

Policies in Relation to Chapter and Affiliated Societies

Guidelines for Chapter and Affiliated Societies

- Minimum of ten (10) members in a local society or group
- Minimum of four meetings per year
- Local group must follow American Rose Society rules and regulations and not jeopardize the ARS tax status
- Membership must be open to all to join.
- Societies must have democratic elections of officers and directors.
- Chapters and affiliates have one year to come into compliance with the above rules. (Exceptions to the above guidelines must be approved by the ARS Board of Directors or tax counsel, whichever would be appropriate.)

What is a chapter society?

Any rose society may hold a Chapter Membership in the American Rose Society upon payment of the status dues, provided that at least one member of each family or household represented in the society is a full ARS member. Chapter Society dues: \$35 a year after January 1, 2008.

What is an Affiliated Society?

Any rose society not eligible for a Chapter membership, upon payment of the status dues, may become an Affiliated Society. Many members of these local societies are ARS members, but not all of them. The majority of local rose societies enjoy affiliate status. Affiliated Society dues: \$70 a year after January 1, 2008.

- A Chapter or Affiliate in Good Standing is one in which all dues are current and the ARS policies are not violated. Regulations in addition to those listed above are stipulated in later sections dealing with specific areas of interest, e.g. rose show rules and regulations.
- The American Rose Society is chartered as a Non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Louisiana.
- The American Rose Society is operated exclusively for educational purposes with the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Local societies shall not engage in activities which would invalidate or threaten to invalidate the ARS status as an exempt organization under the above-state IRS Code.