

## — CONSTITUTION —

### *ARTICLE I. NAME AND ORGANIZATION*

Sect. 1 The name of this club shall be the Pikes Peak Bonsai Society.

Sect. 2 This Club shall be a non-profit organization

### *ARTICLE II. PURPOSES*

Sect. 1 To create interest and inspire participation by both advanced and beginning growers of Bonsai and to increase enjoyment of Bonsai.

Sect. 2 To advance appreciation of Bonsai through Club participation in exhibits and shows.

Sect. 3 To supply and coordinate information on Bonsai, including methods, sources of supplies, and experiments.

Sect. 4 To communicate with other Bonsai Clubs, to acquaint each with the activities of others, new developments of interest and to share Bonsai opportunities and experiences.

## — B Y - L A W S —

### *ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP*

Sect. 1 Membership shall be extended to any & all who express an interest in joining the club & who pay their annual dues.

Sect. 2 Upon recommendation of the Executive Board and approval by a two-thirds majority of the membership, individuals are elected to Honorary Membership in the Pikes Peak Bonsai Society. The conditions of Honorary Member shall be specified at the time of election.

### *ARTICLE II. DUES*

Sect. 1 Annual dues shall be set by a majority vote of those present. Changes in dues must be submitted to the membership at a meeting prior to the vote by the membership. ~~Annual dues shall be payable in January of each year.~~ New members joining the Club after July 1 of any year shall pay dues at one-half the annual rate.

*Annual dues shall be payable in November for the following year to help with the timely creation and distribution of the annual yearbook.*

*(Amended Jan. 2011)*

### *ARTICLE III. MEETINGS*

Sect. 1 The Club will meet at least once a month. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board. Notification of special meetings will be made by email or phone, if needed.

Sect. 2 Quorum will be constituted by one-fifth of the total membership for transaction of business at any regular meeting. Five members of the Executive Board constitute a quorum for transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

Sect. 3 Each member shall be allowed one vote, the President only voting in case of a tie at regular meetings

Sect. 4 Order of Business, this club shall be governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure. Order of business can be dispensed with in accordance to programs.

#### *ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD*

Sect. 1 All affairs, business, government, and general management of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Board, comprised of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate past president, Program Chairman, Show Chairman, Honorary Members-at-Large, and Members-at-Large.

Sect. 2 The Executive Board shall be elected in the fall of ~~each~~ every other year. The Nominating Committee shall present the slate to Club members one meeting prior to election. Nominations from the floor, with prior consent of the nominees, will be accepted at the time of election. Officers shall be elected by majority ballot and assume office at the first meeting of the new calendar year.

Sect. 3 The officers of the Executive Board shall hold their offices for a term of two (2) years. After the specified term of two (2) years, the official nomination and election procedures will be followed as described in the by laws to select new officers for the upcoming two (2) year period. Current officers are eligible for reelection.

(Amended Nov. 2009)

Sect. 4 The President-elect shall choose his running mate (Vice-President) for his term of office. All other positions on the Executive Board shall be subject to nomination & election procedures.

(Amended Jan. 2011)

Sect. 5 ~~In case of vacancy in the Presidency, the Vice President shall become President.~~ Any vacancies shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Board.

Sect. 6 In case of vacancy in the Presidency, the Vice-President shall become President, if he is confirmed by the membership. (The VP must be confirmed by general membership because he is selected by the President & not elected by the membership.)

(Amended Jan. 2011)

#### *ARTICLE V. OFFICERS*

Sect. 1 President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and all Executive Board meetings. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Sect. 2 The Vice President shall assist the President in all phases of the conduct of the Club business and in the absence of the President shall perform all duties of President.

Sect. 3 The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the Club and present these at monthly meetings and keep Club membership list current with addresses and phone numbers. The secretary shall also produce & distribute to all members of the club a newsletter with the purpose of keeping members informed regarding upcoming events & meetings & minutes from the previous months meetings.

(Amended Nov. 2008)

Sect. 4 The Treasurer shall keep an itemized account of all funds received and expended. He shall render an account of receipts and disbursements upon request of the Executive Board. He shall receive and deposit the funds of the Club in an account in the name of the Club. Outgoing checks may be counter-signed by the President of the Club.

Sect. 5 The Program Chairman shall share the responsibility for Program planning with the Executive Committee.

Sect. 6 The Show Chairman shall share the responsibility for planning and conducting the annual Bonsai Show with the Executive Committee.

Sect. 7 The Honorary Members-at-Large and the Members-at-Large shall meet with the Executive Committee as voting members in the conduct of Club affairs.

#### *ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES*

Sect. 1 The President shall appoint three (3) Club members to serve as a Nominating Committee no later than September of each year. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates for Club offices for the coming year.

*This slate of candidates shall be presented to the club in October, to be voted on in November  
(Amended Nov. 2009)*

Sect. 2 The President shall appoint a committee to audit the books annually.

Sect. 3 The President shall appoint any committees necessary during his term of office.

#### *ARTICLE VII. FISCAL YEAR*

Sect. 1 The fiscal year of the Pikes Peak Bonsai Society shall be from January 1 of each year to December 31 of the same year.

#### *ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS*

Sect. 1 These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting or special meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting. Such proposed amendments must be presented to the membership at a meeting prior to the voting by the membership on the proposed amendment.

#### *ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE*

Sect. 1 The rules of Parliamentary Procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall be the authority governing all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Board, subject always to existing law and these By-Laws.

#### *ARTICLE X. OTHER ISSUES*

*Sect. 1 Members who host club meetings at their houses shall receive \$30 to help defray the costs of hosting said meetings / hosting pot-luck luncheons.  
(Amended Jan. 2011)*