

BY-LAWS
OF THE
NEBRASKA AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES ASSOCIATION

Article 1. Name

Section 1. General. The name of this organization shall be Nebraska Agricultural Technologies Association, hereafter referred to as NeATA.

Article II. Purpose and Objectives

Section 1. General Purpose. NeATA is organized as a Nebraska Not-For-Profit Corporation and shall be operated as a public benefit corporation exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes. The purpose of this association shall be the educational advancement of farmers, ranchers, agribusiness, University of Nebraska—Lincoln, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) faculty members, and others interested in emerging agricultural technologies.

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

Article III. Membership

Section 1. General. Membership in NeATA shall be open to those individuals 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 NEATA. Dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Dues are payable once a calendar year.

Section 3. 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 e-mail or mail at least 30 days prior to the meeting. All active members shall be entitled to hold office and vote at all meetings.

Section 4. 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 no fewer than 5 nor more than 9 members in good standing, elected by a majority vote of the general membership. Due consideration will be given to geographic distribution, size, and type of business organization or entity in selecting board members. Approximately three farmers/ranchers, two agribusiness representatives, and two individuals from educational institutions will make up the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Term. Board members will be chosen for a 2-year term with the goal of having an approximately equal number of director's terms expire each year.

Section 3. Nomination. Board of Director nominations will be made exclusively by the farmer/rancher membership.

Section 4. Appointment. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint members to unexpired terms. Such appointments will be for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 5. Notices. All officers and directors shall be notified by e-mail, mail or phone in advance of all meetings. Notification shall be verified by the secretary of each meeting.

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. Officers shall be appointed for one year terms.

Article VI. Duties of Officers

Section 1. President. The president shall preside at all NeATA meetings, shall have general supervision over the affairs of NeATA, and shall communicate to the membership and the Board of Directors such matters that promote NeATA'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/her duties. The Vice-President shall also perform other duties incident to the office.

Section 3. Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of membership and the Board of Directors, maintain a current list of NeATA members, and issue notices of membership. The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements; shall deposit 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 Treasure 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 by-laws 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. Such amendments shall become effective immediately unless otherwise specified.

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.

The by-laws were adopted at a meeting of the Nebraska Agricultural Technologies Association held at the _____ on ____ ____, 2001.

President _____ Date _____
Nebraska Agricultural Technologies Association

Secretary _____ Date _____
Nebraska Agricultural Technologies Association