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The Board of Directors recommend the following amendments to the Constitution of Arboretum Associates for vote by the general membership:

Constitution Revisions:

Article IV:

b. Executive Committee - Ongoing business of the organization shall be conducted by an executive committee consisting of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, *immediate past president*, and ~~three~~ *four* members at large elected from the general membership to staggered three year terms. A member at large may serve two consecutive terms but may not serve again as a member at large until four years have elapsed. The University of Idaho Arboretum Director *and the Arboretum Horticulturist* shall be ex officio, non-voting, members of the Executive Committee.

- This change will officially recognize the immediate past president as a voting member of the Executive Committee. It also increases the members at large from three to four and adds our new horticulturist as a non-voting member.

The Board of Directors has voted to amend the following sections of the By-laws and asks for ratification of these changes:

By-law Revisions:

Charitable gifts received from donors during the Associates fiscal year qualify those donors as members at the levels identified below:

Section 1. CATEGORIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Student Associate	\$5	Active	\$20 - \$49
Individual Associate	\$15	Sustaining	\$50 - \$99
Club & Organization Associate	\$25	Donor	\$100 - \$249
Family Associate	\$30	Patron	\$250 - \$499
Business Associate	\$50	Sponsor	\$500 - \$999
Contributing Associate	\$75	Benefactor	\$1,000 - \$2,499
Sustaining Associate	\$100	Life Associate	\$2,500 and above
Life Associate	\$1,000		

Donors who contribute ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,500 or more to the Arboretum Associates during a fiscal year become Life Associates and will be recognized as such for the remainder of their life regardless of whether or not contributions are made in the future.

- This change updates our membership categories and will allow us to more appropriately recognize our members. Under the old system an individual who contributed \$50 would be considered a Business Associate. Under the new guidelines they would be recognized as a Sustaining Member.

Section 4. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is composed of the Executive Committee (elected officers, the *immediate past president*, the *four* members at large) and the heads of each of the standing committees. The University of Idaho Arboretum Director *and the Arboretum Horticulturist* shall be ex officio, non-voting members of the Boards of Directors.

- This change matches the previous change to the Constitution.

BYLAWS

FISCAL YEAR July 1 through June 30

SECTION 1. CATEGORIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Charitable gifts received from donors during the Associates fiscal year qualify those donors as members at the levels identified below:

Membership Level	Fiscal Year Contributions
Active	\$20-\$49
Sustaining	\$50-\$99
Donor	\$100-\$249
Patron	\$250-\$499
Sponsor	\$500-\$999
Benefactor	\$1,000-\$2,499
Life Associate	\$1,000 2,500 and above

Donors who contribute \$1,000 2,500 or more to Arboretum Associates during a fiscal year become Life Associates and will be recognized as such regardless of whether or not contributions are made in the future.

SECTION 2. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, all money shall be: 1) deposited in a local bank with any reserve funds to be deposited in an interest bearing account as authorized by the Board of Directors, or 2) deposited with the University of Idaho Foundation, Inc. in accounts designated for the benefit of the Arboretum Associates and/or the University of Idaho Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

SECTION 3. TREASURER

The treasurer, or designate, shall collect and administer all gifts and other funds as directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and state and federal laws.

SECTION 4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is composed of the Executive Committee (elected officers, the immediate past president, and the four members at large) and the heads of each of the standing committees. The University of Idaho Arboretum Director and the Arboretum Horticulturist shall be an ex officio, nonvoting members of the Board of Directors. Said Directors shall meet at least quarterly as per the Constitution. Directors will receive at least five days written or telephone notice in advance of a meeting. Said meeting notice can be transmitted by the president or any two members of the board.

SECTION 5. COMMITTEES

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, standing committees may include membership, finance, special grants, publications, and nominations. Special committees shall be appointed as needed.

~~SECTION 6. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY~~

~~Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters not covered by the Constitution or the Bylaws of this organization.~~

SECTION 67. HISTORICAL

The University of Idaho Library Special Collections shall be the depository for all Arboretum Associates archives.