

AACC BIOTECHNOLOGY DIVISION BYLAWS

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I. Name

This organization is certified as a Division of the American Association of Cereal Chemists (AACC), Incorporated, and is known as the Biotechnology Division.

II. Purpose of the Biotechnology Division

- A. To provide a divisional structure to represent those AACC members interested in and participating in the increasingly important role biotechnology plays in cereal chemistry research and development applications.
- B. To provide a forum where researchers and users of biotechnology can meet for the purpose of discussing the opportunities and problems that arise in using this approach to cereal improvement.
- C. To provide avenues for open communication and cooperation among individuals interested in using biotechnology for research and product development, and for those interested in consumer and regulatory concerns.
- D. To be proactive in education of membership and the public in the benefits of this new technology for sustainable agriculture and maintenance of healthful and wholesome food supply. To serve as a source of factual information in public and policy discussions of the potential risks and benefits of this technology.

III. Membership

Any professional, honorary, life, or associate member of the AACC interested in biotechnology is eligible for AACC Biotechnology Division Membership.

IV. Membership Dues

- A. Membership dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the Biotechnology Division.
- B. Dues are payable in advance. Members not paying their annual dues in compliance with the AACC policy shall be held delinquent and shall be dropped from the membership roll and the mailing list of the Division.

V. Officers

- A. The officers and Executive Committee of the Division shall consist of:
 1. Chairperson who arranges and coordinates 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 Division.
 2. Past Chairs will serve on the Executive Committee for one-year following their term; the Past Chair will chair the Awards Committee and will formulate policy for award implementation, solicitation and judging (Bruce Wasserman Young Investigator Award and Student Poster Award).
 3. Program Chair who is responsible is for organizing divisional symposia and will be elected 2 years before the divisional symposium in the AACC Annual

Meeting takes place. In the first year the Program Chair will serve as the Division's liaison to the AACC Annual Meeting Program Committee. The Program Chair shall succeed the Chairperson.

4. Secretary/Treasurer who maintains membership lists, financial records, and sends out announcements. The Secretary/Treasurer will serve for 2 years.
 5. Newsletter Editor (or Co-Editor) who publishes the Division Newsletter.
 6. Members-at-Large (2) who serve on the Executive Committee (Staggered terms).
 7. Student Representative who provides representation from student's perspectives, provides leadership for divisional student activities, and serves as a student liaison to the AACC. The Student Representative will serve for one year.
- B. The Chairperson will serve a one year term. The Secretary/Treasurer will serve a two-year term. The Newsletter Editor and Member-at-Large will serve two-terms with one being elected each year. At least 120 days prior to the annual meeting, a mail ballot consisting of a minimum of two nominees for each office to be elected will be sent to all Biotechnology Division members giving the members a minimum of 30 days to return the ballots. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee will be responsible for appointing a Tellers committee to count the ballots. In the event of a tie for any office, the Executive Committee shall decide the election to that office. The results of these elections shall be announced at the annual business meeting of the Division, and the newly elected officers will accept their duties at the close of the meeting
- C. The Chairperson of the Division, or a properly delegated alternate, shall represent the Division on the Advisory Council of the Association and during the AACC Annual Meeting.
- D. Notices of the Division elections shall be sent to the National Secretary and the Executive Vice President of the Association.

VI. Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Member-at-Large as voting members. In addition, the immediate past Chair and all Chairs of standing committees of the Biotechnology Division shall be non-voting members of the Executive Committee.
- B. The Executive Committee shall provide leadership for the Division and have the authority to determine and carry out all activities of the Biotechnology Division.

VII. Committees

The Chairperson in consultation with other members of Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint a Program Committee, a Nominating Committee, a Membership Committee, and such other committees as needed to carry out the objectives of the Division. Such Committees shall be responsible to the Executive Committee. Each member of but no more than two, working committees.

VIII. Meetings

Meetings of the Division shall be held at least annually during the AACC Annual Meeting and at any other time designated by the Executive Committee. Notices of Division Meetings shall be sent to all members of the Division and to AACC headquarters.

IX. Rules of Order

This organization shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

X. Amendments

Any part of the Bylaws may be amended upon review of the Executive Committee and approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Division members voting, provided the amendment(s) does (do) not conflict with the existing articles or basic principles of the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution and the Bylaws of the AACC, Inc. Any Bylaw amendment(s) will be preceded by an announcement of the proposed change and discussion at the annual business meeting, after which a ballot will be sent to all Division members along with a summary of the discussion of the proposed amendment(s) held at the annual business meeting.

XI. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this Division and the discharge of its debts and these settlement of its affairs, any funds and property of this Division remaining thereafter shall be conveyed by the direction of the Division Executive Committee to another qualified non-profit organization, or if no action is taken by the above mentioned, shall be conveyed to the AACC for its general purpose or with the written consent of the Board of Directors for the AACC, shall be conveyed to another qualified non-profit organization(s) dedicated to the perpetuation of objects similar to those of the AACC, provided such selected organization(s) at the time of the Division's dissolution shall be exempt under Section 501 (c)(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 the Division's dissolution.