has paid its current ARS dues.

SECTION 3: DISSOLUTION – In the event of dissolution, all assets of the District shall be transferred to the American Rose Society, Inc., in accord with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

SECTION 1: DISTRICT OFFICERS – The elected officers of the District shall be a Director, an Assistant Director, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the District Member of the National Nominating Committee. The appointed Standing Committee Chairmen of the District shall be the Chairman of the Consulting Rosarians Committee, the Chairman of the Horticulture Judges Committee, ~~and~~ the Chairman of the Arrangement Judges Committee, **the Chairman of the Old Garden Rose and Shrub Committee, the Chairman of the Membership Committee, and the Chairman of Photography.** The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and the Parliamentary Authority. All officers and chairs shall serve for the term of office of the District Director or until a successor is selected. The term of office shall begin following the adjournment of the ARS Fall **Board of Directors** meeting following election.

Comment [gjb1]: See notes on pages 6 and 7 for clarification of these positions.

Comment [gjb2]: In some cases there may be a BOD meeting in the fall without a full meeting of the entire membership as happened in 2016. This designates which fall meeting.

SECTION 2: SELECTION – The District Director shall be elected according to the bylaws of the ARS. The District Member of the National Nominating Committee and all other elected officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the District prior to the end of the term of office of the current District Director. The appointed Standing Committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the District Director.

SECTION 3: VACANCY IN OFFICE – The Nominating and Awards Committee shall submit nominations to fill a vacancy in the office of District Director to the District Member of the National Nominating Committee who will submit the nominations to the Executive Committee of the ARS. The Nominating and Awards Committee shall submit nominations to fill a vacancy in the office of District Member of the National Nominating Committee to the District Director. The vacancies shall be filled according to ARS

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bylaws. Vacancies in the other elected officers shall be filled by the District Assembly or the Executive Board.

SECTION 4: THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR shall:

- A. Perform the duties prescribed by the bylaws of ARS.
- B. Be the executive officer of the District.7774
- C. Preside over all meetings of the District Assembly and the Executive Board.

SECTION 5: THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR shall:

- A. Assist the District Director with District duties
- B. Preside over the District Assembly and Executive Board in the absence of the District Director.

SECTION 6: THE SECRETARY shall:

- A. Record the proceedings of the District Assembly and the Executive Board.
- B. Conduct the correspondence of the District.
- C. Maintain the records of the District.
- D. Serve as historian of the District.

SECTION 7: THE TREASURER shall:

- A. Be custodian of all District funds.
- B. Present a statement of finances to all meetings of the District Assembly and the Executive Board.
- C. Prepare an annual District budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION 8: THE DISTRICT MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE shall:

- A. Perform the duties prescribed by the bylaws of the ARS.
- B. Serve as Chairman of the District Nominations and Awards Committee.
- C. Receive and have custody of all District awards and trophies prior to presentation.

ARTICLE VI: DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

SECTION 1: DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – The District Assembly shall consist of all ARS members of the District. Notice of all meetings of the District Assembly shall be sent to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 2: ANNUAL MEETING – The annual meeting of the District Assembly shall be held each year prior to the annual (fall) meeting of the ARS. The annual meeting shall be hosted by a District Society. The annual District Rose Show, educational programs and meetings of all District committees shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL MEETINGS – Special meetings of the District Assembly may be called by the District Director, or by written request of three officers of the District, or by written request of four members of the Executive Board. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum at a Special Meeting.

SECTION 4: VOTING BY ELECTRONIC DEVICE – Voting by electronic device is authorized between Annual District Meetings.

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1: COMPOSITION – The members of the Executive Board shall be the officers of the District, the Presidents of all District Societies in good standing or their alternate designated in writing, and any other member of the District who is a member of the ARS Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: QUORUM – Five (5) members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3: AUTHORITY – The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the District between meetings of the District Assembly. The Executive Board shall be subject to the orders of the District Assembly, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the District Assembly.

SECTION 4: MEETINGS – Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the District Director or shall be called upon written request of three (3) members of the Board. Members of the Executive Board shall receive written notice of the meetings at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: STANDING COMMITTEES – The standing committees of the District shall be the Consulting Rosarians Committee, the Horticulture Judges Committee, the

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Arrangements Judges Committee, ~~and~~ the District Nominations and Awards Committee, **the Old Garden Rose and Shrub Committee, the Membership Committee and the Chairman of Photography.**

SECTION 2: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN COMMITTEE

shall:

- A. Perform the duties assigned by the rules of the ARS.
- B. Have been an ARS Member and Consulting Rosarian for at least six years.
- C. Serve as Chairman of the Consulting Rosarian Committee
- D. Coordinate District activities to assist and inform the public about roses.
- E. Encourage local societies to assist and inform the public about roses.

SECTION 3: THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN COMMITTEE shall:

- A. Be composed of all members of the District who are ARS Consulting Rosarians. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Institute programs to assist and inform the rose growing public.
- C. Provide education and program assistance to the District's local societies.
- D. Promote the development, improvement and proper maintenance of public rose gardens.
- E. Conduct seminars and educational programs for the continuing education of Consulting Rosarians.
- F. Promote high purposes and ethics for all Consulting Rosarians.

SECTION 4: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HORTICULTURE JUDGES COMMITTEE

shall:

- A. Perform the duties assigned by the rules of the ARS.
- B. Serve as Chairman of the Horticulture Judges Committee.
- C. Coordinate rose horticulture judging activities in the District.

