

AOSA BYLAW PROPOSAL #2

Purpose: To remove “Liaison” from committees and add the duties of “Liaison” to the President of the association’s duties.

Present Bylaw: Article VII 4.e

- a. Liaison: shall promote improved liaison between the Association and other organizations with mutual interests. It shall be the duty of the newly appointed or reappointed chair each year to notify the Presidents of the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists, the Commercial Seed Analysts Association of Canada, the American Seed Trade Association, the Canadian Seed Trade Association, the Association of American Seed Control Officials, the Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and the International Seed Testing Association that he/she is the chair of the committee and to offer services of the committee to those organizations. The services of the committee shall also be available to any other Association committee desiring to establish liaison with another organization. This shall not preclude direct liaison between Association committees and corresponding committees of other organizations.

Proposed Bylaw: Article V 3.a

1. Duties and Terms of Office:

a. President and Vice-President

(1) President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the Association, to perform the usual duties of such office, and in addition:

- (a) Serve as chair of the Executive Board;
- (b) Appoint all committee chairs;
- (c) Approve appointment of committee members; Serve (d) as chair of the Merit Award Committee;
- (e) Serve as advisor to the Program Committee;
- (f) Serve as chair of the Budget Committee during the first year of office and as advisor to the chair of the Budget Committee during the second year of office.
- (g) Review reports on all committee activity during term of office.
- (h) **Serve as the liaison between the Association and other organizations with mutual interests and promote improved liaison between the Association and other organizations with mutual interests."**

(2) Vice President: The Vice-President shall act as President upon the completion of the term of office as Vice-President, except that, in the case of ineligibility or resignation, the vacancy shall be filled as provided in Article V, Section 4.b. or c., of the Bylaws. The duties of the Vice-President shall include:

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- (a) Serve as co-chair of the Joint Annual Meeting Committee. (Etc.) (2016)
- (b) To solicit candidates for the AOSA Merit Award according to award guidelines. (2017)
- (c) During the close of the second year of office as Vice-President in preparation for the first year of office as President, appoint all chairs for those committees whose chair positions must be filled annually and for those whose chair positions have been vacated by term expiration as specified in the Bylaws.
- (d) Serve as member of the Budget Committee during the first year as Vice-President. During the second year of office, the Vice-President shall serve as chair of the Budget Committee in preparation for the first year of office as President.
- (e) **Organize and invite affiliated organizations to liaison meeting.**
- (f) Serve as a member of the Membership Committee.

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If accepted:

Remove article VII 4.e (Previous Liaison committee) from bylaw document.