

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Tennessee Rose Society.

## ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the nonprofit educational organization shall be, through its members to:

- Improve their knowledge of rose culture;
- Promote interest in, and assist other people, in the growing of roses;
- Cooperate with the American Rose Society in its effort to improve the quantity and culture of the rose.
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## ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1** The membership of the Society shall be open to all persons who are interested in the objectives of the society.

**Section 2** Membership in the Society shall consist of individuals, both men and women.

**Section 3** It is recommended that one member of each couple who are members of the Society shall be a member of the American Rose Society and the spouse an associate member of the American Rose Society.

**Section 4** On the recommendation of a member and the majority vote of those members present at a regular meeting, emeritus membership may be offered to an individual or couple. Emeritus membership provides continued association with the Tennessee Rose Society without the payment of dues.

## ARTICLE IV GOVERNMENT

**Section 1** Officers: The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Section 2** Elections: Officers shall be elected annually at the regular October meeting.

## ARTICLE V MEETINGS

**Section 1** The Executive Board will determine the meeting dates, time, and place

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## ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regular meeting of the Society, written notice of each amendment having been presented at the previous regular meeting or by email, upon a two-thirds majority vote of members present and voting

# BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE 1 MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1** Members shall cooperate in all club activities.

**Section 2** Applications for membership shall be submitted to the treasurer. Membership commences with payment of yearly dues. New members who pay dues between May and August shall not be required to pay dues for the following year.

**Section 3** Membership in the American Rose Society is recommended for membership. One member of each couple shall be a member of the American Rose Society and the spouse an associate member of the American Rose Society.

## ARTICLE II ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**Section 1** The President shall appoint a Nomination Committee of three persons at the September meeting. They will present nominations for officers for the ensuing year at the October meeting. Other nominations may be made from the floor only if the nominee has given prior approval for his name to be placed in nomination.

**Section 2** Officers will assume office following installation ceremonies at the December meeting.

## ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 1** The President shall conduct the meetings of the Society and the Executive Board. The President shall call all Special Meetings when necessary, and shall with the approval of the Executive Board, fill all vacancies which may occur on the Board by appointment. The President shall appoint a membership chairman and social chairman if needed.

**Section 2** The First Vice President shall be responsible for programs for the monthly meetings. In the absence of the President shall assume his duties.

**Section 3** The Secretary shall keep minutes of the monthly meetings and Executive Board meetings. The Secretary will furnish members with a copy of the minutes of the meetings.

**Section 4** The Treasurer will collect dues and maintain an accurate and current membership roster. The Treasurer will be able to provide a financial report of the Society when called upon.

## ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Section 1** The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past President, and chairman of the standing committees.

**Section 2** The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the Executive Board who will report their actions to the membership at a monthly meeting of the Society. A two-thirds majority of the members present shall be required to override a decision of the Board.

**Section 3** Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE V DUES

**Section 1** The local annual dues shall be \$20.00 per member. The American Rose Society dues shall be in addition to the local dues. Dues are payable at the September meeting.

**Section 2** After the November meeting delinquent members will be notified by e-mail. If dues are not paid by November 15, the names will not be included in the yearbook and membership in the Society is terminated. If the Treasurer is notified of extenuating circumstances, this may be waived for a period of time.

## ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

**Section 1** The Executive Board will determine the meetings date, time, and place.

**Section 2** Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the request of a member stating the purpose of the meeting.

**Section 3** Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VII RULES

**Section 1** The Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society, notice of such an amendment having been presented at the previous meeting or sent by email.

## ARTICLE VIII

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations of the Society except as otherwise specified herein.