

ARGS Constitution
(A Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society)

Article I: Name

The Name of this organization shall be the Alaska Rock Garden Society (ARGS) a chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society.

Article II: Purpose

The Purpose of this organization shall be to encourage and promote:
Interest in design and construction of rock gardens
Cultivation of rock garden plants
Plant exploration, conservation and study of habitats, growth forms,
And geographic distribution

Article III: Membership

Membership shall be open to any person interested in rock gardening and pays annual dues. Each member is eligible to vote and hold office.

There shall be four classes of membership - Individual, Family, Life, and Honorary.

Family Membership shall mean two or more persons at the same address (two votes)

Life Membership is an individual who pays Life Membership dues.

Honorary Membership shall be reserved for a person who has performed special services for the Chapter. Such membership shall be proposed by the Executive Board and voted on at a regular meeting.

Membership shall be on an annual calendar year basis.

Article IV: Dues

New member dues paid after September 1st of any calendar year shall apply to the remainder of that year and the entire following year.

There shall be one (1) month grace period, ending January 31, after which membership and privileges cease.

Dues shall be determined by the Executive Board and shall be stated in the Standing Rules.

Article V: Officers

Elected officers shall be Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer

The terms of office shall be two (2) years

The Chairperson may serve only two (2) consecutive terms

Election of officers shall take place in November of the even-numbered years; and the new officers shall assume their duties the following January

Chairperson must be a member of NARGS, and it is preferred that all officers be members of NARGS

Article VI: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the Elected Officers, Immediate Past Chairperson, Newsletter, Website, Program, and any Special Committee Chairpersons appointed by the Executive Board of which five (5) persons shall constitute a quorum

The Executive Board shall conduct most of the business of the organization. Members who desire to present a topic which may require considerable discussion at a General Membership meeting, should present such topic to the Executive Board at least two (2) weeks prior to a General Membership meeting.

There shall be at least three (3) Executive Board meetings each year.

The Executive Board may:

- Approve the payment of all normal operational expenses.

- Approve payment up to \$1000.00 for special workshops or projects without the approval of the General Membership.

- Executive Board meetings are open to all paid-up members of the Chapter; only Executive Board members are entitled to vote.

- Fill any mid-term vacancies.

Article VII: Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any general meeting by a 2/3's Affirmative vote of the members present, provided that the Proposed amendment has been submitted in writing, read at a Previous meeting, and distributed to all paid members.

Article VII: Dissolution

The Chapter may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by

not less than 2/3's of the voting members.

Upon dissolution of the Chapter, any assets of the Chapter shall be transferred to a non-profit corporation, association, trust, or other organizations recognized as a tax exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS code, such as the Alaska Botanical Garden and/or the George Georgeson Botanical Garden, along with the proceeds from the sale of any and all assets owned by the Chapter.

The Executive Board shall make the decision regarding disbursement of assets.

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