



ARKANSAS AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANTS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "ARKANSAS AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANT'S ASSOCIATION".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of this organization to:

1. Promote, upgrade and maintain the business of agricultural consulting as a profession.
2. To encourage and assist agricultural consultants to seek current information concerning total farm management principles and techniques.
3. To encourage and participate in the research on crop management techniques.
4. To assist agricultural producers in the production of their crops by the most economical means using methods having the least effect on the environment.
5. To distinguish for the public, the difference between professional consultants (employed for a fee) and those who may have a conflict of interest in giving advice on crop management.

ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

There shall be three (3) classes of membership: (1) Regular Voting Member; (2) Associate Non-Voting Member; and (3) Honorary Member.

Section 2

Regular Voting Members shall consist of anyone involved in agricultural consulting work in Arkansas who makes proper application for membership and who meets the following requirements:

1. The person must be a bona fide agricultural consultant who provides consulting services to the farmer for a fee.
2. The person must hold a current agricultural consultant's license issued by the Arkansas State Plant Board.
3. The person must be approved by the vote of the membership present.

Section 3

An Associate Non-Voting Member is an individual who is involved in agriculture who meets requirement 3 for regular membership,. An Associate Non-Voting Membership application may originate either as a request by a Regular Voting Member or as a directive from the Membership and Rules Committee.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Upon realization by a Regular Member that he has a conflict of interest, or upon a directive from the Membership and Rules Committee, the Regular Member who wishes to become an Associate Member must:

1. Submit a request to the Membership and Rules Committee stating his reasons for status change.
2. Receive approval for Associate Membership by the Membership and Rules Committee.

3. Receive approval for Associate Membership by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at an official meeting of the Association.

AN ASSOCIATE NON-VOTING MEMBER has the same rights, privileges and obligations as a Regular Member with the following exceptions:

1. An Associate Member may not hold office in the Association.
2. An Associate Member does not have voting powers.

Section 4

An Honorary Member shall be anyone who is nominated and approved by a majority vote at an official meeting. They shall not have voting powers.

ARTICLE IV - MEETING

Section 1

An annual meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be decided upon by the executive body.

Additional meetings may also be called by the executive body.

Section 2

An official meeting shall be any meeting of the executive body or association membership held in accordance with the By-laws and attended by a quorum.

Section 3

A quorum of the executive body shall be a majority thereof, and a quorum of all association meetings shall be fifty percent (50%) of the Regular Membership.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and two directors. The out-going president will become a director for a two-year term replacing that director who has served a two-year term. All officers and directors shall be elected annually by a majority of the membership at an official meeting. Officers and directors shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

The president shall be the directing head of the Association and shall perform the usual duties of this office.

Section 2

The vice-president shall serve in all capacities as the presiding officer in the absence of the president. He shall also, at the request of the president, assist in the performance of any functional duties.

Section 3

The secretary-treasurer shall receive and disburse all the funds of the association and shall submit at the annual meeting, a written report of all receipts and disbursements. He shall keep a complete record of the meetings and shall prepare a report of all proceedings of the association. He shall maintain a register of all members of the association.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BODY

The executive body of the association shall be composed of the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and directors.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1

Election of officers and directors shall be accomplished by vote of the membership as provided in the By-laws.

Section 2

Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by appointment by the executive body.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

The president of the association shall appoint a committee to carry out specified and detailed work if he deems necessary. Each committee shall include at least two and no more than five Regular Members.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the Regular Members present.