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Grass and Legume Certification and Foundation Seed and Plant Materials Advisory Committee

Article I. Name and Location

The name shall be the Grass and Legume Certification and Foundation Seed and Plant Materials Advisory Committee. The principal office and place of business shall be in the College of Agriculture, Oregon State University.

Article II. Objective

The objectives of the Advisory Committee are set forth as follows:

1. To promote and improve grass and legume seed by developing high quality seed standards.
2. To advise and cooperate with the Oregon State University Certification and Foundation Seed and Plant Materials Board by recommending changes to the Board which are in the best interest of the grass and legume industry of Oregon.
3. To aid in the dissemination of information affecting Oregon grass and legume growers and dealers by working through their respective organizations.

Article III. Membership

1. The advisory Committee shall consist of 17 voting members, six of whom shall represent the Oregon certified seed producers. Another six shall represent the Oregon seed dealers. One will be from the Turfgrass Breeders Association. One will be an OSU forage researcher. One will be a forage seed Extension specialist. Two will be county agents. The following shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members: Crop and Soil Science Department Head, Certification Project Manager, Foundation Project Manager, Seed Laboratory Manager, a representative of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, and such other ex-officio members the Dean or the Committee shall deem necessary.

2. Representatives of the Committee shall be appointed by the following organizations but not necessarily confined to members:

Oregon Seed Growers League

6 Producers of certified seed (including one small-seeded legume grower)

Oregon Seed Trade Association

6 Dealers who handle certified seed (including one small-seeded legume dealer)

Turfgrass Breeders Association (TBA)

College of Agriculture

1 OSU forage researcher

1 OSU forage seed Extension specialist

2 County agents

3. In the event one of the organizations fails to appoint its designated number of representatives, or if a vacancy occurs, the Dean may appoint appropriate representatives.

Article IV. Term of Membership

1. The terms of the six certified seed producers and seed dealers and the one TBA representative shall be three years. To initiate the committee, the first year two shall be appointed for one

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year, two for two years, and two for three years. Re-appointment for an additional term is permissible, but, whenever possible, new individuals should be appointed.

2. The OSU forage researcher, Extension specialist and county agents shall serve at the Dean's discretion.

Article V. Officers

1. Officers shall consist of a chairman and vice-chairman. Each will serve a one year term. The vice-chairman will become chairman. The first chairman shall be a producer chosen by the producer segment of the committee. After the first year the producers and dealers will be represented as chairman on alternate years.
2. A secretary shall be chosen by the Dean and may or may not be a member of the committee.

Article VI. Meetings

1. The committee shall meet at least once a year.
2. Special meetings may be called by the chairman as is deemed necessary.
3. Meeting notices shall be mailed 20 days before each meeting. The secretary shall mail notice to each member. Notices of special meetings shall state the nature of the business to be considered.
4. Minutes of each meeting will be forwarded to each appointing organization and each member of the advisory committee and the Board within two weeks of the meeting date.
5. The voting members present shall constitute a quorum of the transaction of business at any officially called meeting.

Article VII. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any officially called committee meeting by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present, subject to the Board's approval.