

AOSA Allied Membership Bylaw Proposal

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Proposal #3**

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this proposal is to provide a laboratory membership category for seed laboratories of governmental regulatory agencies and/or government institutions, within or outside of the United States, that do not have a CSA or equivalent under employment. Currently, these laboratories do not have an option to become an AOSA member laboratory nor the opportunity for their staff to be appointed members of committees and contribute more directly to AOSA. The Affiliate Members and Associate Members categories are for individuals and not for laboratories. This is a means to potentially expand AOSA membership and provide an opportunity for more participation for seed analysts in governmental laboratories and institutions.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Current:

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2. Official laboratories shall be from the United States and Canada, provided however Laboratories from other countries shall be eligible for Allied Laboratory status. (1998).

Proposed:

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2. Official laboratories shall be from the United States and Canada, provided however Laboratories from other countries shall be eligible for Allied Laboratory status. (1998) **Laboratories from the United States and Canada, that do not have a certified seed analysts or equivalent under employment, are also eligible for Allied Laboratory status.**

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Current:

4. Membership

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b. Allied Laboratories – laboratories of government agencies and government institutions, outside the United States and Canada and as defined in Article IV Section 2, engaged in seed research, testing, training, and/or regulatory work shall be eligible for Allied Laboratories status. Persons employed in technical and/or professional positions in Allied Laboratories shall automatically become Allied Members. Allied Members shall be eligible for appointment to but not serve as chair for any committees except subcommittees. They shall not be eligible for election as an officer or member of the Executive Board of the Association or entitled to vote in Association elections or other business of the Association.

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b. Allied Laboratories – laboratories of government agencies and government institutions, **inside or** outside the United States and Canada and as defined in Article IV Section 2, engaged in seed research, testing, training, and/or regulatory work shall be eligible for Allied Laboratories status. **Allied laboratories are not required to have a certified seed analyst or equivalent under employment.** Persons employed in technical and/or professional positions in Allied Laboratories shall automatically become Allied Members. Allied Members shall be eligible for appointment to but not serve as chair for any committees except subcommittees. They shall not be eligible for election as an officer or member of the Executive Board of the Association or entitled to vote in Association elections or other business of the Association.

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