

BYLAWS
NORTH WAKE CHAPTER - AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY

ARTICLE I
NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The name of the organization is **NORTH WAKE CHAPTER, AMERICAN WINE SOCIETY**, hereinafter referred to as “North Wake Chapter.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of the North Wake Chapter is to foster wine education and to promote the appreciation and responsible enjoyment of wine.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Membership in the North Wake Chapter shall be open to all members of the American Wine Society who are genuinely interested in supporting the purpose of the North Wake Chapter and are members of record through designation on American Wine Society membership signup.

Section 2. Member Voting Rights. Each member of record shall be entitled to personally vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

- A. Individual American Wine Society membership: entitled to one vote.
- B. Couple American Wine Society membership: each person entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS

Section 1. Designation. The principal officers of the North Wake Chapter shall be the Chair or Co-Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, and Webmaster. Together with the Immediate Past Chair and/or Co-Chairs, these officers shall comprise the Chapter Board. If the Immediate Past Chair or Co-Chair is unable to serve, the Board will operate with one less member during that term of office. No two offices may be held by the same person.

Section 2. Officer Voting Rights. Each Board position, whether filled by an individual or a couple, shall have a single vote in all matters brought before the Board.

Section 3. Chair. The Chair or Co-Chairs shall have charge of all North Wake Chapter activities. They shall preside at meetings of the membership, promote chapter membership, appoint committees as needed, coordinate chapter events, and see that chapter activities are reported to the American Wine Society Executive Director for potential national publication.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall perform the duties and functions customarily performed by the secretary of an organization, including recording minutes of North Wake Chapter business meetings, keeping attendance of North Wake Chapter events, and maintaining the North Wake Chapter membership roster. In the absence or disability of the Chair or Co-Chairs, the Secretary shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chair.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds, shall keep full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the North Wake Chapter, and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of and to the credit of the North Wake Chapter in such depositories as may be designated by the officers. They shall disburse the funds of the North Wake Chapter as necessary to achieve its purpose, or as may be ordered by the officers, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements. The Treasurer shall make a financial report to the North Wake Chapter membership at least once each quarter.

Section 6. Public Relations Officer. The Public Relations officer shall ensure chapter activities are posted on social media to include pictures and a synopsis of chapter events. They shall provide chapter news and photographs to the American Wine Society newsletter on a recurring basis.

Section 7. Webmaster. The Webmaster shall maintain the North Wake Chapter website and/or maintain a presence on any other social media platform.

ARTICLE V BUSINESS MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Frequency of Business Meetings. Business Meetings shall be held once per year at suitable places as may be designated by the North Wake Chapter officers.

Section 2. Notice of Business Meetings. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to send a notice of each meeting, stating the purpose of the meeting as well as the time and place where it is to be held, to each member of record no less than one week prior to such meeting.

Section 3. Quorum. The members of record in attendance at any Business Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Matters Subject to Vote. The Board may bring for a vote before the membership any matter related to the business of the Chapter. Any member may also propose to the Board in writing any matter about which it is desired to obtain consideration of the Board for a vote of the membership.

Section 5. Voting. At every Business Meeting of the membership, each member of record present shall have the right to vote in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 2 on each question. The vote of the majority of those present shall decide any question brought before such meeting.

Section 6. Office Vacancies. At any regularly scheduled or special meeting of the membership duly called, any elected officer may be removed with cause by a vote of the majority of the membership in attendance. A successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. Such will also be the case for any office vacated by resignation or inability to continue to serve.

ARTICLE VI MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Chapter Events. For each Chapter Event of the North Wake Chapter, an assessment shall be made to each attendee based upon the nature of the event, and shall be due within 10 days following that Chapter Event. If a member cancels within 48 hours of the event, they will still be assessed. For certain Chapter Events, the Board may require payment in advance.

Section 2. Guests. Anyone eligible for membership in the American Wine Society may attend up to three Chapter Events of the North Wake Chapter. After that, they must officially join the American Wine Society in order to continue participation in such events.

Section 3. Event Facilitating. Volunteer facilitators (presenters) shall organize the Chapter Event programs, including procuring wines, preparing educational materials, and leading the events.

Section 4. Event Format. At least half of the Chapter Events each year shall be organized to score wines using the American Wine Society scoring system.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Balloting. These Bylaws and the provisions herein may be altered, amended, or repealed (“changed”) by a majority of those members voting in a ballot of the entire membership in which at least 20% of the eligible votes are cast. If less than 20% of the total active membership of the North Wake Chapter responds to a ballot, this shall be considered a technical defeat of the amendment.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER

Section 1. Distribution of Assets. Upon dissolution of the North Wake Chapter, none of its assets shall be distributed to any officer or member, but shall be disposed of in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Service and provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code then in force.