

AMENDED BY-LAWS
THE GREATER PITTSBURGH DAHLIA SOCIETY

ARTICLE I – Name and Object

Section 1 – The name of the society shall be The Greater Pittsburgh Dahlia Society.

Section 2 – The object of the Society shall be to promote and encourage the growing of better Dahlias, to improve the quality of dahlia exhibits, and to increase interest in dahlias by suitable educational means.

ARTICLE II – Affiliations

Section 1 – The Society shall make such affiliations as are deemed necessary from time to time by a majority vote of the members present at the regular meetings.

ARTICLE III – Membership and Dues

Section 1 – All flower lovers shall be eligible for membership, provided they have met the membership requirements as prescribed in these By-laws.

Section 2 – The Board of Directors will adjust the dues for the Society on an annual basis, as needed.

Section 3a – Honorary members may be elected at the discretion of the Society.

Section 3b – No annual dues shall be collected from honorary members.

Section 4a – Members who fail to pay their dues automatically become delinquent after the first meeting.

Section 4b – A delinquent member is eligible for reinstatement upon receipt of his annual dues.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

Section 1 – The officers of the Society shall consist of: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and eight Directors, of which one will be the immediate past President.

Section 2a – The election of officers shall be held at the October meeting every two years.

Section 2b – A nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President at the March meeting. The nominating Committee shall nominate a candidate for each office.

Section 2c – A majority of votes cast shall elect.

Section 3a – The term of office shall be two years, or until a successor shall be elected.

Section 4 – If any vacancy occurs in any office, the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors, except that the Vice Presidents shall advance in order of rank, and the lower ranking office shall be filled.

ARTICLE V – Duties of Officers

Section 1a – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of directors. He shall perform such duties as regularly pertain to that office and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

Section 1b – The President shall appoint all members of standing committees, or at his discretion, may appoint only the chairman and leave selection of the committee to the chairman.

Section 1c – The President, in the absence of the Treasurer, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the Treasurer as stated in Article V, Section 5.

Section 2 – The Vice Presidents, by order of rank, shall preside in the absence of the President at any meeting and shall perform such other duties of the President that come before him while acting for the President.

Section 3a – The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors and perform such other duties as may be incumbent upon the office or provided in these By-laws.

Section 3b – The Treasurer shall collect all dues and give receipts for same.

Section 4 – The Corresponding Secretary shall write all letters for the Society. He shall notify all members in writing of the time and place for each regular meeting.

Section 5 – The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the Society. He/she shall receive all money for dues and all other monies due the Society. He/she shall pay all bills approved by the Society; The Board of Directors may approve the payment of small bills not in excess of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). The Treasurer shall also make all disbursements authorized in these By-laws.

ARTICLE VI – Board of Directors

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall consist of all elected officers.

Section 2a – The Board of Directors shall hold at least the same number of meetings per year as the Society. The meetings may be held at the convenience of the Board.

Section 2b – The President shall notify all Board members of each meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – The Board of Directors shall have general guidance of the affairs of the Society, and shall perform such duties as are delegated to it in these By-laws.

ARTICLE VII – Standing Committees

Section 1 – THE SHOW COMMITTEE shall be responsible for all details and arrangements pertaining to the annual dahlia show.

Section 2 – THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE shall be responsible for all details and arrangements pertaining to the educational and recreational program of each meeting.

Section 3 – THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE shall consist of all members, and it shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to contact all prospective members and invite them to join the Society.

Section 4 – THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE shall keep the public informed of the activities of the Society.

Section 5 – THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE shall be responsible for making all members acquainted with each other and welcome new members and visitors. The committee shall keep record of attendance of each meeting. The committee shall be responsible for all refreshments at the regular meetings.

Section 6 – THE AUDITING COMMITTEE shall consist of two members, all to be selected by the President. The committee shall audit the books of the Treasurer just prior to the Annual Meeting and shall report to the Society at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – Meetings and Fiscal Year

Section 1 – Four regular meetings will be held each year.

Section 2 – Special Meetings may be called by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – The first meeting of the year shall be designated as the Annual Meeting.

Section 4 – The Fiscal Year for the transaction of business shall extend from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE IX – Annual Dahlia Show

Section 1 – An Annual dahlia Show shall be held each year by the Society.

Section 2 – The time and place of the Show shall be selected by the Show Committee and approved by the Society no later than the first regular meeting.

ARTICLE X – Quorum

Section 1 – Members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a regular or special meeting.

Section 2 – Four Board members shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors in person or electronically.

ARTICLE XI – Order of Business

Section 1 – The order of business at a regular meeting shall be as follows: Call to Order, Reading of Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Report of Standing Committees, Report of Special Committees, Unfinished Business, New Business, Program and Adjournment.

Section 2 – The order of business may be suspended at a regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XII – Rules of Order

Section 1 – The rules contained in “Robert’s Rules of Order Revised” shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws or special Rules of Order.

Section 2 – These By-laws, except those relating to Order of Business, cannot be suspended.

ARTICLE XIII – Amendments

Section 1 – These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the membership present, provided notice of the intended change shall have been given at the previous meeting and that the proposed amendment is in writing accompanying the call to the meeting.

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Amended: April 18, 1968
May 21, 1981
October 13, 1991
April 19, 1998
August 27, 2000
October 20, 2002
May 22, 2011
August 18, 2018

10/13/91 – 1) Amended Section 2a under Article III, Membership and Dues (Section 2a became Section 2 and dues increased to \$5.00, single or family); 2) Removed Section 2b under Article III (Price of family dues).

4/19/98 – Amended Section 3a under Article V, Duties of Officers (eliminates Secretary collecting dues).

8/27/00 – Added Section 1c under Article V, Duties of Officers (President serves as back-up to Treasurer).

10/20/02 – Amended Section 5 under Article V, Duties of Officers (Board can approve expenditures not in excess of \$75.00).

5/22/11 – Amended Section 2 under Article III – Membership and Dues to read: “The Board of Directors will adjust the dues for the Society on an annual basis, as needed.”

8/18/18 – Amended Article X, Section 1 to read: “Members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a regular or special meeting.” and Section 2 to read: “Four Board members shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board of Directors in person or electronically.”