

**BY-LAWS (RULES)
THE CAROLINAS BRANCH – RSCDS**

I. MEMBERSHIP

1. All applicants for membership in The Local Association shall complete an application approved by the Committee of Management and all applications shall Be submitted to the Treasurer.
2. All members of The Local Association shall pay annual dues at the rate determined by the Committee of Management. Dues must be received by September 30 of each year. The fiscal year shall be from May 1 to April 30.

II. MEMBERS MEETINGS

1. (a) Meetings shall be presided over by the Chairman or, in his/her absence, a Chairman shall be appointed from among those members present.
(b) The order of business shall be:
 1. Call the meeting to order
 2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting
 3. Secretary's Report
 4. Treasurer's Report
 5. Appointment of Office-Bearers and Committee
 6. Motions
 7. Old business
 8. New business
2. All members shall be entitled to one vote, in person on any matters coming before Meetings provided a quorum is present. All voting requires a simple majority, except that amendments of the constitution or by-Laws (Rules) shall require a two-thirds vote. At elections of officers bearers, the voting shall be by ballot. The treasurer shall maintain a record of which members have paid their current dues.

III. COMPENSATION

The officers shall serve without compensation.

IV. ELECTIONS

- 1 . The Nominating Committee Chairman shall be appointed by the Committee of Management by January 1 prior to the AGM.
2. The Nominating Committee chairman shall select two (2) committee members from the Local Association members.
3. Duties of the committee shall be to provide a slate of officers for the upcoming elections.
4. Ballots of the slate of candidates for office will be mailed to all members on February 20th and must be returned to Nominating Committee Chairman with postmark of no later than March 31st. Ballots will be counted at the AGM by the Nominating Committee.

V. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS (RULES)

The Constitution or By-Laws of the local Association may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members at the AGM . Or special meeting called for this purpose and at which a quorum is present. Amendments must be proposed in writing to the Committee of Management and presented, in writing to the General membership, by mail or e-mail, at least 2 weeks prior to voting at the AGM, special meeting called for said purpose, or vote by e-mail within said 2 weeks.