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NAEC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION

The name of the organization shall be: "Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council."

1. Purpose - The purpose of the Council shall be to stimulate and promote education and research on economic and social problems related to the production, marketing, and consumption of agricultural products; and the interrelation of agriculture and the rest of the economy.
2. Organization - The Council is organized as a group of professional agricultural economists and other persons interested in promoting the purpose of the Council.
3. Affiliation - The Council is officially affiliated with the American Agricultural Economics Association and its President shall serve as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the AAEEA. The Council shall not be affiliated with any other institution, organization, or agency, either public or private.

Adopted June 24, 1974

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: Membership

- Section 1. General Membership. Any person interested in the purpose of the Council may become a member by payment of annual dues.
- Section 2. Student Membership. Any college undergraduate or graduate student interested in the purpose of the Council may become a member by payment of annual dues.
- Section 3. Honorary Life Membership. The Executive Committee of the NAEC shall confer Honorary Life Membership upon those duly recommended members in good standing of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council who have actively participated in the affairs of the Council and its predecessor organizations as appropriate, and who, while maintaining an active interest in their profession, have recently retired from the formal professional position that comprised the major reason for their initial involvement with the Council. Honorary Life Members shall have all voting rights and privileges of General Members, but shall be exempted from dues payment. Current Honorary Life Members shall be listed in the Journal annually.
- Section 4. Distinguished Membership. The Executive Committee of the NAEC each year at its Fall meeting shall select not more than three members from among those duly nominated and recommended to receive the Distinguished Member Award for the coming year. Eligible candidates shall include all members of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council in good standing, irrespective of age, sex, and institutional affiliation. Candidates may have teaching, research, extension, administration, government, or business responsibilities or some combination of these responsibilities. To be eligible, each candidate must be nominated by a member in good standing and that nomination must be co-signed by two additional members in good standing. A member may receive this Award more than once. Those members selected for the Award generally will have made continuous and outstanding contributions to the Council, the region and the profession. The Award will typically recognize members for significant recent professional achievements in the context of an overall meritorious record.

ARTICLE II: Meetings

- Section 1. Annual Professional Meeting. An Annual Meeting of the Council shall be held at a time and location selected by the Executive Committee. Each Annual Meeting shall be sponsored by a host institution. The host institution shall be responsible for all local arrangements.
- Section 2. Annual Business Meeting. An Annual Business Meeting of the Council shall be held at the time of the Annual Meeting.
- Section 3. Executive Committee Meeting. The Executive Committee shall meet once a year prior to the Annual Meeting, but may meet more often. These meetings shall be called by the President.
- Section 4. Standing and Special Committee Meetings. Meetings of standing and special committees shall be called by the respective chairmen.

ARTICLE III: Officers and Committees

- Section 1. Officers. Officers of the Council shall comprise the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Editor of the Journal, the Editor-Elect, and the Historian. These Officers shall serve without compensation from the Council. The President-Elect shall be elected annually. The President-Elect shall accede to the Office of the President at the end of the Annual Business Meeting one year after the announcement of his or her election as President-Elect. The terms of the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past President shall be each one year. In a case where the President-Elect is unable to accede to the Office of President and the Office of President is otherwise vacant, the President shall be chosen by a special election, the results of which shall be announced at the earliest feasible time following the vacancy, consistent with all other provisions of the Constitution. In the interim, the Immediate Past President shall serve as Acting President. In the event that the Offices of President, President-Elect and Immediate Past President are all vacated, the Executive Committee shall appoint one of its members to serve until the next Annual Business Meeting. The Executive Committee shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer annually. The Executive Committee shall appoint an Editor to serve for a period of three years. At the beginning of the Editor's third year in office, the Executive Committee shall appoint an Editor-Elect. The Editor-Elect shall accede to the office of Editor after the current Editor has published the Proceedings Issue of the Journal that was pending at the time that the Editor-Elect was appointed. The Executive Committee shall

appoint an historian to serve at their pleasure.

Section 2. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the Council shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Editor, the Head or designee of each Department of Agricultural Economics or equivalent in the 12 Northeastern States which elect to participate; a sociologist and a private industry representative each appointed annually by the remaining members of the Executive Committee, and one representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as jointly agreed by the remaining members of the Executive Committee and appropriate officers of the USDA; and one representative from each of the three Canadian Maritime Provinces which elect to participate, selected by their Provincial Department of Agriculture or its equivalent. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council shall fill the same offices on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee members shall serve without compensation from the Council.

