

**CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHEASTERN BRANCH
OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY, CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF
AMERICA, and SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

Article I

1. **Name:** The name of this organization shall be the Northeastern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America (NEBCSA).
2. **Area:** It is understood that the Northeastern Branch includes the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia. Members of the American Society of Agronomy (ASA), Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) and Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) who reside in the adjacent Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland/Labrador, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec are considered members of the NEBCSA.

Article II

1. **Objectives:** The objectives of this organization shall be: (1) the increase and dissemination of agronomic and soils knowledge and (2) foster a closer acquaintanceship among agronomists, crop scientists, and soil scientists within the area.

Article III

1. **Membership:** Membership may be active, associate, or supporting.
2. **Active:** Active membership shall depend upon active membership in ASA, CSSA or SSSA, and residence within the Branch area.
3. **Associate:** Associate membership shall depend upon interest in agronomy, crops, or soils -related issues, submission of an Associate membership application form, payment of an annual fee, residence within the Branch area, and affiliation with the Branch. Associate members may serve on Branch committees and vote on matters pertaining only to the Branch but shall not have the right to hold office in the Branch or vote on matters pertaining to the national organization.
4. **Supporting:** Supporting membership consists of organizations that conduct business in the Branch area. One individual, designated by a supporting member, may serve on Branch committees and vote on matters pertaining only to the Branch but shall not have the right to hold office in the Branch or vote on matters pertaining to the national organization.

Article IV

- 1. Regular Officers of the Branch:** Regular officers of the Branch shall consist of a president, a president-elect, past president, and a secretary-treasurer. The president-elect is chosen annually by a mail or electronic (email) ballot, after one year automatically becomes president, and after one year automatically becomes past president. The secretary-treasurer shall be elected by mail or electronic ballot every third year for a period of three years, but may be re-elected. The duties of the officers shall be those usually pertaining to the respective offices. Newly elected officers will take office at the last executive committee meeting of the annual meeting held during the year.
- 2. Representation on the Branch Board of Directors from ASA:** ASA shall be represented on the Northeastern Branch Board of Directors by an elected member of ASA. The Branch representative shall be elected by mail or electronic ballot. The term of office will be for a period of three years. Each succeeding Branch representative elected shall take office at the last Board meeting during the third year of their term.
- 3. Representation on the Branch Board of Directors from CSSA:** CSSA shall be represented on the Northeastern Branch Board of Directors by an elected member of CSSA. The Branch representative shall be elected by mail or electronic ballot. The term of office will be for a period of three years. Each succeeding Branch representative elected shall take office at the last Board meeting during the third year of their term.
- 4. Representation on the Branch Board of Directors from SSSA:** SSSA shall be represented on the Northeastern Branch Board of Directors by an elected member of SSSA. The Branch representative shall be elected by mail or electronic ballot. The term of office will be for a period of three years. Each succeeding Branch representative elected shall take office at the last Board meeting during the third year of their term.
- 5. Directors of the Branch:** Up to four directors [including representatives for At-Large, Certified Crop Advisers (CCA), and Associate memberships] of the Branch shall be elected by mail or electronic ballot. The term of office will be for a period of two years with the terms of the directors staggered. Newly-elected directors will take office at the last executive committee meeting of the annual meeting held during that year. The directors shall participate in all deliberations of the executive committee and have full voting privileges.
- 6. The Executive Committee:** There shall be an executive committee consisting of the president-elect, president, past president, the secretary-treasurer, the Branch representative from ASA, the Branch representative from SSSA, the Branch representative from CSSA, the two directors, and the At-large directors. The Executive Committee shall handle all business of the Branch arising between annual meetings and all other matters delegated to it by the membership. The Executive Committee will serve as a nomination committee for each elected office, for directors, and for nominees for consideration for President-Elect of ASA, CSSA and/or SSSA.

Article V

1. **Time and Place of Meeting:** At least one meeting of the Branch shall be held each year. Unless otherwise determined by the membership or the Executive Committee, this meeting shall be a summer meeting hosted by an Agricultural College or Experiment Station. The host institution shall have full responsibility for the program and other features of the meeting subject only to expressed direction of the Executive Committee or the membership at previous meetings.
2. **Program:** The program shall include a symposium, observation and study of research, teaching, and Extension work, techniques of doing same, and such other activities as may promote the interests of the Branch.
3. **Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting shall be held at such time within the general meeting as the president may determine. At this meeting, the report of the nomination committee will be given, and additional nominations will be accepted from the membership.
4. **Annual Meeting Location:** The place of meeting shall be by invitation from institutions within the Branch. The practice shall be to rotate the location among the Northeastern states and adjoining Canadian provinces.

Article VI

1. **Registration Fees:** A registration fee of such amount as the host institution may determine, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may be charged. From this fund the host institution may make necessary expenditures. Any unexpended surplus shall be turned over to the secretary-treasurer as property of the Branch.
2. **Branch Funds:** Funds of the Branch may be used in such matter as the membership or Executive Committee may determine. Funds shall be maintained in a Branch account established by the secretary-treasurer of the NEBCSA.

Article VII

Amendments: This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a three-fifths vote of those present and voting provided notice of such proposed amendments has been given at the previous regular meeting or by mail or email by the secretary one month or more prior to the meeting at which action is to be taken. Amendments proposed by mail or email must have the approval of at least three members of the Executive Committee.

Adopted: July 25, 2009