

# **BYLAWS OF THE MISSOURI VALLEY AFRICAN VIOLET COUNCIL**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name, Objective and Affiliation**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization will be the Missouri Valley African Violet Council.

**Section 2.** The objectives of this Council will be:

- a.** To provide a nonprofit organization organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, for which persons interested in the propagation and culture of African Violets may exchange knowledge and materials on the subject.
- b.** To further the interest in growing African violets, to be affiliated with the African Violet Society of America, Inc. (AVSA), and to promote their objectives.
- c.** To hold an AVSA judged show on an annual basis.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Membership and Dues**

**Section 1. Eligibility:**

- a.** Membership will be open to all individuals growing African violets.
- b.** Membership will be open to all organizations or groups of individuals interested in growing African violets.
- c.** Members must be affiliated with AVSA.

**Section 2.** Annual dues will be \$15.00 for individual memberships, \$17.50 for family memberships, and \$17.50 for group memberships. Payment entitles individual members, family members, and group members to one subscription of the newsletter. Dues are payable at the Spring Meeting. Dues will be \$7.50 and \$8.75 respectively after December 1 for a partial year membership.

**Section 3.** Dues must be paid to date to retain membership. Those whose dues are paid will have the right to participate in meetings. Groups will be non-voting members.

**Section 4.** The fiscal year will begin June 1 and end May 31.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Meetings and Quorum**

**Section 1.** The Council will meet twice a year, spring and fall, with the date set by those hosting the meeting. The place will be determined by the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** Special meetings may be called by the President in case of emergencies.

**Section 3.** A quorum will be ten percent (10%) of the individual members with a majority of the officers present.

Section 4. Upon dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## ARTICLE IV

### Officers and their Duties

Section 1. The officers of this Council will serve for terms of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. They will not be eligible to election for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. The officers will consist of:

- a. The President, who will preside at all meetings of the Council and at all meetings of the Executive Board. The President will appoint the Parliamentarian and all committee chairmen except the Nominating Committee. The President may at any time appoint any committees considered necessary. The President will be *ex officio* of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- b. The First Vice President, who will perform all the duties of the President in the absence of that officer and will assume the duties of Membership Chairman.
- c. The Second Vice President, who will perform the duties of the First Vice President in the absence of that officer and will assume the duties of Program Chairman and Events Chairman.
- d. The Secretary, who will keep and preserve accurate minutes of the Council and will conduct any correspondence as directed by the President. The Secretary's book will be passed to the next Secretary. After the book has been filled, it will be turned over to the Historian.
- e. The Treasurer, who will handle all money of the Council and keep proper records. The Treasurer will serve as chairman of the Budget Committee. The Treasurer will pay bills as authorized by the budget approved by the Council and all bills approved by the Board. All bank statements require a second signing by an executive officer of the board. A financial statement will be made at each regular meeting and a report thereof filed with the Secretary. An annual financial report will be presented at the Spring Meeting. All monies received will be deposited in a federally insured financial institution.

Section 2. The Executive Board will consist of the elected officers, the Show Chairman, the Newsletter Editor, the Historian, the Webmaster and the Immediate Past President. The Parliamentarian will be a non-voting member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board will meet as deemed necessary and will have the right to order bills paid.

## ARTICLE V

### Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Nomination and election of officers will be held during the Spring Meeting or at the first meeting thereafter at which a quorum is present.

Section 2. A Nominating Committee of three members will be selected by the Council at the Fall Meeting preceding elections. Permission and assurance to serve will be obtained from all nominees before their names are placed in nomination. A proposed slate of officers will be presented at the Spring Meeting of election year with nominations also being accepted from the floor provided the nominees have given consent. The report of the Nominating Committee will be printed in the newsletter at least 30 days preceding the Spring Meeting.

Section 3. Voting will be by ballot when there is more than one name in nomination for an office and may be by voice vote when there is no opposition.

