

## Standing Rules of the Marin Rose Society (MRS)

1. These Standing Rules may be amended at any business meeting by a majority vote of the MRS members present, without prior notice.
2. The first *board* meeting of each year shall be held on the third Monday of January at 7:00 pm. The board shall meet each month on the third Monday except December. The President may call a special board meeting as needed without special notice.
3. The first *general* meeting of the Marin Rose Society shall be held on the second Tuesday of January and shall continue each month on the second Tuesday, except December. The meetings shall begin at 7:30 pm. The Harvest dinner shall be held on the regular meeting date in the month of November.
4. The following officers shall be elected each year at the October general meeting: President, First Vice President(s), Second Vice President(s), Secretary and Treasurer. Other Board of Director Members shall be composed of four (4) Directors-At-Large, two of whom shall be elected every other year for two-year terms.
5. The terms for officers shall be for one year. ~~If possible, terms for the President shall be for three years. This is not mandatory.~~
6. The Treasurer will collect money and pay the bills. The Treasurer shall submit a report each month for board approval. The Treasurer will also write a short annual report and will report to the general members on the state of the finances for the society.
7. The society newsletter, The Marin Rose, shall be published ten (10) times per year. It will be issued by email or by the USPS. Members are encouraged to receive it by email.
8. Membership: Membership in the MRS shall be on an annual basis. Membership dues are collected for the calendar year, January through December and renewals or new memberships may be paid at the November meeting for the following year. Membership dues shall be the same throughout the year. They shall not be discounted in July.
9. Membership dues shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and agreed upon by a majority vote of the General Membership. Changes in membership dues must be given by October of each year for a general membership vote.
10. ~~Regular membership has been set by the general membership at \$30.00. A single payment of dues shall enable all adult members of a single household (resident at one address) to be considered as full membership of the Society, with all rights and privileges with the exception of membership in Marin Arts and Garden Center. Dues shall be due and payable on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Members whose dues hav not been~~

Comment [AS1]: All officer terms are one year.

~~received by April 1<sup>st</sup> shall be dropped from the membership rolls.~~

**Comment [AS2]:** Proposed language:  
"A single payment of dues shall enable all related members of a single household (residents at one address) to be considered as full members of the society. Dues shall be due and payable on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Members whose dues have not been received by March 1<sup>st</sup> shall be dropped from the membership rolls"

11. Membership dues entitle members to receive the newsletter, to show roses at our monthly rose shows (April through October). ~~and to become members of MAGC (Marin Art and Garden Center).~~ Meetings with speakers are free to any paid member.

12. Trophies: Trophies for the annual rose show are the property of the Marin Rose Society. Each year the winners name is engraved on the trophy. The trophy may be awarded to any winner to keep for one year if they have been a member in good standing for at least two years of the Marin Rose Society.

13. Marin Rose Society members who are elected to serve on the Board of Directors *are expected* to be members of the American Rose Society (ARS).

14. The board may decide to charge a fee for attending meetings with speakers. There is no charge for paid members. The fee is waived if one becomes a member that evening.

15. The board shall approve all expenditures over \$500.00 made between general membership meetings. Expenditures up to \$500.00 can be approved by the society President or Treasurer.

Recommended by the Board of Directors: September 21, 2015