

POULTRY SCIENCE ASSOCIATION HATCHERY CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS¹

ARTICLE 1. Name

Section 1. The name of this student organization shall be the Poultry Science Association Hatchery (PSA Hatchery).

ARTICLE 2. Objective

Section 1. The objective of PSA Hatchery is the educational, social, and academic/industrial advancement of its student members.

ARTICLE 3. Membership

Section 1. Membership in PSA Hatchery shall consist of undergraduate students, graduate students, and post graduate students. All of these groups will henceforth be referred to as students.

Section 2. All members of PSA Hatchery must be members of PSA. An active student member shall have all the rights and privileges of PSA Hatchery.

Section 3. An undergraduate or graduate student is defined as an individual who is duly registered or enrolled for a degree or diploma in a recognized college, university, or institution as a student and who is following a curriculum in or closely related to poultry science or an allied field.

Section 4. A post-graduate student will be defined as an individual who has completed their degree in poultry science or a closely related field within the last two years.

ARTICLE 4. Student Directors

Section 1. The PSA Hatchery shall have two Student Directors who have alternating two year terms of service. The two current student directors may not be from the same University and they cannot serve more than one, two year term.

ARTICLE 5. Election of Student Directors

Section 1. The Student Director shall be elected by ballot at the PSA Hatchery Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Nominations shall be made online at the PSA website prior to the annual meeting. The candidate receiving the plurality of the ballots cast shall be declared elected.

Section 3. The newly elected Student Director shall assume the duties of the office immediately at the close of the PSA Hatchery Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 6. Duties of Student Directors

Section 1. The Student Directors will each serve a two year term on the Poultry Science Board of Directors. The Student Director serving the second term will be the voting member while the Student Director serving the first term will have a non-voting position.

Section 2. The duties of the Student Directors shall be to represent student interests on the Poultry Science Board of Directors and to facilitate student planning on educational and social activities.

ARTICLE 7. Meetings

Section 1. The PSA Hatchery Annual Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the PSA Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 8. Ambassadors (Officers)

Section 1. Ambassadors (*Officers*) must be current student members of PSA. There will be two levels: Regional (*Directors*) and University (*Ambassadors*).

Section 2. There will be one Regional Ambassador (*Director*) for each Region and they will be responsible for encouraging communication between the University Ambassadors and the Student Directors (see the *Hatchery Policy and Procedures Manual* for a list of states and countries that are in each region).

Section 3. There will be one University Ambassador from each school with PSA Hatchery members. University Ambassadors are responsible for increasing communication between students at their University and the Regional Ambassadors and Student Directors.

Section 4. Students interested in becoming a Regional or University Ambassador will self-nominate themselves four weeks prior to the annual PSA meeting on the PSA website. The Hatchery Advisory Committee will appoint a Regional Ambassador for regions with more than one nomination per region. If more than one University

Ambassador nomination is received per university, PSA student members from that university will select their representative.

ARTICLE 9. Advisory Committee

Section 1. The three previous Student Directors, including the most recent, will serve on a Hatchery Advisory Committee. The current senior student director will chair the committee. Additionally, one professional PSA member will serve on the committee for a one-year term. The senior student director will only vote if the four other members of the committee are unable to reach a consensus.

ARTICLE 10. Changes to Hatchery Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1. Alterations or amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws must be approved by a majority vote of the PSA Board of Directors. Then the alterations or amendments must also be approved by a two-thirds vote of the current student members attending the Hatchery Business Meeting.

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