

THE STUDENT SECTION OF THE AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION – BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

SECTION 1: The name of this organization shall be the "Student Section of the American Agricultural Economics Association," hereinafter referred to as SS-AAEA.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

SECTION 1: The purpose of this organization shall be: (1) to stimulate interest in agricultural economics among undergraduate students of agricultural business and other curricula within a college or university, (2) to promote the interchange of ideas among the student sections of the various schools and faculties thereof, (3) to provide a means of contact among the students and the American Agricultural Economics Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE III

Chapters

SECTION 1: Any Department of Agricultural Economics or Department of Economics having programs of undergraduate study in agricultural economics or agricultural business, or any college or university or division thereof having programs of undergraduate study in agricultural economics or agricultural business may submit an application for the creation of a chapter of the SS-AAEA.

SECTION 2: Local chapters will be allowed to join the SS-AAEA on a year-to-year basis by paying chapter dues. Once dues are paid, the chapter shall be considered a part of the Section.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

SECTION 1: Members of a local chapter with currently paid dues shall be deemed automatically to be members of the SS-AAEA by virtue of membership in the local chapter.

SECTION 2: Any undergraduate student majoring or minoring in agricultural economics, agricultural business or other curricula within or administered by the Department of Economics or Agricultural Economics in a college or university, but who is not a member of a local chapter may become a member of the SS-AAEA by filing an application with the Secretary/Treasurer of the SS-AAEA.

ARTICLE V

Dues

SECTION 1: The annual dues for chapters of SS-AAEA shall be set by the Executive Committee of SS-AAEA and payable to AAEA and shall be for the current calendar year.

SECTION 2: The chapter dues must be paid prior to the Annual Meeting to allow chapter participation in the events of the Annual Meeting. A late fee will be assessed to those dues received after February 1.

SECTION 3: Dues for the individual for the calendar year shall be less than the annual chapter dues amount and set by the Executive Committee of the SS-AAEA.

ARTICLE VI Officers

SECTION 1: The officers of the SS-AAEA shall be: President, Vice-President for each region, Secretary-Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Journal Editor. All officers must meet the membership requirements of Article IV, Section 1 or Section 2. The term of office shall be for one year and all officers shall be elected at the SS-AAEA Annual Meeting by either secret ballot with a simple majority or by acclamation of the voting delegates present and will take office at the end of the Annual Meeting. These officers shall comprise the Executive Committee of the SS-AAEA.

SECTION 2: There shall be a Vice-President elected from each of the regions listed below.

Western

Alaska	Colorado	Montana	Oregon	Wyoming
Arizona	Hawaii	Nevada	Utah	
California	Idaho	New Mexico	Washington	

North Central

Illinois	Kansas	Missouri	Ohio	Virginia
Indiana	Michigan	Nebraska	South Dakota	
Iowa	Minnesota	North Dakota	Wisconsin	

Northeastern

Connecticut	Maine	New Hampshire	Pennsylvania
Delaware	Maryland	New Jersey	Rhode Island
District of Columbia	Massachusetts	New York	Vermont

Southern

Alabama	Georgia	Mississippi	South Carolina	West Virginia
Arkansas	Kentucky	North Carolina	Tennessee	
Florida	Louisiana	Oklahoma	Texas	

Canada

Alberta	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	Prince Edward Is	Yukon Territory
British Columbia	Newfoundland	Nunavut	Quebec	
Manitoba	Northwest Territories	Ontario	Saskatchewan	

The voting body for each of the regional Vice-Presidents shall be all voting delegates present at the Annual Meeting from the states in that region. If no election takes place, Article VI, Section 4, A-5 applies. Those chapters outside of the continental United States will be assigned to those regions in closest geographical proximity. For example, Puerto Rico is in the Southern region.

SECTION 3: The Executive Committee and Advisors will hold a planning meeting in the winter via a telephone conference. The Executive Committee and Advisors shall hold additional business sessions when needed throughout the year (i.e., telephone conferences).

SECTION 4: Duties of the officers.

A. The President Shall:

1. Preside at all meetings of the SS-AAEA.
2. Appoint such committees as the President deems necessary.
3. Maintain contact with the advisors as elected by the SS-AAEA and approved by the President of the Association.
4. Act as chief executive of the SS-AAEA.
5. Fill all vacancies in the Executive Committee by appointment(s) that were not filled through the election process or became empty due to resignation. The appointments made by the President of the SS-AAEA must have the approval of the Executive Committee.
6. Turn the President's complete file over to the President-elect on expiration of term of office.
7. Inform other national officers at all times of the President's activities concerning the SS-AAEA.

B. The Vice-Presidents (Elected by Regions) Shall:

1. Elect a presiding officer to preside at all meetings of the SS-AAEA in the absence of the President.
2. Perform such duties as are assigned to the Vice-President by the President.
3. Maintain contact with chapters in their region.
4. Turn the Vice-President's complete file over to the Vice-President-elect from that region upon expiration of office.
5. Encourage recruitment and/or organization of local chapters in that region of membership in the SS-AAEA.
6. Inform other national officers at all times of the Vice-President's activities concerning the SS-AAEA.

C. The Secretary-Treasurer Shall:

1. Record all minutes of the SS-AAEA meetings.
2. Furnish a copy of the minutes of the SS-AAEA meetings to each student chapter as soon after the Annual Meeting as is practical and submit a copy thereof for approval at the next Annual Meeting.
3. Carry on correspondence for the SS-AAEA.
4. Maintain contact with AAEA Newsletter Editor.
5. Maintain a record of club advisors at various schools.
6. Inform other national officers at all times of the Secretary's activities concerning the SS-AAEA.
7. Report on Financial Statements at Student Section Business Meetings.

