

ARIZONA CHAPTER OF IKENOBO IKEBANA SOCIETY

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE 1

The name of the organization shall be “Arizona Chapter of Ikenobo Ikebana Society.”

(See Article 22 for the organization’s official address.)

ARTICLE 2

Membership in the organization shall be open to all persons who are studying Ikenobo Ikebana.

ARTICLE 3

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote and develop the spirit of the traditional and modern Japanese art of flower arranging, following the essence of the art of flower arranging developed by Ikenobo Headmasters. As part of this, the society shall endeavor to contribute to the promotion of cultural exchange between all media of Japanese art and groups with a like artistic spirit and motivation.

ARTICLE 4

The organization shall manage all affairs pertaining to the art of flower arranging in concert with the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America, Headquarters in San Francisco, California.

ARTICLE 5

Activities of the organization shall be:

1. To guide and promote the Ikenobo style of floral art.
2. To sponsor and participate in floral exhibitions.
3. To engage in communication and correspondence with the Ikenobo Floral Art Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan, through the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America, Headquarters in San Francisco, California.
4. To apply for student certificates. The appropriate form shall be sent by the Chapter directly to the Ikenobo Floral Art Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan.
5. To receive instructions from the visiting instructor stationed at the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America, Headquarters in San Francisco, California.
6. To administer qualifying examinations to the members who have applied for their certificates.
7. To engage in other activities consistent with the attainment of Chapter goals.

ARTICLE 6

There will be two classes of membership:

1. Regular Membership – shall be open to all persons studying Ikenobo Ikebana.
2. Instructor Membership – shall be open to members who have completed the minimum certificate of Instructor of Ikebana, 3rd grade, and are actively teaching Ikenobo Ikebana.

ARTICLE 7

Membership fees are as follows:

1. Regular membership fees are \$45.00 per year. The chapter will retain \$15.00 and remit \$30.00 to the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America, Headquarters in San Francisco, California. Fees are due annually at the end of March and are subject to change as warranted.
2. Instructor membership fees are \$60.00. The Chapter will retain \$15.00 and remit \$45.00 to the Ikenobo Ikebana Society America, Headquarters in San Francisco, California. Fees are due annually by the end of March and are subject to change as warranted.
3. Membership fees may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 8

Officers shall hold their office for a two-year term. However, any officer may be re-elected. The number and title of officers shall be:

1. President-----One
2. Vice President-----One
3. Treasurer-----One
4. Secretary-----One
5. Advisor-----One
6. Examination Committee Members –Less than seven
(Must hold at least 9th diploma)
7. Other officers may be elected when necessary

ARTICLE 9

Chapter officials, in principle, shall be elected at a general meeting with two-thirds majority of the members present at said meeting. Report on elections shall be made immediately to the Ikenobo Ikebana Society America, Headquarters in San Francisco, California.

ARTICLE 10

Duties of the officers are as follows:

1. President shall be representative of the organization and perform all duties incidental to the office.
2. Vice President shall assist the President and perform all duties of the President in his/her absence.
3. Treasurer shall handle all financial affairs of the Chapter and make reports at the Officers' Meetings and the Chapter's General Meetings, and present the annual financial report to the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America, Headquarters in San Francisco.
4. Examination Committee Members shall engage in offering qualifying examinations to the members who have applied for their certificates.
5. Duties of the other officers shall be determined in Conformity with Chapter necessity.

ARTICLE 11

The following are the types of meetings to be held as needed: Officers' Meeting, General Meeting and Examination Committee Meeting.

ARTICLE 12

All meetings shall be called by the President. Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the President when he/she deems it necessary.

ARTICLE 13

Examination Committee Meetings will be held, if possible, when an application for a certificate of the rank "Instructor of Ikebana, 3rd grade," or above, is received. The application shall be submitted to the Ikenobo Floral Art Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan, by the Chapter President, after having been signed, when possible, by the representative of the Examination Committee and the Chapter President.

Applications for certificates of the rank Instructor through Teacher's Assistant shall be submitted by the student's instructor and sent through the Chapter to the Ikenobo Floral Art Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan, by the approving Chapter President.

ARTICLE 14

Officers' Meetings shall decide on the following matters:

1. Amendments of the bylaws (Headquarters' approval is necessary).
2. Nomination and election of officers.
3. Planning of Chapter activities, formulation of the Chapter budget, and settlement of accounts.
4. Other important matters affecting the Chapter.

ARTICLE 15

The Chapter may have an undetermined number of Advisors who have a deep interest in the welfare of the Chapter. They shall be appointed by the Chapter President. An Advisor has the right to express opinions, but has no voting rights.

ARTICLE 16

Chapter financing shall depend on membership fees, assistance from the Ikenobo Floral Art Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan, and various donations.

ARTICLE 17

The Chapter's fiscal year shall begin on May 1st and end on April 30th. A copy of the financial report shall be sent to the San Francisco General Office within thirty days after the close of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 18

The conduct of members shall follow the Ikenobo goals of harmony and beauty. Any member acting in a manner contrary or disruptive to the purpose shall be subject to dismissal from the membership. In this case, a decision on dismissal shall be made at a meeting of the Chapter's officers. Final approval of dismissal must be made through the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America, Headquarters in San Francisco, California, and by the Ikenobo Floral Art Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan.

ARTICLE 19

Receipt of Professional Grades:

1. To qualify for Ikenobo certificates, one must study under an Ikenobo instructor who possesses a rank of "Instructor of Ikebana 3rd grade" or above.
2. To receive a certificate, one must satisfy certain lessons.
3. As a requirement for a certificate, one must attend the workshop given by the visiting instructor from the Ikenobo Floral Art Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan.
4. After attaining the rank of "Instructor of Ikebana 3rd grade" or above, it is advisable to continue study under one's teacher and to attend workshops presented by the visiting instructors from the Ikenobo Floral Art Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan. This is a principle encouraged by the philosophy of Ikenobo Ikebana.

ARTICLE 20

Any matter not stipulated in these rules shall be decided at a meeting of the Chapter's officers and must be sent for approval to the Ikenobo Floral Art Headquarters in Kyoto, Japan, through the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America, Headquarters in San Francisco, California.

ARTICLE 21

The Ikenobo Ikebana Society of America, Headquarters in San Francisco, California, shall be notified immediately in the event of Chapter termination or any other matter of importance to Ikenobo welfare.

ARTICLE 22

The address for the Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Arizona shall be:

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Fountain Hills, AZ 85268