Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of the American Registry of Certified Professionals in Agronomy, Crops and Soils, LTD.

The Board of Directors of the American Society of Agronomy, at the annual meetings of the societies, on 8 Dec. 1978 approved the publication of the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of the American Registry of Certified Professionals in Agronomy, Crops and Soils, LTD. (ARCPACS).

Bylaws

As Adopted 30 Nov. 1976

ARTICLE I

Name: The name of this organization shall be the American Registry of Certified Professionals in Agronomy, Crops and Soils, LTD. (ARCPACS)

ARTICLE II

Purpose: The purpose of ARCPACS is to develop standards and procedures for recognition of persons qualified as professionals in Agronomy, Crops and Soils, and to maintain a registry of persons so qualified for the welfare of the general public. It is a non-profit corporation operated in cooperation with the American Society of Agronomy, Inc. (ASA), the Crop Science Society of America, Inc. (CSSA) and the Soil Science Society of America, Inc. (SSSA).

For a long time the public has demanded evidence of professional competence from those whose professional activities affect the well-being and economic attitude of the general public. This need for professional standards has been recognized by groups in medicine, law, engineering, and accounting. New laws governing crop production and quality requirements; air, water and soils quality standards; disposal of industrial and municipal as well as agricultural wastes; and use of agricultural chemicals are examples of new situations that require the services of specialists in agronomy, crops or soils. Many regulatory and control programs require inputs from those professionals. This requirement in turn generates a definite need for means of identifying persons who are qualified professionals in agronomy, crops, and soils. It is, therefore, now essential that those persons having special competence and skills in agronomy, crops, and soils be able to show evidence of their training, experience and special abilities.

A realistic certification program, which will identify these qualified professionals for educational and scientific activities with public and private agencies, is clearly for the welfare of the general public. In order to meet this need, ARCPACS is established.

ARTICLE III

Board of ARCPACS: The affairs of ARCPACS shall be directed by a board comprised of eighteen voting members. The Board will be composed of three Sub-boards of six members each who are approved by the Boards of Directors of the American Society of Agronomy, Inc. (ASA), the Crop Science Society of America, Inc. (CSSA) and the Soil Science Society of America, (SSSA) respectively, and appointed by the Presidents of these societies. The initial Board members shall have one, two, or three year appointments. Thereafter, appointments shall be for one year, with selection by the Board and the Chairmen of the Sub-boards from among their members.

The office of the Registry shall be maintained at 677 South Segoe Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53711.

The Board shall serve without compensation for their services. The Board members, on proper authorization by the Board, may incur and be reimbursed for expenses related to their duties.

ARTICLE IV

Officers: The officers of ARCPACS are the Chairman, the Board, the Chairmen of the Agronomy, Crops, and Soils Sub-boards, the Director of ARCPACS and the Executive Vice President. The term of office of Chairman shall be approximately one year and elections shall be held annually at the annual Board meeting. In the event the Chairman, the Board or a Sub-board is unable to serve for a period of time or for a meeting, the Board members shall vote an interim chairman using the Sub-board chairman or the Board chairman as appropriate Sub-board will select a new Chairman from among its members.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Board and the Chairmen of the Agronomy, Crops and Soils Sub-boards.

Duties of Officers: The duties of the Officers shall be those which usually pertain to those offices and such additional duties as may be imposed on them by these Bylaws.

The Executive Committee may be authorized to take any action subject to confirmation at the official Board meeting. The Director shall be the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Board.

The principal duties of the Chairman shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board, to supervise and direct ARCPACS and to provide leadership in the prosecution of the objectives of ARCPACS. With the approval of the Board, the Chairman shall upon being directed by the Board, the Chairman, the committee, consultants and/or other individuals with specific activities in pursuit of the objectives of ARCPACS.

The Director of ARCPACS shall be responsible in matters relating to policy and policy-making and under the general supervision of the Executive Vice President of ASA, CSSA, and SSSA relative to administrative and operational matters. The Director shall assist the Executive Vice President of ASA and his staff with the maintenance of the registry.

The Director, also serving as Secretary, shall promulgate the regulations set forth by the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws in executing the decisions and directives of the Board and in the promotion and execution of the objectives of ARCPACS. He shall issue all notices of meetings, establish and conduct operating procedures, execute and sign such instruments as are authorized by these Bylaws, Keep the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation as the decisions and directives of the Board, establish and conduct operating procedures, and carry out the functions of ARCPACS, assist the Board in establishing and developing examination and in developing examinations for determining qualifications of applicants, receive, act upon and rule on applications for certification, and cooperate with the Executive Vice President of ASA who will maintain lists of registrants as to current eligibility, dues standing, addresses, etc., by agreement with ASA, and perform other duties as assigned by the Board.