

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
LOUISIANA SOCIETY FOR HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH
as revised March 20, 2010**

ARTICLE I -- Name

The name of this organization shall be Louisiana Society for Horticultural Research.

ARTICLE II -- Purpose

The Louisiana Society for Horticultural Research is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is exclusively educational and scientific. All activities shall be in furtherance of these purposes. The objectives are for the betterment of members and the entire horticultural industry and for the improvement of the grade, variety, and availability of horticultural products to the general public.

ARTICLE III -- Membership

Any person or organization in sympathy with the objectives of this Society is eligible for membership upon recommendation by a member in good standing and confirmation by the Board of Directors. Members shall be classified as Honorary, Foreign Exchange Fellows, Life, Donor, Sustaining, and Active.

ARTICLE IV -- Officers

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ARTICLE V -- Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the five elected officers, three Directors at Large, The Past Presidents, two Editors of Publications, two Directors of Research, and such honorary board members as may be elected by the Board.

The Board of Directors shall have full discretion and decision in all and any non-constitutional questions that may arise, except as limited by the By-Laws and vote of the membership.

ARTICLE VI -- Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the five elected officers and shall have the authority to act on behalf of the Board with respect to the day to day operations of the Society.

ARTICLE VII -- Meetings

The annual business meeting of the Society shall be held during the early part of the calendar year. Lafayette, Louisiana will be the permanent home of the Society. Other meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Officers and Directors.

ARTICLE VIII -- Amendments

The Board of Directors may initiate amendments of the Constitution and of the By-Laws by giving written notice of such proposed amendment in the announcement of the annual meeting or of a special meeting of the entire membership called for the purpose of making such amendment. The proposed amendment shall be adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at such meeting.

Amendments may also be initiated by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting of the Society. An amendment thus initiated shall be put to the written vote of the entire membership and shall be adopted if it receives two-thirds of the vote cast by mail within a specified period.

ARTICLE IX -- Distribution of Funds in the Event of Dissolution

In case of liquidation or dissolution of the Louisiana Society for Horticultural Research, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation will be the recipient of any funds remaining in the treasury.

In the event the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation is unable or unwilling to accept these funds, the State of Louisiana is hereby designated as the recipient and in the event that the State of Louisiana is unable or unwilling to accept these funds, the Treasurer of the United States is hereby designated as the recipient.