

# SANTA CLARA VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY BY-LAWS

## Article I – General Provisions

Section 1. The name of the corporation is Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society, Incorporated.

Section 2. The principal office for the actions and affairs of the corporation shall be in the County of Santa Clara, State of California.

Section 3. The corporation is organized and operated exclusively to promote interest in orchids, improve the quality of orchid culture and to foster social relationships among members of the corporation who grow orchids as a common interest. It is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501(c) (5) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 4. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

Section 5. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the 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.

Section 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## Article II – Membership

Section 1. Individuals/families wishing to join the society will become members of the Society upon payment of annual dues.

Section 2. If at any time a member wishes to resign from the Society, they shall notify the Membership Chairman or any officer. No refund of dues shall be made if a member resigns before the close of the year for which dues have been paid.

Section 3. The Corporation shall have one class of members. The right of voting for any activity or officer shall be equal for all members.

Section 4. In the event of death, resignation, expulsion or forfeiture for non-payment of dues, membership is terminated. In the event the membership is terminated, the member's interest in property of the Corporation shall cease.

Section 5. A former member may be reinstated to membership after payment of annual dues.

Section 6. Membership in this Corporation is not transferable or assignable.

Section 7. The board may nominate and approve Life and Honorary members at any time.

## Article III – Dues

Section 1. The Board of Directors will determine the amount of annual dues to be paid to the Corporation at the Dec. board meeting. Until such future determination of the Board of Directors, the annual dues shall be \$25.00 per member or any two (2) members of the same household.

Section 2. Dues are payable in advance on or before March 1 for the calendar year and shall be considered in default after that date at which time membership is terminated.

Section 3. Any member who has been dropped from membership because of nonpayment of dues shall not be reinstated until they have paid the dues for that calendar year.

Section 4. When any member shall be in default in the payment of dues of any time during the calendar year the member shall not be eligible to vote.

