

American Agricultural Economics Association

Bylaws of the Seniors Section

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1. Name. The name of this Section shall be the Seniors Section, a subsidiary organization of the American Agricultural Economics Association. Hereinafter, it is referred to as the "Section" and the "Association," respectively. In the event of any conflict between the bylaws of this Section and the constitution or bylaws of the Association, those of the Association shall prevail.

Section 2. Goals. The goals of the Section shall be the same as that of the Association as stated in its constitution and nothing in these bylaws shall be inconsistent with the Association constitution or bylaws.

Section 3. Statement of Purposes. The Objectives of this Section shall be to:

- a. Identify, articulate and communicate any professional issues and concerns of the Seniors Section to the Association President and Board.
- b. Conduct an annual business meeting and reception for Seniors members at the annual meeting of the association.
- c. Conduct an organized symposium at the annual meeting of the Association which reflects a theme possessing a historical background and contemporary relevance.
- d. Carry out any other professional activities of interest to Seniors members, such as directed free papers, seminars, sessions, pre- and post-conferences, newsletters, etc.
- e. Assist the Association in carrying out various activities, such as fundraising, student section judges, discussants at sessions, etc.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership. Membership in this Section is open to all AAEEA members who are age 55 or over.

Section 2. Resignation. Any member may resign Section membership by writing the executive director of the Association.

Section 3. Termination. Termination of membership or reinstatement shall be on the same basis as for membership in the Association.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. Officers. The officers shall consist of a chair, vice chair, and secretary/editor who are elected by the membership of the Section.

Section 2. Terms of Office. The chairs and vice chair shall serve for a term of one (1) year and the secretary/editor shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Upon completion of the term, the vice chair shall automatically succeed to the office of chair. Terms of the officers shall correspond to the governance year of the Association.

Section 3. Duties. The duties of the officers shall be those customarily performed by such officers together with those responsibilities prescribed by the constitution and bylaws of the Association, by this Section's bylaws, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Section executive committee.

a. The Section chair shall (1) preside at all meetings of the Section, (2) execute the decisions and recommendations of the Section executive committee, (3) appoint any special committees, (4) develop the Section's annual budget, (5) represent the Section to the Association, and (6) develop the agenda for the Business Meeting at the Association's annual meeting-with input from the executive committee.

b. The Section vice chair shall (1) assume the duties of the chair in the absence of the chair and (2) develop the Section's program sessions(s) for the Association's annual meeting-with input from the executive committee and the membership-to include potential seminars, symposia, free sessions, principal paper sessions, and pre and post conferences.

c. The Section secretary/editor shall (1) keep a record of the proceedings of the Section and the Section executive committee, (2) receive a list of members from the Association, (3) send members such notices as the business of the Section may require, and/or prepare an annual newsletter for Section members, (4) conduct the assigned correspondence of the Section, (5) submit to the executive director of the Association results of the Section election, (6) by September 30 prepare a report covering Section activities for the previous year and submit it to the executive director of the Association for review by the executive board, (7) receive the Section financial reports from the executive director of the Association, (8) sign vouchers for Section expenses and transmit them to the executive secretary of the Association for payment.

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Duties. The Section executive committee shall be the governing body of the

Section and shall have full power to conduct, manage and direct the business affairs of the Section in accordance with these bylaws and with the constitution and bylaws of the Association.

Section 2. Composition. The Section executive committee shall consist of 5 members as follows:

- a. Chair
- b. Vice-Chair
- c. Secretary/editor
- d. Two elected from the membership at large

Section 3. Representation. Nominees for membership on the Section executive committee shall be chosen to represent the broad spectrum of Section membership.

Section 4. Term. Elected members-at-large of the Section executive committee shall serve for a term of two (2) years on a rotated basis such that about one-half of the members are elected each year.

Section 5. Vacancies. Vacancies on the Section executive committee shall be filled by the Section executive committee. Any individual so appointed shall serve for the remainder of the governance year. At the next annual election the Section shall elect a member to complete the members unexpired term.

ARTICLE V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations. The immediate past-chair will serve as chair of the nominating committee. The two at-large members of the Executive Committee shall also serve on the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall nominate two (2) or more candidates for each elective position. No nominee's name is to be placed on the ballot unless the nominee has confirmed a willingness to serve if elected.

Section 2. Elections. Elections shall be held during the business meeting of the Section. Tie votes for any position shall be resolved by lot by chair of the nominating committee.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. Business Meeting. The Section shall hold a business meeting annually in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Association. A quorum for transaction of business at a Section meeting shall consist of ten (10) qualified voting members or 10 percent of the members of the Section, whichever is smaller.

Section 2. Executive Committee Meetings. The Section executive committee shall meet upon the call of the chair or at the request of a simple majority of the members of the Section executive committee. Conference telephone calls may

constitute a meeting. A majority of the members of the Section executive committee including at least two (2) of the officers shall constitute a quorum for either physical or conference call meeting.

Section 3. Other Section Meetings. Other Section meetings may be held, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII. FISCAL

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year for the Section shall be the same as the fiscal year for the Association.

Section 2. Dues. Dues are \$10.00 annually. Additional money to support the activities of the Section may be requested from institutions, agencies, private organizations and other sponsors.

Section 3. Budget. The annual Section budget shall be prepared by the executive committee and submitted by September 30 to the Executive Board of the Association at their Fall board meeting. The executive committee will determine the allocations in support of activities of the Section.

Section 4. Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of the Section or revocation of its charter, all Section funds remaining after the discharge of all debts and obligations shall be conveyed to the Association's Foundation.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by 2/3 of the members present at any annual business meeting of the Section at which a quorum is present or by a majority vote of members of the Section returning ballots by mail.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION

The Executive Board of the Association may revoke the Charter of the Section if the Section becomes inactive, fails to fulfill its purpose, or fails to submit the required reports to the Association. Such revocation of the Section Charter shall not affect the standing in the Association of the members of the Section.