

**BY-LAWS**  
of the  
**MICHIGAN DEPRESSION GLASS SOCIETY**  
(Revised March 2019)

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name/Purpose**

- Section 1.** The name of this organization is the Michigan Depression Glass Society.
- Section 2.** The purpose of this organization is to broaden the knowledge of the its members, to aid in the preservation of Depression and Depression Era Glassware in the United States and to encourage and assist new collectors.
- Section 3.** The fiscal year is from February 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to January 31<sup>st</sup> of the Following year.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Membership**

- Section 1.** The membership of this organization shall be open to anyone. Membership shall be divided into four (4) classes – Regular, Senior (60 years of age and older), Lifetime and Honorary.
- Section 2.** Application for membership shall be passed on by the Board of Directors. The application must be in writing.
- Section 3.** Two (2) separate complaints on unethical practices of a member shall necessitate a warning from the Board of Directors. Any additional complaint will receive a full review by the Board with a possible suspension of membership.
- Section 4.** Any member may withdraw from the organization at any time. Withdrawing members shall have no further rights or privilege of membership. They will not be entitled to a refund of any portion of their dues.
- Section 5.** Honorary membership shall be held by those persons selected by the Board of Directors for their outstanding service to the club. Honorary members shall pay no dues.
- Section 6.** All past presidents shall be afforded Life Membership upon completion

of their term of duty. Life membership entitles Life members to all the rights and privileges of a Regular member, but waives further payment of dues.

### ARTICLE III

#### Dues

- Section 1. The annual dues of this organization shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. Membership dues are payable and must be received by the last day in February to retain membership.
- Section 3. Members who have lost their membership privileges due to non-payment of dues may be reinstated by paying dues during the next open membership period as defined in Sections 2 and 4.
- Section 4. Membership applications and dues will be accepted at the annual MDGS Show in November for the following calendar year.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Meetings

- Section 1. Unless otherwise specified, there will be ten (10) monthly meetings of this organization. The time and place will be determined by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. The regular meeting in February will be the Annual Meeting.
- Section 3. Visitors may attend any meeting as a guest.

### ARTICLE V

#### Elections

- Section 1. The Annual election shall be held in February. Installation of officers shall take place immediately following the election.
- Section 2. Members in good standing are eligible to vote and run for office.
- Section 3. The Board will solicit candidates for club officers.
- Section 4. The slate of nominees proposed by the Board will be published in the

newsletter prior to the election.

Section 5. After the nominees of said Board have been placed before the membership at the election meeting by the presiding officer, additional nominations will be taken from the floor. Prior consent in writing is necessary before a member who is absent can be nominated from the floor.

Section 6. All elections shall be secret ballot, except in cases where there is only one candidate for each office.

Section 7. The President shall appoint tellers to act as a committee on elections, after the nominations are closed. The tellers will conduct the election, count the ballots, and report the results immediately to the presiding officer, who will report the results to the membership.

## ARTICLE VI

### Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of this organization shall be the President, two (2) Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Directors-at-Large.

Section 2. The terms of office shall be for one (1) year, except the Directors-at-Large, who shall serve for a term of three (3) years, staggered so that one is elected each successive year.

Section 3. Upon resignation of any director, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term.

Section 4. Each director, at the expiration of his term of office, shall deliver to his successor all books, records, papers, monies, or other property of the organization in his possession. He shall not be relieved of his obligation until this requirement has been completed.

Section 5. Consenting past Presidents of the Board of Directors automatically shall become "Honorary Directors-at-Large." Directors so designated shall be able to attend and participate in all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors in the conduct of on-going and new business matters before the Board. They will also be endowed with full voting powers, be announced in conjunction with the annual election of officers, and will serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Section 6. In addition to the elected officials, the President shall appoint Committee Chairs

such as Librarian, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, and such others as required to insure the efficient operation of the organization.

## ARTICLE VII Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all Regular, Special and Executive meetings of this Organization, appoint the chairman of standing and special committees (with the exception of the nominating committee), and perform such other duties as are incumbent on the office. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 2. The Vice Presidents shall be as aides to the President, and shall coordinate the activities of the organization in their designated areas of responsibility. The first Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall perform all duties of the President.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings – Regular, Special and Executive; keep a roster of all members of the organization; and shall discharge such duties as are incumbent upon this office.

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the organization, except as otherwise provided.

Section 5. The Club and Show Treasurers shall be the custodians of all funds, and shall maintain a true, accurate, and complete account of all receipts and disbursements, all of which shall be available at any time for the inspection of the Board of Directors. Funds shall be disbursed only for properly approved expenses. All funds received by the Treasurer shall be deposited in the Depository Bank within seven (7) days of receiving such funds. A monthly financial statement shall be presented at the Board of Directors Meeting. A full annual report shall also be prepared and submitted to the Board of Directors and shall be made available for review by the membership.

Section 6. The Directors-at-Large shall report to the Board of Directors, the progress and recommendations of their various areas of responsibility.

## ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors consisting of the elected officers and Honorary Directors-at-Large, shall have general management over the affairs, funds,

and records of the organization, and shall take all measures necessary for the interest of the organization inconsistent with the By-Laws.

Section 2. The majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum. The requirement for the presence of a quorum may be satisfied through a combination of elected Directors and appointed Directors-at-Large. However, in no case there be less than five (5).

Section 3. The Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as a Director. They may be reimbursed for necessary and just expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, as authorized by the Board.

Section 4. (a) The Directors shall have the following specific powers and duties to act upon all applications for membership, fill vacancies in the Board of Directors as they occur, order an audit of the books at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual meeting. In cases where a Director is absent, an officer may act as a substitute. Final decisions on matters concerning new business or ongoing activities shall be expressed in terms of resolutions and approved by the majority of the Board.

(b) Right of appeal – Decisions of the Board referred to above may be Appealed. At any Regular or Special meeting provided that:

- (1) The number present at each meeting shall be at least one-third (1/3) of the entire membership.
- (2) Two-thirds (2/3) of those present vote in support of the appeal. The affect of such duly supported appeal will be immediate suspension of the challenged decision until the next regular meeting of the membership when at such time an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of those present will be required to sustain the appeal and reverse the challenged decision. Failure to achieve an affirmative vote will automatically terminate the suspension. Notice of all appeal raised by the membership must be communicated in writing by means of the newsletter.

Section 5. The President shall have the power to prescribe the duties of all subordinate officers where such duties are not inconsistent with the By-Laws.

Section 6. In the event that any member of the Board of Directors cannot perform or fails to attend three (3) meetings without permission, he shall be subject to replacement.

ARTICLE IX  
Committees

Section 1. The President may make appointments to such committees as deemed necessary or proper for the conduct of the affairs of the organization.

ARTICLE X  
Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting provided that:

1. The number present is equal to at least one-third (1/3) of entire membership.
2. The proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the membership with recommendations of the Board of Directors.
3. Notice of the meeting to consider such amendment to the membership in the newsletter and shall specify the provisions of the amendment to be considered.

Section 2. All amendments to these By-Laws shall be effective immediately.

ARTICLE XI  
Rules of Order

The rules contained in the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised” shall govern this Society to all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.