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**CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN  
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Southern Agricultural Economics Association.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES**

The purposes and objectives of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association shall be to foster the study and understanding of agricultural economics and its applications to problems in the Southern United States; to promote unity and effectiveness of effort among all concerned with those problems; to promote improvement in the professional competence and standards of members; to cooperate with other organizations and institutions engaged in similar or related activities; and to increase the contribution of agricultural economics to human welfare.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

The membership shall consist of persons and organizations having a professional interest in agricultural economics.

Subject to the will of the membership, the Executive Committee may enter into arrangements of joint memberships or sponsorships of activities and publications with other regional, national, and international associations interested primarily in promoting agricultural economics.

The Executive Committee may prescribe conditions for regular, joint, student, or other membership categories found desirable to further the objectives of this Association and to broaden the base of interest and participation in its affairs.

**ARTICLE IV. ORGANIZATION**

The Executive Committee of this Association shall consist of the following officers -- President (the previous year's President-Elect), the Past-President, and the following elected officers: President-Elect and three (3) Directors-- and a Secretary-Treasurer who shall be appointed. In case of incapacity of the President to serve, the President-Elect will become President. Otherwise, the President-Elect will become President the year following election as President-Elect. The President shall be responsible for the program of the annual meeting and shall be assisted by the President-Elect, Past-President, and their appointed designees.

The Executive Committee may adopt any rules and regulations for the conduct of its business not inconsistent with the Constitution of the Association or with rules or Bylaws adopted at the annual meeting of the Association. The Executive Committee will appoint an Editor, Associate Editor(s), or Co-Editor(s), and a Secretary-Treasurer, all to serve at the will of the Executive Committee. The office of Secretary-Treasurer may be filled by one or two individuals who divide the responsibilities of the office. The Executive Committee shall also develop proposed Bylaws for the operation of the Association and recommend proposed changes in these Bylaws for consideration by the membership at annual meetings of the Association.

The Secretary-Treasurer along with one (1) or more duly elected officers of the Association shall be appointed to concurrent terms of one (1) year to serve as trustees of the assets of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer's financial authority and duties are outlined in the Bylaws.

The President, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of the Past-President as chair and at least two (2) other members of the Association. Immediately following their appointment the names of the committee will be published in the official Association publication with an invitation to the general membership to provide the Nominating Committee chair with nominees for the elected positions. The Nominating Committee will nominate two (2) persons for President-Elect and two (2) persons for Director. The President-Elect shall be elected by a vote of the members of the Association having voting rights by mail or electronic ballot and shall serve for the year beginning with the adjournment of the annual meeting at which election results are announced, assume the duties of President at the adjournment of the next annual meeting, and serve as Past-President for the following term. One (1) Director shall be elected yearly by a vote of the members of the Association having voting rights by mail or electronic

1 ballot and shall serve for three (3) years beginning with the adjournment of the annual meeting at which election results  
2 are announced. Director membership should contribute to the geographical, functional, and organizational representation  
3 on the Executive Committee. Except for the initial terms which shall be for a shorter period, the term of the Directors  
4 shall be for a period of three (3) years. A mail or electronic ballot shall be conducted by the Secretary-Treasurer at least  
5 thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. The President shall appoint two (2) tellers who shall count the ballots and  
6 report election results. The President shall verify the counts and inform the nominees and other officers of the results.  
7 Elected parties will be installed at the annual meeting.

## 8 9 **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

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11 The Association shall hold an annual meeting with the time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee of the  
12 SAEA. Additional meetings or conferences may be scheduled by the Executive Committee subject to the will of the  
13 Association's membership and consistent with the Association's objectives.

