

It is being proposed by the Executive Committee that the following constitutional change be voted on by the membership at the SPSS Annual Meeting on January 23, 2007.

Addition of ARTICLE VIII – Tax Exempt Requirements (beginning on Page 3 and highlighted in red)

Rationale: The addition of this Article will be required to maintain the newly acquired Tax Exempt Status (Section 501(c)(3)) of the society. The wording of the article was in accordance with IRS regulations.

Other minor changes (highlighted in red in the document):

- Article 3 / Section 2 – Delete the word “graduate”
 - Sample scoring sheets will be available to students on the website and not mailed before the meeting
- Article 3 / Section 3 – Change in the 2nd VP procedures regarding abstract submission
 - Change in the abstract acceptance notification procedures
 - Delete the word “graduate”
- Article 3 / Section 4 – Change in the Exec Sec procedures regarding abstract submission

CONSTITUTION

Southern Poultry Science Society

Preamble

The SOUTHERN POULTRY SCIENCE SOCIETY, hereinafter referred to as the Society, is established to bring together those persons from any state, area, institution or agency, who are directly interested in poultry science within the Society area through research, education, regulation, manufacturing, or merchandising.

The Society area shall consist primarily of the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, but not to the exclusion of other states or territories.

The primary purpose of the Society is to exchange ideas, experiences, opinions and information, and to discuss and plan means of improving poultry production through more and better correlated efforts in poultry research by Federal, State, and local public or private agencies.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the SOUTHERN POULTRY SCIENCE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be two types of membership:

Voting members of the Society shall be those who have signified their interest in its objectives by payment of registration dues at one or more of the three most recent regular meetings.

Contributing members shall consist of poultry producers, breeders, feed manufacturers, and suppliers of products or equipment used in poultry production who share the aims of the Society and contribute financially to its operation.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be the President, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, and the Executive Secretary. These officers plus the Immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Secretary and the Second Vice President shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. These officers will be elected during the regular Business Meeting of the Society, and shall hold office beginning with the close of the Business Meeting after their election and ending with the close of the next regular Business Meeting. A plurality vote is sufficient for election. When only one candidate is nominated, he or she may be elected by motion or acclamation.

The Second Vice President and the First Vice President shall, upon their acceptance, be automatically elevated to the positions of First Vice President and President, respectively, at the Annual Business Meeting the following year.

Section 3. All active voting members are eligible to hold an elective office.

Section 4. With the exception of the Executive Secretary, officers shall not be eligible for re-election for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 5. Except for the office of President, vacancies occurring among members of the Executive Board shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive Board following a nomination by the President; such officers shall serve through the next regular meeting. Upon favorable vote of the members at the following Business meeting these persons may remain in office. If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the First Vice President shall succeed to the office for the remainder of the unexpired term and shall continue to serve during the succeeding term. A new First Vice President will be elected by the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term of office but will not automatically continue in that office in the succeeding year. However, upon favorable vote of the members at the Business meeting this person may remain in office for the succeeding year.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. The Society shall have one regular yearly meeting to carry out its main objectives and regular business. The time and place of each meeting shall be decided upon by the members present at the preceding business meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings for special purposes may be called by the President at such times as is thought advisable. Such special meetings may transact only such business as is specified in the call, and special meetings cannot supercede regular meetings.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

The following committees shall function each year, and shall be appointed by the President.

Three persons shall be assigned to each committee:

Nominating Committee. The purpose of this committee is to select nominees for the positions of Second Vice President, Executive Secretary and any other positions that may be vacant.

Resolutions Committee. The purpose of this committee is to recognize special efforts by groups of individuals on behalf of the Society and to make note of the death of fellow members of the Society with appropriate letters.

Auditing Committee. The purpose of this committee is to meet with the Executive Secretary to examine the financial status of the Society and approve the Financial Report to be given at the Business Meeting.

The president may name additional committees as needed to carry out the goals and aims of the Society. All voting members of the Society shall be eligible for appointment to serve on committees.

ARTICLE VI. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution of the Society, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Society, dispose of all the assets of the Society, exclusively for the purpose of the Society, or to such an organization or organizations, organized and operating exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the IRS (or the corresponding provisions of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law) as the Executive Board shall determine. Preference shall be given to qualified organizations associated with poultry research.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any three or more voting members of the Society may initiate a proposed amendment to this Constitution. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the Executive Board at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Executive Board may propose amendments to the Constitution at the regular meeting as outlined in Section 3 below.

Section 3. The Executive Secretary upon the direction of the Executive Board shall submit any proposed amendments to the membership at least 30 days before the annual meeting. Adoption of any proposed amendment shall require a two-thirds majority vote of those voting members present at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. TAX EXEMPT REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. The Society is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the Society shall ever inure to or for the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the Society shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Society shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempt from federal income tax under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an association contributions to which the deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. Dues

Registration dues shall be charged at each annual meeting. The amount of dues shall be determined by the Executive Board prior to the meeting and shall be made known to the members at the time of Call for Papers. Students attending the meeting shall not be required to pay dues.

