

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY INDIVIDUAL AWARDS POLICY

Article I Purpose

The American Rose Society (“ARS”) makes a number of national and district awards in recognition of member achievements including the Gold Honor Medal, the Klima Medal, the Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award and the District Silver Honor Medal. Such awards recognize sustained lifetime achievement by an individual or couple in devoting and focusing their talents and expertise to the promotion of the objectives and mission of the ARS or a District of the ARS. The rules and procedures for each award are generally stated separately and the selection of the recipient is made by different ARS Committees. This Individual Awards Policy (the “Policy”) is intended to override all such procedures in order to assure that all ARS national and district awards in recognition of member achievements are awarded annually. Further, it is intended to restore the honor of such awards by prominently remembering and honoring recipients through an appropriate article in the *American Rose* at the time of the award, and the maintenance of a complete list of recipients in a prominent place on the ARS and District websites.

Article II Application

a. This Policy is applicable to all ARS national and district awards in recognition of member achievements including specifically the Gold Honor Medal, the Klima Medal, the Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award and the District Silver Honor Medal.

b. It shall be the duty of the chairperson of the relevant committee charged with making such award to assure that as long as there is at least one person eligible that the award be made annually.

c. This Policy overrides any procedure in conflict with this Policy. In the event of any conflict between this Policy and procedures otherwise applicable to the award, this Policy shall govern.

Article III Procedures

1. Duty to Identify Eligible Candidates

It shall be the duty of the committee chair to give annual advance notice to each member of the relevant committee of the need for nominations and if necessary to suggest candidates for nomination by members of the relevant committee

2. Majority of Voting Members Shall Control

A simple majority of voting members of the relevant committee shall be sufficient to make the award. Committee members who vote for no award or fail to cast a ballot shall not be considered voting members for purposes of this rule.

3. Procedures for Breaking Ties

a. If at the conclusion of any balloting there remain more than two nominees and no nominee shall have a majority, the committee chairperson shall strike the name of the nominee with the fewest votes and resubmit the remaining nominees for vote.

b. If at the conclusion of any balloting there remain two nominees with an equal number of votes, the committee chairperson shall cast a tie-breaking vote and thereby select the nominee to receive the award.

c. If at the conclusion of any balloting there remain more than two nominees, no nominee shall have a majority, and their shall be a tie among the nominees with the fewest votes, the committee chairperson shall cast a negative tie-breaking vote, strike the name of one nominee and resubmit the remaining nominees for vote.

d. The foregoing tie-breaking procedures shall continue to be implemented after each ballot until there shall be one nominee selected to receive the award.

Article IV Publicity

1. Article in American Rose

An appropriate article on the recipient(s) of the Gold Honor Medal, the Klima Medal, and the Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award shall be published in the *American Rose* magazine at a convenient date following the making of the award. It shall be the duty of the committee chairperson of the relevant committee to appoint a person to write the article and to make available to that person information submitted to the committee in connection with the nomination for the award.

2. ARS Website

A list of historical recipients of the Gold Honor Medal, the Klima Medal, and the Guy Blake Hedrick Jr. Award shall be maintained in a prominent place on the ARS website.

3. District Website

Each district is encouraged to maintain a list of historical recipients of the District Silver Honor Medal on their respective District websites.