



# Buckeye District

American Rose Society

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Dear Russ,

I am enclosing an agenda item for the Board of Directors meeting in Mobile. It is the "Proposed Bylaws of the Buckeye District of The American Rose Society" and will require Board action.

During my first term as district director, I served on the ARS District and Local Bylaw Committee, along with Dick Streeper and Rick Robertson. Our committee drafted model district bylaws which were approved by the ARS Board in Boston in 1990.

At the Buckeye District Spring Conference in Columbus in April, 1994, our district officers rewrote our district bylaws based upon the old bylaws and the ARS model bylaws. The "Proposed Bylaws" have been published in The Buckeye Rose Bulletin and will be voted upon at the Buckeye District Fall Conference business meeting on September 18th. Providing that the new bylaws are passed, I would like to submit them to the ARS Board for approval.

Best regards,

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District Director

PROPOSED BYLAWS OF THE BUCKEYE DISTRICT  
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY

ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be "The Buckeye District of The American Rose Society."

Section 2. The district shall be a division of The American Rose Society, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Louisiana on July 1, 1975.

Section 3. Funds and assets of the District are the property of The American Rose Society, a corporation qualified as a non-profit charitable corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and are subject to administration as provided for in these bylaws. In the event of consolidation, subdivision or change in boundaries of the District, assets and funds of the District shall be transferred as directed by the board of directors of The American Rose Society, provided, however, that all such assets and property shall remain the property of The American Rose Society, or a division, or an incorporated charitable affiliate thereof.

Section 4. The operations of the district shall be governed pursuant to the provisions contained in these bylaws.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The primary objective of the district is as stated in the articles of incorporation of The American Rose Society, namely the encouragement of agriculture and horticulture and the increase of general interest in the cultivation and improvement of standards of excellence of the rose for all people. As a division of The American Rose Society, the district is qualified as a 501(c)(3) educational corporation and nothing contained in these bylaws shall be construed in a manner inconsistent with such ruling.

Section 2. Secondary objectives of the district shall be sponsorship of semi-annual district membership meetings, sponsorship of an annual district rose show, encouragement of membership in The American Rose Society, formation of new local rose societies affiliated with The American Rose Society, and assistance to district chapters and affiliated societies and clubs with programs, shows, and speakers.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of all members of The American Rose Society residing within the geographical boundaries prescribed by the Board of Directors of The American Rose Society for the Buckeye District.

ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT

Section 1. The chief executive officer of the district shall be the district director duly elected under the bylaws of The American Rose Society.

Section 2. The management of the affairs of the district shall be directed by a board of officers of the district which shall consist of the district director, president, first and second vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, and the district member of the national nominating committee.

Section 3. Each local society shall be entitled to representation by three (3) voting delegates, duly appointed or elected by the local society, at the semi-annual meetings and other regular or special meetings. The names of the delegates shall be registered with the district secretary by the local societies at or prior to the commencement of each meeting. The district director shall appoint one (1) delegate-at-large to represent members of the district who are not associated with a local society. A quorum for a district meeting shall consist of the officers and delegates present.

Section 4. The board of officers shall meet at each district meeting and may meet and take action by conference telephone call or by majority consent in writing. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the board of officers.

Section 5. The president, first vice president, and second vice president shall be elected annually at the fall district meeting by a majority vote of the officers and delegates present and may not succeed themselves in office. The newly elected officers shall be installed during this meeting and shall assume the duties of office from that time.

Section 6. The secretary and treasurer shall be appointed by the district director to serve a term of office concurrent with that of the director.

Section 7. Except as provided for by the bylaws of The American Rose Society, vacancies in district offices caused by death or resignation shall be filled by appointment by the district director for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 8. The district president shall preside, under the direction of the district director, at all meetings of the district. The president shall be a liaison between the district director and the local societies within the district. The president shall appoint a district nominating committee which shall be responsible for nominating at least one candidate for each elective district office, other than that of district director.

Section 9. The first vice president shall, in the absence of the president, perform the duties of that office. The first vice president shall be responsible for district fund raising projects.

Section 10. The second vice president shall, in the absence of the first vice president, perform the duties of that office. In addition, the second vice president shall be the official custodian of rotating trophies belonging to the district.

Section 11. The secretary shall keep a full record of the transaction of business at all meetings, of all votes cast, and such other records as may be pertinent to the operation of the district.

Section 12. The district treasurer shall maintain a bank account in the name of The American Rose Society, Buckeye District. All funds received shall be directly deposited into that account. All funds shall be drawn upon by a single signature of the treasurer. All expenditures, other than those for payment of district mailings, publications, or awards, shall be made pursuant to a budget approved by a majority of the board of officers. The treasurer shall provide to the treasurer of The American Rose Society such financial information as may be requested.

#### ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN

Section 1. There shall be a standing Prizes and Awards Committee which shall consist of the duly elected district member of the national nominating committee, plus one American Rose Society member representative elected or appointed by each chapter or affiliated society in the district. All members of the committee shall serve for a term of approximately three years, corresponding with the term of office of the district member of the national nominating committee. The Prizes and Awards Committee shall carry out such functions as are specified by the bylaws of The American Rose Society. In addition thereto, it shall establish criteria and policy for accepting and maintaining or deleting district trophies.

Section 2. The district director shall appoint a district chairman of consulting rosarians who shall be responsible for administration of a consulting rosarians' program for the district under the direction of the district director. The chairman shall be responsible for establishing a consulting rosarian coordinator program in each local society, for maintaining an up to date list of consulting rosarians in the district, for organizing consulting rosarian seminars within the district, and for carrying out such other tasks relating to consulting rosarians as may be directed by the district director. The term of appointment shall coincide with the term of the district director.

Section 3. The district director shall appoint a district chairman of judges who shall be responsible for administration of a program for the continuing education of judges within the district, under the direction of the district director. The term of appointment shall coincide with the term of the district director.

Section 4. The district director shall appoint a district chairman of arrangement judges who shall be responsible for administration of a program for the continuing education of arrangement judges within the district, under the direction of the district director. The term of appointment shall coincide with the term of the district director.

Section 5. The district director may appoint such additional chairmen or committees as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the objectives of the district.

#### ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. The fall meeting and rose show of the Buckeye District shall be held on the third weekend in September, unless changed by the district director. Surplus funds from this meeting will be divided equally between the local host society and the district. The horticulture schedule of the district rose show must be approved by the district director, and the arrangement schedule approved by the district chairman of arrangement judges.

Section 2. The spring meeting and such additional meetings as may be deemed necessary may be called by the district director at a time and place designated by the director.

#### ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the district officers and delegates at any meeting of the Buckeye District provided that notice of the proposed amendment is duly given. Notice of a proposed amendment shall be given not less than thirty days nor more than one hundred and eighty days prior to the meeting by publication in The Buckeye Rose Bulletin distributed to all subscribers to the bulletin and to each member society in the district. Should the district not publish a bulletin within the notice period, notice must be given by mail directed to each member society within the district.

Section 2. No amendment to these bylaws shall become effective until approved by the Board of Directors of The American Rose Society.

END OF PROPOSED BYLAWS

Approved by Buckeye District Officers and Delegates, Cleveland, Ohio, September 18, 1994.

Submitted to American Rose Society Board of Directors for approval, Mobile, Alabama, October 20, 1994.