

Bylaws of the Georgia Section of ASABE

Preface: Each Section may adopt its own bylaws for the conduct of affairs, provided such Bylaws are in harmony with the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the Society, and are approved by the Membership Council, and provided also that every publication of such Bylaws be prefaced with a copy of this rule.

Sec. 1 Name. The name of this Section is the Georgia Section of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

Sec. 2 Territory. The territory of the Section shall comprise the State of Georgia

Sec. 3 Objectives. The objectives of this Section of the AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERS shall be:

- (a) To promote the science and art of engineering in agriculture and the biological sciences.
- (b) To encourage original research.
- (c) To foster agricultural and biological engineering education.
- (d) To advance the standards of agricultural and biological engineering.
- (e) To promote the intercommunication of members among themselves and allied technologists to encourage the improvement of the intellectual and technical skills of its members with a view to the promotion of the public welfare through the development of better educated engineers.
- (f) To broaden the usefulness of agricultural and biological engineering.
- (g) To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- (h) To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters relating to agricultural and biological engineering; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by members.

Sec. 4 Government.

- (a) The Section shall be governed by the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers pertaining to the functions of Geographical Sections and these Bylaws.
- (b) The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order Revised" shall govern the Section in all cases to which they are applicable, when not inconsistent with Bylaws of the Section or the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

Sec. 5 Membership.

(a) Membership in the Section shall include members of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers in good standing of any grade residing in the territory of the Section, or members on out-of-state assignments.

Sec. 6 Dues and Assessments.

(a) Annual voluntary section dues may be collected from section members through the ASABE invoicing process. Such funds may only be expended for the purposes set forth in Section 3 (Objectives) of the Bylaws.

(b) Special assessments for specific purposes must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the members present at any annual Section meeting.

Sec. 7 Officers.

(a) The officers of the Section shall consist of a Chair, Chair-Elect, Vice Chair for Programs, Vice Chair for Membership, Vice Chair for Awards and Resolutions, Secretary, and Treasurer. These Officers together with the immediate Past Chair, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Section. The District Director of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers for the District in which the Section is a subunit shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee. Each officer shall perform the duties customarily attached to his office.

(b) A member who has served as chair for one term shall not be eligible to succeed himself or herself in office.

(c) The term of each officer shall be for one year or until his successor is elected and shall begin July 1 following his or her election.

(d) Officers shall be elected by letter/email ballot not later than January 31.

(e) A vacancy in the office of Chair shall be filled by the Chair-Elect. A vacancy in any other elective office shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 8 Meetings.

(a) Meetings of the Section shall be held at times and places designated by the Executive Committee but shall not conflict with National meetings of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers or meetings of the geographical subunit of which the Georgia Section is a subunit. There shall normally be one regular meeting of the Section each year. Said meeting will be held unless canceled by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Section members shall be notified no less than thirty days prior to the meeting date.

(b) A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting shall consist of ten Section members in good standing.

Sec. 9 Committees.

(a) The affairs of the Section shall be managed by the Executive Committee which shall have full control of the activities of the Section subject to the limitations of these Bylaws and the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

(b) Standing Committees shall include Membership and Program Committees (each chaired by a Section Vice Chair). Other committees may be established by the Executive Committee as needs arise. Except as otherwise specified in these Bylaws, members and chairs of all committees shall be appointed by the Chair-Elect to serve during his or her term of office as Chair of the Section or by the Chair of the Section when the need arises during the term.

(c) The Nominating Committee generally shall consist of the three most recent active Past Chairs of the Georgia Section ASABE who shall nominate one or more candidates for the elective offices. The most recent Past Chair of the Section shall serve as chair of this committee.

Sec. 10 Amendments.

(a) Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted to a properly constituted Bylaws Committee. These proposed amendments shall be voted upon either by letter ballot or at any regular meeting. If acted upon at a regular meeting, at least thirty days notice shall be sent to all members. A 2/3 vote of the ballots cast shall be required for adoption.

(b) An amendment to these Bylaws shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and revised Bylaws shall be published within thirty days by the Secretary and distributed to all members.

Sec. 11 Dissolution. Upon any dissolution of the Section, its assets shall be distributed to the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, provided the same is then organized and operated for scientific and education purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended; if said American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers is not then so organized or operated, then its assets shall be distributed to an organization or organizations, operated and organized for similar, educational, scientific or charitable purposes.

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