

BY-LAWS
DEEP SOUTH ORCHID SOCIETY, INC.
SAVANNAH, GA

ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERS

The members of the Deep South Orchid Society shall consist of persons who have expressed interest in the cultivation of orchids. Regular members pay dues and are eligible to hold office. The annual dues for regular members shall be determined by the Executive Board, payable on the first day of September for the year ending August 31, of the following year. No dues paid are refundable except by action of the Executive Board. Any regular membership terminates if dues are 60 days in arrears, but the member may be reinstated upon payment of accrued dues. Honorary members pay no dues, cannot vote, and cannot hold office. Honorary members may be elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the Executive Board from persons distinguished in the orchid world or from persons who have rendered outstanding service to the society. Honorary memberships are for the duration of life of the person so honored, unless cancelled by subsequent action of the Board.

ARTICLE 2 – OFFICERS

The officers of the society shall consist of a president, a vice president, a recording secretary, and treasurer who shall be elected annually by the members. A corresponding secretary and chairperson for the yearly show shall be elected annually by the board.

ARTICLE 3 – PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the society and of the Executive Board: to see that the by-laws are enforced; to call such meetings as are herein provided to be called by him/her; to have general supervision over the affairs of the society, and at the May meeting to make a report. The president shall, with the recording secretary, sign all contracts and obligations, unless otherwise provided by special vote of the Board, and no contract shall be valid and binding unless so signed.

ARTICLE 4 – VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence or disability of the president, his/her duties shall be performed by the vice president. If the president and vice president are absent from any meeting, the secretary shall call the meeting to order and a temporary chairman will be elected. The vice president will also serve as chairman of the program committee.

ARTICLE 5 – RECORDING SECRETARY

The recording secretary will keep an accurate permanent record of the board meeting minutes of the society and of the Executive Board and make reports to the club. He/she shall also have general responsibility of the records. He/she shall perform such clerical duties as he/she may be called upon by the president to do.

ARTICLE 6 – CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The corresponding secretary shall be responsible for the Deep South Orchid Society newsletter and any other clerical duties as he/she may be called on to do by the president. In the absence of the recording secretary, the corresponding secretary shall perform the duties of that office.

ARTICLE 7 – TREASURER

The treasurer shall collect all dues and receive all money belonging to the society and shall disburse same under direction of the Executive Board to pay obligations of the society. The treasurer shall immediately notify the secretary of any changes in the membership status coming under her/his jurisdiction. He/she shall deposit the funds of the society in the name of the society in such bank or banks as may be designated from time to time by the Board. He/she shall submit a statement of his/her accounts at each meeting. His books and accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any Board member. All checks will require the signature of two members of the Board. The treasurer's report shall be submitted to the annual meeting for approval.

ARTICLE 8 – SHOW CHAIRPERSON

This position can only be filled by the chairperson of the annual show and not the co-chair or other individuals assigned to assist in the show.

ARTICLE 9 – AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Two at-large members shall be appointed by the Board to the Executive Committee. These shall be members in good standing and are to be appointed

to establish a broader base of membership representation. They will have full voting privileges on the Executive Committee. The term shall be for one year but the Board may reappoint them. (Amendment adopted 10/8/2000)

ARTICLE 10 – EXECUTIVE BOARD

The number of Board members who shall constitute the whole Executive Board shall be nine: the president, the vice president, the recording secretary, the corresponding secretary, the treasurer, show chairperson, the immediate past president, and two at-large members. The Board shall have general charge and direction of the affairs and business of the society, the care and management of the society's funds and other property with the power to dispose of them as may best serve the interests of the society, and shall present to the membership only such matters as may be of general interest. Three board members shall constitute a quorum. Any officer or board member may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the remaining board members if in their judgment such officer or board member either by illness or other cause shall not have adequately attended to his or her duties. All vacancies among the officers of the society shall be filled by the board at its' next meeting, after such vacancy has occurred.

ARTICLE 11 – COMMITTEES

The Executive Board shall appoint such committees as are necessary to the proper conduct of the affairs of the society, and may delegate to such committee any of their powers. Standing committees shall consist of the following: Publicity, Program, Telephone, Hospitality and Membership.

ARTICLE 12 – REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings of the membership shall be held monthly when practical. The time and place of meetings shall be determined by the board and due notification given to the membership. At the meetings of the society, each regular member who shall have paid his/her dues for the current year shall be entitled to one vote. One third of the membership present shall constitute a quorum. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held at such time and place as the board may determine. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. The immediate past president shall serve as parliamentarian and sergeant at arms.

ARTICLE 13 – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

A nominating committee consisting of three members shall be appointed annually by the Board at the February meeting. This committee shall nominate a president, vice president, treasurer, and recording secretary for the ensuing fiscal year.

They shall submit their nominations in writing to the secretary two weeks before the March meeting at which the nominations will be presented to the membership and nominations may be made from the floor. This list will be made available to any member of the society upon request. Election of officers shall be by ballot, cast in person by the members present or by acclamation if so moved and carried at the April meeting. No person shall be voted on for any such office or elected thereto at such meeting unless nominated as aforesaid. Provided

however, that if any person nominated by the nominating committee shall be unable to serve, a substitute nomination may be made at the April meeting. Installation of officers shall take place at the May meeting.

ARTICLE 14 – DISBANDMENT

If, for any reason, the membership elects to disband, all assets of the society shall be donated to the Chatham County Public Library for the purchase of books pertaining to orchids for the benefit of the community.

ARTICLE 15 – CHANGE OF BY-LAWS

The by-laws may be altered or amended at any time provided that such alteration or amendment shall be presented at one meeting and passed on at the subsequent meeting by the majority vote of the members.