

Viticulture Association of the Santa Cruz Mountains

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The Viticulture Association of the Santa Cruz Mountains is dedicated to the advancement of wine production in the Santa Cruz Mountains and promotion of the area as a premier wine producing region in the state of California. The organization shall provide for its members:

- a forum for discussing the latest innovations and techniques related to grape and wine production,
- interchange and discussion of common problems and experiences,
- fellowship and social contact with individuals sharing a love for viticulture and wine production,
- training and instructions in viticulture activities, such as planting, pruning, trellising, fungicide and pest prevention and treatment, and other activities contributing to the production of high quality grapes for wine production,
- provide assistance to producers for sourcing and brokering grapes,
- disseminate news and information on seminars, programs, and meetings of interest to winegrowers.

ByLaws

Article I Meetings

Meetings will be held at a time and place determined by the President in conjunction with the Program Committee.

Officers

The officers shall be a President, Vice President, secretary, and treasurer. Elections will be held at the first regular meeting convened each calendar year, and officers will serve for one year.

President - The President shall represent the organization and preside at all meetings. He shall be ex officio member of all standing committees and shall have the general power and duties of management usually vested in the office of president.

Vice President - In the absence or disability of the president, the vice president shall perform all the duties of president, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to, all the restrictions upon, the President. The Vice President shall have such other powers and perform such duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the members.

Secretary - The secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, a record of association meetings, including the time, place, host(s), and any association business that may be conducted.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall keep and maintain financial records of the association and conducting such transactions as may be directed by the President or association members during a regularly scheduled or special meeting. The treasurer shall deposit all monies and other valuables in the name of the association and disburse funds as may be ordered by the President. The Treasurer shall provide a current record and status of all financial accounts at regularly scheduled meetings or whenever directed by the President. Standing Committees
Membership in standing committees shall consist of volunteers from the association and will be reconstituted at the first regularly scheduled meeting in each calendar year. Members may be added or removed at any time at the discretion of the President with the consent and approval of a majority of the association officers.

Membership and Mailing Committee - The Membership and Mailing Committee shall be responsible for maintaining a current list of all association members. Members shall consist of individuals who have paid association dues, the amount of which will be determined by the committee. The committee shall also be responsible for mailing meeting announcements and any other materials to members as directed by the President.

Program Committee - The Program Committee shall be responsible for scheduling and planning regular meetings of the association. The committee will be responsible for arranging the meeting location, time, and program(s).

Membership

Membership and Dues - Membership shall be open to those sharing an interest in viticulture in the Santa Cruz Mountains and who pay annual dues established by the association officers and approved by the membership. Additional dues may be levied from time to time for special events and functions, as directed by the President and approved by the officers.