SECTION 5: THE HORTICULTURE JUDGES COMMITTEE shall:

- A. Be composed of all members of the District who are ARS Accredited Rose Horticulture Judges. The Apprentice Rose Horticulture Judges of the District shall be non-voting members of the committee. Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Promote excellence and high ethics for all Rose Horticulture Judges.

SECTION 6: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARRANGEMENT JUDGES COMMITTEE

shall:

- A. Perform the duties assigned by the rules of the ARS.

- B. Supervise the organization of any District Judging School or seminar-workshop within the three-year term.
- C. Approve arrangement schedules submitted by the local District Societies.
- D. Serve as Chairman of the Arrangement Judges Committee.
- E. Coordinate rose arrangement judging activities in the District.

SECTION 7: THE ARRANGEMENT JUDGES COMMITTEE shall:

- A. Be composed of all members of the District who are ARS Accredited Rose Arrangement Judges. The Apprentice Rose Arrangement Judges of the District shall be non-voting members of the committee. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Promote excellence and high ethics for all Rose Arrangement Judges.

SECTION 8: THE DISTRICT NOMINATION AND AWARDS COMMITTEE shall:

- A. Be composed of the District Member of the National Nominating Committee, who shall serve as the chairman, plus one member from each local District society in good standing. A majority of the members will constitute a quorum. The committee may conduct its business either in a meeting or by correspondence.
- B. Seek nominations for the offices of ARS Vice President, Regional Director, and District Director. The District Member of the National Nominating Committee shall receive and submit such nominations in accord with the rules of ARS.
- C. Nominate one candidate for each District office other than Director.
- D. Select the recipient of the District Silver Honor in accord with the rules of ARS.

SECTION 9: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT OLD GARDEN ROSE AND SHRUB COMMITTEE shall

- A. Perform the duties and as prescribed by the American Rose Society.**
- B. Serve as the District Chairman of the Old Garden Rose and Shrub Committee**
- C. Coordinate and promote district and local activities designed to assist and inform the public about Old Garden and Shrub roses.**
- D. Solicit committee members from any or all of the local societies in the District.**

Comment [gjb3]: This new position was requested by ARS National.

SECTION 10: THE DISTRICT OLD GARDEN AND SHRUB ROSE COMMITTEE shall

- A. Be composed of the Chairman and any number of interested members of the district.**
- B. Work to institute programs to assist and inform the rose growing public about Old Garden Roses by providing education and program assistance to the local societies.**

- C. Work to increase the number of Old Garden and Shrub Roses grown across America as well as increase the number of gardens in which they are grown.
- D. Develop relationships to share information and expertise with other organizations dedicated to the promotion and preservation of heritage and shrub roses.
- E. Write articles for publication by the American Rose Society, local societies, or other appropriate publications about any and all aspects of Old Garden and Shrub roses, emphasizing the viability of these plants as low maintenance landscape plants.

SECTION 11: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE shall promote membership growth in the American Rose Society, the Rocky Mountain District, and in all local societies. The Chairman shall be available to assist local societies of the District with programs and activities designed to encourage membership growth.

Comment [gjb4]: This position has existed in RMD for a number of years, but was not previously included in the bylaws.

SECTION 12: THE CHAIRMAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY shall

- A. Identify potential photography judges and encourage them to judge photography.
- B. Be available to present programs regarding exhibiting and judging rose photography to District horticulture and arrangements judges, local societies, and the general public.
- C. Assist and advise the District Director on matters pertaining to rose photography.
- D. Inform the District's Judges of changes in rules or procedures that affect photography judging.

Comment [gjb5]: This position was requested by ARS National. As time progresses, we can expect the National Photography Committee to request this position to head the "Photography Judges" in each District. At the Spring ARS Board meeting, the National Chairman of Photography asked each District Director to name a Photography Chairman.

SECTION 9 13: SPECIAL COMMITTEES – The District Assembly or Executive Board may create special committees. The District Director (or in their absence, the Assistant District Director) shall appoint all members and shall be an ex-officio member of all special committees.

ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceeding of the District in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the District may adopt.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the District Assembly by a two-thirds vote, provided that a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent to each member of the District at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. These bylaws shall be subject to the approval of ARS.

STANDING RULES

1. The **Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award Selection** Committee is composed of the Chairman of the Nominating and Awards Committee, The Chairman of the Consulting Rosarians Committee, and the District Director.
2. The **Outstanding Horticulture Judge Selection** Committee is composed of the Chairman of the Nominations and Awards Committee, the Chairman of the Horticulture Judges Committee, the Chairman of the Arrangement Judges Committee, and the District Director. This committee shall select the recipient of the District Outstanding Horticulture Judge Award in accordance with the rules of ARS.
3. Up to \$500.00 annually may be allotted as travel funds to the District Director out of District funds.
4. Voting may be conducted electronically via e-mail.
5. **Visitors to Open Executive Board Meetings may participate in all agenda items, but may not vote.**
6. **During Executive Board Meetings, all members present may cast one vote on any item brought to a vote of the Board. If a Board position is filled by two or more people (as in Co-Treasurer) each person present will have a vote. If a member present fills more than one position (as in President of a local society and Chairman of a committee) that person will have only one vote on each item. The District Director will not vote except to break a tie, even if the Director holds more than one position.**

Comment [gjb6]: Word "Selection" added to differentiate this committee from the CR committee.

Comment [gjb7]: Word "Selection" added to differentiate this committee from the two Judges committees.

Comment [gjb8]: This is a different approach than is taken at ARS National Board of Directors Meetings. RMD Board recommends it to give more people a say in the affairs of the District.

Comment [gjb9]: Clarifies who votes and how votes are counted at Executive Board Meetings.