CONSTITUTION OF CROPS AND SOILS CLUB

Article I. Name and affiliation:

1. The name of this organization shall be The Crops and Soils Club.
2. This club shall be affiliated with the Student Activities Subdivision of the American Society of Agronomy, the Crop Science Society of America, and the Soil Science Society of America. Members can also have an optional affiliation with the Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Article II. Purpose

1. The purpose of this club is to provide social, educational and leadership opportunities for those interested in the fields of crops, soils, conservation, turf and other related agronomic areas. Also, to interact and further relationships with the community, The Ohio State University and professionals in agronomic-related fields.

Article III. Membership

1. Membership is limited to currently enrolled students at The Ohio State University. Members must pay dues either Semesterly or yearly in which the price will be set at the beginning of Autumn Semester each year. Voting rights are limited to one vote per member. Membership will not be denied because of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. This organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.
2. Removal of Members

If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed

detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in

violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be

removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or

unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the

advisor.

Article IV. Officers and Elections

Section 1:

The officers of the organization shall be: President, 1st Vice

President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Reporter, Social Chair, recruitment, and philanthropy.

Section 2:

The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

President:

1. Chair all meetings
2. Assume major responsibility for the coordination of officers duties so they fulfill requirements of their office
3. Obey and enforce the constitution and bylaws of the organization
4. Act as the club’s representative and spokesperson in all external functions

1st Vice President

1. Conduct and chair the executive committee meetings
2. Be and ex-officio member of all committees
3. Conduct meetings in the absence of the President
4. Work with the 2nd Vice President in setting up programs and meeting dates, places and times

2nd Vice President:

1. Be the official representative of the organization on the Agricultural and Natural Resources Council and communicating all pertinent information between the two organizations
2. Work with the 1st Vice President in setting up programs and meeting dates, places and times
3. Conduct meetings in the absence of the President and the 1st Vice President

One of the Vice Presidents shall be a member of the S.W.C.S. and communicate related information to the club.

Treasurer:

1. Shall be responsible for the funds of the organization
2. Keep accurate records of all transactions and regularly communicate with the Student Organization Office on the official status of the treasury
3. Shall collect dues
4. Shall exclusively handle all financial transactions when authorized by a majority of the organization’s members
5. Shall be an ex-officio of all financially related committees

Recording Secretary:

1. Record minutes at all meetings and read the previous meeting’s minutes
2. Prepare an agenda of the present meeting
3. To place a copy of the approved minutes on computer fole
4. To keep a notebook of previous minutes and agendas

Corresponding Secretary:

1. Send all written correspondence of the organization
2. Send articles into the S.A.S. – A.S.A. about club activities
3. Work with the donations, solicitation, and the sending of invitations to the annual Agronomy Banquet
4. Fulfill the Duties of the recording secretary in their absence

Section 3:

The term of office shall be one year starting at the beginning of

Spring Semester and concluding at the end of

Autumn Semester.

Section 4:

Election of officers shall be a one meeting process. At the ~~first~~

meeting, nominations for officers will be taken from the floor and

must be followed by a second. These nominations shall be followed by the elections of such officers. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the members present and shall be done so by a secret ballot. The elections shall be in the order of: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. A nominated candidate who loses may be nominated for another office. Each nominee shall give a brief statement outlining their desire to hold such office for which they wish to hold.

Section 5:

Removal of Officers

If an officer conducts themselves in such a manner deemed

detrimental to the purpose of this organization, is delinquent

in performing their officer duties, or is in violation of the

OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through

a majority vote of the voting membership or unanimous vote

of the other officer, with the consultation of the advisor.

Article V. Meetings:

Section 1:

There shall be at least 5 meetings per semester excluding

summer semester.

Section 2:

The time of the meetings shall be determined by the executive

committee.

Section 3:

Special meetings shall be called when necessary.

Section 4:

All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of

Order

Article VI. Advisors

A faculty advisor shall be nominated by the membership and elected by

the club on the night of officer elections. The advisor shall be from the faculty of the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science.

Article VII. Standing Committees:

Section 1:

There shall be a banquet committee which is in charge of

coordinating and organizing the annual Agronomy Banquet.

Section 2:

There shall be an executive committee consisting of the officers

and the advisors of the organization.

Article VIII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order Revised shall govern this

organization in all cases to which they are applicable unless they are

inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws and special rules of this

organization.

Article IX. Constitutional Amendments

Constitutional amendments shall be submitted in writing. They shall

have one reading prior to being voted upon by the membership. For the

amendment to be adopted it must pass by a 2/3 majority vote of the

members present.

Article X. Club Disbandment

In the event that the Crops and Soils Club disbands, all monies and assets of the club shall be held by the Department of Horticulture and Crop Sciences in the event that the club becomes re-established. These funds and assets shall be used at the discretion of the Department of Horticulture and Crop Sciences to provide support to organizations that the Crops and Soils Club had previously associated with.