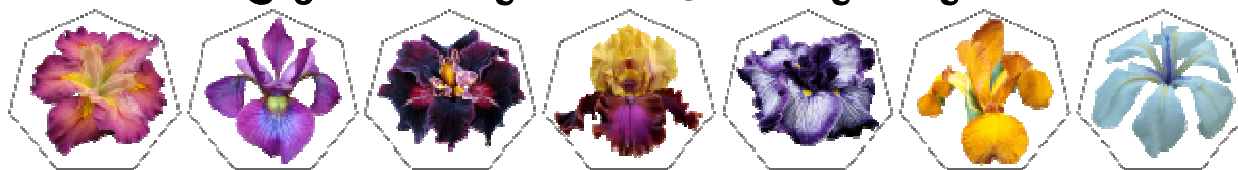


# King County Iris Society Bylaws



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## Article 1-Name

This Society shall be known as the "King County Iris Society."

## Article 2-Purpose

This Society shall be conducted on a nonprofit basis, and its aims shall be to stimulate an interest in iris throughout the community and to bring together in friendly cooperation, for educational and scientific purposes, those interested in growing irises of any and all species, by exchanging ideas on their culture and breeding and by holding public exhibits.

## Article 3-Affiliation

**3.1-**This Society shall maintain an affiliation with and help promote the interests of the American Iris Society.

**3.2-**This Society shall maintain an affiliation with and help promote the interests of Region 13 of the American Iris Society.

## Article 4-Membership

**4.1-**Membership in this Society shall be open to all who are interested in the purpose of the Society.

**4.2-**Each application for membership must be accompanied by one year's dues in advance.

**4.3-**The annual dues are payable in September. Notice of delinquency shall be given by the membership chairperson by October 15th. Members will be dropped from the rolls after the November Meeting if dues for the approaching year are unpaid.

**4.4-**Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, and by a three-fourths vote of the membership at the annual meeting, honorary membership can be conferred upon a member of this Society who shall have rendered notable service to the Society. An Honorary Member shall have none of the obligations of membership in the Society, but shall be entitled to all of the privileges except those of holding office.

**4.5-**The Regional Vice-President and the Assistant Regional Vice-President of Region 13 of the American Iris Society, and the Presidents of adjoining iris societies shall be considered ex officio members of the Society. They shall be entitled to all the privileges except those of making motions, voting and holding office.

## Article 5-Officers

**5.1-Number:** The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All officers are required to be members of AIS.

**5.2-Elections:** The Nominating Committee (see *Article 8-Committees*) will present their selections at the October Meeting, at which time further nominations will be in order. Elections will be at the November "Annual Meeting."

**5.3-Installation:** Installation shall take place as the last order of business at the November meeting. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the end of the meeting.

**5.4-Vacancies:** The Executive Committee shall appoint a member to fill any vacancies that occur until the Nominating Committee may meet to propose a replacement. An election will be held within two months of notification to the membership of the vacancy.

**5.6-President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Executive Board. At the pleasure of the Executive Board, the President shall appoint all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

The President is an authorized signer on the Society's bank accounts and will sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer. The President shall be the delegate to such organizations with which the Society shall affiliate.

**5.7-Vice-President:** In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President until such time as the Executive Board meets or the President returns. The Vice-President shall be the alternate delegate to such organizations as the Society shall affiliate with.

**5.8-Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep all records of the meetings of the Society and its Executive Board. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all records and papers pertaining to the office.

**5.9-Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and spent. The Treasurer shall sign all checks, with the oversight of the President and the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall report to the Executive Board periodically, during the year, on expenses and receipts as compared to the annual adopted budget. The fiscal year shall be from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of any given year.

**5.10-Removal:** Officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a special meeting called for that purpose by any three members of the Executive Board. At least thirty days written notice must be given to the membership prior to such a meeting.

## **Article 6-Directors**

**6.1-Number:** There shall be three Directors.

**6.2-Term Of Office:** The term of office for a New Director shall be three years. The term of office for a Replacing Director (see *Article 6.6-Vacancies* for definition) shall be the remainder of the term of the director who is being replaced.

**6.3-Election:** One New Director shall be elected each year at the November "Annual Meeting," following the election of officers. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for recommending a member for this New Director position.

**6.4-Duties:** The Directors shall be members of the Executive Board and, with the Immediate Past-President, form the Nominating Committee.

**6.5-Installation:** Installation of a New Director shall take place as the last order of business at the November "Annual Meeting," with the New Director assuming their duties at the end of the meeting. Installation of a Replacing Director shall take place as the last order of business at the meeting at which they are elected, with the Replacing Director assuming their duties at the end of the meeting.

**6.6-Vacancies:** Any vacant Director position can be filled by an election at any regular meeting. A vacant Director position filled in this way shall be known as a Replacing Director. The Nominating Committee will be responsible for nominating a member for this Replacing Director position, with nominations also allowed from the floor.

## **Article 7-Executive Board**

**7.1-Composition:** Members of the Executive Board shall be the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Immediate Past-President and the three Directors.

**7.2-Quorum:** A majority of the members of the Executive Board will constitute a quorum.

**7.3- Duties:** The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society, fix the hour and place of meetings, recommend an annual budget to the membership and shall perform such other duties as specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the Society, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Society.

**7.4-Meetings:** Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at the discretion of the President, generally every three to four months. In addition, any two members of the Board may call special meetings of the Board.

## **Article 8-Committees**

**8.1-Auditing Committee:** An auditing committee of two members shall be appointed by the President at the November meeting, whose duty it shall be to audit the Treasurer's accounts as of the end of the fiscal year, and to report at the February meeting.

**8.2-Nominating Committee:** The Immediate Past-President and the three Directors shall form the Nominating Committee and will report their selections to the membership at the October meeting, with nominations also

allowed from the floor. In the event of Officer vacancies or Director vacancies, this committee will make new nominations as per sections 5.4 and 6.6.

**8.3-Other Committees:** Such other committees, standing or special shall be appointed by the President as the Society or the Executive Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the Society. The President shall be ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating and Auditing Committees.

### **Article 9-Meetings**

**9.1-** The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Monday of every month from September through April, unless otherwise ordered by the Society or the Executive Board. When the first Monday falls on a holiday, the meeting shall be held on the second Monday. In lieu of the regular meeting in December, a Holiday Party is held. The host, in consultation with the Executive Board, determines the date, time, and place.

For the months of May-August, special meetings such as garden tours, judges training, show preparation, or picnics may be proposed and coordinated either by the Executive Board or by regular members. The host, in consultation with the Executive Board, determines the date, time, and place.

**9.2-**The regular meeting of the first Monday of November shall be known as the "Annual Meeting" and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and for any other business that may arise.

**9.3-**Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Executive Board and shall be called upon the request of ten members of the Society. Except in cases of emergency, seven days written notice shall be given to all Society members.

### **Article 10-Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds majority vote of those present, providing the amendments have been given to the membership in writing at least one month prior to the meeting.

### **Article 11-Parliamentary Authority**

Robert's *Rules of Order*, latest edition, shall be the authority and govern this Society in its business procedure on such points not covered by these bylaws.

### **Article 12-Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of this Society, all properties, real and financial, shall be turned over to the American Iris Society.