

Oregon State University
Certification-Foundation Seed & Plant Materials Board

BYLAWS

Article I. Name and Location

Oregon State University Certification-Foundation Seed & Plant Materials Board. The principal place of business should be the office of the Dean of the School of Agriculture, State Certification, Oregon State University.

Article II. Objective

The objectives of the Certification-Foundation Seed & Plant Materials Board are set forth as follows:

1. Set policy which will provide a service to the public for the maintenance and increase of quality seed and propagating material of varieties grown and distributed in such a manner as to insure varietal purity through the appropriate application of standards.
2. Review and act upon recommendations from the following Certification-Foundation Seed & Plant Materials Advisory Committees:

Cereal Advisory Committee
Grass & Legume Advisory Committee
Mint Advisory Committee
Forest Tree Advisory Committee
Horticulture Advisory Committee
Potato Advisory Committee
3. Evaluate and modify standards as needed within stipulated limits of the Association of the Official Certifying Agencies and the Federal Seed Act.
4. Approve the Oregon Certified Seed Handbook of procedures and standards.

Article III. Membership

The membership of the Board shall consist of 18 voting members appointed by the Dean as follows:

1. Industry – at least one-half shall be producers

1 Cereal Advisory Committee
1 Grass & Legume Advisory Committee
1 Potato Advisory Committee
1 Mint Advisory Committee
1 Forest Tree Advisory Committee
1 Horticulture Advisory Committee (at a later date when organized)
1 Seed Trade Representative (alternate between commodity groups)

Article III. Membership (continued)

2. Oregon State University

1 Cereal Specialist
1 Grass & Legume Specialist
1 Potato Specialist
1 Mint Specialist
1 Breeder
1 Seed Technologist
1 Plant Pathologist
1 Forestry Specialist
1 Horticulturist
Director of Extension
Director of Experiment Stations
Head of Crop Science Department – ex officio
Certification Manager – ex-officio
Foundation Seed & Plant Materials Manager – ex officio
Seed Laboratory Manager – ex officio
Assistant to the Chairman – ex officio

3. 1 State Department of Agriculture Director or his appointee – ex officio

Article IV. Term of Membership

The members shall be appointed to serve a three year term with eligibility for reappointment. To initiate the new Board, industry membership appointments shall be staggered as follows: Cereal and Mint – three years; Grass & Legume and Forest – two years; Potato and Horticulture – one year. Thereafter all appointments will be three years.

Article V. Officers

1. The Dean shall act as Chairman except during periods when he designates an OSU staff member to serve in that capacity.
2. The Dean shall appoint an Assistant to the Chairman who will serve as program administrator and coordinator.
3. The Dean shall select a secretary who will not necessarily be a member of the Board.

Article VI. Meetings

1. The Board shall meet at least twice per year. Special meetings shall be called as necessary.
2. Notices of meetings shall be mailed at least 20 days before all meetings and the reasons for special meetings shall be stated.

3. One-half of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any official meeting.

Article VII. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any official Board meeting by a two-thirds affirmative vote of voting members, subject to the Dean's approval.

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