

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
LOUISIANA SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH  
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**ARTICLE I -- Membership and Dues**

**Section 1.** Application for membership may be submitted to the chairman of the Membership Committee at any time during the year, but applications will be accepted only at the Fall meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** Membership shall be divided into the following classes:

A- Honorary memberships may be conferred upon those who have made outstanding contributions to the objects of the Society. They shall be elected in a manner prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall have all the usual privileges. They shall be sent membership cards, signed by the President.

B- Foreign Exchange Fellows membership may be conferred upon foreign laymen or scientists who have made outstanding contributions to horticulture. The Board of Directors is vested with control of Foreign Exchange Fellows membership. They shall be sent membership cards signed by the President.

C- Life membership may be bestowed by the Board of Directors. Past Presidents become Life Members after serving a full two-year term of office.

D- Donor membership shall cover an individual or organization paying annual dues of \$100.00 or more.

E- Sustaining membership shall cover an individual or organization paying annual dues of \$25.00.

F- Active membership shall cover an individual or organization paying annual dues of \$15.00.

**Section 3.** All memberships in good standing shall have one vote, receive a membership card, copies of all publications, and have all the usual privileges of membership.

**Section 4.** The business and fiscal year of the Society shall be the calendar year.

**Section 5.** Annual dues shall be payable in advance on January first of each year.

**Section 6.** Dues remaining unpaid for more than two months after notice has been given, will result in removal of the membership from the publication mailing list and suspension from the Society.

A suspended member may attain membership after being nominated by a member in good standing and following both the approval of the Board of Directors and a positive response to an official invitation to join the Society.

**Section 7.** Plant distribution shall be made only to those who present their own current membership card. A complete, permanent record of all plant distributions shall be kept at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

## **ARTICLE II -- Elections**

**Section 1.** The officers of this Society shall be elected at the annual business meeting, shall hold office for two years and be eligible for re-election, provided no officer except the Treasurer and Secretary, shall hold the same office more than two consecutive terms.

**Section 2.** The three Directors at Large shall serve three-year terms. One Director at Large shall be elected each year at the annual business meeting.

**Section 3.** No Director shall be eligible for re-election on the expiration of his term until after the passage of one year.

**Section 4.** A majority of the voting members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 5.** In the event of the death or resignation of any officer or director, the vacancy shall be filled by the vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE III -- Duties of Officers**

**Section 1.** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society, and shall preside at all meetings of the Society, the Board of Directors, and executive committee meetings, and during his term of office shall be charged with the general supervision of the affairs of the Society.

**Section 2.** The First Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer.

**Section 3.** The Second Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer and the First Vice-President.

**Section 4.** The Secretary shall keep the records of the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall be responsible for issuing notices of all meetings.

**Section 5.** The Treasurer shall receive, keep safe, and account for, all money and securities of the Society, keeping same in a special account in the name of the Society. The Treasurer shall disburse money at the direction of the President or Board of Directors and be responsible for the membership records of the Society.

### **ARTICLE IV -- Committees and Appointments**

**Section 1.** The following committees and appointments shall be named by the President. Their annual reports shall be given each year at the annual business meeting. The President may also appoint any special committee

which the President or Board of Directors may deem necessary.

- A. Budget and Finance
- B. Director of Research (also slide custodian)
- C. Associate Director of Research
- D. Editor of the Society Publications
- E. Editor of the Newsletter
- F. Plant Distribution
- G. Publicity
- H. Historian
- I. Membership
- J. Nominating. A nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the President, the chairman to be a member of the Board. This committee shall be appointed and announced at a Fall board meeting. It shall serve two years and present the name of one Director at Large to the Board of Directors before the annual business meeting one year and the slate of officers and one Director at Large the following year.

## **ARTICLE V -- Honorary Board Membership**

**Section 1.** Board members who have given long and faithful service as an officer and/or member of the Board of Directors may be offered an honorary board membership by a majority vote of a quorum of the board members at a regular board meeting. Membership will be effective as long as the honorary board member attends board meetings and shows an interest in the Society.