

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY STANDING RULES

Below are the Standing Rules of the American Rose Society approved by the Board of Directors as of 10/2018

1. Electronic Voting by the Board of Directors

In the event that the Executive Committee decides to put an issue before the Board of Directors, three (3) days' notice will be given by the Chairman of the E.C. by e-mail of the upcoming vote. After three days the E.C. Chairman will present the issue to the Board by e-mail and discussion will commence.

The matter will be framed by the Chairman as simply and succinctly as possible in the form of a motion.

The Board will have two (2) weeks to debate the issue before the vote is taken. Should the majority of the Board want the motion amended or redefined, this shall be done at the discretion of the E.C. Chairman within one (1) week after the initial presentation. Debate must be addressed to the entire Board, to include the ARS Executive Director, not just to the E.C. Chairman.

After two weeks have elapsed, the Executive Committee Chairman will call for the vote. Board members then have three (3) days to submit their vote by e-mail on the motion. All votes must be addressed to the entire Board, to include the Executive Director, to be counted. After tallying the votes, the ARS Executive Director will announce the results. Results tabulation will include Yes, No, No Response, and Returned Mail.

The Executive Director will retain copies of discussion and voting results as minutes of the conduct of business. Board members will treat the electronic voting procedure as they do a regular Board meeting - in strict confidence and not to be shared or discussed with non-Board members during the period of debate and voting.

Approved by the Board of Directors on June 27, 2008 at Denver, CO

2. Prizes and Awards Committee

a. The chairman of the Prizes and Awards Committee will be appointed by the incoming ARS President, subject to Board of Director approval, and will serve a 3-year term.

b. The Regional members of odd-numbered regions will be appointed by the incoming Regional director elected in the triennial elections of even numbered years and will serve a 6-year term.

c. The Regional members of even-numbered regions will be appointed by the incoming Regional director elected in the triennial elections of odd numbered years and will serve a 6-year term.

d. Committee members are limited to one full term of 6 consecutive years. The chairman is limited one full term of 3 consecutive years.

Revised and approved by the Board of Directors on April 21, 2012 at Tyler TX from a Board Action on October 11, 1991 in Norfolk VA

3. Awarding the Gold Medal

A majority vote of two-thirds or seven affirmative votes would be required by the Prizes and Awards Committee to award the Gold Medal. All other matters will require a majority of quorum.

Approved by the Board of Directors on April 29, 2010 at Shreveport LA

4. Local Society and Affiliated Societies – Voting

Any local rose society or affiliated horticulture club whose dues are current and in good standing with the American Rose Society is entitled to one vote in each national election or item put before the membership for a vote.

Approved by the Board of Directors on April 21, 2012 at Tyler TX

5. American Rose Society Privacy Policy

Section 1 - ARS will never sell or share membership information to/with anyone for any purpose, except as required by law.

Section 2 - Only authorized ARS staff will have access to membership information for any purpose, except as required by law, with the exception of the Chairmen Horticulture Judges, Arrangement Judges, Consulting Rosarians, District Membership Representatives, ARS Officers, Members of the ARS Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen, who have signed the required informed consent form.

Section 3 - Mass emails by Officers, Directors and committees of the Board to the membership are official documents. These documents will be vetted by official vote of the committee and will be sent by ARS staff when directed by the appropriate chair and/or officer.

Section 4 - Contact information of Horticulture Judges, Arrangement Judges, and Consulting Rosarians, who have signed the required informed consent form, will be posted in the "Members Only" section of the ARS website, which is password protected.

Personal contact information (emails and phone numbers) of ARS Officers, Members of the ARS Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen, who have signed the required informed consent form will be posted in the "Members Only" section of the ARS website, which is password protected.

Committee Chairmen, who have signed the required informed consent form will be posted in the "Members Only" section of the ARS website, which is password protected.

District Membership Representatives will be expected to sign the required informed consent form in order to receive the monthly lists of ARS Expired and New Members. The sole purpose of contacting these members is to encourage ARS membership renewal for Expired members and to provide Local Society contact information for New ARS members.

Section 5 - The informed consent form will give permission for the individual's contact information (emails and phone numbers) to be posted in the "Members Only" section of the ARS website and to be contacted related to their volunteer job function. This form will also acknowledge that the access to members' contact information will not be used for any purpose other than their volunteer job function.

Candidates

Section 6 - Use of ARS email or postal address lists for the distribution of campaign material by candidates, or their supporters, for national, district or regional offices, is prohibited.

Candidate information and statements will continue in the issue of *American Rose* which precedes each triennial election as in the past.

Candidates may purchase a maximum of one full page of campaign advertising space per issue in *American Rose* magazine preceding the election. Candidates may also place ads in district and local society newsletters.

Approved by the Board of Directors on September 20, 2013 at Winston-Salem NC

6. Location of American Rose Society Stand-Alone Board Meetings

Anytime the Board of Directors does not meet at a National Convention, it will meet in Shreveport, LA at the Gardens of the American Rose Center.

Approved by the Board of Directors on October 16, 2014 at Tyler TX

7. Resolution of tie votes for positions elected by the Board of Directors

Section 1 - If two candidates receive the same number of votes and there are more than two candidates, a runoff election between the top two candidates shall be held.

Section 2 - If any election in which there are only two candidates results in a tie vote, and if all voting members of the Board are not present and voting, a runoff election by electronic ballot shall be held.

Section 3 - If any election in which there are only two candidates results in a tie vote, all voting members of the Board having cast a ballot, the tie shall be resolved by a coin toss performed by the Executive Director in the presence of witnesses, either in the presence of the candidates or while all parties are on a conference call.

The winner of the coin toss shall be declared elected to the position.

Approved by the Board of Directors on May 3, 2018 at Jacksonville FL

8. Procedures for the Tally Committee for Triennial Elections Conducted by a Third Party

The Executive Director shall instruct the firm conducting the election on behalf of the Society to separately send reports of the election results to the Executive Director and each member of the Tally Committee. If the Tally Committee finds the reports to the Committee and the Executive Director to be in order and in agreement, the Committee shall provide certification of the results to the Executive Director, who shall proceed as directed in Article XVI, Section 5, of the Bylaws of the American Rose Society.

Approved by the Board of Directors on October 25, 2018 at San Diego CA