

THE ACADIANA CHAPTER
of the
AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY

ARTICLE I NAME: This organization shall be known as the Acadiana Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society, herein after referred to as "The Chapter." The Chapter is a non-profit organization dedicated to education of the public in growth and propagation of hibiscus.

ARTICLE II RELATIONSHIP TO THE AMERICAN HIBISCUS SOCIETY: The Chapter is a component of the American Hibiscus Society, Inc., (Society) and chapter members shall be members of the Society. The Chapter shall abide by the bylaws of the Society; chapter bylaws shall not conflict with those of the Society.

ARTICLE III BYLAWS: Chapter bylaws will be created and adopted locally by majority vote. Bylaws may be amended by majority vote at any regular meeting, or at any meeting called for that purpose with 30 days prior notice.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP: All persons interested in the study and cultivation of hibiscus shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE V OBJECTIVES:

Section 1 To educate the public in the study, cultivation, propagation and hybridization of hibiscus.

Section 2 To annually present to the public an "Hibiscus Show" in furtherance of Chapter objectives.

Section 3 To cooperate with the Society in furtherance of Society objectives.

ARTICLE VI DUES: National dues shall be paid by all members as stipulated in the Society bylaws. Chapter dues shall be established by majority vote of Chapter members.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS: The Chapter shall hold at least four regularly scheduled meetings per year at a time and place acceptable to the majority of Chapter members. Chapter members present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 Chapter officers shall be elected annually by majority vote. The Chapter president shall appoint a nominating committee to prepare a slate for presentation to the membership at the meeting prior to election. Each nominee must have agreed to hold office.

Section 2 Chapter officers shall hold office for one year and are eligible for re-election. Chapter presidents shall be limited to one successive term.

ARTICLE IX OFFICERS

Section 1 The Chapter President shall:

- a. Preside at Chapter and Board of Directors' meetings.
- b. Appoint committee chairpersons, supervise activities, and require reports as necessary.
- c. Approve/disapprove any documents that may be binding on the Chapter.
- d. Disseminate information received from national officers, directors, or chairpersons to Chapter membership.
- e. When possible, attend Society membership meetings and conventions as a representative of the Chapter.
- f. Prepare agenda for Chapter meetings

Section 2 The Vice President shall be knowledgeable of presidential duties and perform those duties in the president's absence, and shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section 3 The Secretary shall:

- a. Record proceedings of Chapter and Board of Directors' meetings.
- b. Maintain an accurate record of Chapter members.
- c. Prepare and send out all Chapter correspondence, notices, etc., and maintain adequate files of Chapter business.

Section 4 The Treasurer shall:

- a. Have custody of Chapter funds and keep an accurate accounting of such funds.
- b. Render an accounting of Chapter funds as requested by the President and at each Chapter meeting.
- c. Pay expenses incurred by the Chapter; Board of Director approval needed for expenditures in excess of \$100.
- d. Promptly pay national dues when invoiced and remit reports as directed to the Society national treasurer.

ARTICLE X BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Chapter and consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three elected Directors.

Section 2 The Board of Directors shall meet as directed by the President to formulate plans and policies of the Chapter and its objectives. They shall assist the President in conduct of Chapter business and perform other duties as requested by the President.

Section 3 Initially, three directors will be elected; one to serve one year, one to serve two years, and one to serve three years. At subsequent elections, one director will be elected for a three-year period. This will ensure continuity of Chapter business and objectives.

Section 4 The Chapter President shall fill vacancies on the Board of Directors by appointment until the next election, except that a presidential vacancy will be filled by the vice president.

ARTICLE XI ACTIVITY

Section 1 The purposes for which this Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Section 2... Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Section 3 Upon dissolution of this Chapter, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the chapter is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Section 4 No part of the net income of the Chapter may, under any circumstance, inure to the benefit of any officer, director, member, private shareholder or other individual.

ARTICLE X11 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY: The President shall maintain order.

ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION: Should the Chapter be dissolved, all assets will be immediately forwarded to the national treasurer of the Society, and the charter to the executive secretary of the Society.