

LATIN-AMERICAN SECTION BYLAWS AACC INTERNATIONAL

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I. Name

This organization is certified as a Local Section of AACC International, and is known as the AACC INTERNATIONAL LATIN-AMERICAN Section or as Section #22.

II. Membership

Any professional, student, life, or corporate member of the AACC International interested in Cereal Science in the Latin-American region (Mexico, Central and South American countries) is eligible for AACC INTERNATIONAL LATIN-AMERICAN Section Membership.

All of the officers shall be Professional Members: at least one-half of the membership shall be Professional, Honorary, or Life Members of the American Association of Cereal Chemists. This rule must be observed at all times, to satisfy the requirements of Article X, Section 2, of the Articles Incorporation, under which the Section is certified.

The remainder of the membership may be made up of the following classes of members:

Authorized representatives of Corporate members of AACC International

Persons interested in the activities of the Association who are not members of AACC International, but are willing to pay Local Section dues and attend meetings. Such person shall be known as "local members."

III. Membership Dues

Membership dues shall be determined at a general meeting of the AACC LATIN-AMERICAN section on the advice of the Executive Committee of the SECTION.

Dues are payable in advance. The membership card constitutes receipt for the same. Members not paying their annual dues shall be dropped from the membership roll and the mailing list of the Section.

IV. Officers

The officers of the LATIN-AMERICAN SECTION shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. (The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined when desirable.) Officers must be Professional Members of the AACC International. The officers of the Division shall consist of a:

Chairperson who arranges and co-ordinates meetings, programs, symposia, etc., and who presides over the Executive Committee; oversees the duties of the other officers; and chairs any general meeting of the section.

Vice Chairperson who assists with divisional leadership and business. The Vice-Chairperson will also formulate policy for award implementation, solicitation and judging. The Vice-chairperson shall normally succeed the Chairperson.

Secretary who maintains membership lists, sends out announcements and who publishes the section Newsletter and is responsible for messages published in AACC INTERNATIONAL LATIN-AMERICAN SECTION. News and on *AACCnet*.

Treasurer who is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the LATIN-AMERICAN SECTION.

Officers shall be elected annually at the last Section meeting preceding the Annual Meeting of the Association, and shall take office at the conclusion of the next meeting. Officers may be elected by mail ballot when desirable.

The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Program Chair, and Secretary will serve two-year terms. The Treasurer will serve a three-year term. Officers may not serve more than two consecutive terms. When a ballot is due the Secretary shall arrange, at least 120 days prior to the Annual meeting, a ballot consisting of a minimum of two nominees for each office to be elected. The ballot will be sent to all AACC INTERNATIONAL LATIN-AMERICAN SECTION members. Members will be given a minimum of 28 days to return their ballots.

The Chairperson will be responsible for appointing a returning officer.

In the event of a tie for any office, the Executive Committee shall decide the election of that office. The results of these elections shall be announced at the annual business meeting of the Section, and the newly elected officers will accept their duties at the close of the meeting.

Notices of Section elections shall be sent to the Executive Director at headquarters.

It shall be a duty of the officers to encourage qualified local members to become members of AACC International.

An officer of the Section, or properly delegated alternate, shall represent the Section at the Local section officers' conference during the AACC Annual Meeting.

Notices of the local section elections shall be sent promptly to AACC International Headquarters.

Notices of section meetings shall be sent to all members of the Section, as well as to all Local Section secretaries. (AACC International Headquarters will supply the list of Local Section Secretaries.)

V. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer as voting members. In addition, the immediate past Chairperson and all Chairpersons of standing committees of the section shall be non-voting members of the Executive

The Executive Committee shall provide leadership for the Section and have the authority to determine and carry out all activities of the LATIN - AMERICAN Section.

VI. Committees

The Chairperson, in consultation with other members of the Executive Committee, shall be empowered to appoint committees as needed to carry out the objectives of the Section. Such Committees shall be responsible to the Executive Committee.

VII. Purposes of the Section

The purposes of the LATIN - AMERICAN Section are in accord with those of AACC International.

VIII. Meetings

Meeting of the section shall be held at least annually at times designated by the Executive Committee. Notices of Section Meeting shall be sent to all members of the Section and to AACC International headquarters.

IX. Amendments

Any part of the by-laws, rules, and procedures may be amended upon review by the Executive Committee and approval by two-thirds majority vote of members present at any regular or special meeting of which all members have been notified. New articles may be added by like vote if they do not conflict with existing articles, or the basic principles of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the American Association of Cereal Chemists, Inc.

X. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this Section, and the discharge of its debts and the settlement of its affairs, any funds and property of this Section remaining thereafter shall be conveyed by the direction of the Section Executive Committee to another qualified non-profit organization, or if no action is taken by the above mentioned, shall be conveyed to the American Association of Cereal Chemists for its general purposes, or with the written consent of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Cereal Chemists, shall be conveyed another qualified non-profit organization dedicated to the perpetuation of objects similar to those of the AACC International, provided that such selected organizations, at the time of the Section's dissolution, shall be exempt under Section 501 (e) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended, or under such successor provision of the Code as may be in effect at the time of this Section's dissolution