## 14 15 **ARTICLE VI. PUBLICATIONS**

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17 The Editor of the Association shall be responsible for editing and preparing all journals and other publications of the  
18 Association. Complimentary copies shall be provided to the Library of Congress and the National Agricultural Library.  
19 Other copies may be distributed complimentary or sold to libraries and individuals at such prices as shall be decided upon  
20 by the Executive Committee. The Editor shall also be responsible for preparing additional issues of an Association Journal  
21 upon determination by the Executive Committee that such issues are needed and consistent with the purpose of promoting  
22 the objectives of the Association.

## 23 24 **ARTICLE VII. FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS**

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26 The Association shall collect dues from its members as determined by the Executive Committee to be necessary to further  
27 the purposes and objectives of the Association. The Executive Committee shall also set rates for sale of publications and  
28 reprints consistent with the purposes of the Association and designed to generate income to further these purposes.

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30 No part of the net earnings of the Association shall ever inure to the benefit of any private individual. No officer, member,  
31 trustee, agent or employee of the Association shall ever receive any compensation or any pecuniary profit whatsoever  
32 from the operations of the Association except as reasonable compensation for expenses incurred in connection with  
33 rendering services to the Association or shall ever receive any part of its property or assets upon its dissolution or  
34 termination of its existence or otherwise.

## 35 36 **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS**

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38 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (**b**) vote of the paid-up members present at any regular annual  
39 business meeting or two-thirds (**b**) of the ballots returned by mail. Amendments to be voted upon by mail or electronic  
40 ballot must first be approved by the Executive Committee after which they shall be sent (mail or electronically) by the  
41 Secretary-Treasurer to all members.

## 42 43 **BYLAWS OF THE SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION**

### 44 45 **Article I. Organization**

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47 Section 1. **Name.** The name of this association is SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION.

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49 Section 2. **Incorporation.** This Association is a non-stock, non-profit organization incorporated in North Carolina.

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51 Section 3. **Location.** The principal office of this Association shall be the same as that of the duly appointed Secretary-  
52 Treasurer.

1 Section 4. **Purposes.** This Association is organized for the purposes stated in its Constitution.

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3 Section 5. **Powers.** This Association shall have and may exercise all powers provided for under its Constitution.

## 4 5 **Article II. Membership and Dues**

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7 Section 1. **Qualifications.** Persons and organizations having a professional interest in Agricultural Economics shall be  
8 eligible for membership in this Association.

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10 Section 2. **Classes of Membership.** The Executive Committee (Article V, Section 1) may establish and prescribe  
11 conditions for regular, student and other classes of membership as it shall consider reasonable for furthering the  
12 objectives of the Association and for broadening the base of interest and participation in its affairs.

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14 Section 3. **Dues.** The Executive Committee shall determine the annual dues required to be paid for membership in the  
15 Association by regular, student, senior, honorary and international members to further the purposes and objectives of the  
16 Association.

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18 Section 4. **Termination of Membership.** Membership in the Association will be terminated upon failure to make payment  
19 of the dues prescribed herein before by June 30 of each year.

## 20 21 **Article III. Meetings**

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23 Section 1. **Membership Meetings.** The Association shall hold an annual meeting at the time and place designated by the  
24 Executive Committee. The President, assisted by the Executive Committee and their appointed designees shall be  
25 responsible for the program of the annual meeting. Additional meetings or conferences shall be scheduled by the  
26 Executive Committee. Notice of all additional meetings or conferences, together with statement of purpose thereof, shall  
27 be mailed or electronically transmitted to each member of the Association at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.  
28 Any requirement for notices to be mailed shall be satisfied by inclusion of such notice in the Association's newsletter or  
29 other publication, and mailing list which includes all Association's members.

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31 Section 2. **Quorum.** At any duly called meeting of the membership, those members of record present, either in person or  
32 voting by mail or electronically, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business except as otherwise  
33 provided.

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35 Section 3. **Number of Votes.** Each member shall be entitled to but one (1) vote on any matter brought to vote.

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37 Section 4. **Voting.** At any duly called meeting of the membership, the affirmative of the majority of members present or  
38 voting thereon shall be required to sustain any matter before the Association except amendments to the Constitution  
39 which shall require an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (**2/3**) of the members voting.

