

Bylaws of Portland Lace Society

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be Portland Lace Society, Inc., a nonprofit society, hereinafter called PLS. It is a Charter Chapter of the International Organization of Lace, Inc., hereinafter called IOLI.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this society shall be to further interest in, and knowledge of, all types of lace and lacemaking, and the preservation of this art form through teaching, exhibitions, lectures, demonstrations and any other means which seem appropriate.

Article III: Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all who have an interest in traditional or contemporary lacemaking, study of laces or lace collecting.
2. All those joining PLS are encouraged to become members of IOLI.
3. By accepting membership in PLS, an individual assumes the obligation to protect PLS, its ideals, property and purpose against misrepresentation and/or misuse of the name PLS.

Article IV: Dues and Fiscal Year

The Fiscal Year runs from January 1 to December 31. Dues are payable in December and become delinquent on February 1. A roster listing current members will be issued in March. PLS dues are each person's responsibility.

Article V: Meetings

Meetings are to be held monthly. The majority of members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI: Elected Officers and Duties

Section 1.

a. The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom must be active members of PLS.

b. The term of office shall be two years, but officers may be re-elected for additional terms.

Section 2: The President shall preside at all meetings and appoint committees as needed for PLS activities.

Section 3: The Vice President shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President.

Section 4: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings and give a copy to the newsletter editor for publishing.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all PLS funds, deposit them in a banking institution, and disburse them for PLS expenses. The Treasurer will keep full account of all receipts and expenditures, and submit the records for audit annually or by special request from Officers, or three or more members.

Article VII: Appointed Officers

The President, with approval of the membership, shall appoint special officers as needed to promote PLS activities. Such officers may include Newsletter Editor, Librarian, and Demo Chairman, but are not limited to these positions.

Article VIII: Elections

A nomination committee of three shall be appointed in September. The nominees will be presented at the October meeting. Nominations from the membership will also be accepted. Voting will be done at the November meeting. Each member present will have one vote. A simple majority will determine the result of the vote. Installation of new Officers will take place at the December meeting.

Article IX: Amendments

Proposed Bylaw Amendments may be made by the officers or at least three of the members. The proposed amendment(s) will be published in the newsletter and voted on at a regular meeting that's at least 30 days after publication. A majority vote of active members present is required to approve amendments.

Article X: Parliamentary Authority

The Parliamentary Authority shall be the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order in all cases not otherwise covered in these Bylaws.

Article XI: Dissolution

In case of Dissolution, after all bills are paid, the remaining funds will be distributed to a nonprofit organization by vote of the general membership, in accordance with Internal Revenue Service Rules. The IOLI charter will be returned to IOLI, if available.

Standing Rules

Standing rules are the operating guidelines of PLS and may be amended at any meeting by a majority vote of the attending membership.

1. Dues

Dues of \$20 a person shall be paid annually, due in December each year. Dues may be prorated for new members joining during the year at \$2 a month for each month remaining in the fiscal year. Non-renewed members will be dropped from the membership list on February 1.

2. Membership

- a. Regular membership - Each member shall pay annual dues.
- b. Honorary membership - A member granted Honorary membership will become a Lifetime member with no dues. A member is qualified to be awarded an Honorary membership if he/she is over the age of 75 and has been an active member for at least 15 consecutive years.
- c. Active member - A member who attends meetings regularly and participates in society activities.
- d. Prospective member - An interested person may attend two meetings as a visitor before being required to join.

3. Newsletter

The guild newsletter Roseground is published six times a year and is distributed mainly by email.

4. Library

PLS has a library of books, publications and bobbin lace starter kits. Any active member can check out a book or publication for two months. The starter kits can be loaned with a deposit of thirty dollars (\$30). The deposit will be refunded upon return of the kit. A kit consists of a bobbin lace pillow and 24 bobbins.

5. Meetings

PLS shall meet on the first Thursday each month from 10am until 12pm at Sellwood Community Center.

6. Lace Day

PLS shall have a Lace Day in early October at a location to be chosen each year.