

HEART OF DIXIE ORCHID SOCIETY

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I GENERAL

SECTION 1

The name of this Society shall be "Heart of Dixie Orchid Society"

SECTION 2

The purpose of this Society shall be a united effort to stimulate interest in the exchange of information relative to the propagation, growth, cultural methods and exhibition of orchids.

SECTION 3

The office of this Society shall be located at Huntsville, Alabama except for the mailing address of the current Secretary of the Society.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

Membership in this Society shall be open to those persons who are interested in, and are actively engaged in orchid culture, with a willingness to exhibit, and to further the general interest in orchids, and so far as possible to study the purpose under consideration by the Society and perform literary or committee work assigned them.

SECTION II

Membership may only be finalized on payment of dues, pro-rated after June, by the month for the remainder of the Society's fiscal year.

SECTION III

Any individual who meets the criteria in Sections I and II of this Article may apply for membership in the Society. This application may be made at a regular Society meeting. Approval of the application is determined by an affirmative vote of the majority of members present.

ARTICLE III DUES

SECTION I

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

SECTION II

The dues of this Society shall be ten (\$10.00) per single member and fifteen (\$15.00) per couple. (Amended January, 1997 to 15.00 per single and 20.00 per couple.)

SECTION III

Dues shall be payable in advance each year to the Treasurer. Members who have not paid dues by March 31st of the current year are automatically removed from active membership but may be reinstated upon payment for the current calendar year.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION I

Officers OF this Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

SECTION II

A nominating committee shall be appointed in September of each year to nominate officers for the following year. The Immediate Past President shall be chairman of the nominating committee and appoint two other members. The committee shall present its nominations to the Society at the regular October meeting for approval and/or revision. The officers shall be elected at the regular November meeting; and shall hold office from January 1st through December 31st of the following year, or until their successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

SECTION III

The President and the Vice-President shall serve no more than two Consecutive terms in the same office.

SECTION IV

Vacancies in any Office may be filled by the appointment of the Board of Directors

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION I

The President shall preside at all regular, special, and annual meetings of the Society and at all Board of Director meetings. The President shall have general

supervision of the business and operations of the Society and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to the office.

SECTION II

The Vice-President shall serve as Program Chairman for the Society, and in the absence of the President shall perform all duties of the President's office.

SECTION III

The Historian shall maintain a record of all Society activities and present a yearly summary of activities, by December 31. The Historian shall have charge of all historical records and memorabilia belonging to the Society.

SECTION IV

The Secretary shall maintain a written record of all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors meeting. The Secretary shall keep up-to-date records of the names and addresses of all members.

She shall keep an inventory of all Society materials and shall have charge of secretarial documents, papers, books belonging to the Society at the direction of the President.

SECTION V

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the administering of the Society's finances. The Treasurer shall: (1) collect, deposit, and disburse all Society moneys at the direction of the President; (2) present a Treasurer's report at all Society meetings; and (3) determine the payment terms of organizational dues for which the Society is a member (by virtue of Article XI of the By-Laws) and automatically satisfy said obligations without further authorization, unless directed otherwise by the Society at least 15 days in advance of the date they become payable.

In the event that the Treasurer is unable to perform the aforementioned duties, the President shall assume the responsibilities of the Treasurer until the Treasurer is able to reassume responsibility or is replaced in accordance with these By-Laws. To facilitate their contingency responsibilities, the President shall be included as an authority for disbursements on all the Society's accounts.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business and operation of the Society shall be managed according to the By-Laws of this Society, by a Board of Directors composed of the current President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, the Past-President, and two additional persons elected from the active membership who are in good standing, to make a total of eight (8) directors.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

SECTION I

A regular meeting of the Society members shall be held each month of the calendar year.

SECTION II

Special meetings may be held by the Society at the call of the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.

SECTION III

An annual meeting for receiving the annual reports of the current Officers shall be held in December of each calendar year.

SECTION IV

The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President or of the majority of members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

SECTION I

The President shall appoint Committees as needed, and such Committees shall perform tasks as assigned.

SECTION II

Standing Committees shall meet at the call of their respective Chairman or of any two members of the committee.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

SECTION I

Every proposed addition, deletion, alteration to this set of By-Laws, including any and all subsequent By-Laws, shall be submitted in writing; signed by a member of the Society in good standing; handed to an officer at any regular meeting and read by such presiding officer in the absence of the President to the members present. Notice of such proposal shall then be mailed to members of the Society in writing at least thirty (30) days before the meeting at which the final discussion and adoption occurs. A two to one affirmative vote of the members present shall be necessary and sufficient for adoption.

SECTION II

A quorum for the Society shall be a majority of those present and voting.

ARTICLE X PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules of Parliamentary practice comprised in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the proceedings of this Society, subject to special rules which have been or may be adopted.

ARTICLE XI AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIPS

This Society shall maintain membership in the American Orchid Society and Mid-America.

ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION

Should this Society ever be dissolved its assets shall be distributed as follows:

- a. All library materials shall become property of the General Libraries of the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.
- b. All funds, including cash deposits, securities, accrued income, shall become property of the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.
- c. Any remaining assets shall become property of the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.

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