D. The Newsletter Editor Shall:

1. Keep the chapters informed at all times of the activities of the Executive Committee and the SS-AAEA.
2. Report to all chapters the planned activities to be presented at the summer meeting.

3. Maintain a current year file, which shall be turned over to the Newsletter Editor-elect upon expiration of term of office. All years prior shall be maintained at the office.
 4. Collect news from chapters for dissemination to all member chapters.
 5. Inform other national officers at all times of the Newsletter Editor's activities concerning the SS-AAEA.
 6. Publish a semiannual newsletter for local chapters, and members as described under Article IV, Section 2.
- D. The Journal Editor Shall:
1. Provide the publications of an *SS-AAEA Journal* as directed by the Executive Committee.
 2. Inform other national officers at all times of the Journal Editor's activities concerning the SS-AAEA.
 3. Maintain and update the historical record of the SS-AAEA.
 4. Turn over current year journals and the SS-AAEA history to the Journal Editor-elect upon expiration of term of office. Turn in all past available files to the SS-AAEA office.
- E. The Immediate Past President Shall:
1. Assist officers and advisors in completing their responsibilities.
 2. Provide advice and counsel to the President.
 3. Serve as an ex-officio member of the SS-AAEA Executive Board

SECTION 5: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the SS-AAEA with the President as chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to:

- A. Handle all matters of policy for SS-AAEA.
- B. Approve expenditures of SS-AAEA funds, under the supervision of the advisors of the SS-AAEA.
- C. Organize and conduct regional and national meetings.

SECTION 6: Nominations for officers of the SS-AAEA shall be made from the floor at the SS-AAEA business meeting at the annual summer meetings. Each of the candidates should have support from their department or school for assistance in fulfilling the duties of their office.

ARTICLE VII

Advisors

SECTION 1: The advisory group of SS-AAEA shall be composed of four faculty members from institutions that have a chapter of the SS-AAEA with currently paid dues. The term of each advisor shall be four years with rotating terms. The advisor elected in the current year shall be designated as the Freshman Advisor, moving to Sophomore, then Junior and Senior Advisor in following years. The advisor with tenure shall be designated the Senior Advisor.

SECTION 2: The election process for an advisor shall be through a nominating committee appointed by the President of the SS-AAEA with the committee presenting two nominees that, prior to submittal, are approved by the President of the Association.

SECTION 3: No advisor shall serve two consecutive terms.

SECTION 4: Duties of the advisors.

- A. Assist the Executive Committee of the SS-AAEA in preparing the annual budget.
- B. The Senior Advisor, or a representative chosen by the Senior Advisor, shall approve expenditures from the SS-AAEA in preparing the annual budget.
- C. Make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the SS-AAEA with respect to new advisor nominees.
- D. Assist with program planning for SS-AAEA meetings.
- E. Provide advice and counsel to committees of the SS-AAEA.
- F. Provide advice and counsel to the Executive Committee of the SS-AAEA.
- G. Attend all SS-AAEA functions.
- H. Facilitate the organization in conduct of regional and national meetings in furthering the purposes of the SS-AAEA.
- I. Communicate with and make recommendations to the Executive Board of the Association regarding the affairs and programs of the SS-AAEA.

ARTICLE VIII

Annual Audit

SECTION 1: An annual audit of SS-AAEA funds will be performed in conjunction with the audit of Association funds.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

SECTION 1: The time and place of the Annual Meeting of the SS-AAEA shall be in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Association.

SECTION 2: Annual Meetings are open to all members of the SS-AAEA as prescribed in Article IV of these Bylaws.

SECTION 3: The voting procedure to be followed at the meetings of the SS-AAEA shall be as follows: each chapter with current dues is allowed up to two voting delegates with each delegate allotted one vote, there will be no proxies and all voting delegates must be present at the roll call to determine who voting delegates are.

SECTION 4: For purposes of transacting business, representatives from at least 20 percent of the chapters with current dues shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE X

Standing Committees

SECTION 1: Standing committees shall be established by the Executive Committee of the SS-AAEA. Members of such committees shall be appointed by the President.

SECTION 2: Standing committees shall be reviewed each year and either continued or dissolved upon the decision of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI

Local Chapters

SECTION 1: Local chapters shall establish Constitutions, Bylaws, and elect such officers as they deem necessary, but such constitutions and by-laws must be in conformity with the SS-AAEA and the Association's Constitutions and Bylaws.

SECTION 2: It shall be the duty of the officers of the chapter to inform the Secretary-Treasurer of the SS-AAEA of any and all changes in the elected officers and advisors within thirty (30) days of such change.

SECTION 3: Local chapters shall make an annual report to the Secretary-Treasurer of the SS-AAEA by May 1.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments and Bylaws

SECTION 1: Amendments to these Bylaws may be made by a 2/3 secret ballot vote of the voting delegates present at the summer meetings, followed by transmittal to the Executive Board of the AAEA for approval. The addition of Bylaws and the revision thereof shall be accomplished in a like manner.

SECTION 2: Any changes or amendments to these Bylaws shall be reviewed by the outgoing President of the Executive Board to insure that those changes or amendments are consistent with the AAEA Operating Policies.

