

Kaikou Bonsai Study Group

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be: KAIKOU BONSAI STUDY GROUP (KBSG), a non-profit educational organization with no paid officer

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

- A. The objectives of the KBSG shall be:
- B. To promote interest in, and the enjoyment of, Bonsai.
- C. To assemble and make available information on the culture of Bonsai.
- D. To promote the collection and exhibition of Bonsai
- E. To acquaint Bonsai fanciers with each other
- F. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles the organization is exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under IRC 501(c)(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent tax law.
- G. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by IRC 501(h) or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition, to any candidates for public office.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Anyone interested in furthering the objectives of the KBSG may become a member upon payment of the required dues. Classes of membership shall be:

- 1. Active members:
 - 1.1. Individuals paying full membership dues.
 - 1.2. Joint members who shall be individuals sharing the same household as an Individual member, paying a reduced membership fee.
- 2. Honorary members shall be individuals selected by the Executive Board.

Voting members shall be made up of active members. No assets, liabilities, or monetary benefits of the Society shall accrue to any member or their heirs.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Section 1. The officers of the KBSG shall be as follows:

President -

The President shall preside at all meetings, act as Chairman of the Executive Board, appoint committee chairmen and perform all other duties pertaining to the chief executive of the KBSG.

Vice-President -

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President if the latter is unable to preside. Their major function shall be that of Program Chairman.

Recording Secretary -

The Recording Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and assume the duties of Archivist, with the responsibility of maintaining appropriate records of KBSG history.

Corresponding Secretary -

The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain the membership list and conduct the KBSG's correspondence. In the absence of a Corresponding Secretary the Recording Secretary and/or Treasurer shall assume these duties.

Treasurer -

The Treasurer shall receive all KBSG funds and dues and deposit them in the KBSG name in a bank designated by the Executive Board. They shall make payment by bank check of all approved bills in accordance with the general policies set down by the Executive Board. They shall keep a record book of the receipts and disbursements and make such reports, as the Executive Board shall deem necessary. They shall present an annual report at the annual meeting.

Section 2. The President shall appoint the KBSG committee chairs. Committees shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Program: planning and coordination related to educational meetings.
- B. Exhibition: annual exhibition.
- C. Outside organizational representatives as appointed by the President.
- D. Other committees that shall be deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

Section 3. The officers and the standing committee chairs constitute the Executive Board and shall be empowered to formulate policies and recommend action for consideration by the organization. KBSG

members who wish to assist the Executive Board to carry out its responsibilities shall be approved by the Executive Board and will be considered Members at Large with full voting privileges.

Section 4. The Executive Board shall fill vacancies among the officers.

Section 5. Officers shall be elected for a one (1) year term.

Section 6. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director officer of the organization, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the organization), and no member, trustee, officer of the organization or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the organization's assets on dissolution of the organization.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings shall be held monthly at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Section 2. The meeting in December shall be deemed the Annual Meeting.

Section 3. The President or the Executive Board may call special meetings.

Section 4. The time and place of meetings of the KBSG may be changed at the discretion of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI: DUES

Section 1.

- A. Active members, both individual and joint, shall pay annual dues at a rate and due date determined by the Executive Board.
- B. Honorary members shall not pay dues.
- C. All members, individual, joint, and honorary, will receive notices of meetings and are eligible to participate in any KBSG function.

Section 2. Dues are payable annually at the February meeting.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

Section 1. Election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting.

Section 2. A committee of three shall make nominations, the Chairman of which to be appointed by the

President at the September meeting. The nominating committee shall submit the names of the nominees for each office, after ascertaining that these nominees will serve if elected. Further nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 3. A two-thirds majority vote of those attending the annual meeting will elect the officers.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members at any regular meeting, providing notice of the proposed changes has been stated in writing and announced at a prior meeting at least thirty days before the date of such vote.

ARTICLE VIII. SUCCESSOR CLAUSE

In the event of dissolution all of the remaining assets and property of the organization shall after payment of the necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, or to the Federal Government or State or local government for a public purpose subject to the approval of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE IX. PRIVATE FOUNDATION CLAUSE

In any taxable year in which the organization is a private foundation as described in IRC 509(a), the organization shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under IRC 4942 and the organization shall not (a) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in IRC 4941(d), (b) retain any excess business holdings as defined in IRC 4943(c), (c) make any investments in such a manner as to subject the organization to tax under IRC 4944, or (d) make any taxable expenditures as defined in IRC 4945(d) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

Revised, adopted and approved by the membership of the Kaikou Bonsai Study Group on March 4 2023.

<Insert Name> , President

Date

<Insert Name>, Vice President

Date