

# SWORS Constitution-LAWS OF SOUTHWEST OREGON ROSE SOCIETYSWORS Constitution

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

Section 1. This Society shall be known at the Southwest Oregon Rose Society, hereinafter referred to as Society.

## ARTICLE II

### MEETINGS

Section 1. The first Thursday of each month September through June shall be designated as the regular meeting night. In the event of a conflict between the meeting place and SWORS, the president shall have the right to choose an alternate meeting date and time.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be one (1) class of membership in this Society known as annual members.

- A. Annual members shall be active members and shall annually pay the Society such dues as the Society shall determine.
- B. Annual members, after being given suitable notice, shall be dropped from the rolls after three (3) months for non-payment of dues. Dues will be collected annually in September. New members joining after September will be charged on a pro-rata basis.

## ARTICLE IV

### VOTING

Section 1. Each annual member present at any regular meeting shall have one (1) vote on all matters brought before the meeting.

Section 2. When voting on routine business or election of officers and directors, a quorum shall consist of twenty-five (25) percent of the membership, including two (2) officers and a majority vote shall be sufficient.

- A. The manner of voting shall be at the discretion of the presiding officer. In all cases, it shall comply with parliamentary rules as set forth in Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 3. Election of Officers shall be biennial beginning in June 2017. Elections shall be held at the regular meeting in June from nominations from the floor, with the newly elected officers taking office in September.

## ARTICLE V

### DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. President – shall preside at all meetings of the Society and shall be responsible for the execution of all policies of the Society, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

A. The President may prepare a message or article to be included in the notice of meetings and similar communications mailed to the membership.

B. The President shall appoint all standing committees.

Section 2. Vice President – shall perform all the duties and bear the responsibility of the President in the absence of the latter or when the President is unable or unwilling to perform the duties of office.

A. The Vice President shall also perform as the Program Chair and as such shall be responsible for procuring suitable guest speakers or topics for the monthly meetings.

Section 3. Secretary – shall record minutes of all regular meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board and shall mail to each member such notices and other information as shall be directed by the presiding officer.

Section 4. Treasurer – shall receive and account for all monies of the Society and shall pay out the funds as authorized by the Board of Directors through its presiding officer.

A. The Treasurer shall at all times keep an accurate and up-to-date record of all monies and dues paid.

B. The Treasurer shall promptly furnish the Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor the names and addresses of new members and the names of any member dropped from the roll for any cause.

C. The Treasurer shall at all times maintain an accurate an up-to-date list of all members.

D. The funds of this Society shall be deposited in a bank designated by the Society and paid out checks by the Treasurer, President or Vice President.

## ARTICLE VI GOVERNING BOARD

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past President and Newsletter Editor. When voting on routine business, a quorum shall consist of three (3) members of the Board of Directors and a majority vote should be sufficient.

A. These persons shall have one (1) vote on all matters brought before the Board.

B. The Consulting Rosarians shall be considered ex-officio members of the Board and thus have no voting privileges on matters brought before the Board. They serve in an advisory capacity.

C. The new Board of Directors shall meet in August to prepare for the September fiscal year.

## ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 1. Special committees may be appointed by the President as necessity arises.

## ARTICLE VIII PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 1. In all instances not covered by the by-laws, parliamentary procedures shall comply with the standard rules as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

## ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by a vote of the membership in any regular meeting provided the following conditions have been met with:

A. Twenty-five (25) percent of the membership including two (2) officers shall constitute a quorum.

B. A two-thirds majority of those voting shall be required to amend.

Section 2. Requirements for a quorum and voting procedures shall comply with Article VI of the Society's constitution.

C. The proposed amendments shall have been read at two (2) regular meetings including the meeting at which the vote is called for.

- D. Written notices have been sent to each member prior to each of those two (2) meetings informing them of the proposed action of the amendment.