

BY-LAWS

of the

WESTERN SOCIETY OF CROP SCIENCE
an Affiliate of the
CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Western Society of Crop Science (WSCS) which shall be an affiliate of the Crop Science Society of America (CSSA).

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Western Society of Crop Science shall be to promote and foster the aims of the Crop Science Society of America in the western states of the U.S., the western provinces of Canada, and the western states of Mexico.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of individuals and organizations interested in the objectives of the Western Society of Crop Science. Members shall be assessed dues as provided in Article VII.

Section 2. Active members are those who have paid their WSCS annual dues during the past year, are members of CSSA, and have residence within the WSCS Branch area.

Section 3. Associate members are those who are members of CSSA and have residence within the WSCS Branch area.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall consist of a President, Past President, President-Elect, and Secretary-Treasurer who shall be active members of the Western Society of Crop Science.

Section 2. The terms of the President, Past President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be for two years. The President-Elect will be elected one year prior to succeeding to the Presidency and then to Past-Presidency. The terms of office shall expire at the close of the annual business meeting of the second year in office.

Section 3. The President-Elect shall be elected by electronic ballot distributed to all active and associate members. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the President of WSCS and will serve for two years. The Secretary-Treasurer will also serve as financial officer for meetings of WSCS.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and the immediate Past President. This group will be the governing body of WSCS. The duties of the officers shall be those which usually pertain to the office held or which are prescribed by the by-laws. The President shall plan, and preside at, all general society events and maintain liaison with CSSA. The President-Elect shall arrange the technical program of the annual meetings. The Secretary-Treasurer shall handle the financial affairs of the society, upon action by the Executive Committee, announcements of annual meetings and the balloting as necessary.

Section 5. The President-Elect of the WSCS shall be elected by electronic ballot. The nominations committee shall select at least two candidates and obtain their consent to be entered on the ballot. The ballot shall be distributed to all active and associate members. The chair of the nominations committee shall furnish a biographical sketch of each candidate to the Secretary-Treasurer to be included in the ballot. The officers of the society shall be notified of the results when balloting is completed. If the nominations committee cannot find two suitable candidates for President-Elect, one may be forwarded for election and approval by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1. The place and time of the annual meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee upon the recommendations of the membership. The Western Society of Crop Science will host the annual meeting in collaboration with the Western Society of Soil Science in alternate years. Each Society will rotate to serve as local hosts for the meeting; however, the Executive Committee of both societies will work to provide a suitable location and format for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Section 1. The standing committees of the Western Society of Crop Science shall be appointed by the President in collaboration with the Executive Committee, unless otherwise specified.

Section 2. The program committee for the annual meeting shall consist of the President-Elect as Chair, and the Secretary-Treasurer in charge of local arrangements in the year WSCS hosts the meeting and will assist as needed when the Western Society of Soil Science is the host. On recommendation of the Executive Committee, the President may name additional members to the program committee.

Section 3. A local arrangements committee shall be chosen by the Secretary-Treasurer. This committee shall be in charge of the local arrangements—such as housing, meeting places, field trips, and other planned activities for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII – DUES

Section 1. Membership dues shall be proposed by the Executive Committee and passed upon by the membership at the annual meetings. Dues will be paid to the society through CSSA. The funds received shall be used to support society activities.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any active member of the Western Society of Crop Science may initiate a proposed amendment to these By-Laws. This amendment shall be considered by the Executive Committee. If accepted, amendments will be submitted to the Western Society of Crop Science membership for voting either by electronic mail ballot or at the next annual meeting.

Section 2. The adoption of a proposed amendment shall require a majority of members responding when using electronic ballots or a majority of members present at the annual meeting if that is where the referendum is held.