

BY-LAWS: North Carolina Hosta Society

Article 1 – Title

The name of the society shall be North Carolina Hosta Society.

Article 2- Purpose

A non-profit educational society formed to foster interest in Hosta, to encourage the development of new and improved cultivars, and to promote its cultivation and usefulness in the landscape.

Article 3 – Membership and Dues

Section A: The membership is open to any person who wishes to support the purpose of the society on receipt of dues. The annual dues for active membership shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be an amount at least sufficient to cover the expenses of all society mailings for one year. Dues shall be payable January 1 of each year. New members joining after October 1 shall be considered paid through the following year. Dues will be considered delinquent after April 1, and if they remain unpaid after notice by the treasurer, the membership will be considered terminated.

Section B: The membership shall consist of Regular Members and Family Members; each entitled to hold office and to vote on all matters brought to the membership.

Section C: All members who join before June 1, 1999 will be considered charter members.

Article 4- Meetings

Section A: The Annual Meeting of members shall be held each summer in August. Notifications must be received at least 30 days before the meeting. At least ten members must be present to constitute a quorum.

Section B: Special Meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors or by 10 members. Notification must be received at least 20 days before the meeting. At least ten members must be present to constitute a quorum.

Section C: Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by three members of the Board. At least three members of the Board must be present to constitute a quorum. The President shall vote only in the case of a tie vote.

Section D: A majority vote of the members present at a meeting shall be required to approve a motion.

Section E: Meetings of the membership shall be held in a winter month, May, June, August, and a fall month.

Article 5 – Officers

Section A: The officers of the society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and a Membership Secretary/ Treasurer. Standing Committee Chairpersons shall consist of a Publicity Chair, a Newsletter Editor, and a Special Events Chair.

Section B: The officers and the Standing Committee shall compose the Board of Directors. Their terms of office will be for two years with the privilege of one reelection.

Section C: The Officers shall be voted upon at the Annual Meeting preceding the expiration of their term of office on December 31st. The Board of Directors shall nominate a slate of Officers and Director and

nominations shall be open on the floor. Standing Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President.

Section D: A vacancy in elective office arising from death or resignation in writing to the President, shall be filled by a member in good standing, appointed by the President.

Article 6 – Duties of Officers

Section A: The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society and The Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all Committee Chairpersons and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall report on the state of the Society to the membership at the Annual Meetings.

Section B: The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President will serve as the program chair for the summer meetings.

Section C: The Membership Secretary/Treasurer shall act as a membership secretary, receive funds for memberships, and shall send a note welcoming all new members and mail them a copy of the By-Laws. The Membership Secretary/ Treasurer shall keep charge of all funds in an FDIC insured account or instruments and pay all accounts by check in a prompt fashion. No expenditures of funds not previously approved by the Board of Directors shall be made without the approval of the President. The Membership Secretary/ Treasurer shall keep a record of receipts and expenditures and shall render an annual report to the Board of Directors and upon its acceptance by the Board, cause it to be published in the Society's newsletter.

Section D: The Recording Secretary shall record the activities of the meetings and the board of Directors. The Secretary shall send the members of the Board of Directors a copy of the minutes within two weeks after the meetings.

Section E: The duties of the Standing Committee Chairs are as follows: The Publicity Chair will be responsible for the management of press releases regarding society events. The Newsletter Editor will create, copy, and mail all newsletters to the society's current members. The Special Events Chair will chair any conventions or special events outside of normal society meetings.

Section F: The Board of directors shall have control and management of the affairs policies and business of the Society and are responsible to the entire Society.

Article 7 – Adoption of By-Laws

The By-Laws shall be declared and adopted when approved by a majority vote of the members at the August 16th, 1998 meeting. Amended January 2006.

Article 8- Amendments

Amendment of the By-laws may be initiated by a member and must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors, and if approved by them, shall be printed in the notice of the Annual meeting or a Special Meeting if called, and voted on at that meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote shall give approval.

Article 9- Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern all business meetings.