

DOWNUNDER SECTION BYLAWS

AACC INTERNATIONAL

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1. NAME

1a. This organisation is certified as a Section of the AACC International, Incorporated, and is known as the AACC INTERNATIONAL DOWNUNDER SECTION.

2. Purpose of the AACC INTERNATIONAL DOWNUNDER SECTION

2a. To provide an organisational structure to represent those AACC International members living and working in, or interested in, Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and near by Pacific Islands and:

2b. To provide a forum where researchers and users of Cereal science can meet for the purpose of discussing the opportunities and problems that are related to Cereal Science with a particular emphasis on local issues. Including collaboration with South and South East Asia.

2c. To provide avenues for open communication and co-operation among individuals interested in Cereal Science and Technology.

2d. To be proactive in the organisation of small thematic workshops and stimulate other ways of exchanging scientific information and expertise.

2e. To build a positive working relation with other organisations interested in Cereal science and technology and to actively seek collaboration on common issues related to the region.

3. Membership

3a. Any professional, student, life, or corporate member of the AACC International interested in Cereal Science in the Australasian region is eligible for AACC INTERNATIONAL DOWNUNDER SECTION Membership.

4. Membership Dues

4a. Membership dues shall be determined at a general meeting of the AACC INTERNATIONAL DOWNUNDER Section on the advice of the Executive Committee of the SECTION.

4b. Dues are payable in advance. Members not paying their annual dues in compliance with AACC International policy shall be held delinquent and shall be dropped from the membership roll and the mailing list of the Section.

5. Officers.

5a. 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.

- Program Chair, who is responsible for organising all meetings initiated by the Downunder section.

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

- Treasurer who is responsible for maintaining the financial records of the section.

- Member-at-Large who serves on the Executive Committee.

5b. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Program Chair, Secretary and member-at large 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 mail ballot consisting of a minimum of two nominees for each office to be elected. The ballot will be sent to all AACC INTERNATIONAL DOWNUNDER SECTION members. Members will be given a minimum of 28 days to return their ballots.

5c. The Chairperson will be responsible for appointing a returning officer.

5d. 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.

5e. Notices of Section elections shall be sent to AACC International and the Executive Vice President of the Association.

6. Executive Committee

6a. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair and Member-at Large 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

6b. The Executive Committee shall provide leadership for the Section and have the authority to determine and carry out all activities of the AACC INTERNATIONAL DOWNUNDER Section.

7. Committees

7a. 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.

8. Meetings

8a. 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.

9. Amendments

9a. Any part of these Bylaws, may be amended upon review of the Executive Committee and approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Section members voting.

9b. Amendments must not conflict with existing articles or basic principles of the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution and the Bylaws of the AACC International, Inc.

9c. Any Bylaw amendment(s) will be preceded by an announcement of the proposed changes and discussion at the annual business meeting, after which a ballot will be mailed to all Section members along with a summary of the discussion of the proposed amendment(s) held at the annual business meeting.

10. Distribution of Funds of Dissolution

10a. In the event of dissolution of this Section and after the discharge of any debts, any funds and property of this Section remaining shall be conveyed, by order of the Sections (former) Executive Committee, to another qualified non-profit organisation.

10b. If after 12 months no action has been taken by the Sections (former) Executive Committee under rule 10a all remaining assets of the section shall become the property of the AACC International for its general use.