

# **The Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc.**

## **By-Laws**

### Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc. hereafter referenced as “the Chapter”.

### Article II – Purpose

The Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The purpose is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of Broward County native plant communities and to promote local native plants for commercial and residential uses.

### Article III – Membership

#### 1. Qualification for membership

Any person, family, or organization interested in native plants and supporting the goals of the society may become a member.

#### 2. Dues

Dues shall be set by the officers of the Florida Native Plant Society and collected on an annual basis from the date of initial membership.

#### 3. Right to Vote

Each member shall be entitled to one vote on any question requiring a vote by the membership

#### 4. Powers of the Membership

At the annual meeting the membership shall elect chapter officers.

### Article IV – Officers

There shall be six officers of the Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board-of-Directors (as adopted by the membership on May 14, 1992).

#### 1. Duties of the President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and the executive committee, shall appoint appropriate committees, and shall serve ex-officio on all committees.

#### 2. Duties of the Vice-President

The Vice President shall assist the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall have such powers and discharge such duties as they may be assigned from time to time by the President.

### 3. Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary is the official recording officer of the Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and custodian of all chapter records except financial records. The Secretary is responsible for correspondence, providing notice of meetings to members, keeping accurate minutes of the meetings, and reporting the minutes of the previous meeting to Chapter members. The Chapter Secretary shall also send reports and documents to representative(s) of the Florida Native Plant Society at times deemed necessary by Chapter Officers or required by agreements with the Florida Native Plant Society.

### 4. Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep and maintain correct accounts of all financial transactions, provide financial reports at meetings, deposit all monies to the credit of the Chapter, and disburse funds of the Chapter as directed by the President and Executive Committee.

### 5. Board of Directors

In addition to the four Officers above, there shall be two Directors who will assist the President and the Officers of the Chapter.

### 6. The Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the officers for the purpose of determining policy. The Executive Committee meets monthly or at such times as the President may see fit.

### 7. Vacancies

Vacancies on the Executive Committee may be filled by the President with the approval of the remaining Chapter Officers. Any person so appointed shall serve until the next annual meeting.

### 8. Records

Each officer shall upon the expiration of his / her term of office and upon the election of a successor, deliver to the successor the records of his / her past office.

## Article V – Committees

### 1. Standing and Temporary Committees

The president shall create such standing and temporary committees as may be deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the chapter.

## Article VI – Meetings

### 1. Frequency of Meetings

Meetings of the membership shall be held each month, September through June, of each year.

### 2. Meeting Frequency

Meetings shall be held at least nine times per year

### 3. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting, at which time new officers are elected, shall be the June meeting of the membership.

## Article VII – Chapter Symbol

The official Chapter Symbol shall be the Coontie *Zamia Integrifolia*

## Article VIII – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership at any monthly meeting. Amendments must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee at least ten days in advance of the meeting at which they are to be considered.

## Article IX – Organization

The Chapter is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## Article X – Earnings

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Chapter shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the Chapter shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. We shall not issue any stock.

## Article XI – Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

These By-Laws have been approved and accepted to be revised by the membership of the Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

Dated this 14th day of September, 2011.