Section 3. Duties of Officers. The President shall preside at business meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee and shall call meetings of the Executive Committee. The President-Elect shall be responsible for the planning of the program for the Annual Meeting. The Immediate Past President shall advise the President and the President-Elect and serve as provided for in Article III, Sections 1 and 5(b). The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a complete record of all business meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee, shall receive all dues and other income, shall keep the financial records of the Council, and shall conduct business correspondence of the Council. The Editor shall be responsible for the publication of the Journal. The Historian shall be responsible for maintaining the historical records of the Council and its predecessor organizations. He or she will disseminate information to the Council membership when deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. Duties of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Council between Annual Meetings, and decisions shall be by majority vote of those present and voting. Prior to the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Nominating Committee of three and a special Audit Committee of two from the Membership.

Section 5. Standing Committees. The following Standing Committees shall function on a continuing basis and shall be constituted, appointed and empowered as prescribed below:

(a) Awards Committee-- The Awards Committee shall be comprised of three members. The President shall appoint one member each year, except that he may appoint more when a member is unable to complete his or her term. Each member shall serve three years. The senior member shall serve as chairman.

This committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee all members to receive the Distinguished Member Award and the Honorary Life Member Award. It shall monitor the Awards Program and from time to time make recommendations to the Executive Committee for improvements in this program, including the possible institution of new awards.

(b) Program Committee-- The Program Committee shall be comprised of the President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary-Treasurer and a representative of the host institution for the forthcoming annual meetings. The President-Elect shall chair this Committee. This Committee shall develop the program and the associated arrangements for the Annual Meeting and any other special meeting that the Executive Committee judges to be in the best interests of the Council.

(c) Editorial Board-- The Editorial Board shall be comprised of the Editor and at least six other members, appointed annually by the Editor. The Editor shall chair this board. The board shall be responsible for developing, maintaining, updating, and executing the editorial policy of the Journal and other such publications as they may produce.

Section 6. Special Committees. Special committees appointed as needed on a temporary basis may be set up by the Council at the Annual Business Meeting or by the Executive Committee. Each special committee shall make a report at the Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE IV: Publications

Section 1. Journal. The Council shall publish a Journal of the Northeastern Agricultural Economics Council. The spring issue shall contain member papers and be published about March 1. The fall issue shall contain the papers from the Annual Program and be published about September 1. It shall be the responsibility of the Editor to prepare the Journal and distribute it to all members of the Council and to subscribers.

Section 2. Other Publications. The Council may, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee and when authorized by the Members, publish news notes or other regular or periodic publications or journals and mail them to all Members. Costs of preparation and mailing shall be borne by the Council.

ARTICLE V: Voting and Election of Officers

Section 1. Voting Rights. All persons holding Membership in the Council shall be entitled to vote.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The special Nominating Committee shall report and nominate two candidates for the position of President-Elect and any Member may nominate additional candidates. Vote shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3. Procedure. A majority vote of those Members present at an Annual Meeting is sufficient to elect an officer, to pass or reject any motion, or to act on proposed changes to these BYLAWS or the Constitution of the Council. Voting on motions other than elections of officers shall be by voice except that the President may ask for a hand vote and any Member may request a secret ballot.

Section 4. Quorum of the Executive Committee. A quorum shall be half of the Executive Committee at a called meeting, or those Members present at an adjourned Executive Committee meeting called with at least one week's notice not less than one week or more than one month after the called meeting when a quorum was not present.

ARTICLE VI: Fiscal Year, Audits and Dues

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year of the Council shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

Section 2. Audit. The financial records of the Council shall be audited at the Annual Meeting by the special Audit Committee. The Audit Committee Chairman shall report the results of the audit to the Council at the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 3. Dues. The amounts of dues for all classes of Members shall be initiated by the Executive Committee and approved at an Annual Business Meeting. All changes in dues shall be approved by a majority vote at an Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

Section 1. Voting. These BYLAWS may be altered or amended or any section thereof may be repealed only at an Annual Business Meeting by a majority vote of the Membership present.

Section 2. Eligibility. To be eligible for consideration at an Annual Business Meeting, any proposed alteration or amendment of these BYLAWS must be furnished to the President and Secretary-Treasurer at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting of the Council, and they must make it available to Members in written form at least 12 hours before the Annual Business Meeting.

Revised and Approved June 20, 1979