Contributing Members shall pay a sum to be determined by the Executive Board.

Article 2. Awards

Awards will be presented for outstanding presentation of a research paper by a student at the annual meeting. The number of awards to be made shall be based on the number and quality of abstracts in the competition. The Second Vice President will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee. To be eligible to participate in the awards competition, students must be considered as such at the time abstracts are submitted.

Article 3. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, perform the usual duties of such office, and in addition serve as Chairman of the Executive Board, appoint all Committees and Committee Chairmen, and serve as ex-officio member of all Committees.

Section 2. First Vice President. The First Vice President shall coordinate the program for selection of outstanding student presentations. He or she shall proceed in the following manner:

1. Upon receipt of the program from the Second Vice President, the First Vice President will prepare grading sheets (3 per speaker) for all presentations to be made by students, complete with titles and times of presentations.
2. The First Vice President will arrange for persons to judge the presentations. This may be done prior to the meeting or at the meeting itself.
3. A copy of the scoring sheet to be used should be available to each student speaker before the meeting so that they will be aware of the points assigned to each phase of the scoring sheet.
4. During the meeting the First Vice President will oversee the judging of the papers and with the assistance of the judges will tally scores and determine the ranking of the students.
5. The First Vice President will present the awards at the Business Meeting.
6. The First Vice President will mail the judging sheets to the students after the meeting for purposes of self-improvement.
7. In the absence of the President at the annual meeting, the First Vice President will assume the duties of this office. The First Vice President will automatically advance to President at the end of his or her term of office. The First Vice President may perform other duties as delegated by the President.

Section 3. Second Vice President. The Second Vice President functions as chairman of the Program Committee. His or her duties are as follows:

1. The Executive Secretary sends out the Call for Papers and abstract submission procedures. A deadline date sufficient for preparation of the abstracts for the meeting shall be rigidly adhered to so as to allow ample time for preparation.
2. Upon receipt of the abstracts, the Second Vice President arranges papers into a two-day program, arranging topics of general interest and subject matter together. When it is necessary to hold simultaneous sessions he or she shall keep in mind the general makeup of the group and endeavor to arrange dual sessions that have minimum conflict in subject matter and audience interest.
3. The Second Vice President shall notify speakers regarding the acceptance of the abstract and time of presentation.
4. The Second Vice President shall contact appropriate persons to serve as Chairmen for each session.
5. The Second Vice President will prepare a program showing the times, titles of papers, and speakers. The time for the Business Meeting shall also be included on the program. One copy shall be retained by the Second Vice President and one copy sent each to the Executive Secretary, the First Vice President and President. Papers to be presented by students in the awards competition shall be indicated.

6. The Second Vice President will assist with registration during the annual meeting.
7. The Second Vice President will perform other duties as delegated by the President.
8. The Second Vice President will automatically advance to First Vice President at the end of his term in office.

Section 4. Executive Secretary. This person will have the following duties:

1. Maintain updated mailing list for use for all mailings. Revise yearly to add new registrants to annual meeting and persons who express interest in appearing on the mailing list.
2. Maintain contact with the commercial companies who have assisted in the past with financial support and who may wish to do so in the future. Letters of request for support shall be sent out early each year, with a letter of acknowledgment upon receipt of donation. Contributors shall be placed on the mailing list to insure that they will get notification of the meeting and a copy of the program. Be sure that the contributors are acknowledged in the program abstracts.
3. Maintain a record of receipts and disbursements. All bills and debts of the Society are to be paid by the Executive Secretary unless specifically authorized otherwise by the President. The expenses related to the attendance of the Executive Secretary at the Annual Business meeting are to be paid by the Society.
4. Present reports to the membership at annual meeting. Financial status prior to the time of the meeting shall be duplicated and available for the Business Meeting.
5. Act as liaison with the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association to coordinate meeting arrangements and other activities associated with the conduct of the meeting.
6. Work with US Poultry & Egg Association to coordinate the printing and mailing of the call for papers, abstract submission instructions, and Hotel Reservations list to all persons or companies on the mailing list.
7. Upon receipt of the program from the Second Vice President, the Executive Secretary will coordinate, with USPEA, the printing of the programs and abstracts. Copies of abstracts shall be sent to all contributing members following the meeting. Additional copies of the abstracts may be sold at the meeting for a price determined by the Executive Committee.
8. Coordinate with appropriate organizations for coffee breaks and food service.
9. Maintain a media list of appropriate trade journals and notify them of the date and location of the annual meeting. Copies of the program shall be sent to the media list as soon as possible.
10. Make arrangements with the Poultry Science Association for publication of the abstracts.
11. With the assistance of the Executive Committee will conduct registration activities at the annual meeting.
12. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Article 4. Suggested Order of Business

Call to order
Minutes of the previous meeting
Audit Committee Report
Financial Report
Resolutions Committee Report
Program Report
Presentation of student awards
Report of other committees
Election of officers
Old business
New business
Adjournment

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