

BYLAWS
OF
DIVISION C-1
CROP BREEDING, GENETICS, AND CYTOLOGY
CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Division shall be the Crop Breeding, Genetics, and Cytology Division of the Crop Science Society of America; hereinafter referred to as C-1 and CSSA, respectively.

ARTICLE II

Objectives

The objectives of Division C-1 shall be the same as those of the parent organization (CSSA) and shall further encompass the following more specific objectives:

A. To provide a common forum for the exchange of crop breeding, genetics, and cytology research and educational information among members of the Crop Science Society of America (CSSA), the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) and the American Society of Agronomy (ASA).

B. To further the professional development of its members and to promote and recognize quality research and teaching in crop breeding, genetics, and cytology.

C. To maintain liaison and to cooperate with other scientific or educational organizations, national or international, whose programs are allied to crop breeding, genetics and cytology.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Membership is open to CSSA members in good standing who have an active interest in crop breeding, genetics, and cytology.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of Division C-1 shall consist of a Chair, a Chair-elect, the Immediate Past Chair, and the Representative to both the Board of Directors of CSSA and ASA.

Section 2. The Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, and the Divisional Representative to the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing of the CSSA.

ARTICLE V

Selection of Officers

Section 1. Chair-Elect. A Chair-Elect of Division C-1 shall be elected annually by mail ballot during elections conducted by the parent society. Two nominees for Chair-Elect shall be selected by the C-1 Nominating Committee and submitted to the CSSA nominating Committee.

Section 2. Divisional Representative to the Board of Directors. The C-1 Divisional Representative to both the CSSA and ASA Boards of Directors shall be elected to a 3-year term by mail ballot during an election conducted by the parent society. Following the close of the second year of the term, at least two nominees shall be selected by the C-1 Nominating Committee and submitted to the CSSA Nominating Committee upon request.

Section 3. Proposals for Nominees. Any C-1 member may submit to the Nominating Committee in writing, at least 15 days prior to the C-1 annual membership meeting the name of an eligible individual along with an indication of the person's consent to serve in the elective office concerned.

ARTICLE VI

Terms of Officers

Section 1. Elected Officers. Terms of elected officers shall begin at the close of the next annual membership meeting following their election. The C-1 Chair-Elect shall progress automatically to C-1 Chair and to C-1 Past-Chair, respectively, at the close of consecutive annual meetings following assumption of duties as C-1 Chair-Elect. The term of C-1 Past-Chair will expire at the close of the next annual meeting following assumption of the duties of that office.

The term of the C-1 Divisional Representative to the Board of Directors will expire at the close of the first session of the Board in the third annual meeting following assumption of the duties of that office.

Section 2. Vacancies. In the event that an office holder resigns or is unable or unavailable to serve, the person shall be replaced according to the following procedure:

- a. If the C-1 Chair cannot complete the term of office, the C-1 Chair-Elect shall succeed automatically.

- b. If the C-1 Chair-Elect cannot complete the term of office, the candidate who received the next highest number of votes for C-1 Chair-Elect at the time of the election shall automatically succeed to the office to complete the term.
- c. If the Immediate C-1 Past Chair cannot complete the term of office, the person shall be replaced by the most recent Past Chair available to serve.
- d. If the C-1 Divisional Representative to the Board of Directors cannot complete the term of office, the candidate who received the next highest number of votes shall automatically succeed to the office to complete the term.

ARTICLE VII

Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chair. The C-1 Chair shall:

- a. Arrange and conduct the C-1 annual membership and Executive Committee meetings.
- b. Accept voluntary papers and develop the C-1 program for the annual meetings.
- c. Secure the presiding Chair for each C-1 session on the program.
- d. Submit the program for the annual meeting sessions to the CSSA Chair-Elect.
- e. Furnish the Chair-Elect with files and information to provide for continuity of program.
- f. At the close of the business meeting during the term as Chair, a brief report of the transactions of the business meeting shall be sent to the Executive Vice-President with a copy to the incoming Chair.
- g. Represent Division C-1 at all CSSA Board meetings.
- h. Perform such other duties as are required by the position.

Section 2. Chair-Elect. The C-1 Chair-Elect shall:

- a. Assist the Chair.
- b. Represent Division C-1 at all CSSA Board meetings.
- c. Perform the duties of the C-1 Chair in the C-1 Chair's absence.
- d. Perform such other duties as delegated by the C-1 Chair.

Section 3. Past Chair. The most recent C-1 Past Chair shall:

- a. Advise the Chair on matters pertaining to C-1 Divisional program development.
- b. Organize and serve as the Chair of the C-1 Nominating Committee.

Section 4. Divisional Representative to the Board of Directors. The C-1 Divisional representative to the Board of Directors shall:

- a. Represent the C-1 Division at all ASA and CSSA Board meetings.
- b. Report pertinent information from the ASA Board to the Executive Committee of the Crop Breeding, Genetics and Cytology Division and to the C-1 membership at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees

Section 1. Executive Committee. The C-1 Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, the Chair-Elect, the Immediate Past Chair and the Divisional Representative to the CSSA and ASA Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act for the C-1 Division in matters of urgency or when action must be taken before the next annual C-1 business meeting. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the policies of the Division subject to the approval of the CSSA Board of Directors and formal actions of the C-1 membership.

Section 2. Nominating Committee. The C-1 Nominating Committee shall consist of the three most recent Past Chairs, with the Immediate Past Chair as the Chair. The Nominating Committee shall provide an opportunity for the members to submit the names of prospective nominees to an elected office providing consent of the nominee to serve in the specified office has been obtained and that such suggestions are made in writing at least 15 days prior to the annual membership meeting.

Section 3. Other Committees. Other committees may be appointed by the C-1 Chair as deemed necessary or as directed by the C-1 membership at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meeting. Division C-1 shall present one or more programs at each annual meeting of the parent society, CSSA. The annual business meeting of the C-1 membership shall be conducted during one of these meetings.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Joint programs arranged and presented cooperatively with other divisions of CSSA, SSSA, and ASA shall be encouraged, as appropriate, by the C-1 Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Conduct of Meetings

Rules of Order. All C-1 business meetings shall be conducted in an accepted professional manner generally following Robert's "Rules of Order".

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended, provided that the amendment does not violate the By-Laws of the parent organizations, by either of the following methods:

- a. A 2/3 majority of those C-1 members in attendance at any annual business meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been mailed to the C-1 membership at least 60 days prior to an announced annual C-1 meeting.
- b. A 2/3 majority of those C-1 members returning ballots within 60 days after the date of the original mailing of ballots to the membership.

Section 2. Proposal of Amendments. Amendments may be proposed in writing by:

- a. The C-1 Executive Committee.
- b. Any C-1 member, provided the proposed amendment is submitted in writing and is accompanied by the written endorsement of six or more other C-1 members.