

PHYSIOLOGY SECTION
of The Potato Association of America

"BYLAWS"

Whereas Article X Section 1 of the Bylaws of The Potato Association of America provides for the creation of sections and further prescribes that each section may develop its own bylaws for the conduct of its affairs provided such bylaws do not conflict with the Bylaws of The Potato Association of America.

1. **Name:**

The name of the section shall be the Physiology Section of The Potato Association of America.

2. **Purpose:**

The primary purpose of the Physiology Section is to promote discussion, exchange and understanding of potato physiological problems and to encourage research and new approaches to solving these problems. This can be accomplished by organizing and sponsoring symposia on selected topics, preparing listings of investigators and their current research program objectives, improving communications between physiologists, plant breeders and pathologists, improving the selection and presentation of research papers at the annual meetings, and sponsoring discussions on immediate and future research pertaining to potato physiology.

3. **Membership:**

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

4. **Officers:**

- a. The officers of the Section shall be Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary elected annually with the Vice-Chair moving up as Chair and the Secretary moving up as Vice-Chair.

- b. The duties of the Officers shall be those customarily pertaining to these offices.
- c. The Chair shall represent the Section on the Board of Directors of The Potato Association of America.

5. Executive Committee

- a. The Executive Committee is responsible for managing the affairs of the Section. It shall consist of the Officers of the Section, the immediate past Chair, and two Directors.
- b. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at the discretion of the Chair, or by written request of a majority of the Executive Committee.
- c. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that occurs between The Potato Association of America Annual Meetings.
- d. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

6. Election of Executive Committee Members

- a. All positions on the Executive Committee shall be for terms of one year except those of the two Directors which shall be for two consecutive years, but at the initial election, one director shall be elected for one year and the other for two years.
- b. Nominations may be made in advance to the chair or from the floor, and in the event that more than one nomination is made for any position, a public vote will be held for sustaining nominations by section members at the Annual Meeting of the Section. In the event of a request from members, an anonymous ballot may be used in place of the public vote.
- c. The Executive Committee shall hold office until its successors are elected.

7. **Meetings:**

- a. An Annual Meeting of the Section shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of The Potato Association of America and at such time and place as the Executive Committee may direct. Additional meetings may be called by the Executive Committee at its discretion.
- b. A quorum at Annual Section meetings shall be those members present at the meeting.

8. **Committees:**

The Chair or the Executive Committee shall appoint such standing and special committees as may be required to serve the needs of the Section.

9. **Publications**

Minutes of Section meetings shall be recorded, reproduced, and distributed by the Section Secretary to the PAA Executive Committee for publication in the minutes of the PAA Annual Meeting in the *American Journal of Potato Research*.

10. **Amendment of 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 and that the notice of proposed bylaw changes be provided to the members at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

February 10, 1978

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