

BYLAWS OF THE RALEIGH-DURHAM CAGED BIRD SOCIETY

ARTICLE I. NAME. ADDRESS. AND TYPE OF ORGANIZATION.

The name of this organization shall be the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society, herein referred to as RDCBS. The official mailing address of the RDCBS is P.O. Box 32291, Raleigh, NC 27622. The RDCBS is to be a non-profit organization under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE.

1. To promote interest in the field of aviculture, i.e. the breeding and care of caged birds.
2. To educate RDCBS members and the community to the needs, proper care, record keeping, and permanent identification of caged birds.
3. To support avian research and conservation projects devoted to increasing knowledge of nutritional and reproductive needs of aviary birds and for diagnosis and treatment of their diseases.
4. To educate RDCBS members and the community about, and to support public efforts regarding, conservation issues pertaining to avian species in their native habitats.
5. To support and encourage domestic breeding of avian species.
6. To support local, state, and national organizations and events that are consistent with the RDCBS' purposes as defined above.
7. RDCBS will not support or endorse any specific commercial activities or services. No organization or individual is permitted to claim the endorsement of the RDCBS, unless prior approval is granted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
8. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of its members, directors, officers, or other persons except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the tax-exempt purposes of the organization.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

1. The classes of membership are as follows: single, family, senior citizen, honorary and complimentary. Family memberships shall consist of any two adults and all minor children living in the same household. Senior citizen (65 years or older), honorary and complimentary memberships are free.
2. Dues are set by the Board of Directors. Dues payments are for a 12 month period, beginning in the month membership begins.
3. Any person who wishes to attend RDCBS meetings, after having visited no more than three meetings, must apply for membership unless special conditions exist and are approved by the board.
4. Members who have not renewed their annual membership will be dropped from membership 60 days after payment is due.
5. In the event that a member resigns from the RDCBS, no portion of the annual dues payment is refundable.

6. Honorary and complimentary memberships shall be granted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.
7. Any member who is accused in writing of actions which are contrary to the express purposes of the RDCBS shall have the accusation investigated by the Board of Directors within 30 days of receiving said accusation. If the accusation is determined to be valid, the member may be removed from membership, without refund of dues, by a two-thirds ballot of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV. VOTING.

1. All adult members shall have one vote.
2. Election of Officers and Board Members and designation of recipients of grant funding shall be by written ballot. Nominees for elective Office or Board Membership and abstracts of each application for grant funding shall be mailed to each member at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which voting shall occur.
3. A quorum shall constitute 25 or more members
4. A member may vote in absentia by obtaining an absentee ballot prior to the meeting. Absentee ballots are obtained by request to the President:
5. Motions are passed and officers are elected by a simple majority of votes cast.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) members, as follows: Four (4) directly-elected members, The immediate past-President, The current President.
2. The term of each Board member shall be as follows:
 1. The directly elected members shall serve four (4) year terms, staggered so that no more than one (1) directly-elected position is open for election in a single calendar year.
 2. The immediate past-President shall serve until replaced by the current President.
 3. The current President shall serve until replaced in Office and shall then serve as immediate past-President In the event that the immediate Past-President is no longer a member of the RDCBS or declines participation on the Board, this position shall remain vacant.
 4. The Chairman of the Board shall be elected annually by the Board and must be one of its 4 directly-elected members.
 5. The Board oversees all affairs, business, and assets of the RDCBS.
 6. With the exception of the RDCBS President, aboard member may not serve in any elected office. Any board member who is elected and wishes to serve in such office must resign from the Board upon assuming that office.
 7. Only one person per household may be a member of the Board at the same time. In the event that a spouse of a Board member becomes President, that member must resign from the Board.
 8. In the event that a member resigns from the Board, the vacancy will be filled by a simple majority vote of the remaining Board members. The appointment

will be for the duration of the unexpired term of the position vacated. The Board must fill the vacancy within 60 days.

9. The Board of Directors is responsible for auditing of the records of the Treasurer and shall attest to their accuracy not less than annually, or upon resignation of the Treasurer.
10. The Board will conduct meetings with the RDCBS officers, individually or collectively, when designated by the Board.
11. No Board meetings will be held without notification of all Board members.
12. If an officer is found to be unable to perform his duties, the Board shall have the authority to remove that person from office
13. by a two-thirds vote.
1. To remain on the Board of Directors, a member must attend 75% of regularly scheduled RDCBS meetings and 75% of regular and special meetings of die Board.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICE.

All officers must attend at least 75% of all regularly scheduled RDCBS meetings and 75% of regular and special meetings of the officers.

