

# INTERNATIONAL PLANT GROWTH SUBSTANCES ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

## *Article 1: Name*

The name of the organization shall be the International Plant Growth Substances Association.

## *Article 2: Object*

The object of the Association is to promote the development of the study of plant growth substances at the international level. This object may be accomplished by such means as:

1. The organization of International Conferences on plant growth substances.
2. Cooperation in the organization of sections devoted to plant growth substances and related disciplines at International Congresses.
3. Facilitation of publication of matters relating to the study of plant growth substances.

## *Article 3: Membership*

Membership shall be open to all those actively engaged in

Or interested in the study of plant growth substances or related topics.

## *Article 4: Conduct of the Affairs of the Association*

1. The affairs of the Association shall be controlled by a Council, consisting of the President, Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer and six area representatives.
2. The Council shall have the power to
  - a) Make By-Laws and other regulations appropriate for the conduct of the business of the Association and the furtherance of its aims and objectives.
  - b) Appoint members to the standing committees, and appoint ad hoc committees.
  - c) Levy a membership fee, payable by all members. The amount of this subscription shall be subject to determination at each General Meeting.
  - d) Prepare and approve a budget for the Association.
  - e) Select the site of meeting of the Association and appoint a Host from that site. The Council can refer the selection to the membership at large at the General Meeting.
3. The President shall be elected to a term of three years, and cannot be reelected. Upon completion of the term, the President becomes the Past-President for a term of three years. The President conducts the business of the Association in conjunction with the Council. The President will consult with the Council on all matters of consequence.
4. The Past-President is the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, and is responsible for organizing the activities of this committee. The Past-President is also the Co-Chair of the Program Meeting Committee, with the Host. The Past-President serves a term of three years.
5. The Secretary carries out the correspondence of the Association, produces and distributes newsletters and other information to the members, and is a member of the Meeting Program Committee. The Secretary is elected for a term of three years, and can be reelected once.
6. The Treasurer is responsible for the financial affairs of the Association. The Treasurer shall present a report on the finances to the General Meeting. The Treasurer is elected for a term of three

years, and can be reelected without restriction.

7. Elected Council Members are elected for six-year terms with half elected each three years. There shall be two council member selected from each of three geographical areas: the Americas, Europe, and the remaining countries. The council shall determine the exact composition of each geographical group, attempting to equalize the number of members in each group. Members will vote only for the Council Member from their own area.

#### *Article 5: Elections*

1. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of the Past-President as Chairman and four other members, one each selected by the President and each pair of Area Council Members. These selected members can not be members of the Council. Each shall serve a term of three years.
2. The nominating committee shall nominate at least two persons for each office. The committee shall determine that an individual who is nominated would be willing to serve if elected. The list of nominees shall be made public by the Nominating Committee a minimum of 24 hours prior to the General Meeting. The membership may propose additional nominees at the General Meeting, by presenting a petition containing the names of ten nominators before the start of the General Meeting.
3. Election shall occur at the General Meeting. Each member has one vote. Each member will be able to vote for the President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Council Member from their geographical area.

#### *Article 6: Standing Committees*

1. There shall be four Standing Committees of the Association: the Nominating Committee, the Awards Committee, a Meeting Program Committee and a Publications Committee.
2. The Awards Committee shall be responsible for selecting up to three recipients of the IPGSA Distinguished Research Award, to be awarded at each General Meeting. This award is to be given to members of the IPGSA to recognize significant contributions to the study of plant growth substances. The Awards Committee shall consist of the President, Past-President and the recipients of the award at the previous General Meeting.
3. The Meeting Program Committee shall be responsible for organizing the program for the triennial meeting of the IPGSA. The committee shall consist of the Past-President and Host, who will serve as co-chairpersons, and five other members, selected by the Council. The committee shall determine the form of the meeting, select invited symposium participants, and aid the Host in any way possible to insure the success of the meeting.
4. The Publications Committee shall be responsible for any publications produced or sponsored by the IPGSA. The committee shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and two members selected by the Council. Each person shall serve a term of three years.

#### *Article 7: Meetings*

The Association shall sponsor an International Conference on Plant Growth Substances every third year. The Association shall endeavor to have the meeting rotate between the three geographical areas.

There shall be a General Meeting of the Association at each International Conference on Plant Growth Substances. The President shall present a report on the affairs of the Association at this meeting. The

Treasurer shall present an audited account of the finances.

The election of officers shall occur. The IPGSA Distinguished Research Awards shall be presented at the General Meeting.

*Article 8: Amendments*

The Constitution can be amended at any General Meeting by a 2/3 vote of the membership in attendance. The Council or a group of 25 members may propose changes by giving at least three months notice.

Constitutional amendments shall be the first major piece of business at the General Meeting, and if enacted, shall take force immediately.