

AMENDED CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
American Hemerocallis Society
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ARTICLE V – ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

Section 1. ELECTION PROCEDURES.

The Society recognizes that there are differences between its regions which may justify the use of different election procedures by its regions and thus these Bylaws grant the regions several options for election procedures to be utilized by the regions for the conduct of the elections contemplated by this Article. Notwithstanding these options it is the policy of the Society to encourage the Regions to adopt those election procedures which will in the opinion of each region result in the widest possible participation of the Society's members in the Society's election. Each region shall adopt one of the election procedures set forth in the Sections 4 through 6 below for the elections of both the Director and the Regional Vice President to be elected by that region. Each region shall adopt the election procedure to be used in that region in the same manner as provided in that region's Bylaws for the amendment of its Bylaws. In the event of a conflict between the election procedure adopted by a region and the Bylaws of that region, the election procedure so adopted shall be deemed to be an amendment of that region's Bylaws.

Section 2. DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Society shall be elected by region. Each region shall elect a director from society members of that region. A nomination for the position of Director shall be made by a nominating committee consisting of three members from the region elected by a majority vote of the regional members at the annual regional meeting preceding the annual regional meeting at which the election results are announced. Only one of the three members can have served on the nominating committee during the prior election of a director and under no circumstances can a member of the nominating committee serve more than two consecutive terms. A region may impose such additional conditions for serving on the nominating committee as are not inconsistent with the requirements set forth in these Bylaws. The nominating committee will take into consideration the specific skills needed by the Society to best serve the membership. Within thirty (30) days of being notified of his or her election each director-elect shall submit a written statement to the President of the Society that the elected person has the ability, the willingness, and the qualifications to serve as a director of the society. If, at the time of the Society's fall Board meeting, any region has not elected a qualified director who has agreed in writing to serve as a Director of the Society, the President shall appoint a director from the membership at large, subject to ratification by two-thirds vote of the Board. If there is a vacancy in a board

position during a regular term, the President shall appoint, in collaboration with the Regional Vice President, a member from the region to fill the vacancy, subject to the ratification by two-thirds vote of the Board by mail. Any appointed member of the Board serving more than one-half of the regular term of three years shall be deemed to have served a full term.

Section 3. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS.

The Regional Vice President for each region shall be elected from society members of that region. A nomination for the position of Regional Vice President shall be made by a nominating committee of three members from the region who shall be elected by a majority vote of the regional members at the annual regional meeting preceding the annual regional meeting at which the election is conducted. Only one of the three members can have served on the nominating committee during the prior election of a Regional Vice President and under no circumstances can a member serve more than two consecutive terms.

Section 4. ELECTION BY MAIL IN BALLOT.

If a region adopts the election procedure set forth in this Section 4, the committee shall send to the membership a ballot for voting by insertion in the regional newsletter or by first class United State mail at least forty-five (45) days prior to the annual regional meeting with the committee's nomination and with space for write-in candidates. If an incumbent director is eligible to serve a second three-year term and unless the incumbent director indicates in writing an unwillingness to do so, the name must be included on the ballot. The ballot must be signed and returned to the chair of the nominating committee hand delivered or postmarked within fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual regional meeting. The nominating committee shall count the ballots and ascertain that all ballots are from active members as certified by the Secretary of AHS through the mailing labels provided for the regional newsletter in which the ballot appears. The election shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast. The results will be reported to the regional membership at the annual regional meeting and the President of the Society.

Section 5. ELECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING.

If a region adopts the election procedure set forth in this Section 5, the chair of the nominating committee shall present the committee's nominee to the regional membership at the annual regional meeting and the floor shall be opened for additional nominations. The election shall be determined by a majority vote of the regional members casting a vote at the meeting. If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast at the meeting, a runoff election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes. Balloting at a regional meeting under this Section 5 can be show of hands or by written ballot with space

to write in the names of candidates nominated after the floor has been opened for additional nominations.

Section 6. ELECTION BY COMBINED MAIL AND MEETING BALOTS.

If a region adopts the election procedure set forth in this Section 6, written ballots shall be distributed to all of the members of the region in the same manner as set forth in Section 4 above. A member may cast a vote by returning the ballot by mail in the same manner set forth in Section 4 above. Those members who do not vote by mail shall have the additional opportunity to cast their vote at the annual regional meeting and all balloting at the annual regional meeting pursuant to this Section 6 shall be conducted by means of written ballot conforming to the requirements for written ballots described in Section 5 of this Article. The chair of the nominating committee shall maintain a list of those persons who voted by mail and all written ballots submitted at the annual regional meeting shall be checked against that list to ensure that only one ballot per member is counted. If a member who submitted a ballot by mail also submits a ballot the ballot submitted at the meeting shall be counted and the ballot submitted by mail shall be disqualified. Thereafter, all ballots submitted by mail and at the meeting shall be tabulated.

Section 7. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE.

Each regular, lifetime or honorary member shall be entitled to cast one vote for Director and Regional Vice President. In the case of Family or Dual memberships, each such member shall be entitled to cast one vote for Director or Regional Vice President. Current Associate Life Members who did not elect to convert their membership to a Dual Life Membership prior to January 1, 2001, shall have the right to vote for Director and Regional Vice President. Youth members shall have the right to vote for Director and Regional Vice President.