

***BY-LAWS***  
***NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT***  
***AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY***

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**ARTICLE 1 - Purpose and Objective**

**Section 1** -The Purpose of The North Central District of the American Rose Society shall be to further the interest in the rose through education, demonstration, and cultural interest for the membership of the District and to further the aims and objectives of the American Rose Society.

**Section 2** -To promote the purposed~~d~~ and objectives the North Central District shall:

- A. Schedule and plan an annual ~~fall~~ District Convention. The agenda should include:
  - 1. Annual district business meeting.
  - 2. Educational Programs
  - 3. District Rose Show to include clearly defined classes for the District Trophies and American Rose Society Traveling National trophies (when scheduled for the North Central District).
- B. Encourage membership in the American Rose Society
- C. Encourage the formation and organization of new Rose Societies to be affiliated with the American Rose Society.
- D. Schedule and support the presentation of Consulting Rosarian Schools and Seminars as needed.
- E. Schedule and support the presentation of Horticultural Judging Schools and Seminars as needed.
- F. Schedule and support the presentation of Arrangement Judging Schools and Seminars as needed.

**ARTICLE II - 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 North Central District, which includes the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

### **ARTICLE III - Government**

**Section 1** - The executive Officer of the District shall be the Director duly elected under the By-Laws of the American Rose Society.

**Section 2** - Other officers of the North Central District shall be Assistant District Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominees for these offices shall be selected by a nominating committee of three members appointed by the Director and/or nominations from the floor may be made with concurrence of the nominee. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting coinciding with the election of the district director, and shall serve the same term as the director. These officers may be re-elected, but shall be limited to two successive terms.

**Section 3** - The Director shall appoint additional district officers for terms concurrent with the Director and serve at the pleasure of the Director. These include District Awards Chair, Consulting Rosarian Chair, Horticultural Judges Chair, Arrangement Judges Chair, Old Garden Roses Committee Chair, Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor, Website Master, Roses in Review Chair. The Director may appoint others to the District Council.

**Section 4** – The elected and appointed officers shall comprise the District Council.

**Section 5** - In the event of a vacancy of the Director office, the Assistant Director shall assume the office and an Assistant Director shall be elected at the next annual meeting. In the event that both offices are vacated the Secretary shall hold an election by the District Council for a replacement director and notify the President and Executive Director of the American Rose Society of the election.

### **ARTICLE IV - Meetings**

**Section 1** - The annual district business meeting shall be held in conjunction with the annual North Central District Rose Show and Convention. The meeting shall be open to all members of the American Rose Society in the North Central District. Notice of the annual meeting shall be published in the district newsletter, mailed, e-mailed, or posted on the district website at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Such notice shall include: meeting information, date and contacts.

**Section 2** - The District Council shall meet at the discretion of the District Director.

### **ARTICLE V - Funds**

**Section 1** - There shall be no dues or assessments collected from affiliated clubs or societies; donations from the clubs or societies will be accepted. Funds may be raised by fund-raising projects approved by the District Council.

**Section 2** - The North Central District shall not bear the expenses for the annual meeting and the District Rose Show. Should there be a loss, the host Society will bear all expenses.

**Section 3** - If the District is disbanded, funds on hand will be transferred to the American Rose Society with the specification that the money left is to be given to the Educational Endowment Fund.

#### **ARTICLE VI - District Awards Committee**

**Section 1** - The District Awards Chairman shall be the American Rose Society District member of the Nominating Committee.

**Section 2** - Each affiliated society or club shall appoint or elect one member to the District Awards Committee. This representative must be an American Rose Society member and shall serve a term of three (3) years concurrent with the term of the District Director.

**Section 3** -The District Director shall contact each affiliated club or society for the name of representative and send to the Executive Secretary of the American Rose Society

**Section 4** -In the event of resignation or inability of an affiliated club appointee to serve, the affiliated club shall appoint a successor.

**Section 5** - Eligibility – Only member in good standing of the American Rose Society residing within the District shall be eligible for District Awards such as the Silver Medal, Outstanding Judge and Outstanding Consulting Rosarian.

#### **ARTICLE VII - By-Laws and Amendments**

**Section 1** -The By-Laws may be amended at the annual meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present, provided the amendment shall have been sent according to the requirements in Article IV, Section 1 to each member of the district at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

**Section 2** -A copy of these By-Laws shall be filed with the office of the Secretary of the American Rose Society promptly after adoption, and the secretary shall be notified promptly of any subsequent amendments, changes or alterations which are subject to approval of the Board of Directors of the American Rose Society or a committee duly appointed by said board.