

CEDAR VALLEY IRIS & DAYLILY SOCIETY BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society (CVIDS) is a scientific, educational, and social organization whose mission is to promote the genera *Hemerocallis* (daylily) and *Iris* and to educate our members and the general public about all aspects of growing daylilies and irises in Eastern Iowa and surrounding regions. To further these goals, this non-profit organization provides lectures, garden tours, plant sales, and fellowship among its members and with members of other groups with similar goals.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in daylilies and/or irises.

Section 2. Members will be in good standing upon payment of annual dues. Classes of membership will be Individual and Charter.

Section 3. The cost of CVIDS membership is set by the Board. A change in dues must be ratified by a majority vote of members attending a Society business meeting.

Section 4. Membership dues are for a calendar year and will fall due on January 1. Dues are considered delinquent after April 1.

Section 5. Any new member who joins the Society after October 1 will retain membership for the following calendar year.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of this Society are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and immediate Past President.

Section 2. The Vice President, President and Past President all serve one-year terms.

Section 3. The Secretary and Treasurer serve two-year terms and cannot serve for more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. To promote continuity of information, election of the Vice President will take place annually with the expectation that, after one year as Vice President, he/she will subsequently assume the role of the

President for the next year and Past President during the third year. The election of the Secretary will take place in odd years, whereas the Treasurer will be elected in even years.

Section 2. In January, the President will call for 2-3 volunteers to serve as an ad hoc Nominating Committee. Committee members will decide which of them serves as Chair. The Committee is charged with establishing by the end of October meeting a slate of candidates for the open offices that year. These openings will be publicized mid-year at Society events and via the Newsletter and website.

Section 3. Although the Nominating Committee Chair will usually approach potential candidates regarding open positions, any Society member wishing to run is strongly encouraged to contact the Nominating Committee Chair directly.

Section 4. After allowing additions to be made from the floor during the October meeting, the Committee Chair will publish the electoral slate of candidates in the Fall Newsletter, via e-mail, and on the website.

Section 5. The election will take place at the November business meeting, if necessary by secret ballot when there are multiple candidates for a given office. Any members wishing to vote in the election but unable to attend that meeting may cast their votes by contacting the President beforehand. After taking into consideration any absentee ballots, the President will announce the election results.

Section 6. The newly elected officers will take office at the conclusion of the November business meeting.

Section 7. The Board will fill any vacancies that occur mid-term.

ARTICLE V - BOARD

Section 1. The Board will consist of the elected officers and several Committee Chairs approved by the Board (e.g. Banquet, Club Plant, Fall Plant Sale, Garden Tour, Hospitality, Newsletter Editor, Nominating, Membership, Photo Contest, Program, Silent Auction, Special Event, Spring Plant Sale, and Webmaster). The Committee Chair positions are voluntary, and terms are variable.

Section 2. The Committee Chairs have voting rights at Board meetings.

Section 3. The Board will meet at least two times each year.

Section 4. The Board has the power to transact all necessary business of the Society between meetings but cannot change any decisions approved by the Society's membership without due process.

Section 5. To conduct business at a Board meeting, five members will constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings will be held in various locations at least four times each year.

Section 2. To conduct Society business at a meeting, twenty-five members will constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII - FISCAL AFFAIRS

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Society is the calendar year.

Section 2. The Board will prepare an annual budget and present it to the membership during the first quarter for approval. The budget must be ratified by a majority vote of members attending a Society business meeting.

Section 3. An audit of the affairs of the Society is made annually and reported to the membership.

ARTICLE VIII - CLUB PLANT ELIGIBILITY

Club plant eligibility will be based on requirements approved by the membership.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised will govern this Society in all cases that are applicable.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Members must be notified of any proposed amendments to the Bylaws at least two months prior to the business meeting at which they will be voted upon. Amendments require a two-thirds majority vote of members attending a Society business meeting.