

CONSTITUTION
of the
Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education

CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE:

The Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education (AIAEE) is an organization dedicated to developing new programs in agricultural and extension education and improving or strengthening existing programs and institutions of education to have a positive impact on development efforts worldwide. The AIAEE shall work toward improving the understanding of agricultural and extension education in international settings among public and professional groups concerned with development. The AIAEE shall maintain liaison and working relationships with such groups and institutions and shall provide a medium for the exchange of ideas and information relating to programs of international agricultural and extension education.

PURPOSE CLAUSE:

The Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education (AIAEE) is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be “Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education.”

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

Section 1. To initiate, maintain, and improve communication and liaison with those responsible for aspects of development in agricultural and extension education.

Section 2. To foster acquaintance, fellowship, and understanding among members and to serve as a vehicle for exchange of ideas, philosophy, and professional materials to establish international agricultural and extension education as a profession.

Section 3. To articulate more clearly the role of agricultural and extension education in agricultural development.

Section 4. To cooperate with other organizations and groups toward

- a. Adequate preparation of persons for educational tasks and positions in international agricultural and extension education.
- b. Encouragement and dissemination of research in international agricultural and extension education.
- c. Establishment and maintenance of a roster for international agricultural and extension education professionals who can provide the expertise needed to assist funding agencies and developing nations in planning and implementing programs, and establishing and improving agricultural and extension education institutions.
- d. Recognition that persons in international agricultural and extension education are engaged in a variety of programs and activities, including formal and nonformal

educational programs in agriculture, large group and small group instruction, field or extension supervisory and advisory activities, secondary and postsecondary programs, public and private sector sponsored programs, established and pilot programs of agricultural and extension education, and are persons who represent national and international institutions, organizations, and agencies engaged in education in agricultural and extension education.

Section 5. To further the profession of education through international agricultural and extension education.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership

Membership is open to all persons interested in agricultural and extension education as a basic component of international development. This shall include those in such entities as secondary institutions, colleges and universities, extension programs, foundations, national and international governmental agencies, private industries, and consulting organizations.

Section 2. Membership Period and Dues

The membership year shall be from January 1 through December 31 of the each year. Membership may be attained in the AIAEE after formal application and payment of dues.

Section 3. Members

Members shall be defined as individuals who have current dues paid.

ARTICLE IV. CHAPTERS

Section 1. Chapters.

Chapters shall be granted recognition by the AIAEE when members form these groups to achieve goals and objectives of the AIAEE. Chapters of AIAEE may be organized wherever a group of AIAEE members desires to develop and conduct an AIAEE program for the benefit of its members. Chapters may be organized to represent a region, area, or country. Chapter members are full members of the AIAEE and will receive all membership benefits.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Officers of the AIAEE shall be President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors, one of whom shall be a Student Representative. These seven officers shall constitute the voting positions on the Board of Directors of the AIAEE. All officers shall be members of the AIAEE.

Section 2. AIAEE Officers shall be elected for the length of time and by procedures outlined in the Bylaws of the AIAEE.

Section 3. The Officers, constituted as Board of Directors, shall have full control of the business of the AIAEE as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws and/or as mandated by actions of the AIAEE in duly constituted meetings. The Board of Directors shall report its official actions to the members of the AIAEE at an annual meeting or through electronic mail to the membership at least once annually.

Section 4. The Executive and Managing Editors of the *Journal of International Agricultural and Extension Education*, the official journal of the AIAEE, shall serve in officially-appointed, non-voting positions on the Board of Directors of the AIAEE. There are three positions (Managing Editor, Executive Editor, and Past Editor), each with a two year term.

Section 5. The Scholarly Activities Committee Chair and Sub-Chairs shall serve in officially-appointed, non-voting positions on the Board of Directors of the AIAEE. There are three positions (Poster Chair, Abstract Chair, and Scholarly Activities Chair), each with a one-year term.

ARTICLE VI. VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE

Section 1. Members are eligible to attend and participate in discussions of business, programs, and other activities of the AIAEE. Only members are eligible to vote and to hold office.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees may be appointed as deemed necessary by the President and/or the Board of Directors. Both standing and ad hoc committees may be designated and appointed.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the AIAEE shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall decide.

Section 2. If more than one meeting is called by the AIAEE in a membership year, one of them shall be designated as the annual meeting for purposes of record.

Section 3. Notice of future annual meetings shall be announced at each annual meeting, advertised in writing by the Board of Directors via email and posted on the AIAEE Website.

ARTICLE IX. ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Section 1. The AIAEE may affiliate with other organizations upon majority vote of the membership or of those present at a regularly called meeting.

ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. All meetings convened by the AIAEE or its Committees shall be governed according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The AIAEE Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of members present at any annual meeting or by two-thirds of the members who participate in electronic balloting provided that:

- a. Proposed amendments are submitted to the AIAEE Board of Directors at least 30 days in advance of the balloting.
- b. Such proposed amendments shall be mailed electronically by the Board of Directors to members at least 10 days before the balloting.

Section 2. Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by individual members.

Section 3. The Board of Directors may submit proposed amendments, approved by the Board, to the members of the AIAEE for vote by electronic balloting. In such cases, a minimum of 25% of the members must vote, and an affirmative vote by two-thirds of members voting shall be necessary for the approval of an amendment. In the event that electronic balloting is used, the balloting will remain open for a minimum of 10 business days.

ARTICLE XII. OPERATING CONDITIONS

Section 1. The AIAEE is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the AIAEE shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, other private persons, except that the AIAEE shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation of services rendered in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section I of this Article.

Section 3. The AIAEE shall not participate or intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the AIAEE shall not conduct any activities not permitted by United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Upon dissolution of the AIAEE, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the AIAEE, dispose of all assets of the AIAEE exclusively for the purposes of the AIAEE in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes, as the Executive Board shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the Brazos County, Texas, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Approved on April 22, 2019.