



BYLAWS

Article I – Name and Purpose

- A. The name of this organization will be the Lodi Amateur Vintners Association, referred to in these bylaws as LAVA.
- B. The purpose of LAVA is to encourage growth and knowledge of home winemaking by interchange of ideas, research and contact with experts in the field, to strive for high standards in winemaking, to attract new winemaking enthusiasts, and to promote the appreciation of fine wine.

Article II – Members

- A. Membership is open to any individual, domestic couple, or two family members residing at the same address who is/are interested in home winemaking and subscribes to the purposes of LAVA.
- B. Members have the privilege of attending meetings, voting and holding office. They will receive all meeting notices and a membership list upon payment of the established dues.
- C. Members are defined as those whose dues are current.

Article III – Meetings

- A. Regular meetings will be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Members will receive notice in advance of all meetings, and will be welcome to participate.
- B. The Board must approve all meetings or activities conducted in the name of LAVA and/or sponsored by LAVA.
- C. The quorum for meetings is 25% of the total membership and decisions are determined by majority vote.
- D. There shall be no proxy votes.

Article IV – Officers

- A. The officers of LAVA are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- B. Officers will be elected and installed at the November meeting of every even numbered year and serve for a term of two years.
- C. In the event of a vacancy in any office except President, the Board of Directors will fill the office by appointment.
- D. If the Board determines that any elected officer is not fulfilling the duties of the office, the Board may propose removal of that officer. Removal must be approved by a majority membership vote at the next general meeting.
- E. The President will be the chief administrative officer and spokesperson for LAVA. The President sets the agenda and presides at all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors.
- F. The Vice President will perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, and be responsible for organizing meeting programs. In case of the

President's resignation or removal from office, the Board will select an existing board member to fill the office of President for the remainder of the term of office. The Board will then appoint another LAVA member to fill the open board position created by filling the President's position.

- G. The Secretary will be responsible for the records and correspondence of LAVA and make them available for inspection by the membership.
- H. The Treasurer will be the chief financial officer of LAVA.

Article V – Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors consists of the 4 elected officers and the Chairmen of appointed committees.
- B. The Board will meet to conduct business, establish policies, plan and supervise the activities of LAVA.
- C. A majority of the Board constitutes a quorum.
- D. The Board will be responsive to the wishes of the membership.

Article VII – Finance and Dues

- A. The fiscal year of LAVA will be the calendar year. Dues are payable at the beginning of the year and delinquent on March 1. Dues will not be prorated.
- B. No admission fee for meetings is required.
- C. The Board will set fees for special events.
- D. Annual dues are recommended by the Board and acted on by the membership at the November meeting.
- E. Membership dues for additional family members shall be assessed at 50% of the regular dues.

Article VIII – Committees

- A. The Program Committee is chaired by the Vice President to direct the program and other activities of LAVA.
- B. The Membership Committee Chairman is appointed by the President and will be responsible for all membership activities.
- C. The Wine Competition Committee Chairman is appointed by the President and will be responsible for organizing wine competitions run by LAVA.
- D. Other committees may be established as required.

Article IX – Parliamentary Authority

- A. *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised* will govern all procedures not covered by these bylaws.

Article X – Amendments

- A. These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members present at any regular meeting of LAVA provided that the amendments have been submitted to the membership by mail ten days in advance of the next meeting.

Article XI – Dissolution

- A. Should LAVA be dissolved, any remaining funds in the Treasury and any remaining property will be distributed to an educational nonprofit organization to be approved by the general membership.