

**BYLAWS
of the
Northeastern Weed
Science Society**



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NEWSS BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the Northeastern Weed Science Society.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The purposes of the organization are to serve the Northeastern states in:

- 1) Bringing together those who are concerned with any phase of the knowledge of weeds and their control and providing for a meeting of these persons;
- 2) Promoting a better understanding of the problems and the progress among those concerned with research and education in weeds and their control, those who are concerned with production of herbicides, and those who use cultural practices and chemicals for weed control;
- 3) Publishing scientific and practical information of value concerning Weed Science and related fields;
- 4) Cooperating with other Weed Control and/or Science Societies and the Weed Science Society of America.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

The Membership of the Society shall be open to Individuals and Organizations of all Nations interested in the objectives of the Society. There shall be two types of Membership: (1) Active, and (2) Sustaining.

Section 2.

Active Members are Individuals who are interested in Weed Science and who have remitted their annual dues to the Society. Active Members may attend the Annual Meeting, hold office, vote on society issues, present papers on the Program, and will receive society news disseminated by the Board.

Section 3.

Sustaining Members shall consist of Manufacturers or Distributors of herbicides, Equipment Manufacturers or related Industries who contribute financially to the support of the Society. The names of such Members shall be printed in all issues of the Proceedings of the Society and in the Program Guide of the regular Meetings.

Article IV - MEETINGS

The Society shall meet annually except as the Membership may choose otherwise. The place and time of year shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

Article V – OFFICERS (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)

Section 1.

The Officers, or Executive Committee, of the Society shall be President, President-Elect, Vice President, immediate Past-President, and Treasurer.

Section 2.

The President, President-Elect, Past-President, and Vice President shall hold Office beginning at the close of the Business Meeting at which they are installed and shall remain in Office until the close of the next Business Meeting of the Society. The President, President-Elect and Vice President shall not be eligible to hold the same Office a second time. The Treasurer shall hold Office beginning at the close of the Business Meeting at which he/she is installed and shall hold Office until the Treasurer-Elect is installed into Office. The term for the Treasurer shall be five years, the first year as Treasurer-Elect, and the last year to train the Treasurer-Elect.

Article VI – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

- A. The President with concurrence of the Executive Committee shall appoint a Chair and one other person of a five-Member Nominating Committee. Three Members of this Committee will be nominated and elected from the floor of the Annual Business Meeting. Any Member with three years Membership prior to selection will be eligible for service on the Nominating Committee.
- B. The Nominating Committee will canvass the Membership and nominate at least one and no more than two Candidates for the Office of Vice President. Nominees for Vice President will have been Members of the Northeastern Weed Science Society for at least three years prior to election. The Vice President shall automatically succeed to the Office of President-Elect. The President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the Office of President. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for Treasurer one year prior to the time the latter Office is to be vacated so that the incoming Treasurer can serve a one year apprenticeship as Treasurer-Elect. Candidates for Treasurer-Elect shall have been Members of the Society for at least three years prior to election.

Section 2.

The Vice President shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Meeting of the Society. The Treasurer-Elect shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Society one year prior to the expiration of the incumbent's term. After the Nominating Committee has reported, the President will ask for nominations from the floor. Nominees from the floor must consent to the nomination and attest to their eligibility. Balloting will be limited to Members of the Society.

Section 3.

The Report of the Nominating Committee shall be published in the last Newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 4.

In case an Officer cannot serve the full elected term, the vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD

Section 1.

The Affairs of the society shall be managed by the Board in accordance with the BYLAWS and Operational Procedures.

Section 2.

The Board shall be composed of the following members: President, immediate Past-President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Membership, Graduate Student Representative, Public Relations, and the Sustaining Membership/Weed Contest.

Section 3.

Chairs of the following Committees will be invited to Board meetings as non-voting members: Research and Education, CAST Representative, WSSA Representative, Editorial, Director of Science Policy, and Media Communications. The Graduate Student Representative-Elect will also be invited.

Section 4.

Board Meetings shall be held whenever called by the President or at the request of one-half or more of the Board.

Section 5.

The Operational Procedures shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Committee and made available annually to the Members.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1.

Standing Committees. Standing Committees will be created for the Operation of the Society. Unless specified in the Operational Procedures the Chair of Standing Committees will be appointed by the President. New Standing Committees can be created by the President with approval of the Executive Committee. The President shall appoint substitute Members when needed.

Section 2.

Other Committees: Ad Hoc Committees may be established by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Chair of such Committees shall be appointed and other Members approved by the President.

Article IX - AUDITING OF ACCOUNTS

Accounts of the Treasurer and others entrusted with funds shall be audited annually. The Auditor's Report shall accompany the Treasurer's Report and be made available to all Members of the Society.

Article X - PUBLICATIONS

Section 1.

The Proceedings of the Society shall be published each year under the direction of the Editor.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee shall make arrangements for the preparation and distribution of a newsletter to all Members of the Northeastern Weed Science Society. The frequency of this Publication will be determined annually by the Executive Committee.

Article XI – ADMENDMENTS

Section 1.

Any active Member of the society may propose an Amendment to these BYLAWS. The Proposal shall be made to the Executive Committee. If approved by a majority of the Executive Committee, a ballot containing the proposed Amendment will be sent to all active Members.

Section 2.

An Amendment may be proposed by petition from a minimum of 50 active Members of the Society. A ballot containing the proposed Amendment will be sent to all active Members.

Section 3.

Adoption of a proposed Amendment shall require a majority vote of the active Members who return ballots.

ARTICLE XII - OTHER PROCEDURE

All items of Procedure not herein covered shall be governed by "Robert's Rules of Order."

ARTICLE XIII - FUNDS

Section 1.

There shall be no net earnings inuring to the benefit of any member.

Section 2.

Upon dissolution of the Society, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Society, dispose of all the assets of the Society exclusively for the purpose of the Society in such a manner, 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 Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Executive Committee shall determine.

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