

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Meetings**

SECTION 1. The District will hold one Annual Meeting each calendar year. The District Meeting will include at least the following: District Rose Show, Annual Business Meeting, Executive Board Meeting, Awards Ceremony, and one or more educational programs. Other activities, including but not limited to, Consulting Rosarians Seminar, Horticultural Judges Seminar, Arrangement Judges Seminar, Judging Schools, and garden tours, may be added as appropriate.

SECTION 2. The host society for future Annual Meetings will be selected at the Annual Business Meeting. In the event that a host society has not been selected for the next Annual Meeting or that the invitation for the next Annual Meeting is withdrawn by the host society, selection of the host society will be made by the Executive Board.

SECTION 3. The host society shall charge a registration fee sufficient to cover all expenses of the annual meeting. Any profit for the host society in excess of \$200.00 will be shared equally between the host Society and the District. In the event of a loss for the Host Society, the District will reimburse the Host Society the first \$200.00 of the loss. Any additional loss will be shared equally by the District and the Host Society.

If the Annual Meeting is held at a National Meeting of The American Rose Society or at a meeting involving more than one District of The American Rose Society, the host society and the District Director will negotiate the payment to the District. These arrangements must be approved by the Executive Board.

The host society will purchase the "Colonial District Member's Trophy" which is awarded to the winner of the class specified for award of that trophy in the District Rose Show. Treasurer will reimburse the host society for the cost of the trophy and engraving. The approximate amount to be spent will be determined in advance by the Executive Board.

SECTION 4. Registration at the Annual Meeting is required to compete for District Awards in the District Rose Show or to attend any of the educational programs, seminars, or tours. Registration is not required to attend the Annual Business Meeting. At the discretion of the host society, members of the host society may exhibit in the District Rose Show without payment of a registration fee, provided they do not compete for District Awards and provided the District Rose Show replaces the host society's regular show. Registration requirements for other activities are at the option of the host society.

SECTION 5. The Annual Business Meeting will be held at the Annual Meeting. A quorum for the Annual Business Meeting shall consist of those members present. Only members of The American Rose Society residing in the District may vote in an Annual or Special Business Meeting. Proxy voting is not permitted.

SECTION 6. Special Business Meetings may be called at any time by the District Director. Not more than one special meeting may be called per calendar year. Notice of the special business meeting must be given in the District Bulletin at least thirty (30) days before the

meeting.

A quorum for a Special Business Meeting shall consist of thirty-five (35) members. At least fifty-one (51) percent of the local societies must be represented by at least one member. For purposes of representation, a member may not represent more than one local society. Proxy voting is not permitted.

Any business that may be carried out at an Annual Business Meeting may be carried out at a Special Business Meeting, except the elections specified under the first paragraph of ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2, which must take place at the specified Annual Business Meeting.

SECTION 7. The District may from time to time hold meetings in addition to the Annual Meeting. The time, location, and host society for such meetings will be determined at an Annual or Special Business Meeting or by the Executive Board. Special Business Meetings, as specified by the By-Laws, may be held at these meetings. The financial arrangements for these meetings will be the same as those for the Annual Meeting unless different arrangements are approved by the Executive Board.

Registration at the Special Meeting is not required to attend a Special Business Meeting held in conjunction with a Special Meeting.

SECTION 8. The current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern all Annual and Special District Business Meetings in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.