

BY-LAWS OF THE GREATER PHOENIX POND SOCIETY
AKA GPPS
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Article I. Name and Purpose of the Association

Section A. The name of the Association shall be the Greater Phoenix Pond Society, abbreviated GPPS.

Section B. The purpose of the Association will be to promote, create and enlarge the hobby of pond keeping; to disseminate information about the above to the membership; to engage in educational and social activities re-lated to our purposes; and to acquire and own such property as may be necessary for any or all of the foregoing purposes.

Section C. The Association prohibits any activities to benefit individual memberships. Participation by all members is voluntary with no monetary reimbursement. No member individually may profit from the Association.

Article II. Membership

Section A. Any person who has an interest in pond culture shall be eligible for membership. Upon application and payment of dues as outlined in Article IV, the applicant shall become a member of the Association in good standing.

Section B. Any member may voluntarily withdraw or may be suspended or expelled at any meeting of the membership by majority vote for violation of the bylaws or for conduct deemed detrimental to the Association.

Section C. Membership is not restricted to age, race, political affiliation or religion. Only members 18 years or older have voting privileges. Membership may include a single individual or any individuals residing at the same physical address.

Section D. Membership personal information to include name, address, telephone, and email addresses are not to be shared, sold, traded, or bargained for to any entity outside of the Association membership.

Article III. Fiscal Year

Section A. The fiscal year and the year for the payment and collection of annual dues shall be the calendar year, January 1st through December 31st of the same calendar year.

Article IV. Dues and Other Fees

Section A. The annual dues for members shall be \$25 per Individual or Family, payable on January 1st of each year except in the case of new members whose dues are payable with their application for membership and may be prorated at \$15 after October 1st.

Section B: Dues are delinquent after March 31st. Reinstatement of membership shall require payment of full dues for the calendar year.

Article V. Meetings

Section A. The regular meetings of the membership shall be held monthly from January through December on the second Saturday of the calendar month at 9:00 AM with the exception of no meetings held in July or August. A change in the established date and time of a singular regular meeting may be made by majority vote of the membership present at any regular meeting.

Section B. The annual meeting for the membership and for the election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting time in November of each year. Notice of the annual meeting must be submitted to the membership in writing at least five (5) business days prior to said meeting. The Association newsletter, website, email or mailed notice shall be deemed a satisfactory method of written notification.

Section C. A majority of the duly qualified memberships shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the membership. Each duly qualified membership, either individual or family, has one (1) vote. A duly qualified membership, either individual or family, is currently paid dues.

Article VI. Election of Officers

Section A. The term of the elected officers shall be one (1) year.

Section B. The election of officers will be held at the November annual meeting. Duties of newly elected officers commence January 1st.

Section C. Elected officers will be:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Program Coordinator
6. Librarian
7. Newsletter Editor
8. Webmaster

Article VII. Duties of Officers

Section A. The duties of the **President** shall be:

1. To preside at all meetings at which he or she is present. If unavailable for a regular or annual meeting, to inform the Vice-President of the planned absence.
2. In case of any question or demeanor, while an officer, the Robert's Rules of Order further govern the President.
3. To install the newly elected officers at the end of his or her term (or appoint a member to do so) in December.
4. Other duties as may be assigned by a quorum vote of the membership. These duties shall become part of the by-laws per Article VII, Section A.

Section B. The duties of the **Vice-President** shall be:

1. To assume all duties of the President during his or her absence or upon request by the President.
2. To organize the Association's annual Pond Tour.
3. Responsible for publicity for the Association; including, but not limited to, the annual Pond Tour.
4. Other duties as may be assigned by a quorum vote of the membership or by the President. These duties shall become part of the by-laws per Article VII, Section B.

Section C. The duties of the **Secretary** shall be:

1. To keep all records of the regular and annual meetings, including archives of all past meetings.
2. To send out all notices of regular or special meetings as deemed necessary by the President or duly appointed representative. Meeting notices in the Association newsletter are deemed to comply with the by-laws.
3. Arrange for publication of the current minutes on the website.
4. Other duties as may be assigned by a quorum vote of the membership or by the President. These duties shall become part of the by-laws per Article VII, Section C.

