

PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY SECTION BYLAWS

6.2 PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY SECTION (P)

Article I (Name)

The name of the organization shall be the Plant Biotechnology Section of the Society for In Vitro Biology.

Article II

No rule, bylaw, or operation of the Section shall be inconsistent with the Constitution of the Society for In Vitro Biology.

Article III (Objectives)

The objectives of the Section shall be identical with those of the Society for In Vitro Biology with the restriction that the Section shall consider biotechnology as applied to plants as its primary concern. Plant biotechnology may be defined as the application of knowledge obtained from study of the life sciences to provide technological benefit to plant biology. Plant biotechnology includes all forms of plant tissue culture, biochemistry, and molecular biology, and genomic methodologies applied to the plant sciences, including the study of whole plants derived from plant tissue culture and/or molecular techniques.

Article IV (Membership)

1. Any member of the Society for In Vitro Biology in good standing and who is interested in the objectives of the Section may become a member of the Section.
2. Any person who pays a fee set by the Officers of the Section shall be eligible to receive the communications of the Section.

Article V (Officers of the Section)

1. The Officers of the Section shall be a Chair~~man~~, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and any other, that these shall appoint subject to the approval by the membership voting at the next Annual Meeting of the Section. The officers shall hold office for two years, beginning their terms at the close of the Society's Annual meeting held in even years. Officers may not succeed themselves more than once.
2. The Officers of the Section shall manage and be responsible for the affairs of the Section and each shall keep appropriate records. The duties of the officers are defined as follows:
 - a) The Chair of the Section shall call and preside over meetings of the Section as outlined in Article VIII and shall appoint committees as defined under Article VI. The Chair shall prepare a report annually to be submitted to the Society.
 - b) The Vice Chair of the Section shall oversee the financial affairs of the Section, and work with the Program Co-chair(s) in fundraising activities. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall preside over meetings of the Section.
 - c) The Secretary of the Section shall record and distribute minutes of the Section meetings and solicit nominations and coordinate elections as described in Article VII. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Secretary shall preside over meetings of the Section.
3. Officers shall report their activities to the Section at the Annual Meeting of the Section.

Article VI (Committees and Officials)

The Chair shall appoint such committees as may be necessary to aid in the management of the Section. Committees shall be appointed for a term coincident with the Chair's term of office.

Article VII (Nomination and Election of Officers)

1. The Secretary of the Section will solicit nominations for the Officers of the Section by mail (including e-mail) on or before the succeeding first day of September of the year (odd years) preceding an election of Officers. The Secretary shall advise the Officers of the Section of the names of those members who have received five or more nominations for office. The existing Officers of the Section may add to those names any persons whom a majority of the existing officers nominate for office. Upon approval of the Officers, the Secretary shall send to the Secretary of the Society, no later than the first day of October, a final list bearing all nominations for office (whether made by nomination or by the Officers), including biographical sketches.
2. The election of Officers from those nominated shall occur as provided for in the Bylaws of the Society for In Vitro Biology.

Article VIII (Meetings and Quorums)

1. The Annual Meeting of the Section will be held at the same time and in the same place as the General Meeting of the Society as provided for in Article VII(A) of the Constitution of the Society for In Vitro Biology.
2. The Section may also meet from time to time with other groups as may be decided by the membership.
3. A business meeting of the Section will be held during the Annual Meetings of the Section. The quorum for this meeting shall be 5% of the membership of the Section. A simple majority of members voting shall decide on any motion moved and seconded by members at the business meeting.

Article IX (Amendments to the Bylaws)

Any proposal to amend the rules or bylaws of the Section must be presented in writing to the Officers of the Section by five members of the Society at least two months before the Annual Meeting of the Section. If approved by members voting at the Annual Meeting of the Section, the proposal shall be promptly sent to all members of the Section with a ballot. From the ballots returned within 45 days of the mailing date, the Secretary of the Section shall determine if two thirds of the members voting approve the amendment. If approved, the Secretary shall transmit the amendment to the Board of the Society for In Vitro Biology for its approval and shall notify the members of the Section of the result of the ballot and the Board's decision.