

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF  
THE SOUTHERN BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY**

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**ARTICLE I**

Name: The name of this organization shall be The Southern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA).

**ARTICLE II**

Objectives: The objectives of this Society shall be to further the increase and dissemination of agronomic knowledge and to promote closer acquaintance among agronomists within the southern U.S. and a greater knowledge and consideration of their work.

**ARTICLE III**

Membership: There shall be two kinds of members, active and associate. Active membership in the Branch is dependent upon membership in the American Society of Agronomy. Associate membership carries all privileges within the Branch as is outlined in the constitution of the National Society.

**ARTICLE IV**

Officers: The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, who shall serve as Program Chair, and a Secretary/Treasurer. Officers will rotate in a three-year sequence. The Secretary/Treasurer elected each year shall subsequently serve as Vice-President, then President. The Immediate Past President will chair Nominations and Awards Committee, comprised of three preceding past presidents to evaluate SB-ASA award nominations. A member at large will be included on committee.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of the three officers of the Branch, and shall act upon all matters arising between annual meetings of the Branch.

**ARTICLE V**

Nomination and Election of Officers: A nominating committee composed of two Crops and two Soils members of the Southern Branch, nominated by the Branch president and Appointed by the ASA President, shall suggest from the active membership of the branch two or more nominees for the Secretary-Treasurer office as identified in Article IV. The nominating committee may provide nominees for the office of President-elect of the American Society of Agronomy. All elections shall be by electronic mail with the assistance of the national office of the American Society of Agronomy.

The Nominating Committee, nominated by the Branch President, shall be qualified to nominate for both Branch and National offices.

## **ARTICLE VI**

Meetings: Meetings shall be at the same place during the meetings of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists and at any special summer tours that may be arranged by approval of the Executive Committee. The regular meeting may be held separately from the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists if a different meeting site is proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership at the previous year's business meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII**

Amendments to Constitution: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active and associate members present at any annual meetings, provided announcement of the proposed amendment has been given at least thirty days prior to such meetings. The Executive Committee may propose amendments at any time between meetings, and the same shall be accepted or rejected by two-thirds vote of the members who vote via electronic ballot within thirty days after notice of the proposed amendment was sent to them. Any ten active members of the Branch may initiate a proposed amendment, which shall then be submitted by the Executive Committee to a vote by the branch Society.

## **BY LAWS**

- (1) (a) The annual meeting shall be held within the period of the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) the same place. If the SAAS should fail to hold an annual meeting, the Executive Committee of the branch shall determine the time and place of the annual meeting. (b) A summer meeting of the Branch may be held upon the invitation of an Agricultural College or Experiment Station for the purpose of observing work in progress and studying and discussing programs and techniques. The responsibility for the program and for the arrangements for the summer meetings shall rest with the Head of the "Host Department" with such assistance from the Branch officers as they may choose to invite. (c) The annual meeting may be held separately from the annual meeting of the SAAS if a different meeting site is proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership at the previous year's business meeting.
- (2) Registration fees in amounts to be determined by the Executive Committee may be levied as deemed necessary. The amount shall be stated on the call for papers as distributed.
- (3) Funds of the branch shall be used in support of branch Activities in such manner as the Executive Committee of membership may determine.
- (4) A quorum at any meeting shall consist of a majority of those registered at that particular meeting.
- (5) These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.