

# BYLAWS

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West Texas Iris Society

A Nonprofit Affiliate of the American Iris Society

## I. NAME

A. The name of this affiliate is West Texas Iris Society.

## II. PURPOSE

A. This affiliate shall be organized and operated exclusively for purposes described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

B. The purpose of the West Texas Iris Society shall be to develop the science of horticulture and any activities related to the study, propagation and culture of the genus Iris; to stimulate and foster interest in horticultural pursuits, conservation and protection of these plants; to cooperate with other organizations, public and private, in education, in the science of horticulture of all those interested in learning any phase of the genus Iris, by any and all means which may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors of West Texas Iris Society. These shall include but are not limited to:

1. Encouragement and support of scientific research, including those pertaining to the solution of diseases related to, but not necessarily exclusive to the genus Iris, and investigation and conservation of the genus in the wild;
2. Collection, compilation, and publication of data concerning the history, classification, breeding, hybridizing, and culture of Irises;
3. Education of the public through exhibitions, public display garden, published standards for judging, and local, area, regional and national meetings open to the public.

## III. LIMITATIONS

A. No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, and this organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

B. No part of the net earnings of this organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private person, except that this organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposed set forth in these articles.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these bylaws, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

1. By an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
2. By an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## IV. OFFICERS

A. President

1. Preside over all meetings
2. Sign all documents
3. Sign checks in absence of Treasurer
4. Turn all files and records over to successor at end of term
5. Any other duties pertaining to the office

## B. Vice-President

1. Assist President
2. Assume duties of President in case of absence
3. Plan a program for each regular or special meeting
4. Any other duties pertaining to the office

## C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

1. Coordinate all publicity
  - a. Show
  - b. Rhizome Sale
  - c. Regular meetings includes notifying all members
  - d. Any other Society activities
2. Responsible for new member recruiting
3. Any other duties pertaining to the office

## D. Secretary

1. Keep all minutes of meetings
2. Arrange for substitute if absent
3. Conduct all general correspondence
4. Prepare bi-annual report for Region 17 American Iris Society newsletter
5. Prepare all paperwork for affiliation required by American Iris Society
6. Turn over all records and files at end of term
7. Any other duties pertaining to the office

## E. Treasurer

1. Collect all dues
2. Keep account of financial accounts
3. Make all payments in accordance with the budget
4. Prepare a budget and present it at the October meeting for approval
5. Present a financial statement at each regular meeting
6. Notify members when dues are late
7. Any other duties pertaining to the office

## V. SERVICE

### A. Nominating Committee

1. Consists of two members at large and the immediate past President or Vice-President
2. Appointed at the August meeting by President
3. Will nominate one member for each office
4. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the September meeting

### B. Election

1. Done at the September meeting

### C. Length of office

1. Each office will be one year
2. All officers will be eligible for reelection

### D. Vacancy

1. Filled by Presidential appointment

## VI. MEMBERSHIP

### A. Regular

1. Only voting members
2. Must pay by the August meeting their annual dues of \$7.50 single or \$10.00 family

### B. Sustaining Members

1. Cannot for some reason be an active member
2. Will be informed of all proceedings
3. Dues \$20.00 due in August

C. Honorary Members

1. Community member who has assisted the West Texas Iris Society in a special manner

VII. MEETINGS

A. Regular

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday
2. Meet February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October
3. Special meetings may be called by the President

B. Time

1. Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm
2. Meeting time may be modified by President with notification of all members

C. Quorum

1. Will consist of a simple majority of the regular members at each separate meeting

D. Executive Meetings

1. President has the authority to call meetings of the elected officers

VIII. CHAIRPERSONS

A. Iris Show

1. Appointed by the President at the June meeting.
2. In charge of annual Iris Show
3. Will appoint a co-chairperson
4. Will appoint chairpersons for all necessary show committees at the October meeting
5. Will send proposed show schedule to National American Iris Society Exhibitions Chairperson before the February meeting
6. Will present the proposed show schedule that follows all American Iris Society guidelines at the February meeting
7. Will send final show report to Exhibitions Chairperson and Region 17 RVP as required by AIS
8. Will prepare an article for publication for the Secretary

B. Rhizome Sale

1. Appointed by President at the February meeting
2. In charge of the annual Iris Rhizome sale
3. Shall ask for help from membership as needed

C. Miscellaneous

1. President shall appoint any other chairpersons as needed

IX. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

- A. Will be by the Roberts Rule of order unless otherwise cited in the Bylaws

X. BYLAW AMENDMENTS

- A. Will be approved by the majority of the regular members.
- B. Notification of the changes will presented to members one month prior to voting

XI. DISSOLUTION

- A. Upon dissolution of the West Texas Iris Society, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to the American Iris Society to support its youth awards, or for one or more other exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code.