

By-Laws (Rules)

of The Carolinas Branch - RSCDS

I Membership

Section 1 Application:

All applicants for membership in The Local Association shall complete an application approved by the Committee of Management and all applications shall be submitted to the Treasurer.

Section 2 Dues:

All members of The Local Association shall pay annual dues at the rate determined by the Committee of Management. Dues must be received by September 30th of each year. The fiscal year shall be from April 1st to March 31st.

II Members Meetings

Section 1 Presiding Officer and Order of Business:

- a. Meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman or, in his/her absence, a Chairman shall be appointed from among those members present.
- b. The order of business shall be:
 1. Call the meeting to order
 2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
 3. Secretary's Report
 4. Treasurer's Report
 5. Appointment of Office-Bearers and committee
 6. Motions
 7. Old business
 8. New business

Section 2 Voting:

All members shall be entitled to one vote, in person on any matters coming before meetings providing a quorum is present. All voting requires a simple majority, except that amendments of the Constitution or By-Laws (Rules) shall require a two-thirds vote. At elections of officers and directors, the voting shall be by ballot. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of which members have paid their current dues.

III Compensation

The officers shall serve without compensation.

IV Elections

Section 1 Nomination Committee:

- a. The Nominating Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the Committee of Management by January 1st prior to the AGM.
- b. The Nominating Committee Chairman shall select two(2) committee members from the Local Association members.
- c. Duties of the committee shall be to provide a slate of officers for the upcoming elections.

V Amendment of Constitution or By-Laws (Rules)

The Constitution or By-Laws (Rules) of The Local Association may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members at the AGM or special meeting called for this purpose and at which a quorum is present. Amendments must be proposed in writing to the Committee of Management and presented, in writing, to the general membership, by mail or e-mail, at least 30 days prior to the AGM or special meeting called for said purpose.