

## REPORT OF THE RULES COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION OF OFFICIAL SEED ANALYSTS

Vera L. Colbry, Chairman

Rewrite of the rules of the AOSA:

The rules changes voted on and accepted at the 1964 meeting were incorporated into the rules and sent to the editor, Dr. Duane Isely. Harry Smith, the outgoing chairman of the Rules Committee, assumed the major responsibility for this task.

We were asked to review and clarify for the editor quite a few sections of the rules. To avoid this in the future, we are recommending that the Executive Committee designate the editor an ex-officio member of the Rules Committee.

The editor requested that tables 1, 3, and 5 have the same format; that is, they should be arranged by scientific names first or by common names first. This problem was referred to the Executive Board. They voted that the kinds of seeds in these tables should be listed scientific names first. We, accordingly, rearranged tables 1, 3, and 4 with scientific names first to correspond to table 5.

The Rules Committee voted to make the following recommendations to the editor:

- (1) Compound common names should be used for grasses.
- (2) The common name for Agropyron trichophorum should be "pubescent wheatgrass" instead of "hairy intermediate wheatgrass."
- (3) The common name for Carthamus tinctorius should be "safflower." The common name "false saffron" should be dropped.
- (4) The common names, petsai (Chinese cabbage) should be retained for Brassica pekinensis.

New Committee members:

Mr. Ralph Clements was appointed to succeed Mr. Harry L. Smith on the Rules Committee.

Dr. James Delouche will succeed Miss Magdalene Brummitt at the expiration of her term of office on July 1, 1965.

Subcommittees:

Miss Elizabeth McSwain was appointed to head a subcommittee on Review of Literature Pertaining to Germination Methods for Range Grass Seeds. She has prepared a partial bibliography for distribution at the Lexington meeting.

Dr. Willard Crosier continued this year as head of the subcommittee on Detection of Seed Treatment. His committee will present a report at the Lexington meeting.

Mr. C. B. W. Rogers continued this year as head of the subcommittee on Tree and Shrub Seeds. He reports his only activity was to review for the editor the section of the rules pertaining to tree and shrub seeds.

Recommendation for a tentative rule:

The Rules Committee asks the Executive Board to recommend that the AOSA vote on adoption of an alternate, tentative, standardized blowing method for the purity analysis of Pensacola bahiagrass; provided, (1) the method goes into effect upon publication in the News Letter of directions for making the test, and (2) calibration samples are available.

The request for this tentative rule was made by Miss Patricia Morgan, Chairman of the subcommittee on Uniform Blowing Procedure for Pensacola Bahiagrass. The data has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Leroy Everson, chairman of the Research Committee.