

BYLAWS
Of the
Valley of the Moon Dilettante Enological Society
Bylaws of 1985 as amended in 1988, 1989 and 1996

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of this society is to promote conviviality and good fellowship among its members; to provide didactic information, training, and/or expertise in both the arts and science of home winemaking, viticulture, and oenology; and to elevate the skill of its members by grading, evaluating and judging wines.

Article II: Name

This society shall be known as – Valley of the Moon Dilettante Enological Society

Article III: Membership

Membership shall be open to anyone with an expressed interest in home winemaking.

Article IV: Fiscal Year

The society shall operate on a fiscal year beginning April 1st and ending March 31st.

Article V: Initiation Fee and Dues

Section 1: Dues shall be collected to support the purpose of the group, to cover general and administrative costs, mailings, rent, supplies, group promotion and other expenses as voted. Each dues paying member is entitled to one vote.

Section 2: An initiation fee of \$5.00 shall be assessed each new member. Annual dues shall be \$36.00 (March, 2005) payable on or before April 1st. Annual dues shall be prorated for new members who join the society other than in the month of March.

Section 3: The Secretary/Treasurer shall mail notices of dues by February 1st, and dues shall be delinquent if not received by March 31st.

Section 4: Dues received after March 31st shall be accompanied by a reinstatement fee of \$5.00.

Section 5: The Secretary/Treasurer shall be exempt from payment of dues.

Article VI: Quorum

A quorum for the purpose of conducting business shall consist of at least two duly elected officers, or their designates, and at least five other dues paying members.

Article VII: Voting

Members shall be entitled to one vote per dues payer. Voting shall be done by ballot or roll call, or by a show of hands, whichever is more appropriate for the occasion.

Article VIII: Officers

Section 1: Number of officers. The officers of this society shall be the President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 2: Term of office. Officers shall be elected for the term of one year. The President shall not serve more than two consecutive years.

Section 3: Nomination and election of officers. Nomination of candidates for office will be from the nominating committee in February, and from the floor in March and the election thereof shall be during the meeting in the month of March.

Article IX: Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees:

Financial Review Committee: This committee shall audit the books and accounts kept by the Treasurer. Financial review shall take place once per year during the month of February; a report thereof to be submitted by the April meeting.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall be made up of the current slate of officers and the two immediate past presidents, for total of (5) members. The committee shall meet in January and report a recommended slate of officers at the February meeting. The election of officers is to be held at the March meeting after a call for any further nominations from the floor. The term of office shall be from April 1st through March 31st each year.

Picnic Committee: The president shall appoint at the April meeting a committee to organize and prepare the annual picnic.

Section 2: Other committees: Other committees may be appointed by the president from time to time as necessary. The president shall designate the individual who will serve as Chairperson on each committee created. The President shall be an ex-officio member of such committees.

Article X: Meetings

Section 1: Regular meetings of the society shall be held on the second Thursday of any month when needed to conduct business, with a minimum of six (6) per year.

Section 2: Time and place of Regular Meetings: All regular meetings shall commence at 7:30 PM. Location of meeting shall be determined by a committee.

Section 3: Notice of Meetings: A notice shall be distributed by the Secretary at least one week prior to the meeting date as needed.

Article XI: Rules and Regulations

Meetings of this society shall be conducted pursuant to the bylaws of this society.

Article XII: Amendment of the Bylaws

The bylaws may be amended or repealed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the active members present at the meeting. All amendments shall become effective only after a first reading at a regular meeting and ratification at a second reading at the following regular meeting.