Section 4. Vacancies in office will be filled by appointment of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VI

### Committees and Their Duties

Section 1. Standing committees will consist of:

a. Membership, which will take care of applications for membership and perform other duties as assigned by the Council. The Chairman will be the First Vice President who will appoint two additional members.

b. Program, which will plan all programs of the Council. The Chairman will be the Second Vice President, who will appoint two additional members.

c. Budget, which will prepare and submit a proposed budget annually at the Spring Meeting. The Chairman will be the Treasurer who will appoint two additional members.

d. Newsletter, which will publish the newsletter regularly. The Chairman will be the Editor, who will appoint regional representatives to the committee.

e. Show, which will plan and make arrangements for the annual show. The Chairman will be the Show Chairman, who will appoint appropriate committees as needed.

f. Events, which will coordinate and make arrangements for the Spring and Fall Meetings and keep up to date a set of guidelines for hosting affiliates.

g. Historian, which will hold all retired Secretary's books and will keep a written record of all council history in an appropriate notebook. All historical books will be passed on to the next Historian.

h. Webmaster, which will coordinate and maintain the Internet website for the MVAVC at the direction of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Special committees may be appointed by the President as needed.

Section 3. Audit, which will conduct an audit of the Treasurer's records at the end of the Treasurer's term. It will consist of three members appointed by the President.

## ARTICLE VII

Section 1. A Parliamentarian may be consulted by the President at any time.

Section 2. The current *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised* shall be the authority on all subjects not covered in these bylaws.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Council by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting or that a copy has been sent to each member at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

Adopted June 6, 1985  
Revised October 25, 1986  
Revised October 10, 1987  
Revised April 30, 1989

Revised October 27, 1990  
Revised March 23, 1996  
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Revised June 10, 2001

Revised October 23, 2002  
Revised June 12, 2005  
Revised June 11, 2006  
Revised June 14, 2009  
Revision Spring 2010

## STANDING RULES

1. The newsletter will be published quarterly: June, September, December, and March. (Added 6-2-85)
2. MVAVC will retain for its treasury twenty percent (20%) of all monies received from the sale of plants and supplies at MVAVC shows. (Added 6-2-85)
3. Any member wishing to sell at an MVAVC show must have at least six (6) entries in the show of which at least four must be in horticulture. (Added 6-2-85)
4. Group members may apply to the Council for an award for their annual AVSA judged shows. The award will be a one year free Council membership to be presented to the horticulture sweepstakes winner. The free membership may be used by the recipient of the award or may be given to another individual interested in growing African violets. (Added 10-25-86)
5. Members of the Affiliate hosting club for Fall Missouri Valley African Violet Council shows will be allowed to exhibit and participate in all activities of the convention on payment of a registration fee to be determined by the Executive Board as needed to pay all costs of the Council show. (Added 10-27-90, revised 10-28-95, 6-13-99, 6-11-2006)
6. The privilege of judging the Council show will be limited to qualified judges attending (properly registered or as a guest) the Council show. (Added 10-27-90, revised 10-24-98)
7. MVAVC will donate \$25.00 annually to the AVSA Convention Awards. (Added 6-2-91, revised to \$100.00 6-12-94, revised back to \$25.00 6-9-2002)
8. MVAVC will donate \$10.00 upon the death of a member to an AVSA fund on a rotating basis (Added 10-12-96)
9. MVAVC will donate \$25.00 to each AVSA fund: Boyce Edens, Booster Fund and Building Maintenance Fund each year (Added 10-12-96, revised 10-27-2001 to remove charitable donation every 4 years due to low interest rates)
10. The fee for the Judges School will be \$20.00 (credit) and \$10.00 (audit). (Added 10-28-95)
11. The Fall Convention Chairman, Convention Co-Chairman, Fall Show Chairman and Co-Show Chairman will be honored with one-year Council memberships. (Added 11-1-97)
12. The winners of Design and Horticulture Sweepstakes in an MVAVC Council show will be awarded a one-year individual membership in MVAVC for the following year. The free memberships may be used by the recipients of the awards or may be given to another individual interested in growing African violets. (Added 10-23-2002)
13. All MVAVC fall convention bills must be submitted to the Treasurer no later than thirty (30) days after the show if they are to be reimbursed. (Added 6-14-09)

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