Article VIII of the constitution of The Potato Association of America provides for the creation of sections and prescribes that each section may develop bylaws for the conduct of its affairs provided that such bylaws do not conflict with the constitution and bylaws of The Potato Association of America.

1. **Name:**

   The name of the Section shall be: Plant Protection of The Potato Association of America.

2. **Purpose:**

   The Plant Protection Section serves two major purposes:

   a. to promote communication among people involved in Pathology, Entomology and Weed Control through the exchange and development of concepts dealing with disease and insect aspects of seed and commercial potato production, storage and marketing; and

   b. to develop appropriate research, information and/or educational programs through PAA on behalf of its members.

3. **Membership:**

   Membership is open to members of The Potato Association of America.

4. **Officers:**

   The officers of the Section shall be a Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and a 1-year Director who will be elected annually. Each year the officers shift up one position with Vice-Chair becoming Chair, the Secretary becoming Vice-chair and the Director becoming Secretary. A Treasurer shall be appointed by the officers and shall serve on a permanent basis until
replaced voluntarily or at the request of the officers or section general membership.

a. The duties of the officers shall be those customarily pertaining to these offices, and will begin at the conclusion of the annual business meeting.

b. The Chair shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of The Potato Association of America.

5. Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the current officers and the immediate Past Chair.

6. Meetings:

An annual meeting of the Section shall be held within the time framework of the Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America. Additional meetings may be called at the Chair’s discretion.

7. Committees:

The Chair shall appoint any special committees as may be required to serve the needs of the Section.

8. Funds:

The annual membership fee is $2.00. The Section officers shall have the responsibility for administering Section funds.

9. Publications:

Minutes of Section meetings shall be recorded, reproduced and distributed to Section members. Other publications shall be issued on an as-needed basis.
10. **Amendments to the Bylaws:**

These bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Section provided the amendment is approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members in attendance following notice of motion and that copies of such notice shall be mailed by the Chair to each member at least four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. These bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of the Section provided the amendment is approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members in attendance following notice of motion and that copies of such notice shall be mailed by the Chair to each member at least four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

(Approved at 85th Annual Meeting, April 2001)