

BY-LAWS OF THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CHAPTER

OF THE

NEW MEXICO VINE & WINE SOCIETY

I. Name

- A. This is the Middle Rio Grande Chapter of the New Mexico Vine and Wine Society

II. Membership

- A. Members residing near Bernalillo, NM on the North to near Socorro on the South constitute the area from which MRG members are drawn.
- B. This Chapter is formed in accordance with Section 3 of Article III of the By-Laws of the New Mexico Vine and Wine Society.

III. Meetings

- A. Meetings are held on alternate months. On alternate months Circles may conduct technical meetings are where lectures, demonstrations, movies, dinners or tastings are presented.

IV. Officers.

- A. The officers of the Chapter will be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
- B. An Executive Committee shall be the officers, the past President and three members appointed by the President, after consultation with the other officers.

V. Officer Duties.

A. President.

1. The president is the chief executive officer of the Chapter and shall exercise overall responsibility of the Chapter.
2. The President presides over the Executive Committee meetings and at Chapter meetings
3. The President appoints members to committees.
4. The president is de facto member of all committees.

5. The President is de facto a member of the New Mexico Vine and Wine Society Board of Directors.

B. Vice President.

The Vice President performs the duties and responsibilities of the President when the President is absent or is otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office of President.

C. Secretary.

The Secretary conducts the correspondence of the Chapter, issues meeting notices, keeps minutes of Chapter and Executive Committee meetings and maintains the Chapter records.

D. Treasurer.

1. The Treasurer is the custodian of the chapter funds, deposits funds and issues checks for obligations incurred by the chapter.

2. The Treasurer receives funds from the Society and from income generated from various Chapter activities. (The Chapter receives 50% of the dues collected by the Society from Chapter members and this is the principal source of Chapter funds).

3. The Treasurer is the custodian of all Chapter property.

E. Executive Committee.

1. The affairs of the Chapter are managed by the Executive Committee, chief of which is the planning of the Chapter's activities for the year.

2. Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the call of the President.

VI. Terms of Office and Elections

A. Officers and Executive Committee Members will serve one year terms. There is no limit on the number of terms an Officer or Executive Committee member may serve.

B. Elections will be held at the August meeting and Executive Committee members will be appointed at the first regular meeting after the election.

C. Terms of office for officers will begin at the October meeting. Executive Committee member's terms will begin on the date of their appointment

VII. Activities.

A. Winter/Spring Banquet.

A winter Gala is the highlight of chapter activities. It is usually held in late winter or early spring, at a suitable location where no corkage fees are charged and food of high quality is served

B. Summer /Fall Picnic.

The chapter holds an annual picnic each summer/fall at various locations; all members are invited to attend. The chapter provides one or more entree.

Members bring other food items. Members are encouraged to bring wines of their own production and/or a favorite commercial wine.

C. Special Interest meetings.

The Chapter has three "Circles" where members may engage in activities of interest. These Circles are: (1) Grape growing, (2) Wine making and (3) Wine appreciation.

Members may affiliate with any or all of the circles in addition to participating in regular chapter activities. Financial support may be available from chapter funds to further the success of the circles' activities. Circles are encouraged to pool their efforts in such ventures as joint crush, community winemaking and bulk purchase of wine grapes, etc. Chapter owned equipment is available to the Circles when needed to conduct their activities.

VIII. Activities in support of the Society's Work.

A. Members are expected to actively support the projects of the State Society. These activities include: (1) State Fair Wine Competition, (2) Planning and conducting the Annual Conference and (3) volunteering at the New Mexico Wine Festival at Bernalillo.

B. Supporting the Society's efforts to secure and maintain funding for the NMSU Viticulture and Enology program and related activities of the University.

C. Participating in various workshops, seminars and field days conducted by the State Viticulturist or others.