

**COMMITTEE OF THE USA BRANCH OF WPSA**

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**COMMITTEE CHARGES:**

- Select the WPSA-Lecture for the Annual PSA Meeting and present for approval at the Mid-Year Board Meeting.
- Determine/strategize goals and priorities for the USA Branch of WPSA.
- Make recommendations to the PSA Board on how to better promote and market the USA Branch of WPSA, internationally.
- Make recommendations to the PSA Board on opportunities to collaborate with the WPSA Board of Directors on issues of mutual interest.

**RELEVANT INFORMATION FROM THE PSA CONSTITUTION:****ARTICLE 10****Committees**

*Section 7.* There shall be a committee whose duty is to administer the activities of the United States of America (USA) Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA). The activities of USA Branch of the WPSA include:

- 1) the exchange of knowledge in all areas of poultry science in accord with Article II of the Constitution of the WPSA;
- 2) cooperation with trade associations in promoting better understanding among the poultry industries of all countries;
- 3) the promotion of poultry scientist's participation in international efforts related to poultry science and the poultry industry;
- 4) providing for the participation of the USA members in the World's Poultry Congresses by enlisting the cooperation of appropriate government agencies to facilitate the accreditation of an official delegation, by promoting industry participation in the Congresses, and by securing travel grants for members to participate in the Congress program;
- 5) increasing USA membership in the WPSA;
- 6) nominating candidates for membership on the Council of the WPSA;
- 7) providing USA representatives and participating in the meeting of the WPSA representatives at each World Congress;
- 8) conducting other functions, as may arise, related to the interests of the USA poultry industry in its relationship to the WPSA.

The committee shall consist of six individuals who are members of the USA Branch of the WPSA in good standing and who have a demonstrated interest in international poultry activities. Each committee member will serve 4-year terms, with the committee electing its own President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer every 2 years. The President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer will begin serving their terms in January of the year following the World Congress. One half of the members of the committee will be chosen every two years: during the year of the World Congress and during the second year following the Congress. The President of the Poultry Science Association, Inc. will serve as *ex-officio* member with the right to vote only during a tiebreaker. In the event that the President of the Poultry Science Association is not a member of the USA Branch of the WPSA, the Board of Directors of the Poultry Science Association will appoint an individual who is a member of the USA Branch of the WPSA to serve as *ex-officio* member. The President of the Poultry Science Association will appoint one individual who is a member of the USA Branch of the WPSA during each appointment year, and the membership of the USA Branch of the WPSA will elect two other members by ballot during June of each election year. The standing committee shall select the names on the ballot for the elected positions, with a provision for write-in candidates. The two individuals with the highest vote from those nominated during the World Congress year will also serve as members of the board of the Poultry Science Association Foundation, Inc. (Article 9 of the Bylaws) during their four-year term. Committee members appointed or elected during the year of the Congress will begin their service on the Committee in January following the World Congress. Those members appointed or elected two years after the World Congress will begin their term on the Committee in January following their election.

The funds of the USA Branch of the WPSA will be placed in a restricted account within the Poultry Science Association Foundation, Inc. (Article 9 of the Bylaws). Expenditure of these funds must be approved by the standing committee of the USA Branch of the WPSA, which will request dispersal of funds in a manner consistent with the goals of the WPSA.

Flow chart illustrating composition and rotation of USA Branch of the WPSA standing committee:

Four-year terms. Election every other year.

Director # 1: Elected by members of the USA-WPSA during Congress year.\*

Director # 2: Elected by members of the USA-WPSA during Congress year.\*

Director # 3: Appointed by the PSA President during Congress year.

Director # 4: Elected by the members of the USA-WPSA two years post Congress.

Director # 5: Elected by the members of the USA-WPSA two years post Congress.

Director # 6: Appointed by the PSA President two years post Congress.

\* (serves on Poultry Science Foundation Board)