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41 Section 5. **Absentee Voting.** Members may vote on specific questions or resolutions by ballot transmitted to the  
42 Secretary-Treasurer by first class mail or electronically and such ballot shall only be counted at the specific time and  
43 place of the meeting as set forth in the notice to members. The President shall appoint three (3) representatives of the  
44 members to count the votes and certify the results to the President.

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46 Notice to members shall be in the exact wording of the resolution of the Executive Committee upon which such mail or  
47 electronic vote is taken and shall be mailed or transmitted electronically to each member as herein before provided.

## 48 49 **Article IV. Officers**

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51 Section 1. **Elected Officers.** The elected officers of the Association shall consist of the President (the previous year's  
52 President-Elect), the Past-President, the President-Elect and three (3) Directors, all of whom shall be elected by a vote of  
53 the members of the Association having voting rights.

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2 Section 2. **Nomination of Officers.** The President with the concurrence of the Executive Committee shall appoint a  
3 nominating committee consisting of the Past-President as chair and at least two (2) other members of the Association.  
4 Immediately following their appointment, the names of the committee will be published in the official Association  
5 publication with an invitation to the general membership to provide the Nominating Committee chair with nominees for the  
6 elected positions. The Nominating Committee will nominate two (2) persons for President-Elect and two (2) persons for  
7 Director. The President-Elect shall be elected by a vote of the members of the Association having voting rights by mail or  
8 electronic ballot and shall serve for the year beginning with the adjournment of the annual meeting at which election  
9 results are announced, assume the duties of President at the adjournment of the next annual meeting, and serve as Past-  
10 President for the following term. One (1) Director shall be elected yearly by a vote of the members of the Association  
11 having voting rights by mail or electronic ballot and shall serve for three (3) years beginning with the adjournment of the  
12 annual meeting at which election results are announced. Director membership should contribute to the geographical,  
13 functional, and organizational representation on the Executive Committee. Except for the initial terms which shall be for a  
14 shorter period, the term of the Directors shall be for a period of three (3) years. A mail or electronic ballot shall be  
15 conducted by the Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. The President shall appoint  
16 two (2) tellers who shall count the ballots and report election results. The President shall verify the counts, then inform  
17 the nominees and other officers of the results. Elected parties will be installed at the annual meeting.  
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19 Section 3. **Selection and Term of Office.** All elected officers of the Association shall be elected by a majority vote of  
20 those members voting in a mail or electronic ballot distributed by the Secretary-Treasurer at least thirty (30) days prior to  
21 the annual meetings. Each officer elected shall be installed at the following annual meeting and shall serve for a period of  
22 one (1) year, except for Directors whose terms shall be for a period of three (3) years, or until the next annual meeting,  
23 or until a successor shall have been duly chosen and qualified, or until death, resignation, or removal from office (see  
24 Article IV of the Constitution). Failure to elect annually a President-Elect or Director shall not dissolve the Association.  
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26 The President-Elect shall automatically become President at the next regular election of the officers following election as  
27 President-Elect.  
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29 Section 4. **Appointed Officers and Agents.** The Executive Committee shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer, an Editor and  
30 an Associate Editor(s) or Co-Editors to hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as the  
31 Executive Committee may from time to time determine, except that in no case shall appointments be made to these  
32 positions in the absence of a prior commitment of at least two (2) years. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve on the  
33 Executive Committee as prescribed in Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws, and shall have one (1) vote. The Editor and  
34 Associate Editor or Co-Editor are authorized to attend Executive Committee meetings, but are not authorized to serve as  
35 voting members of the Executive Committee.  
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37 Section 5. **Removal and Resignations.** All elected officers of the Association may be removed from office by vote of  
38 two-thirds (2/3) of the membership voting. All appointed officers may be removed from office by the Executive  
39 Committee. Any officer may resign at any time by giving notice to the President or to the Secretary-Treasurer of the  
40 Association. Such resignation shall take effect upon receipt thereof by such officer, and acceptance of such resignation  
41 shall not be necessary to render it effective.  
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43 Section 6. **Vacancies.** In case of incapacity of the President to serve, the President-Elect will become president.  
44 Otherwise, the President-Elect will become President the year following election as President-Elect.  
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46 Section 7. **Elected Officers - Authority and Duties.** The elected officers of the Association shall perform the duties  
47 usually performed by such officers, together with such duties as shall be prescribed by action of the general membership  
48 and the Executive Committee. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and, subject to the  
49 Executive Committee, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association and control over its officers, agents,  
50 and employees. The President shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and see that all orders and  
51 resolutions of the Association are called into effect. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the  
52 Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by these Bylaws or by the Executive  
53 Committee.