Section D. The duties of the **Treasurer** shall be:

1. To prepare and present at each regular meeting a report of the receipts and expenditures during the previous month.
2. To pay pre-determined accounts as may be authorized by the membership of the Association and to pay those bills presented and approved at each regular or annual meeting.
3. To prepare and submit all reports required by any governmental agency.
4. Maintain a current and accurate duly qualified membership roster.
5. Insure payment of all accounts to maintain the website and domain name on the Internet.
6. Insure payment of all insurance deemed necessary for the operation of the Association, including meetings and pond tours.
7. Other duties as may be assigned by a quorum vote of the membership or by the President. These duties shall become part of the by-laws per Article VII, Section D.

Section E. The duties of the club **Program Coordinator** shall be:

1. Arrange appropriate programs, speakers, and materials necessary for regular and annual meetings and to convey this information to the Website Editor and Newsletter Editor.
2. Other duties as may be assigned by a quorum vote of the membership or by the President. These duties shall become part of the by-laws per Article VII, Section E.

Section F. The duties of the club **Librarian** shall be:

1. To maintain, receive, track and distribute published materials at regular and annual meetings.
2. Other duties as may be assigned by a quorum vote of the membership or by the President. These duties shall become part of the by-laws per Article VII, Section F.

Section G. The duties of the club **Newsletter Editor** shall be:

1. Organize, edit and distribute a new monthly edition of the newsletter per Article VIII.
2. Arrange for publication of the newsletter on the website.
3. Other duties as may be assigned by a quorum vote of the membership or by the President. These duties shall become part of the by-laws per Article VII, Section G.

Section H. The duties of the club **Website Editor** shall be:

1. Organize, edit and publish the Association web page to reflect up-to-date activities and information in regard to the Association and its activities.
2. Other duties as may be assigned by a quorum vote of the membership or by the President. These duties shall become part of the by-laws per Article VII, Section H.

Article VIII. Activities

Section A. The Association shall maintain a newsletter (*Pond Happenings*) and a web page (Greater Phoenix Pond Society) phoenixponds.org.

Section B. The newsletter will be published monthly except for July and August. It serves as a communication mechanism for the Association. The newsletter will be sent only to duly qualified members.

Section C. The web page will be kept current monthly as it serves as a communication mechanism for the Association.

Article IX. Approval & Amendments to the By Laws.

Section A. These by-laws may be approved or amended by a majority vote of the duly qualified memberships present at any meeting following Article V, Section C. The full text of the by-laws, or amendments thereto, which are proposed must be served upon each member at least three (3) days prior to the meeting at which such by-laws or amendments are to be voted upon. Only duly qualified members shall institute proposals for amendments to the by-laws. The Association newsletter, website, email or mailed notice shall be deemed a satisfactory method of written notification.

Section B. All amendments shall be published in the Newsletter.

Article X. Property Rights of Members

Section A. The property of this Association is irrevocable, dedicated to the objects and purposes of the Association as outlined in Article I, Section B of these bylaws. In the event of the dissolution of the Association, its properties and moneys shall not revert to the possession of the membership but shall be given to another non-profit association or educational organization which is to be chosen by the membership and/or current officers of the Association. This non-profit association or educational organization shall be in a related pond or water conservation field. No part of any net earning or assets of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

Article XI. Dissolution of the Association

Section A. Upon vote by a majority of the duly-qualified membership at an annual meeting, the Association may be disbanded for up to two (2) years before dissolution of the Association. Notice of the dissolution must be submitted to the membership in writing at least five (5) business days prior to a November annual meeting. The Association newsletter, website, email or mailed notice shall be deemed a satisfactory method of written notification.

Section B. The Association will be dissolved upon a vote by majority of the duly-qualified membership following disbandment. If a quorum cannot be reached for notification or if there is insufficient response to the written notification, dissolution may be voted on by the officers of the Association. A two-thirds (2/3) vote by the Association officers will serve to dissolve the Association and property and monies dispersed according to Article X, Section A.

Article XII. Parliamentary Authority

Section A: Robert's Rules of Order (the most current published edition) shall govern all proceedings of this Association providing they are not in conflict with these bylaws.

Section B: These Bylaws supercede any current Bylaws.

Article XIII. Treasury

Section A: The Association will maintain a minimum of \$1,000 in cash assets.

Section B: The expenditure up to \$300 may be authorized by a majority vote of the current duly paid membership at any regular or annual meeting. Expenditures over \$300 must be carried by an affirmative vote by two-thirds (2/3) of the current duly paid membership.