

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE INDIANA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

### **I. ORGANIZATION**

- A. The Indiana Crop Improvement Association (ICIA) is a non-profit corporation composed of seedsmen and/or seed firms interested in certified seed production and crop improvement in Indiana.
  
- B. The following services are provided by the Association:
  - 1. Serves as the Official Seed Certifying Agency for the state of Indiana.
  - 2. Provides field and laboratory inspection services for certified seed production.
  - 3. Provides special field and laboratory services for non-certified seed production.
  - 4. Provides educational assistance to growers who use contract growers.
  - 5. Provides educational assistance for grower-dealer meetings.
  - 6. Provides educational assistance to vo-ag teachers and county agents for young and adult farmer classes.
  - 7. Provides educational assistance with field days.
  - 8. Provides educational guidance in developing brochures, magazine, radio and television advertisements.
  
- C. The business of the Association is conducted by a Board of Directors, as outlined in the By-Laws. Each year during the Annual Business Meeting of the Association three new Directors are elected to the Board. In addition to the twelve elected Board members who serve four-year terms, the Head of the Agronomy Department of Purdue University, the Head of the Botany & Plant Pathology Department of Purdue University, and a liaison representative appointed by the Director of Ag Research Programs serve as ex-officio voting members of the Board. The presidents of the Ag Alumni Seed Improvement Association and the Indiana Seed Trade Association serve on the Board as non-voting ex-officio Directors.
  
- D. The Board of Directors elects a President and a Vice President from the Board to serve as the officers of the Association. The President, Vice President, immediate Past President, a Director at Large and the Purdue liason serve on the Executive Committee.
  
- E. The Executive Committee is responsible for:
  - 1. General supervision of the Association's activities.
  - 2. General hiring and supervision of management personnel.

3. Reviewing all major financial activities of the Association.
4. Recommending an Association budget for Board approval.

The Executive Committee is responsible to the Board of Directors for their actions and are to operate within the framework of the policies approved by the Board.

## II. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any person interested in crop improvement may become a member of the Association with the approval of its Board of Directors and on payment of such dues as the Board shall prescribe.

The Board of Directors may, but need not, provide for a life membership upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

The association shall provide for the following types of memberships:

1. **Active Member** - An individual, firm or corporation actively producing, conditioning or marketing ICIA certifiable agricultural products in the state of Indiana can become an Active Member upon applying for membership, paying the appropriate membership fees, and receiving approval by ICIA management. An Active Member is entitled to one vote on each matter presented to the Membership. An Active Member may apply to become eligible to certify these products.

2. **Associate Membership** - An individual, firm or corporation not qualifying for Active Membership but, in any way engaged in or connected with the seed industry or its allied branches, can become an Associate Member upon applying for membership, paying the appropriate membership fees, and receiving approval by ICIA management. Associate members may attend meetings of the Association, but shall not vote.

3. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to deny active or associate membership to any member who has, in the opinion of the Board, willfully violated the By-laws and/or rules or regulations of the corporation.

- B. Indiana Crop Improvement Association is a member of the Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA), an international organization of Official Seed Certifying Agencies. AOSCA is composed of most of the U.S. State Certifying Agencies as well as several non U.S. Certifying Bodies.