

# **Constitution**

## **KANSAS VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

### **ARTICLE I**

The name of this organization shall be the Kansas Vegetable Growers Association.

### **ARTICLE II**

The objectives of the organization are the advancement of horticulture through the conducting of educational meetings, dissemination of information, promoting vegetable research, and cooperating with other organizations to support the vegetable industry in Kansas.

### **ARTICLE III**

Membership shall be limited to individuals, firms, or organizations who are engaged in education, production, marketing, and/or distribution of products related to vegetable production.

### **ARTICLE IV**

The officers shall be:

1. A president to serve a one-year term or until his/her successor is elected and installed.
2. A vice-president to serve a one-year term or until his/her successor is elected and installed. The vice-president will be considered as president-elect upon election unless unable to serve.
3. A secretary-treasurer to serve a one-year term or until his/her successor is elected and installed.
4. A director to serve as a representative to the Kansas State Horticultural Society to serve a three-year term or until his/her successor is elected and installed.

The above officers shall be eligible for re-election.

In addition to the above-mentioned officers, a Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Horticulture Society Director, and the immediate Past President.

The above-mentioned Board of Directors shall serve as an executive board of this Association. This Board shall be empowered to act in the interest of the organization and to conduct the business of the organization between the annual meetings.

### **ARTICLE V**

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the regular membership present at a business meeting of the organization provided that any such amendment has been previously considered and recommended for action by the Board of Directors or the membership as a whole

## **BYLAWS**

### **Kansas Vegetable Growers Association**

1. Eligibility: Any person, firm, or association may be eligible for membership in the Association.
2. Annual dues: The rate of annual dues for members shall be \$10 per year. Membership dues are payable at the annual meeting and shall apply for calendar year membership in the Association.
3. Finances: The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31 (calendar year). Voluntary payments to the Association designated for specific purposes shall be administered by the Secretary-Treasurer separate from the general funds of the Association. All monies payable to the Association shall be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer.
4. Meetings: There shall be an annual meeting of the Association for the purpose of electing officers and conducting the business of the Association. The Board of Directors shall determine the time and location of the annual meeting. Special meetings of the Association may be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors. A written notification of the time and place of any meetings of the Association shall be mailed by the Secretary-Treasurer thirty (30) days prior to the meeting usually as part of the meeting program.
5. Quorum: At any regular or special meeting, twenty (20) voting members who are present in person shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.
6. Voting and Authority: Each member shall be entitled to cast one vote. All questions at all meetings shall be decided by majority vote of the members present. The rules in "Robert's Rules of Order" will be used for the conducting of business.
7. Duties of Officers:
  - a. President. The president shall preside at all official meetings of the Association and Board of Directors. He/she shall fill all vacancies by appointment and appoint all committees.
  - b. Vice-President. The vice-president shall serve as president-elect. He/she shall preside in the absence of the president. In addition, the Vice-President shall serve as coordinator for the educational programs at the annual meeting with consultation from the Board of Directors and the membership as a whole.
  - c. Secretary-Treasurer. The secretary/treasurer shall keep all official records, financial statements and have custody of all funds of the Association. He/she shall receive all moneys and render proper accountings of them. He shall be empowered to spend no more than \$50 without authorization of the Board of Directors.

- d. Director to the Kansas State Horticultural Society. The Director shall serve as representative of the Vegetable Growers Association to the Horticultural Society and communicate information to and from the Association. Whereas this Association feels that it is desirable to maintain an affiliation with other associations interested in horticulture, this affiliation is encouraged with the Kansas State Horticultural Society. In addition, the Society Director shall advise the Association of any additional associations or affiliations that may benefit the Kansas Vegetable Growers Association and to serve as preliminary contact for such affiliations.
  - e. Immediate past president. The immediate past president shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and shall provide counsel and advice on behalf of the association.
8. Meetings of the Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall meet as often as necessary to conduct the business of the Association. They shall assist the Vice-President in planning the annual meeting educational program and advise the secretary-treasurer in the expenditure of monies on behalf of the Association. They shall advise the president in the appointing of any committees that may be necessary and receive reports from these committees to convey to the Association at the annual meeting. They shall determine the date and location of the annual meeting and encourage participation by interested individuals in vegetable production or related areas.

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