

## **TEXAS CARNIVAL GLASS CLUB CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS**

The Texas Carnival Glass Club was created in 1979 for the purpose of providing an organization dedicated to collecting and appreciating Carnival Glass, educating and enlightening its members about the historical and current significance of Carnival Glass, encouraging a fraternal environment conducive to the open exchange of ideas, sharing discoveries, and general enjoyment of collecting Carnival Glass. Therefore, the Texas Carnival Glass Club members do hereby adopt and establish this constitution and by-laws under which we shall abide.

### ***CONSTITUTION***

#### **ARTICLE I: NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The name of the organization shall be the Texas Carnival Glass Club.

#### **ARTICLE II: EMBLEM**

The emblem of the organization shall be the Ranger tumbler.

#### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the Texas Carnival Glass Club shall be open to all persons. There shall be three classes of membership: Life Member (no annual dues), Honorary Member (no annual dues), and Regular Member (annual dues), each with full membership privileges.

Life membership will be extended to individuals who have exhibited support and service to the club above and beyond the normal expectation. Honorary membership will be given to individuals recognized for special contributions and will last for a specific duration of time. Regular membership will consist of dues to be established by the executive board which shall establish the guidelines for permanent or temporary eligibility for each non-regular membership class and shall submit the names of candidates to the general voting membership.

The general club membership shall be given the opportunity to approve or reject all nominations for Life or Honorary membership.

#### **ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION**

The club shall be directed by the following elected officers who shall be composed of the executive board: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President. The president shall have the authority to appoint special committees as needed to accommodate club activities or objectives. All issues, proposals, nominations, or other club business which shall require membership approval shall be by a simple majority vote, given by a show of hands, by the members present.

#### **ARTICLE V: HEADQUARTERS**

The headquarters of the Texas Carnival Glass Club shall be in the city where the treasurer resides.

#### **ARTICLE VI: NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

The Texas Carnival Glass Club shall be a non-profit organization.

#### **ARTICLE VII: DUES**

Individuals may be admitted to the Texas Carnival Glass Club upon written application for membership and the payment of dues as proposed by the executive board and approved by the membership. The voting power of each member of the club shall be equal. The dues shall be established and set as deemed necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Texas Carnival Glass Club and will be due annually in February, per family, per single residence. Dues will be for one year. Foreign membership dues amount will be adjusted to meet the additional mailing expenses.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS**

Meetings will be held at locations as recommended by the president and deemed suitable by the general membership.

Periodic meetings will be held between conventions. Meeting dates will be agreed upon by the general membership at the business meeting held at the convention.

#### **ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDURE**

The parliamentary guide for the club shall be *Robert's Rules of Order*, revised edition.

#### **BY-LAWS**

#### **ARTICLE I: OFFICERS**

##### Section 1

The business of the Texas Carnival Glass Club shall be directed by an executive board, composed of current officers and the Past President, all of whom shall be members of the Texas Carnival Glass Club.

##### Section 2

The principal officers of the Texas Carnival Glass Club will be known as the executive board and shall consist of the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President.

##### Section 3

The President, Vice-president, Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected from the membership of the Texas Carnival Glass Club. The term of office shall be for two (2) years as determined by a majority of members at the convention business meeting in even-numbered years. Any vacancy will be appointed to serve to the end of the current two-year term.

##### Section 4

Candidates for the offices of President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the President. A majority of the Texas Carnival Glass Club members present at the convention business meeting in even-numbered years will elect from nominations made by the nominating committee or from nominations made from the membership in general.

##### Section 5

An editor may be selected with the concurrence of the membership for the purpose of printing and distributing the *RANGER*, the club newsletter. A research editor may also be selected with the concurrence of the membership for the purpose of providing educational direction and in preparing articles for publication in the *RANGER*.

#### **ARTICLE II: DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

##### Section 1

The duties of the President are to carry out the intention of the club as set forth in the constitution and by-laws, to preside at all meetings of the club, to arrange with the Vice-president, Secretary, and the Treasurer concerning dates and locations of all meetings of the club, and to act at all times for and in behalf of the membership of the club. The President is empowered to establish such committees deemed necessary and to designate the members of such committees.

##### Section 2

The duties of the Vice-president shall be to act as the president of the club when the President is absent, incapacitated, or for any reason unable to carry out the duties of the office, or when the office shall become vacant for any reason prior to the end of the two-year term, and to serve as co-chairman of the annual convention meeting.

##### Section 3

It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to record the minutes of the general membership meetings and, as requested, minutes of the executive board meetings. The Secretary shall carry out all necessary correspondence and keep a record of the affairs of the club.

##### Section 4

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of and disburse all funds of the club. All expenditures are to be for approved purposes of the club or in behalf of the welfare of the club. The Treasurer shall work with the President in

all matters pertaining to the finances of the club, shall make periodic reports to the membership of the financial standing of the club, and shall maintain a roster of the current membership. The Treasurer can request assistants (committee members) as needed to perform various registration duties at the annual convention of the club.

### **ARTICLE III: FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Texas Carnival Glass Club shall commence on February 1st and end on January 31st of the following year.

### **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Texas Carnival Glass Club shall be held as designated by the executive board in concurrence with the membership and announced at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting date.

### **ARTICLE V: VOTING**

All voting shall be done in person by a showing of the raised hand. Action will carry by a simple majority of the members hearing the issues at hand and present at the quarterly meeting. Those members present shall constitute a quorum of the total membership.

### **ARTICLE VI: PUBLICATIONS**

The publications of the Texas Carnival Glass Club shall be the club newsletter, the *RANGER*, and the TCGC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY. Members who wish to receive the club newsletter *RANGER* shall be required to pay an additional fee as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. The *RANGER* shall be published at least thirty (30) days in advance of each meeting date. The TCGC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY shall be published every two years or at the discretion of the executive board.

### **ARTICLE VII: DUES**

Members shall be required to pay dues in such amounts as deemed necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Texas Carnival Glass Club.

### **ARTICLE VIII: CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS**

The constitution may be amended as needed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at the annual convention business meeting. The constitution may not be changed at any other time. Any intended changes in the constitution will be announced at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting date and will be published in the *RANGER*.

### **ARTICLE IX: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

No two members of the same family can serve as president and treasurer during the same term of office.

### **ARTICLE X: BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS**

Any necessary by-laws of the club, which are not contrary to the constitution, may be added or amended by a majority vote of the membership at any club meeting.

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