



American Meat
Science Association

Bylaws of the American Meat Science Association Student Membership

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I. Name and Purpose

- 1.1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the American Meat Science Association Student Membership.
- 1.2. Purpose

The AMSA Student Membership is a global community of peers that creates opportunities for fostering professional development, cultivating leadership, promoting camaraderie and perpetuating knowledge.
- 1.3. Affiliation

The AMSA Student Membership is a section of the American Meat Science Association. AMSA bylaws, policies and procedures take precedence over these bylaws.

II. Membership

- 2.1. Eligibility

Eligibility for student membership is established by the AMSA Bylaws.
- 2.2. Privileges
 - 2.2.1. The AMSA Bylaws state that student members are eligible to attend all open meeting of the AMSA Board of Directors and may receive all AMSA publications.
 - 2.2.2. In addition, Student Members
 - 2.2.2.1. are eligible to vote in Student membership business
 - 2.2.2.2. are eligible to hold an office in the Student Board of Directors
- 2.3. Application and Dues

Application procedures are defined in the AMSA Bylaws. Dues are set by the AMSA Board of Directors.

2.4. Annual Meeting

2.4.1. The AMSA Student Membership shall hold a meeting once per year during the annual meeting of the American Meat Science Association. The Student Board of Directors will be responsible for conducting the annual business meeting. During the annual business meeting, the new President will be installed and newly elected Directors will be presented.

III. Officers and Directors

3.1. Composition

- 3.1.1. The AMSA Student Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Past President and six (6) annually elected directors.
- 3.1.2. The Directors shall be elected for a one (1) year term.
- 3.1.3. Directors shall be comprised of four (4) regional Directors, and two (2) at-large directors. All AMSA student members will vote for all Directors via an e-mail ballot.
- 3.1.4. Regional and at-large candidates receiving the most votes will be named a Director.
- 3.1.5. Geographical regions are defined by state:
- 3.1.5.1. East Region: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, U.S. Territories and all other countries.
 - 3.1.5.2. South Region: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.
 - 3.1.5.3. Midwest Region: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin
 - 3.1.5.4. West Region: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

3.1.5.5. At Large: Does not represent a specific region.

3.1.6. The President, Regional Directors and At-Large Directors must remain a current student during their term in office. Board members may be a May graduate as long as they are still able to finish their term obligations at RMC.

3.2. Responsibilities

3.2.1. Conduct the general and business affairs of the student members of the American Meat Science Association in the interval between the annual meetings.

3.2.2. Serve as a liaison between the student membership and the American Meat Science Association Board of Directors.

3.2.3. Encourage and facilitate long-term membership and involvement in the American Meat Science Association.

3.3. Meetings

3.3.1. The Student Board of Directors will hold a meeting during the Reciprocal Meat Conference and additional meetings as necessary to conduct the business of association.

3.3.2. Newly elected board members must be able to attend the RMC following election to office.

3.4. Officers

3.4.1. President

3.4.1.1. Qualifications

President must be a student member of the American Meat Science Association and have previously served on the Student Board of Directors.

3.4.1.2. Duties

The President shall perform the duties usually incumbent upon this office and such other activities as are necessary to fulfill the objectives of the AMSA Student Board of Directors. The President is a non-voting member of the Student Board of Directors. The President shall be present at at-least one AMSA Board of Director meetings as a non-voting participant.

3.4.1.3. Term of Office

The president is elected by a majority vote of the AMSA student membership at the same time the Board of Directors election is held prior to the annual meeting of the association (RMC). Any student who has previously served on the AMSA Student Board of Directors may declare himself or herself as a candidate for the office of President. The president will serve on the Student Board of Directors for a one-year term. After this term of service, the president will serve an additional year on the AMSA Student Board of Directors as past-President.

3.4.2. Past President

3.4.2.1. Qualifications

The Past President must be a member of the American Meat Science Association in either a professional or student membership status.

3.4.2.2. Duties

The responsibilities of the Past President are to assist the Student Board of Directors in obtaining information to make decisions on items of business that comes before the Board. The Past President will act as a voting member of the Student Board of Directors.

3.4.3. Secretary

3.4.3.1. Qualifications

Must be a current Director of the AMSA Student Board.

