

NATIONAL AGRI-MARKETING ASSOCIATION
BADGER CHAPTER

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the BADGER CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL AGRI-MARKETING ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The primary purpose of NAMA shall be to enhance members' professional growth in agri-marketing and to promote agribusiness as a career.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This chapter shall consist of: (a) Members, (b) Student Members, (c) Honorary Members, and (d) Young Professionals.

- a. MEMBERS: Individuals who pays dues to Badger Chapter as a part of their National NAMA membership dues
- b. STUDENT MEMBERS: Members who are enrolled in a college or university studying agri-marketing and who pay dues to either the University of Wisconsin-Platteville or UW-Madison Chapter.
- c. HONORARY MEMBERS: The board of directors may nominate any distinguished person for a one-year honorary membership. Such nomination must be ratified by a simple majority vote of the board of directors. Honorary members do not pay dues or have voting privileges.
- d. YOUNG PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS: Members (as defined in Section a) who are less than 25 years of age.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER: Memberships are individual; however, if the member's dues are paid by an employer, membership is transferable by the employer to a different employee if original member

leaves the company. The employee leaving the company must rejoin NAMA for his/her membership to remain active.

Section 3. RESIGNATION: Any member in good standing may resign from the chapter at any time.

Section 4. EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP: A member may be expelled from the chapter for due cause by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors.

Section 5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: A membership shall be considered terminated upon the expiration of membership dues, resignation, expulsion or death of a member.

ARTICLE IV – DUES

Section 1. The national board of directors, at the annual meeting, shall set the next year's national dues level when it approves the annual operating plan and budget. Announcement of any changes to such dues structure shall be made within 30 days of board action.

ARTICLE V – ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the chapter shall be: (1) President, (2) Vice president, (3) Secretary and (4) Treasurer. Additional director positions include Communications, Membership, Careers (Student Liaison), Professional Development/Programs and others as determined by the chapter officers.

All officers are elected to serve one year following their election and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The board of directors shall consist of the four officers specified in Section 1 above, plus additional members called directors. All must be paid members of the chapter at election and during their term of office.

Section 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: All officers are to be elected annually from the pool of directors. Officers shall be elected to serve for one year.

Section 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The Executive Committee shall consist of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Section 5. OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER: The BADGER CHAPTER NEWS shall be the official communications organ for the chapter to notify all members of regular and/or special chapter meetings and associated chapter activities conducted by the president, other officers, and the board of directors. Editorship shall be an annual discretionary appointment of the president with approval of the board of directors.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1. PRESIDENT: The president shall preside at meetings of the chapter and of the board of directors, sign all official documents, appoint all committees except as otherwise provided herein, and perform such other duties as are usually required by this office. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. With approval of the board of directors, the president may make interim appointments to vacancies in offices or among the elective directors for the unexpired term of such offices.

Section 2. VICE PRESIDENT: In the absence of the president, or in the case of disability or departure from office, the vice president shall perform the duties of the president.

Section 4. SECRETARY: The secretary shall record official chapter proceedings, conduct any official correspondence as the office and duties may require, and keep a roll of members.

Section 5. TREASURER: The treasurer shall collect all dues, receive and take charge of all chapter monies and assets and their safekeeping, sign all checks, and make financial reports as requested.

Section 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The board of directors shall have general supervision of all chapter business; shall pass upon and authorize the annual budget-controlling expenditures; shall pass upon, authorize and audit any expense not previously included or any expense incurred in excess of the approved annual budget; pass upon eligibility of applicants for membership; pass upon the expulsion of members; fill all vacancies; approve all appointments; hear all grievances; consider and dispose of all matters referred to it by the chapter or the executive committee. Any duties not specifically mentioned which tend to better the welfare of the chapter shall automatically fall upon the board of directors for their completion.

Section 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The executive committee is empowered to vote on official business of the association for the board of directors. Its vote on all matters shall be unanimous. A written report will

be circulated to all members of the board of directors within 10 days of official executive committee action. Additional duties shall include development of proposed programs for consideration of the board and execution of approved plans, expenditure control, the promotion, growth and development, along with the administration and operation, of the affairs of the chapter.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES: The standing committees of this chapter shall be as follows: Professional Development/Program, Membership, Finance, Communications, Careers (Student Liaison), or any other committees that may be so designated by the action of the board of directors. The president shall appoint all standing committees, as well as such other committees, as may be deemed necessary.

Section 2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/PROGRAM COMMITTEE: The Professional Development/Program Committee shall consist of one board member as chairperson, together with such other members who wish to take part. It shall be the duty of this committee to provide the programs and make all other arrangements for all regular meetings of the chapter and coordinate with communications to promote all chapter events.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: The Membership Committee shall consist of at least one board member as chairperson. It shall be the duty of this committee to conduct chapter activities that will help increase the membership. Its members shall act as official greeters and hosts at all chapter gatherings.

Section 4. FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as Chairperson, together with two other members. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to recommend broad fiscal policy to the board of directors; prepare the budget for the fiscal year, and submit it to the board of directors for approval at its first fiscal year meeting; analyze the treasurer's reports and, at all times, be familiar with and guard the financial substance of the chapter.

Section 6. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: The Communications Committee shall consist of a member of the board of directors as chairperson, plus other members as the chairperson may appoint. This committee shall be responsible for the total communications of the chapter, including promotion of chapter events and membership.

Section 7. CAREERS (Student Liaison): The Careers Committee shall consist of two directors, one each responsible for serving as liaison with UW-Platteville and UW-Madison to promote Badger NAMA activities and represent the interests of the student members.

ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this Chapter shall be January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS

The Executive Committee shall, by the last regular meeting of the chapter's current year, present the slate of officers. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Only members are permitted to vote. The elected slate of officers shall take office May 1.

ARTICLE X – MEETINGS

Section 1. MEETINGS: Meetings of the chapter may be called at any time by the board of directors or president, or on request of any 10 members of the chapter, provided, however, proper notice, stating the object of such meeting shall be given to each member of the chapter at least five days prior to such meeting.

Section 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS: The board of directors shall meet as often as necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the chapter. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called at any time at the direction of the president, or upon request of any three members of the board of directors.

Section 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Executive Committee shall meet as often as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the chapter.

Section 4. RULES OF ORDER: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all meetings, but will not preempt these bylaws.

ARTICLE XI – QUORUMS

Twenty percent (20%) or more voting members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special chapter meeting. Six directors shall constitute a

quorum at any board of directors meeting. Four Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum at any Executive Committee meeting.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be altered, amended, revised, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the Members present and voting at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose – provided a notice designating the Section or Sections it is proposed to alter, amend, revise, or repeal has been provided to each member of the Chapter at least one meeting previous to the date of the meeting where the change will be voted.