PRESIDENT:

1. Shall preside over RDCBS meetings.
2. Shall appoint all committees and chairmen as approved by the Board.
3. Shall serve as a member of the Board.
4. Shall coordinate the nomination and election of officers as detailed in Article VIII.
5. Shall see that all members receive ballots.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

1. Shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence.

SECRETARY:

2. Shall keep the minutes of the general RDCBS meetings, shall read the minutes of each meeting at the following RDCBS meeting, and shall provide a written copy of these minutes to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter.
3. Shall keep an up-to-date membership list, such to include name, address, telephone numbers, type of birds kept by the member, and membership renewal dates.
4. Shall conduct all correspondence of the organization, including issuing notice to each member of special meetings and events held by the RDCBS.

TREASURER:

1. Shall be responsible for all funds of the Society.
2. Shall have any and all checks exceeding \$500.00 approved by a designated member of the Board.
3. Must keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements (cash tendered, to or from whom, the date and items purchased).

4. Shall present a financial report at regularly scheduled RDCBS meetings.
5. Shall schedule a meeting with the Board of Directors as soon as mutually convenient, and not later than February 1 of the year following the end of his or her term of office. The purpose of this meeting will be to establish the accuracy of the financial records for the preceding fiscal year. Draft copies of these records must be submitted to the Board of Directors for its Internal Audit not later than two weeks before the scheduled meeting with the Board. The fiscal year begins January 1 and ends December 31 and thereby coincides with the term of office.
6. Shall prepare and submit all forms required by North Carolina and Federal agencies regarding the financial affairs of the RDCBS. A Treasurer whose term expires on December 31 shall remain responsible for assisting the new Treasurer in fulfilling these obligations, inasmuch as such reports depend on financial records for the preceding fiscal year during which he or she held the office.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

1. Shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
2. Shall oversee the preparation and publication the RDCBS Newsletter, which shall be published not less than S times per calendar year.
3. Shall be responsible for the content and quality of the Newsletter. Each Newsletter shall contain, at a minimum, the following:
 - A. A list of the current board-of-directors, officers, and committee appointees of the RDCBS.
 - B. Description and dates of upcoming events of interest to the members of the RDCBS.
 - C. Other material of interest to the members of the RDCBS. Such may include, but is not limited to, news articles, educational material regarding the care or pet qualities of bird species, or RDCBS member profiles.The newsletter may also contain paid advertisements.

The newsletter must not contain any material, including paid advertising, the content of which is inconsistent with the purposes of the RDCBS, as defined in Article II of these Bylaws.

INTERNAL AUDITOR:

1. Shall be the Board of Directors or a designated member.
2. Shall examine the records of the Treasurer and shall attest to their accuracy not later than February I of each year.

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR:

1. Shall be appointed by the Board.
2. Shall organize and oversee educational programs for presentations at each regular meeting of the RDCBS.

ARTICLE VII. TERMS OF OFFICE.

1. No person may hold more than one concurrent elective office.
2. The term of all elective offices shall be one year, beginning on January 1 and terminating on December 31.
3. A person may not serve as President for more than two consecutive terms.
4. If the office of President becomes vacant during the elected term, this office shall be filled by the Vice-President for the remainder of the term. If any other office becomes vacant, the remainder of the term will be filled through a special election by the general membership.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

1. The President shall accept from the general membership, nominations for each office. All nominations must be submitted no later than the October meeting of the RDCBS.
2. The President shall submit to the Board of Directors, the list of nominees for each office at the end of the October meeting.
3. The annual election of officers shall be conducted at the November meeting of the RDCBS.
4. The President shall notify the members of the results of balloting and shall notify candidates of their election to office.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS.

A meeting of the general membership shall be held monthly. Each monthly RDCBS meeting shall include a brief business meeting which shall include the Secretary's report, Treasurer's report, pertinent committee reports and discussion of past and upcoming events sponsored by or of general interest to the RDCBS.

ARTICLE X. AFFILIATION.

RDCBS may be affiliated with any state, national, or international organization which would enhance the goals and purposes of RDCBS as stated in Article II. All such affiliations shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments may be proposed by either the Board of Directors or General Membership. Ratification shall require both a two thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors and a two-thirds majority of votes cast by the General Members, excluding members of the Board.

ARTICLE XII. DISSOLUTION.

Upon the dissolution of the organization assets shall be distributed to the North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, for support of its avian research program, if it qualifies under section 501(c)(3) at the time of dissolution. Otherwise, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the

organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. All payments to the RDCBS shall be made payable to the "Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society".
2. Any person wishing to discuss a concern regarding policies or procedures of the RDCBS, shall first present such concerns in writing to a member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consider this concern and shall notify the person presenting said concern, and the general membership if appropriate, of any decision made by the Board.

These Bylaws, approved by the present Board of Directors and of the General Members of the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society, on April 20, 1997, replace all Bylaws which have been in effect previously