

**Constitution and By-laws
of the
Colorado Seed Industry Association**

As amended December 1, 1995

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

This Association will be known as the Colorado Seed Industry Association.

ARTICLE II

The purposes of this Association will be the development of friendly and business relations between the members, a united effort to improve purity and quality of all seeds sold and the promotion of business relations between all those engaged in this trade.

ARTICLE III

The membership will consist of persons or firms who are recognized as seed dealers or seed industry suppliers of goods or services located or doing business in Colorado, either wholesale or retail.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - Members and Dues

Section 1.a. Any individual or firm engaged in the seed trade in Colorado, as provided by Article III of the Constitution, will be eligible for membership in this Association. Members will be entitled to one vote per firm.

Section 1.b. There will also be an Associate Membership classification. These will be non-voting memberships and will consist of firms or individuals from the seed industry of Colorado or other states who do not qualify under Article III of the Constitution or who do not wish to be regular members, seed industry suppliers of goods or services, and any individuals or firms that have an interest in promoting the goals of

Section 5. Any member may withdraw from the Association, by filing with the Secretary a written notice of his or her intention. Members may be suspended by order of the President made upon recommendations of the Executive Committee for the following reasons: A. Being in arrears for annual dues after June 1 or B. Conducting oneself in a manner the Executive Committee considers to be at variance with the interests of the Association. Before a member is suspended the President will give the member written notice of the reason for a proposed suspension and the Executive Committee will hold a hearing where the member may be present if the member so desires. Members still in arrears as of the date of the annual meeting will be considered to have withdrawn from the membership in the Association.

ARTICLE II - Officers

Section 1. Officers will be members of the association or a representative of a firm who is a member of the association. Associate members are not eligible.

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Section 2. Thirty percent of the regular membership will constitute a quorum.

Section 3. New members may be elected at any regular annual meeting of the Association, or at any special meeting that may be held, after having been recommended by the Executive Committee. A new member will be elected by a vote of a majority of the members present.

Section 4. Each member, and associate member, will pay an initiation fee and annual dues. Annual dues are to be paid by March 31st each year. Fees and dues will be set or changed by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

Section 2. The officers of the Association will consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the immediate past President. These officers constitute the Executive Committee. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined and held by the same person at the will of the Association. The officers of the Association will serve as the Executive Committee. Three members of the Executive Committee will constitute a quorum.

Section 3. All officers will be elected by majority vote of the Association at its annual meeting and will hold their office for one year, or until their successors are elected. As the normal matter of course, a new Second Vice-President will be elected annually. The Second Vice-President will succeed into the first Vice-Presidency and the First Vice-President will succeed into the Presidency.

ARTICLE III - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Colorado Seed Industry Association will be from November 1 to October 31 of the succeeding year.

ARTICLE IV - Meetings

Section 3. No business shall be conducted at the annual meeting or at a meeting of the Executive Committee unless a quorum of the membership or of the Executive Committee, respectively, is present. If less than a quorum is present for an annual meeting of the Association, the members present will adjourn the meeting to a later date. If less than a quorum is present for a meeting of the Executive Committee, the President will adjourn the meeting to a later date.

ARTICLE V - Duties of Officers

Section 1. It is the duty of the President, or in his or her absence, the First Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Association.

Section 3. It will be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Association and to keep careful record of its doings; to conduct correspondence and to carry into execution all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise assigned to committees; to collect and pay over to the Treasurer all assessments for membership or for other special purposes; and to notify members of their election and committees of their appointment. In the absence of the Secretary, the President will appoint a Secretary pro tem who will carry out the duties

Section 1. The Executive Committee will schedule an annual meeting of the Association for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The annual meeting will be held in the month of December. The Secretary will notify each member through the mail, of the time and place of such meeting, at least fifteen days in advance of said meeting.

Section 2. The Executive Committee will meet in January after the annual meeting and in the fall prior to the next annual meeting to conduct any business that may come before it. At the President's discretion, other meetings of the Executive Committee may be called or the regular meetings may be canceled if there is insufficient business to be conducted.

President will appoint an auditing committee consisting of the Second Vice-President, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and report the Treasurer's findings to the President, after which the President will sign the report. It is also the duty of the President to appoint a replacement to fill any vacancy that may occur on the Executive Committee.

Section 2. It will be the duty of the First Vice-President to preside at the meetings if the President is unable to do so. It will also be the duty of the First Vice-President to preside as chairman of the membership committee.

of Secretary and promptly report all doings to the Secretary of the Association. Upon authorization by the Executive Committee, the Secretary serving as an Executive Secretary may make reasonably necessary administrative decisions to carry out the business of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. It will be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all money received and expended for the use of the Association, and to pay

all accounts owing by the Association. Accounts will be paid only after they are found to be correct and payment authorized by the Executive Committee or by the membership at an annual meeting. The Treasurer's accounting will be produced at the annual meetings, having been previously audited by the Second Vice-President and signed by the President. When the Treasurer's term of office expires, he or she will deliver to the successor Treasurer, or in the absence of a successor, to the President, all books, money and other property of the Association in the Treasurer's possession.

Section 6. It will be the duty of the three most recent past presidents to serve as the nominating committee. This committee will nominate a new Second Vice-President at each annual meeting, and any other officers that may be necessary.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENT

These by-laws may be amended or repealed by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association, provide notice of such amendment or repeal has been sent by mail to each member at least thirty days in advance of said meeting, and provided there be present at such meeting a majority of the voting membership of the Association.

President. When the Treasurer's term of office expires, he or she will deliver to the successor Treasurer, or in the absence of a successor, to the President, all books, money and other property of the Association in the Treasurer's possession.

About the Colorado Seed Industry Association

The Colorado Seed Industry Association is an organization of individuals and companies involved in various Colorado seed-related businesses. Membership in the association is not limited to Coloradoans, but is open to anyone who is interested in the seed industry of Colorado. Typical business activities of members include:

- Seed production
- Seed wholesalers
- Seed retailers
- Seed conditioners
- Seed testing labs
- Seed certification
- Seed buyers
- Seed equipment

The Colorado Seed Industry Association provides a method of interaction between members of the seed industry. Association members deal with a diverse assortment of seeds, including: wheat, barley, edible beans, alfalfa, wildflowers, melons, millet, sunflowers, trees, grasses, turf and shrubs. Contacts made within the association aid members in their every-day business dealings.

