

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE ONTARIO REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY (MAY '67)
(AMENDED APRIL 2014)**

CONSTITUTION

1.- Name

The name of the group shall be ONTARIO REGIONAL LILY SOCIETY.

2.- Purpose

The purpose of the Society shall be:

1. to promote interest in the genus *Lilium* and to be a source of dependable information to members and to the general gardening public on matters pertaining to the genus;
2. to specifically promote interest in growing lilies in home gardens;
3. to sponsor public exhibitions, both on the show table and in public plantings, and to make suitable awards to worthwhile exhibits and/or exhibitors;
4. to encourage hybridizing and to make suitable recognition of outstanding achievements in this field;
5. to cooperate with other societies and groups with similar aims and objectives;
6. to sponsor annually public sales of lily bulbs to promote the growing of the genus *Lilium*;
7. to operate as a nonprofit organization.

3.- Membership and Affiliation

1. Any person interested in the purpose and aims of the organization shall be eligible for membership upon payment of the prescribed fee.
2. The classes of Membership shall be as follows:
 - (a) Individual,
 - (b) Family,
 - (c) Life,
 - (d) Honorary

The Society may set up new classes of membership from time to time when felt desirable. This may be done at any annual meeting, without notice, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at such Annual Meeting.

3. This society shall maintain affiliation with the North American Lily Society, Inc., and the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton.

4.- Dues

The dues of this Society shall be set by the members attending the Annual Meeting and shall be based on the fiscal year corresponding to the calendar year. Notices of membership dues shall appear in the January newsletter, and members in arrears as of March 30 shall be dropped from the membership list.

5.- Board of Directors

The Society shall be governed by a Board of Directors which shall consist of not less than six (6) and not more than twelve (12). These directors shall be elected as set out in the ByLaws of the Society.

6.- Officers

The officers of the Society shall consist of: President, VicePresident, Secretary, Treasurer. Further, the Immediate Past President of the Society shall be a member of the Board of Directors with full voting privileges.

7.- Amendment

This constitution may be amended at any Annual Meeting provided notice of such proposed amendment shall have been included in the notice calling such meeting. A twothirds majority of the paidup members attending and voting shall be required to effect such amendment.

BY-LAWS

1. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Individual Annual Member: Any individual interested in the purpose of the Society shall be eligible for membership, on payment of the prescribed annual fee. Annual memberships can be paid (a) yearly, or (b) on a five (5) year basis.
- (b) Family Annual Member: Two members of a family who are both interested in the purposes of the Society shall be eligible for family membership on payment of the prescribed fee. Family members shall be entitled to one vote each individual but shall be entitled to only one copy of publications issued by the Society.
- (c) Life Member: Any member may become a life member on payment of the equivalent of fifteen (15) times the annual membership in force at the time of such application. Life Membership shall carry voting privileges.
- (d) Honorary Member: Any person whom the Society wishes to recognize and honour for outstanding services to the Society or for special achievement related to the genus Lilium. Such Honorary member shall not be entitled to a vote at the proceedings of the Society unless so entitled by reason of a paidup membership of any class carrying voting privileges.

2. OFFICERS

- (a) The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, VicePresident, Secretary, and Treasurer (or a combination SecretaryTreasurer if the members so designate).
- (b) President: The President shall direct the affairs of the Society in accordance with the Constitution and ByLaws. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at all General Meetings and may call meetings of the Board of Directors as needed. He shall appoint chairmen of all Standing Committees and shall be, ex-officio, a member of all such committees.
- (c) VicePresident: The VicePresident shall in the absence of the President, perform the duties pertaining to the office of President.
- (d) Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the records of the Society, and minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, the General Meetings, etc., and shall be the custodian of all such documents as pertain to the office. The Secretary shall make a report to the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall distribute a resume of all board meeting minutes to all board members and Chairmen of Committees.
- (e) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and record all monies received on behalf of the Society and deposit same in a chartered Bank or Trust Company in the name of the Society. He shall disburse said funds on behalf of the Society. All accounts shall be approved by the Board of Directors and any such accounts in excess of twentyfive (25) times the annual family membership fees shall require the signature of a second officer. Provided only that the Secretary and Treasurer shall each have authority to maintain a

petty cash account for small items payable in cash and for which it is impractical to obtain authorization of the Board of Directors before payment has to be made. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement of the Society to the Annual Meeting and meetings of the board of directors in writing.

- (f) Auditors: Two auditors for the ensuing year shall be appointed by the President not less than one month before the Annual Meeting and shall examine the statements and other relevant documents for the previous financial year prepared by the Treasurer for presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- (a) Election of Officers: The officers for the Society shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office from the close of the Annual Meeting at which they are elected until the close of the Annual General Meeting at which their successors are elected. The officers are elected for a two year term.
- (b) Election of Directors: The Directors of the Society shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the close of the Annual General Meeting at which their successors are elected, provided that in the event of a vacancy for any reason the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term so vacated. The Directors of the Society are elected for a two year term. (At the first Annual Meeting one half of the directors shall be elected for a one year term only, and thereafter one half of the number of directors allotted shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting.) The Directors of the Society may not hold office for more than two consecutive terms.
- (c) Nomination Committee and Nominations: A committee of not less than three (3) members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors which shall have the responsibility of presenting a slate of names of officers and directors to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. (As set out in Sec. 2 and Sec. 3). The consent of each candidate must be secured by the committee before his or her name is included. Nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting at the appropriate time but consent to stand for election must be previously obtained from any person so nominated if not present at the meeting.
- (d) Quorum: A quorum at any regularly called meeting of the general membership shall consist of not less than twelve (12) members and at a regularly called meeting of the Board of Directors it shall consist of not less than six (6) members.

4. MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors but shall not be later than April 30 of each year. Written notice thereof shall be posted to all members of record not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of said meeting. The President may call meetings of the Board of Directors or of the General Membership as he deems desirable, but shall call a meeting of the General Membership on written request of not less than twelve (12) members and of the Board of Directors on written request of not less than six (6) members.

5. STANDING COMMITTEES

As soon as practical after the Annual Meeting the President shall appoint chairmen for the following Standing Committees:

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| 1. Programme Committee | 5. Slides |
| 2. Show Committee | 6. Awards |
| 3. Publications | 7. Hospitality |
| 4. Publicity Committee | 8. Auction |

who will act for one year. The chairman of each committee shall have the power to add to the personnel of his committee as he deems necessary and shall maintain a liaison with the Board of Directors at all times. Should the President fail to appoint such committees, the previous committee will continue to act until notified of their successors.

6. HONORARIUMS

The Board of Directors shall have authority to designate specific honorariums if and when it is deemed advisable.

7. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the Society discontinuing activities, any funds or assets of the Society shall be placed in the custody of the Royal Botanical Gardens with consent for a period of three (3) years, and if at that time the Society has shown no signs of reactivating, the Royal Botanical Gardens shall retain these funds and assets for use in extending its lily collection.

8. AMENDMENTS

The ByLaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting provided notice of such proposed amendment shall have been included with notice calling such meeting. A twothirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority in attendance shall be required to effect any such amendment.