

**BY-LAWS OF THE TENARKY DISTRICT
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY**

Article I

- Section 1
- a. This organization shall be known as the Tenarky District of The American Rose Society.
 - b. The Tenarky District, being a duly recognized District of the American Rose Society, shall be bound by the bylaws and other rules and regulations of the American Rose Society.
 - c. This District shall operate exclusively for educational purposes in accordance with the purpose of the American Rose Society.

Article II

Objectives

Section 1 The primary objectives of the Tenarky District are:

To encourage amateur and professional rose culture, to increase the general understanding of and interest in all aspects of roses, to provide horticulture education for Tenarky members and for the public, and to encourage membership and support the American Rose Society in all of its purposes.

Section 2 Secondary objectives of the District shall be to:

- a. hold semi-annual District business meetings
- b. facilitate an annual District Rose Show and Conference
- c. facilitate a midwinter educational workshop
- d. encourage membership in local societies
- e. form new local rose societies affiliated with the American Rose Society
- f. sponsor district schools and workshops

Article III

Membership

Section 1 The membership shall consist of all the members of the rose societies located within the boundaries of the Tenarky District as defined and approved by the American Rose Society.

Article IV

Government

- Section 1 a. The Executive Officer of the District shall be the District Director duly elected under the bylaws of the American Rose Society. The District Director shall appoint all other officers and committee chairs and shall preside at all District meetings. The Director shall be a member of all committees.
- b. The other District officers shall be: the Vice Director who shall perform the duties of the Director when the Director is unable to perform such duties and if the office of Director becomes vacant for any reason he shall serve as Interim Director until a successor to the Director is duly elected under the ARS bylaws; a Secretary and a Treasurer who will perform the duties normally pertaining to such offices.
- c. The District Director will appoint the following Chairs: a District Editor, a District Horticulture Judges Chair, a District Arrangement Judges Chair, a District Nominations/Awards Chair, a Roses in Review Chair, a Consulting Rosarian Chair and other chairs as needed.
- (1) The editor of the District Bulletin will produce and distribute the newsletter under the direction of the District Director.
- (2) The District Horticulture Judges Chair shall oversee all aspects of rose show horticulture judging, record keeping, and communication within the District. He, or she, will serve as chair of horticulture judging schools, both for training new judges and recertifying judges when needed. He, or she, will work with the District Director in the selection of a recipient of an Outstanding Horticulture Judges Award which may be awarded annually.

- (3) The District Arrangement Judges Chair shall oversee all aspects of rose show arrangement judging, record keeping, and communication within the District. He, or she, will serve as chair of arrangement judging schools, both for training new judges and recertifying judges when needed. He, or she, will work with the District Director in the selection of a recipient of an Outstanding Arrangement Judges Award which may be awarded annually when considered appropriate.
 - (4) The District Nominations/Awards Chair shall be a member of the ARS National Nominating Committee and will facilitate the selection of the District Silver Medal Winners.
 - (5) The Roses in Review Chair will encourage all rosarians in the Tenarky District to complete the RIR form that is published annually in the **American Rose** or the one on the internet, tabulate the entries, and forward the results to the National RIR Chair for consolidation and publication.
 - (6) The Consulting Rosarian Chair shall assist the District Director with the Consulting Rosarian program, serve as chairman of consulting rosarian schools and seminars both for new CRs and for recertification, and work with the District Director in selecting the recipient of an Outstanding Consulting Rosarian award which may be awarded annually.
- d. The business affairs of the District shall be conducted at duly authorized district meetings. All members in attendance at any such meeting shall be entitled to vote on all issues and all issues will be decided by a majority vote of those present and voting. Those in attendance at any duly authorized meeting shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.
 - e. Business that arises between the district meetings, or questions that arise which are not specifically answered in this document, shall be handled by the District Director in consultation with the other officers and society presidents as deemed necessary.

Section 2 Vacancies

- a. In the event of death, incapacitation, or resignation of the District Director, current American Rose Society bylaws stipulate that the successor for that position will be chosen by the District.

- (1) In order to maintain continuity should such an emergency arise, the Vice Director shall assume the position of Interim Director until the next scheduled annual member meeting.
 - (2) The Interim Director shall call for nominations and oversee the election at some time before the above meeting. A District Director so chosen will still be eligible to run for two full terms as director of the district.
- b. The District Director will appoint a replacement in the event of any other vacancies.

Article V

Meetings

- Section 1 The District shall hold at least one business meeting at the annual fall convention and rose show. It will be hosted by one of the rose societies within the District. The societies that have sufficient personnel to host a convention and rose show will rotate this responsibility in an informal manner.
- Section 2 If there is a Winter Workshop, a second meeting should be held at that time.
- Section 3 No District meeting shall be scheduled on any date that conflicts with one of the semi-annual meetings of the American Rose Society unless a District meeting is held in conjunction with a National meeting.

Article VI

Funds

- Section 1 This District shall not operate in any manner resulting in pecuniary gain to its members.
- Section 2 Funds to cover district expenses will be raised by means approved by the district; for example, the auction of contributed roses which takes place at the midwinter workshop. Other projects will be undertaken as needed.
- Section 3 In the event the Tenarky District should be dissolved, available District funds will be transferred to the American Rose Society to be Administered by the ARS Board of Directors.

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1 The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the proceedings of the District business meetings in all cases not addressed by these bylaws.

Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended at a regularly scheduled business meeting by a two-thirds vote of all members present and voting, provided the amendments shall have been sent to the society presidents of the District at least thirty (30) days prior to that meeting. The thirty (30) day notification rule may be suspended by consent of all members present.

Section 2. A copy of these bylaws shall be filed with the Office of the Secretary of the American Rose Society promptly after adoption, and that office shall be notified of any subsequent amendments, changes, or alterations which are subject to approval by the Board of Directors of the American Rose Society, or a committee duly appointed by said Board.

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