

Oregon Potato Certification and Foundation Seed and Plant Material Advisory Committee

BYLAWS (revised 1-29-09*ⁱ)

Article I. Name and Location

The name of this committee shall be Potato Certification and Foundation Seed and Plant Material Advisory Committee. The principal office and place of business shall be in the College of Agricultural Science, Oregon State University.

Article II. Objective

The objectives of the Advisory Committee are as follows:

1. To improve the seed potatoes by implementing high quality standards.
2. To advise and cooperate with the Oregon State University Certification and Foundation Seed and Plant Material Board by recommending to the board procedures which are in the best interest of the potato industry of Oregon.
3. To aid in the dissemination of seed-related information affecting Oregon potato growers and dealers by working through pertinent organizations.

Article III. Membership

1. The Advisory Committee consists of thirteen voting members: eight growers of certified seed potatoes; and two commercial potato growers selected by the Oregon Potato Commission; one OSU researcher; one extension specialist; and one county agent. In addition, the Certification Program, and the Commodity Inspection Division, Oregon Department of Agriculture, shall be represented by one ex-officio member each. Other ex-officio members may be appointed as the Dean or the committee deem necessary.
2. Representatives of the committee shall be appointed from the following geographical areas by the organizations listed below:

Klamath Potato Growers Association (KPGA) – three seed potato growers (includes Southern Lake County).

Central Oregon Potato Growers Association (COPGA) – two seed potato growers (includes Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Northern Lake County).

Blue Mountain Potato Growers Association (BMPGA) – two seed potato growers.

Oregon Seed Potato Growers Association – one ‘at large’ seed grower

Oregon Potato Commission – two representatives who must be commercial potato growers.

College of Agricultural Sciences (OSU) – one researcher, one extension specialist, one county agent, one Foundation Seed representative (ex-officio), and one Certified Seed representative (ex-officio).

Article IV. Term of Membership

1. The eight seed producers, and the two commercial growers, shall serve three year. Re-appointment for additional term(s) is permissible.
2. The OSU researcher, extension specialist, and county agent shall serve at the Dean’s discretion.

Article V. Officers

1. Officers shall consist of a chairman and a vice chairman. Each will serve one year. The vice chairman will become chairman. A new chairman can be elected by a two-thirds vote at any officially called meeting in the event the vice chairman is unwilling to assume the chairmanship. The officers shall be producers or representatives of the Potato Commission.
2. A secretary shall be chosen by the Dean and may not necessarily be a member of the committee.

Article VI. Meetings

1. The Committee shall meet once a year. The meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Oregon Potato Conference.
2. Special meetings may be called by the chairman as deemed necessary.
3. Meeting notices shall be mailed 20 days before each meeting. The secretary shall mail notices 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 Board within two weeks of the meeting date.
5. The committee members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any officially called meeting.

Article VII. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-third affirmative vote at any officially called Committee meeting, subject to Board approval.

February 1980
Amended 1981
Amended 1991
Amended 1996
Amended 1998
Amended 2009

ⁱ Revised as per regularly scheduled committee meeting 1-29-09. See meeting minutes for details. The official copy of these bylaws is maintained by the Oregon Seed Certification Service and is posted at: <http://www.oscs.orst.edu/advcom.html>