



Kansas Agricultural Research Association By-Laws

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Article I. Name.

Section 1. General. The name of this organization shall be Kansas Ag Research & Technology Association, hereafter referred to as KARTA.

Article II. Purpose and Objectives

Section 1. General Purpose. KARTA is organized as a Kansas Not-For-Profit Corporation and shall be operated as a public benefit corporation exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes.

Section 2. Specific Objectives. KARTA will identify new technologies practical for precision agriculture with consideration to financial returns for producers. KARTA will identify agronomic practices that reduce economic/environmental risks thus promoting stewardship of land and water resources through complete systems of land management. KARTA will serve as a membership network that provides a venue for members to share agriculture research experiences with each other.

Article III. Membership.

Section 1. General. Membership in KARTA shall be open to those individuals or organizations actively engaged in agricultural production, research, government agencies or agribusiness.

Section 2. Application. Individuals or organizations shall apply for membership by submitting an application for membership to the Secretary and upon paying dues to KARTA. The Board of Directors shall determine dues.

Section 3. Term of Membership. Memberships in KARTA shall run concurrent with the calendar year and expire on December 31st of each year. Memberships of new members joining KARTA for the first time any time during the year after the annual business meeting shall continue in effect through the end of the next calendar year. (i.e. someone joining in May of 2011 will be a member through December of 2012.) Thus each annual membership will include voting privileges at one annual business meeting.

Section 4. Meetings. The membership shall hold an annual meeting, at which time it will elect the Board of Directors and conduct other business appropriate to an annual meeting. Notice of the meeting will be provided by mail at least 30 days prior to the meeting. All active members shall be entitled to hold office and vote at all meetings.

Section 5. Voting Rights. Each individual or organization shall have one vote per paid membership. Organizations that are represented by a single membership shall designate a voting member or the number of voting members equivalent to the number of paid memberships.

Article IV. Board of Directors

Section 1. General. The Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) members in good standing,

elected by a majority vote of the general membership.

Section 2. Term. Board members will be chosen for 3-year terms with the goal of having two director's terms expire each year. To accomplish that goal and add the sixth board position, three (3) directors shall be elected at the January 2011 annual meeting. The two candidates receiving the most votes will fill the existing board positions and serve 3-year terms, while the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will serve for 1 year. Thereafter, all board positions will be for 3 year terms, with two coming open each year.

Article V. Officers

Section 1. General. The Board of Directors shall determine individuals from within the Board of Directors to serve as four officers. The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Recording Secretary.

Article VI. Duties of Officers.

Section 1. President. The president shall preside at all KARTA meetings, shall have general supervision over the affairs of KARTA, and shall communicate to the membership and the Board of Directors such matters that promote KARTA's objectives.

Section 2. Vice President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President or whenever the President is unable to perform his duties. The Vice President shall also perform other duties incident to the office.

Section 3. Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors, maintain a current list of KARTA members, issue notices of membership, shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements; shall deposit all money, checks, and obligations to the credit of the organization; shall disburse funds as designated by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements; shall render a statement of account and make transactions whenever required by the Board of Directors; shall make a complete annual statement before each meeting of the association or the Board. In addition, the Secretary/Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to the office.

Section 4. General. The Board of Directors shall transact ordinary business of the association. It shall consider the recommendation of the members and promote the program of work as adopted. The record of proceedings of the Board of Directors meetings shall be open to the members on request.

Article VII. Amendments.

Section 1. General. Amendments to these bylaws can be made at the annual meeting by a majority vote of those voting members present. Notice of intent to amend shall be included in the notice of the annual meeting.

Article VIII. Dissolution of the Association.

Section 1. General. Upon the dissolution of this Association the real property shall be sold and all monetary and other assets remaining after payment of liabilities shall be distributed to one or more universities or other charities that are selected and identified by the Board of Directors.