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2 Section 8. **The Secretary-Treasurer B Authority and Duties.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall record all proceedings of  
3 meetings of the Association and Executive Committee in a book to be kept for that purpose; shall prepare and make, at  
4 least ten (10) days before the annual meeting of the members, a list of members entitled to vote at such meeting, arranged  
5 in alphabetical order, such list to be produced and kept at the time and place of meeting, subject to the inspection of any  
6 member; shall cause all notices to be duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws and as required by  
7 law; shall act as custodian of the records and shall see that the books, statements, certificates, and all other documents  
8 and records of the Association are properly kept and filed.  
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10 The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the financial officer of the Association, and shall, subject to the direction of the  
11 Executive Committee, have charge of and supervision over and be responsible for the funds, securities, receipts, and  
12 disbursements of the Association; shall keep the financial records of the Association, shall deposit all moneys and  
13 valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Association in such banks or depositories as the Executive Committee  
14 shall designate; shall render to the Executive Committee, whenever requested, a statement of the financial condition of the  
15 Association, and shall render a full financial report at the annual meeting of the members as called upon to do so; and in  
16 general shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary-Treasurer, and such other duties as may from time to  
17 time be assigned to the Secretary-Treasurer by these Bylaws and by the Executive Committee or the President.  
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19 Section 9. **The Editor (Co-Editors) B Authority and Duties.** The Editor shall be responsible for editing and preparing an  
20 Association Journal from manuscripts presented in accordance with journal criteria, shall be responsible for preparing all  
21 issues of the Journal as directed by the Executive Committee; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the  
22 Office of Editor and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the Editor by these Bylaws or by the  
23 Executive Committee or the President. The Editor may delegate to the Associate Editor such responsibilities as would  
24 assist in fulfilling the responsibilities of the position of Editor of the Association.  
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26 The Editor shall be responsible for distributing all publications of the Association to members of the Association in good  
27 standing; and shall distribute complimentary copies of the Journal of the Association (prescribed in Article VI of the  
28 Constitution) to the Library of Congress, National Agricultural Library, and to such other libraries as shall be authorized  
29 by the Executive Committee. Co-Editors shall share the responsibility of the Editor.  
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31 Section 10. **The Associate Editor B Authority and Duties.** The Associate Editor shall be responsible for those duties  
32 assigned to the Office of Editor as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee, or as the Editor may delegate. In the  
33 case of absence, disability, or death of the Editor, the Associate Editor shall act in the Editor's place and, where so acting,  
34 shall have all the powers of the Editor.  
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## 36 **Article V. Executive Committee**

