

# **St. Louis Chapter**

## **Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes**

### **ByLaws**

#### **I. Purpose**

The St. Louis Chapter is organized as a local chapter of Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes. Our purpose is to promote the use and enjoyment of native plants in landscaping throughout the greater St. Louis area. As a chapter of the national organization, the rules which follow are under no circumstances intended to conflict with or undermine the national Bylaws. Instead they are considered an integral part of the national Bylaws to provide additional support and direction as required by specific Chapter requirements.

#### **II. Contact**

Contact the St. Louis Chapter via our website: [www.stlwildones.org](http://www.stlwildones.org).

#### **III. Membership**

Membership is open to any dues-paying member of the national organization. Only dues-paying members are permitted to vote. Officers and standing committee heads must be dues-paying members.

In addition, anyone is welcome to attend meetings and join the Chapter's [non-member email list](#). Email lists are not shared with any other organizations and are used solely to communicate Wild Ones announcements.

#### **IV. Membership Meetings**

Meetings are usually held the first Wednesday evening of the month. No meetings are held in December and January. Dates, times and locations of meetings are published on the [Chapter's website](#) and sent to its email lists.

## V. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

- The **President** is in charge of all Chapter affairs; he or she presides over meetings and appoints someone to preside in his or her absence. He or she organizes and schedules the location of meetings.
- The **Vice-President** assists the president and handles other duties that may be assigned by the Board.
- The **Secretary** records minutes of the Board and Membership meetings.
- The **Treasurer** keeps the Chapter's books and is responsible for the receipt and disbursement of all funds as approved by the Board.
- Four (4) **Members at Large**.

The Board shall meet at least quarterly. A simple majority of the Board shall be required for approving all voting actions. Votes may be held by email between Board meetings.

Any Director may resign at any time upon written notice to the Board of Directors.

Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

## VI. Nominating Committee

In June of odd-numbered years, the Board shall appoint a nominating committee to develop a slate of officers. The committee will present the slate at the October meeting. Members will vote for officers at the November meeting. The committee shall consist of at least three members representing a cross-section of the membership. In even-numbered years a confirmation vote shall be held at the November meeting in order to satisfy requirements of the national Board.

## VII. Accounting

The accounting records are available for inspection by any dues-paying member.

## VIII. Grants for Projects

The Chapter may support local activities consistent with its purpose with financial or in-kind assistance. A request for project support shall be made to the Board using the form and instructions on the Chapter website: [www.stlwildones.org](http://www.stlwildones.org). The Board shall act on the request at its next regular meeting or by email.

## **IX. Amendment**

These Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority of the Board of Directors at a regular Board meeting.

These Bylaws have been amended the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.