

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
of  
The African Violet Judges Council of Ohio  
Rev. 2013

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the AFRICAN VIOLET JUDGES COUNCIL OF OHIO.

ARTICLE II- Object

The object of this organization shall be:

1. To *interpret* the standards of the African Violet Society of America for judging African violet shows and to keep its members informed on same.
2. To promote sound ethics in judging.
3. To promote advanced study in African violets and violet show practice.
4. To assist African violet clubs when requested by giving information necessary to the promotion of more efficient African violet shows.
5. This organization shall be and exist as a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE III- Officers and Management

1. The officers of this Council shall be a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary.
2. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and the immediate Past President.
3. In the spring of the even numbered years, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members. The nominating committee will present a slate of officers at the Fall meeting of the same year. At that time, a vote will be taken and the gavel will be handed forward without the formality of an installation ceremony. Officers will hold office for two years.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

1. The active membership shall consist of qualified African violet judges of Ohio according to the standards of the African Violet Society of America, Inc.
2. Membership in this organization will continue for no more than six months after expiration date of Judge's certificate.
3. Associate membership – Any person who for personal reasons finds it impossible to continue as an active judge, may become an associate member with all privileges of a member except the power to vote.
4. Honorary membership shall be given to persons who in the opinion of the Executive board may have earned such an honor. Honorary members shall have no voting privileges.

ARTICLE V. Meetings

1. Meeting of this organization shall be regular and special.
2. Regular meetings shall be spring and fall of each year, the second Tuesday of April and September unless otherwise decided by the President and the Executive board. All regular meetings will be held at Kingwood Center, Mansfield, OH unless otherwise stated.
3. The President may call a special meeting upon written request of five members.
4. *Active members present* shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI- Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present, but no motion to amend shall be acted upon at the same meeting at which it is proposed. *Proposed amendments may be voted on at the meeting following their publication in the Violet Connection.*

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I - Dues

Membership in Ohio Judge's Council does not require the payment of dues.

### ARTICLE II- Duties of Officers

1. It shall be the duty of the **President** to preside at all meetings, to conduct and supervise the affairs of the Council according to the Constitution and to represent the organization at such meetings as will fall to her/his office. She/He shall, with the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint such temporary committees and chairmen as required to carry out the activities of this organization.
2. It shall be the duty of the **Vice President** to assist the President and in her/his absence to preside at the meetings of the organization. She/He shall serve as Program Chairman.
3. It shall be the duty of the **Secretary** to keep the minutes of the meetings, including the minutes of the Executive Board. She/He shall also keep a record of attendance at all meetings. She/He shall conduct the correspondence as directed by the organization. She/He shall read all correspondence at the regular meetings

### ARTICLE III - Elections

1. Officers shall be elected **biannually** at the Fall meeting of even numbered years and take office in the Fall of the same year, after the election is held.
2. A majority vote of the active members present shall be necessary for election.
3. Officers and Chairmen shall transfer to their successor all material and records pertaining to their office. This shall be done within three weeks after *installation*.

### ARTICLE IV - Standing Committees

1. Nominating Committee – Three members shall be appointed by the President at the **SPRING** meeting **of even numbered years** to serve on the nominating Committee. They shall prepare a slate of officers and present it at the Fall meeting of the same year.

### ARTICLE V - Priority

This Council shall be known as the Founders Group, should there at any time be another such organization formed.

### ARTICLE VI- Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Revised Rules of Order shall be the accepted authority governing this Council, subject to the special rules that have been or may be adopted.

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