

## Synopsis of Bylaw Revisions – July 28, 2022

### Article II – Membership

Section 1 – Broaden the scope of who is eligible for membership in the ADS to include businesses. Changed the membership year to May 1st to April 30th instead of a calendar year.

Section 2 – Define the rights of the members (the same language as before, just in a separate section). Added “at the Annual Meeting” to the end of sentence. This is not addressed elsewhere in the Bylaws.

Added Section 3 – Eliminate Members-at-Large so there is only Individual and Household memberships. The term “Household” was used instead of “Family” due to the societal acceptance of alternative living situations. Clauses 3, 4, 5 and have been revised due to the elimination of the Members-At-Large. There are other minor revisions to make the language in each clause consistent with each other.

Clause 5 – Eliminated Life Membership

Clause 7 Overseas Associates – moved to a separate Article IV as they do not have full rights of membership in the Society. Clarified which countries an overseas associate must reside in. The remaining articles in the Bylaws will be renumbered in the final approved draft of the updated Bylaws.

### Article IV – Life Memberships and Gifts

Section 1 – Eliminated (together with a change to the title of Article IV)

Section 2, Clause 4 – changed “Trust Units” to designated funds. This seems to provide greater flexibility on how these gifts are setup and managed.

### Article V – Affiliated and Participating Societies

Section 1 – Change the language of who is eligible to be an Affiliated Society to make it consistent with the Participating Societies, Section 2, Clause 1

Section 2, Clause 2 – change Participating members to Individual or Household.

### Article VII – Trustees

Section 2 – Revised term of the Trustees to six years to make is easier to stagger their terms.

### Article IX – Executive Board and the Standing Committee

Section 1, Clause 2 - Add three members to the Executive Board including:

Bulletin Advertising Manager  
ADS Store Manager  
Social Media Chair

These positions are critical to the operation of the ADS and it provides additional opportunities for individuals to join the Executive Board.

Section 3A – Change “National Exhibition” to “National Show”. Make changes throughout the Bylaws to reflect the change in title

Section 3C Publications – Added language regarding the setting of publication prices

Section 3D Trial Garden – change the reporting of the trial garden results to a subsequent issue of the *Bulletin*

Section 3H Seedling Bench Evaluation – change the reporting of the seedling bench evaluation results to a subsequent issue of the *Bulletin*

Section 3N – Insurance – revised the language to make it consistent with current practices

Section 3Q Technology Resources – redefine the duties and responsibilities of the Chair

Section 3S Web Site – Added one position to the committee:

Clause 1 – ADS Store Manager – new position

Added Section 3T Social Media – New committee.

#### Article X – ADS Outreach Officials

Section 2. Vice Presidents at Large – eliminate this group of individuals. The number of members on the Executive Board has increased over time resulting in a group of individuals which can adequately represents the ADS and its members.

#### Article XII – Bulletin

Section 1 – eliminated “quarterly” to allow greater flexibility for the Executive Board to set the schedule for issuing the *Bulletin*.

Added Section 4 – Bulletin Advertising Manager – new position.

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