

PROPOSED BYLAWS OF
**THE MONTEREY BAY IRIS SOCIETY
OF THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY**

I.

The name of this organization is Monterey Bay Iris Society of the American Iris Society.

II.

This organization is a nonprofit public benefit affiliate of the American Iris Society and is not organized for the private gain of any person.

III.

The specific purpose of this organization shall be to develop the science of horticulture and any activities related to the study, propagation, and culture of the genus *Iris*; to stimulate and foster interest in horticultural pursuits, conservation and protection of these plants in the wild; to cooperate with other organizations, public and private, in the scientific and horticultural education of all those interested in learning any phase of the genus *Iris*, by any an all means which may be determined from time to time by the board of directors of this organization. These shall include, but are not limited to:

- a) Encouragement and support of scientific research, including that pertaining to the solution of disease related to, but not necessarily exclusive to the genus *Iris*, and investigation and conservation of the genus *Iris* in the wild;
- b) Collection, compilation, and publication of data concerning the history, classification, breeding, and culture of irises; and
- c) Education of the public through exhibitions, public display gardens, published standards for judging, and local, area, regional, and national meetings open to the public.

IV.

ABCD Iris Society of the American Iris Society is organized and operated exclusively for public purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

V.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, the 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 (b) by an organization to which contributions are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

VI.

No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

VII.

The property of this organization is irrevocably dedicated to public purposes, and no part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private person. Upon dissolution or winding up of the organization, its assets

remaining after payment, or provisions for payment, of all debts or liabilities of this organization shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or organization that is organized and operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, and which has established and maintains its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

VIII.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP shall be open to any person or organization.

IX.

OFFICERS

The OFFICERS of this Society shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

X.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall be the governing body the Society and shall be comprised of all the elective officers and the immediate Past-President, together with three persons from the membership-at-large.

XI.

MEETINGS

- a) The meeting place of the Monterey Bay Iris Society will be as established from time to time by the Board of Directors Regular and special meetings and events will be noticed in the bulletin prior to the next meeting or event.
- b) Regular business meetings of the Society shall be held on the third Friday of each month at (7:00) p.m.
- c) A quorum shall consist of ten members of the Society, two of whom shall be elected officers.
- d) Special meetings, garden tours or other activities may be called at the pleasure of the President.
- e) The Board of Directors shall meet when called by the President, at least two times a year.
- f) Committees shall meet when called by the Chairman of each committee, as needed,

XII.

BUSINESS PROCEDURES

- a) The current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall be used in all meetings of the Society to cover questions not provided for in these bylaws.
- b) The order of business at regular meetings shall include President's Remarks, Program, approval of the previous meeting's minutes that were printed in the monthly bulletin, Treasurer's Report, Reports of Committees, Unfinished and New Business, and Adjournment. The order shall be at the pleasure of the President.

XIII.

MEMBERSHIP

Any person or organization may have MEMBERSHIP in this Society by complying with the following:

- a) Membership is automatic upon payment of dues to the Treasurer. Loss of membership is automatic upon failure to renew after March 1 st.
- b) Full dues must be paid beginning January 1 of each year. Any new member paying dues July 1 or later in any given year shall pay only one-half the annual dues.
- c) Members shall be encouraged to attend meetings and activities of the Society and shall be entitled to vote at all regular and special meetings.
- d) Charter members shall consist of those who were members during the first year of formation of this Society. This Society was chartered

XIV.

DUES

- a) DUES for membership in this Society shall be:
 - 1) Individual membership - \$__ per year
 - 2) Family membership - \$__ per year
- b) Dues shall be payable January 1 of each year and shall be past due on March 1 that same year.
- c) Family membership consists of any and all members of a family residing at the same address.
- d) Annual membership shall run from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

ELECTED OFFICERS

The OFFICERS of this Society shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All officers are required to belong to the American Iris Society (AIS) (and their yearly dues will be paid by the society).

- a) The PRESIDENT shall be the chief executive officer of the Society; shall preside at regular and special meetings of the Society and at meetings of the Board of Directors; and shall appoint any Standing Committee Chairmen subject to the ratification of the Board of Directors. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees except the Nominating Committee and (may/shall) cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie.
- b) The FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and shall act as chairman of the Show Committee during his/her tenure of office.
- c) The SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT shall perform the duties of the First Vice-President in his/her absence and shall also act as Program Chairman.
- d) The SECRETARY shall keep a full and complete record of the activities of the Society, including reports, have charge of the files, maintain a current membership list, and keep a list of Committees, their Chairmen and Members, and assist the President in any Society correspondence.

- e) The TREASURER shall handle all receipts and expenditures of the Society. The Treasurer shall make financial reports at regular meetings, shall submit the books for review in November to a committee appointed by the President, and shall present an Annual Report at the January meeting.

XVI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall be the governing body of the Society and shall be comprised of all the elective officers, the immediate Past-President, together with three persons to serve as members-at-large. All shall be members in good standing of the American Iris Society. They shall serve for a term of one year, serving no more than a maximum of three consecutive years in anyone position.

Positions on the Board of Directors shall be filled as follows:

- a) At the November regular meeting of the Society, the nominating committee shall present a slate of officers to the membership. The nominating committee shall consist of no less than three and no more than five members. After the committee has presented its report, nominations for officers may be made from the floor. Nominations shall also be made from the membership at large for three additional board members-at-large. The election of all board members, by majority vote of the membership present and voting, shall take place during that meeting.
- b) In the event of vacancies on the Board of Directors, or an officer of the Society, the vacancy shall be filled by the recommendation of the Board of Directors, subject to a majority vote from the floor at any regular meeting.

XVII.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS appointed by the President and subject to ratification by the Board of Directors shall be: Membership, Ways and Means, Publication, Library, and Hospitality. Each chairperson will pick his/her committee from the membership.

XVIII.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

The Society may amend the bylaws by majority vote of the membership present and voting at any regulation meeting, providing:

- a) A proposal is made at the previous regular meeting.
- b) A quorum, as defined in the bylaws, is present to vote.

DECLARATION

These bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors on _____, 2007, and by the members on _____, 2007.

President _____ Date: _____, 2007.

Secretary _____ Date: _____, 2007.