BYLAWS OF THE TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY

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Article I. The name of the organization shall be known as the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Agronomy as authorized under Article XI, Section 5 of the Revised Bylaws of the American Society of Agronomy, Inc.

Article II. The headquarters of the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Agronomy shall be the address designated by the Board of Directors.

Article III. The objectives of the Texas Chapter shall be generally those of the American Society of Agronomy, Inc., an educational and scientific corporation qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended or a comparable section of subsequent legislation. The Texas Chapter shall strive to promote human welfare through advancing the acquisition and dissemination of scientific knowledge concerning the nature, use, improvement, and interrelationships of plants, soils, and environment. To this end, the Texas Chapter like its parent society, shall (1) foster high standards of education, (2) disseminate scientific information, (3) promote effective research, (4) strive to maintain high standards of ethics, (5) promote advancements in the profession, and (6) cooperate with other organizations having similar objectives.

Article IV. The membership of the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Agronomy shall consist of those individuals actively interested in the objectives of the Chapter as outlined in Article III upon payment of Chapter dues as set by the Board of Directors. Membership shall not be denied an otherwise qualified person or persons due to their race, color, sex, or religious beliefs.

Article V. The governing Board of the Chapter shall consist of a Board of Directors.

The Board shall consist of twelve (12) elected members, representing all facets of Agronomy, plus the Texas Chapter Newsletter Editor. These facets are University, Experiment Station, Extension, State Colleges, Government, Industry, and Commercial Production.

Each Board Representative will be elected to serve a three (3) year term. The terms will be staggered so that, unless there is a vacancy because of death or resignation, four (4) Representatives will be elected each year.

Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the president with the approval of the remaining Board members. This appointment shall extend to the next annual meeting. At this time, the position will be filled for the remainder of the term by election.
All Board members must be members of the American Society of Agronomy.

The Board Representatives will be elected at the time of the annual meeting. The nomination Committee will be the Board.

Officers shall be elected from the Board. They will include a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their duties will be those normally assigned to these offices. The Board will serve as a Program Committee with the Vice President primarily responsible for it.

Article VI. The President, with the approval of the Board, shall annually appoint such committees, their members and chairpersons, as he/she or the Board deems necessary to assist in the carrying out the objectives of the Chapter.

Article VII. The annual meeting shall be held at least once each year with the location being selected by the Board. The program will include presentation on subjects of wide interest to the educators, scientists, farmers, and those who serve agriculture. Emphasis will be on the applications of scientific developments. Sectional meetings, special symposia, joint or co-sponsored meetings with other groups may be arranged and may be held separately from or in conjunction with the annual meeting.

Article VIII. The publications of the Texas Chapter of the ASA may consist of proceedings made up of abstracts of submitted and invitational paper, reports of committees, minutes of annual meetings and such other items as shall have general interest to the members.

Article IX. Fees and dues associated with the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Agronomy and its activities will be held to a minimum and shall be determined by the Board. These dues shall be used in conducting of the activities of the Chapter as outlined in Article II as determined by the Board of Directors.

No compensation shall be paid to an elected officer or Board of Director member.

No part of the excess income over expenses of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its officers, members, or any private persons, except that the Board of Directors of the Chapter shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance to the objectives set forth in Article III.

No substantial part of the activities of the Texas Chapter of the American Society of Agronomy shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Chapter shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Chapter shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by organizations exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the 1954 (or corresponding provision of any further United States Internal Revenue Law), or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1974 (or corresponding provision of any further United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article X. The Chapter may be dissolved by a resolution requesting dissolution, past by majority vote of the Chapter membership. Upon dissolution of the Chapter, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the liabilities for the Chapter, dispose of all assets of the Chapter exclusively for the purposes of the Chapter in such a manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any further United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by District Court having jurisdiction in the county in which the Chapter president’s residence (office) is then located, exclusively for such purposes or the such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article XI. Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Board or by ten or more active ASA members residing in the state. A majority vote of the membership is necessary for any change in the Bylaws. Bylaws and amendments thereto shall be declared as being in effect upon receiving a majority of votes cast by the membership voting.