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38 Section 1. **Composition.** The affairs of this Association shall be managed and controlled by an Executive Committee  
39 consisting of the duly elected officers of the Association and the immediate Past-President and Secretary-Treasurer. The  
40 President of the Association shall serve as Chair of the Executive Committee.  
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42 Section 2. **Meetings.** An annual meeting of the Executive Committee for the transaction of the Association's business  
43 may be held each year immediately before or after the annual meeting of the membership at the place of such annual  
44 meeting of the membership. Other meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such places and at such times as  
45 the Committee may determine by formal resolution.  
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47 Special meetings may be held at such places and such times as may be called by the President or any majority of the  
48 Executive Committee.  
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50 Except as otherwise provided herein, notice of meetings of the Executive Committee shall be given either personally, or  
51 by mail, or by electronic means, and if by mail, such notice shall be deemed sufficiently given if deposited in the United  
52 States mail not less than five (5) days prior to such meetings, addressed to the Committee Member, with postage thereon  
53 prepaid. Waiver by a Committee Member, in writing, of notice of any Committee meeting, whether before or after the  
54 time of such meeting, shall be equivalent to giving such notice.

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2 Section 3. **Quorum.** A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at  
3 all meetings thereof, and the act of a majority of the Committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be  
4 the act of the Executive Committee.

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6 Section 4. **General Powers.** The Executive Committee shall have and exercise full control of the affairs of this  
7 Association, except such as are conferred by law or these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation upon the members or  
8 upon an officer of this Association.

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10 Section 5. **Depository.** The Executive Committee shall have the power to select one (1) or more banks or investment  
11 companies to act as depositories for the funds and/or securities of the Association and to determine the manner of  
12 receiving, depositing and disbursing the funds of the Association, and the form of checks and the person or persons by  
13 whom the same shall be signed, the power to change banks or investment companies and the person or persons signing  
14 such checks and the forms thereof at will. The Executive Committee will exercise this depository-banking-investing  
15 authority by approving the selection of financial institutions made by the Secretary-Treasurer (see Article IV, Section 8 of  
16 the Bylaws).

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18 Section 6. **Audits.** At least once each year the Executive Committee shall secure the services of a competent and  
19 disinterested person(s), who shall make a careful audit of the books and accounts of the corporation and render a report  
20 in writing thereon, which report shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at the next meeting of the Committee  
21 following completion thereof.

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23 **Article VI. Publications**

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25 Section 1. **The Journal and Other Publications.** The Association shall publish three (3) issues annually of the Journal  
26 from manuscripts submitted to the Editor and proceedings from the annual meeting. The Association shall publish  
27 additional issues of the Journal and other such publications as the Executive Committee may prescribe. The publications  
28 will be distributed as prescribed in Article IV, Section 9 of the Bylaws.

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30 Section 2. **Editorial Council B Appointment and Duties.** The Executive Committee shall appoint, from nominations  
31 submitted by the Editor, an Editorial Council consisting of fifteen (15) members. Each member of the Editorial Council  
32 shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Term of office shall begin on a date to be prescribed by the Executive  
33 Committee.

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35 The Editorial Council shall be responsible for advising and assisting the Editor on all matters brought before it with respect  
36 to the Journal and reviewing all papers which are submitted for publication in the Journal and recommending their  
37 disposition.

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39 Section 3. **Selected Papers.** A Selected Papers Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to review and  
40 select those papers to be presented at the annual meeting. This committee will report to the President.

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42 Section 4. **Rules for Publication.** The Executive Committee shall prescribe, upon the recommendation of the Editor and  
43 the Editorial Council, such other rules, standards, and procedures for papers submitted for publication as required to  
44 further the aims of the Association.

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46 Section 5. **Publication Charges.** The Executive Committee shall establish the page charge to be charged to the  
47 organization employing the author(s) for all papers published in the Journal.

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49 Section 6. **Subscription Charges.** Subscription charges for members are included in the membership dues. Subscription  
50 charges for non-members (including libraries) shall be set by the Executive Committee.

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52 **Article VII. Fiscal Year**

1 The fiscal year for the Association shall be the year beginning January 1.

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**Article VIII. Amendments**

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5 The Bylaws of this Association may be altered or repealed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members voting at  
6 a duly authorized meeting.

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10 **This document last amended February 7, 2005.**