

**CONSTITUTION**  
of the  
**Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education**

**CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE:**

The Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education (AIAEE) is an organization dedicated to developing new programs in agricultural and extension education and improving or strengthening existing programs and institutions of education to have a positive impact on development efforts worldwide. The AIAEE shall work toward improving the understanding of agricultural and extension education in different international settings among public and professional groups concerned with development. The AIAEE shall maintain liaison and working relationships with such groups and institutions and shall provide a medium for the exchange of ideas and information relating to programs of international agricultural and extension education.

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

**Section 1.** The name of the organization shall be “Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education.”

**ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES**

**Section 1.** To initiate, maintain, and improve communication and liaison with those responsible for aspects of international development in agricultural and extension education.

**Section 2.** To foster acquaintance, fellowship, and understanding among members and to serve as a vehicle for exchange of ideas, philosophy, and professional materials to establish international agricultural and extension education as a profession.

**Section 3.** To articulate more clearly the role of agricultural and extension education in agricultural development.

**Section 4.** To cooperate with other organizations and groups toward

- a. Adequate preparation of persons for educational tasks and positions in international agricultural and extension education.
- b. Encouragement and dissemination of research in international agricultural and extension education.
- c. Establishment and maintenance of a roster for international agricultural and extension education professionals who can provide the expertise needed to assist funding agencies and developing nations in planning and implementing programs, and establishing and improving agricultural and extension education institutions.
- d. Recognition that persons in international agricultural and extension education are engaged in a variety of programs and activities, including formal and nonformal educational programs in agriculture, large and small group instruction, field or extension supervisory activities, secondary and postsecondary programs, public and private sector sponsored programs, established and pilot programs of

agricultural and extension education, and are persons who represent national and international institutions, organizations, and agencies engaged in education in agricultural and extension education.

**Section 5.** To further the profession of education through international agricultural and extension education.

### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1. Membership**

Membership is open to all persons interested in agricultural and extension education as a basic component of international development. This shall include those in such entities as secondary institutions, colleges and universities, extension programs, foundations, national and international governmental agencies, private industries, and consulting organizations.

#### **Section 2. Membership Period and Dues**

The membership year shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Membership may be attained in the AIAEE after formal application and payment of dues.

### **ARTICLE IV. CHAPTERS**

#### **Section 1. Chapters**

Chapters shall be granted recognition by the AIAEE when members form groups to achieve goals and objectives of the AIAEE. Chapters of AIAEE may be organized wherever a group of AIAEE members desires to develop and conduct an AIAEE program for the benefit of its members. Chapters may be organized to represent a selected region, area, or country. Chapter members are full members of the AIAEE and will receive all membership benefits.

### **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The Officers of the AIAEE shall be President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors, one of whom shall be a Student Representative. These seven officers shall constitute the Board of Directors of the AIAEE. All officers shall be regular dues-paying members of the AIAEE.

**Section 2.** AIAEE Officers shall be elected for the length of time and by procedures outlined in the Bylaws of the AIAEE.

**Section 3.** The Officers, constituted as the Board of Directors, shall have full control of the business of the AIAEE as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws and/or as mandated by actions of the AIAEE in duly constituted meetings. The Board of Directors shall report its official actions to the members of the AIAEE at an annual meeting or through electronic mail to the membership at least once annually.

## **ARTICLE VI. VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE**

**Section 1.** All members are eligible to attend and participate in discussions of business, programs, and other activities of the AIAEE. Only regular dues-paying members are eligible to vote and to hold office.

## **ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** Committees may be appointed as deemed necessary by the President and/or the Board of Directors. Both standing and ad hoc committees may be designated and appointed.

## **ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of the AIAEE shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall decide.

**Section 2.** If more than one meeting is called by the AIAEE in a membership year, one of them shall be designated as the annual meeting for purposes of record.

**Section 3.** Notices of future annual meetings shall be announced at each annual meeting, advertised in writing by the Board of Directors in the newsletter and posted on the Website.

## **ARTICLE IX. ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**Section 1.** The AIAEE may affiliate with other organizations upon majority vote of the membership or of those present at a regularly called meeting.

## **ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Section 1.** All meetings convened by the AIAEE or its Committees shall be governed according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

## **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** The AIAEE Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of members present at any annual meeting provided that:

- a. Proposed amendments are submitted to the AIAEE Board of Directors at least 60 days in advance of the meeting.
- b. Such proposed amendments shall be mailed electronically by the Board of Directors to members at least 20 days before the meeting.

**Section 2.** Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by individual members.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors may submit proposed amendments, approved by the Board, to the members of the AIAEE for vote by electronic mail. In such cases, a minimum of 25% of the membership must vote and an affirmative vote by two-thirds of all persons voting shall be necessary for the approval of an amendment.

## **ARTICLE XII. OPERATING CONDITIONS**

**Section 1.** The AIAEE is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes.

**Section 2.** No part of the net earnings of the AIAEE shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, other private persons, except that the AIAEE shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation of services rendered in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section I of this Article.

**Section 3.** The AIAEE shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**Section 4.** Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the AIAEE shall not carry on any activities not permitted by United States Internal Revenue Law.

## **ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION**

**Section 1.** Upon dissolution of the AIAEE, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the AIAEE, dispose of all the assets of the AIAEE exclusively for the purposes of the AIAEE in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes, as the Executive Board shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of Brazos County Texas, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.