

AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY REGION FIVE BY-LAWS

(As approved and amended January 2004)

Article I: NAME.

The name of this association is American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) Region Five. It is an affiliate of the American Hemerocallis Society.

Article II: PURPOSE.

AHS Region Five is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote, encourage and foster the development and improvement of the genus Hemerocallis and public interest therein, by all suitable and appropriate means. AHS Region Five is organized exclusively for educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Article III: MEMBERS.

Section 1: By virtue of having paid dues to the American Hemerocallis Society, Inc., those members, in good standing, residing in the state of Georgia automatically become members of AHS Region Five. There are no separate regional dues.

Section 2: Each member shall receive the American Hemerocallis Society quarterly journals and the regional newsletters.

Section 3: A member who resigns or fails to renew membership in the American Hemerocallis Society has automatically lost membership in AHS Region Five.

Article IV. OFFICERS AND DIRECTOR

Section 1: The regional officers are the Regional Vice President (RVP), the Regional Publicity Director (RPD), the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Garden Judges Liaison and the Exhibition Judges Liaison. The RVP is the chief executive officer of AHS Region Five. The Director represents the region at the national level.

Section 2: TERM OF OFFICE.

A. DIRECTOR: The term of office of the Director shall be three calendar years. No Director shall be elected to serve for more than two successive terms but may be re-elected after being out of office for a minimum of three years.

B. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT: The term of office for the RVP shall be for two calendar years. The incumbent RVP shall be eligible for a second term if so nominated. No RVP shall serve more than two successive terms but may be re-elected after being out of office for a minimum of two years.

Section 3: ELECTION.

A. DIRECTOR: AHS Region Five shall elect its director from society members of that region. Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee consisting of three members from the region, elected on a timely basis by a majority vote of the regional members at the annual regional meeting. Only one of the three members can have served on the nominating committee during the prior election of a director and under no circumstances can a member of the nominating committee serve more than two consecutive terms. If an incumbent director is eligible and willing to serve a second term, the incumbent's name must be included on the ballot. The ballot, which shall include space for write-in candidates, shall be provided to the membership via the regional newsletter a minimum of two months prior to the annual regional meeting. The ballot must be signed and returned to the chair of the nominating committee within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the ballot. The nominating committee shall count and validate all ballots. Results will be reported to the regional membership and to the President of the Society. Should the AHS Region Five director resign during a regular term, the AHS President shall appoint, in collaboration with the AHS Region Five RVP, a member from the region to fill the vacancy. Ratification of replacement by the AHS Board of Directors is required.

B. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS – AHS Region Five shall elect its RVP from society members of its region. Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee of three members from the region who shall be elected on a timely basis by a majority vote of the regional members at the annual regional meeting. Only one of the three members shall have served on the nominating committee during the prior election of a RVP and under no circumstances can a member serve more than two consecutive terms. The chair of the nominating committee shall present the committee's nominee to the regional membership at the annual regional meeting and open the floor for additional nominations. The election shall be determined by a majority vote of the regional members present.

Section 4: DUTIES.

The RVP shall conduct an annual business meeting, and arrange for the publishing of the regional newsletter. Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these by-laws, by the parliamentary authority adopted by AHS Region Five, and as assigned by the RVP. The duties of the Director are assigned by the President of American Hemerocallis Society.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS.

Section 1: An annual business meeting shall be held each year at any appropriate time and place as determined by the RVP. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given to each member at least thirty days in advance of such meeting. A report of the meeting shall be made to the membership in the next regional newsletter, and shall constitute due notice of the actions taken and rulings made.

Section 2: Special meeting of AHS Region Five may be called by the RVP. Notice of time, place and purpose of such meetings shall be given to the members not less than thirty days in advance.

Section 3: All meetings shall be called and conducted in conformity with rules prescribed by the *Guidelines of the American Hemerocallis Society* and in concordance with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

Article VI: COMMITTEES.

The RVP shall appoint the chair person to head each necessary standing committee. Each chair person shall report to the Regional Vice President.

Article VII: LIMITATIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) if the Internal Revenue Code.

Article VIII: DISSOLUTION.

Upon the dissolution of this association, the officers shall, after payment or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the AHS Region Five, dispose of all the assets of AHS Region Five to the American Hemerocallis Society which is a 501 (c)(3) corporation; or to such a 501 (c)(3) organization organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes similar to those of the American Hemerocallis Society.

Article IX: AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of AHS Region Five by a two-thirds majority vote the members present, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting, or to the membership at least thirty days prior to the meeting.