3.4.3.2. Duties

The Secretary will compose and distribute minutes from each meeting to the Student Board of Directors and the Advisor of the Student Board of Directors. The Secretary will maintain a complete record of all minutes and activities of the Student Board of Directors as a historical record of events. A hardcopy and computer disk copy of this record should be passed on to each new board of directors. A backup copy will be archived at AMSA Headquarters, and updated on an annual basis. The Secretary will also carry out the duties and responsibilities of his/her Director position (Region/At-Large).

3.4.3.3. Term of Office

Current members of the AMSA Student Board of Directors will elect the Secretary who will serve a one-year term.

3.4.4. Treasurer

3.4.4.1. Qualifications

Must be a current Director of the AMSA Student Board.

3.4.4.2. Duties

The Treasurer will maintain a ledger of financial transactions that corresponds to the AMSA Headquarters records. The treasurer will present a current Treasurer's report during each meeting, and submit an annual Treasurer's report that will be presented to the student membership at the annual student membership meeting. The Treasurer will also carry out the duties and responsibilities of his/her Director position (Region/At-Large).

3.4.4.3. Term of Office

Current members of the AMSA Student Board of Directors will elect the Treasurer who will serve a one-year term.

3.4.5. Advisor

3.4.5.1. Qualifications

The 2 advisor positions will be 2-year rotating positions, with the first year designated as junior advisor and second as senior advisor.

3.4.5.2. Duties

The advisor will be involved in tasks where it is more appropriate for a professional member than a student to do the task.

3.4.5.3. A member of the AMSA Board of Directors will serve as the board representative for the Student Board of Directors

3.4.5.4. Nomination

Each year nominations will be submitted by the current Student Board of Directors advisors and the past president.

3.4.5.5. The advisors will consist of one individual representing industry or government and one individual representing academia.

3.4.6. Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs among the officers for any reason, the Student Board of Directors will determine how the position is filled for the un-expired portion of term.

3.4.7. Removal.

An officer may be removed for adequate reason by a two-thirds vote of the Student Board of Directors.

3.5. Compensation

Officers and Directors do not receive compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for expenses.

IV. Nominations and Elections

4.14.1. Nominations

The ballot shall consist of names of eligible Student Members who have submitted a completed application for nomination.

4.1.1. Applications for AMSA Student Board of Director position will be sent to all AMSA student members.

4.1.2. Eligible current Student Board Directors wishing to run for the following years Student Board of Directors must reapply.

4.1.3. Students wanting to run for President must have served one term on the AMSA Student Board of Directors.

4.1.4. Each candidate for President may also run for a second term as Director on the same ballot. Such candidate's name will be removed from consideration for Director upon election as President.

4.1.5. After receipt of applications, ballots will be developed and emailed to all current AMSA Student Members.

4.1.6. In the case of no candidates running for a regional director position during annual elections, the respective regional director position automatically becomes an additional at-large director position.

4.2. Voting

4.2.1. Candidates for President Director will be listed on the voting ballot.

4.2.2. All current AMSA student members may vote for one candidate each for President.

4.2.3 For the Director positions, each student will be able to vote once for the director running in their region and will not vote for a director outside of their region.

4.2.4 Each student will then be able to cast two votes for the at large position and not be able to vote for a candidate that they have already voted for in their region for a director position

4.2.5. The candidate receiving the most votes in for each position will be elected an AMSA Student Board Director.

V. By-Law Changes

5.1. Any AMSA student member may submit a proposal to change the By-Laws of the AMSA Student Board of Directors to the President of the Student Board of Directors, 90 days prior to the annual meeting (held at RMC).

5.2. A proper motion must be presented at the annual business meeting of the AMSA Student Board of Directors, and pass by a two-thirds majority vote in order to make the proposed change.

5.3. If a proposed change of the By-Laws must be made before the annual meeting in order to operate, the proposed By-Law change can be voted on via an e-mail ballot. The preferred voting method for proposed By-Law changes is to conduct the vote during the annual AMSA Student Board of Directors business meeting.

5.4. All changes made in the By-Laws will be maintained in the By-Law Appendix, and will be archived.

Appendix

Changes made 1.23.17

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