

ZAMORANO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

PREAMBLE

We, the members of **Zamorano Agricultural Society** do hereby establish this Constitution in order that our purposes, of enhancing the cultural/agricultural exchange among students and alumni of Louisiana State University and Zamorano, as well as strengthening the historical relations between Louisiana State University and Zamorano, shall be realized to its fullest extent.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization will be **Zamorano Agricultural Society** at Louisiana State University and A & M College at Baton Rouge, henceforth referred to as **Zamorano Agricultural Society**.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Zamorano Agricultural Society is established for the expressed purpose of developing leadership skills as well as an awareness of social responsibilities to encourage students to participate in public affairs.

Zamorano Agricultural Society is established for the expressed purpose of providing guidance, support and orientation to new Zamorano alumni and students in the following areas:

- Orientation before arriving to LSU's campus
- Source of information for students (agricultural research area)
- Visits and seminars in campus
- Orientation to recently graduated students
- Other agricultural, social, educational, and professional activities

Zamorano Agricultural Society is established for the expressed purpose of strengthening the historical relations between Louisiana State University and A&M College and Escuela Agricola Pan-americana "El Zamorano".

Zamorano Agricultural Society is established for the expressed purpose of assisting in the organization of cultural/agricultural exchange among students and alumni of Louisiana Sate University and A&M College and Escuela Agricola Pan-americana "El Zamorano".

Zamorano Agricultural Society is established for the expressed purpose of participating in educational and professional agricultural conventions state and nation wide, in order to increase the students' knowledge of the technological and professional advances in agriculture.

Zamorano Agricultural Society is established for the expressed purpose of promoting agricultural research at LSU.

ARTICLE III – BASIC POLICIES

- Section 1 The organization shall be a non-commercial.
- Section 2 The name of the organization or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in connection with any commercial concern.
- Section 3 The organization shall cooperate with Louisiana State University to support the improvement of education in ways that will not interfere with administration of the University.
- Section 4 The organization may cooperate with other organizations and agencies, but persons representing Zamorano Agricultural Society in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the organization.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Any individual who subscribe to the purpose and basic policies of the organization may become a member of this organization, subject only to compliance with the provision of the constitution. No student who meets the other criteria for membership can be denied membership on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran's status, or sexual orientation.
- Section 2 Active membership is restricted to LSU students. Associate membership is restricted to LSU faculty and staff. Associate members are non-voting members.
- Section 3 Zamorano Agricultural Society will have 4 types of members:
- A. Founding Members. - Any Zamorano alumni or student and LSU alumni or student who attends to at least one of the meetings before the end of the spring 2004 semester. These members are exempt of quotas.
 - B. Active Members. – All Founding Members are Active Members. Any Zamorano student or alumni and LSU student or alumni who apply for a membership after spring 2004 semester will comply with the following requirements:
 - To be a LSU student.

- To be a Zamorano student and alumni.
- To supply with her/his contact information for our database.
- To submit a letter requesting membership to the organization.
- To be updated with the quotas established.

C. Associate Members. – Any member of the LSU faculty and staff whose work is toward the development and progress of Zamorano Agricultural Society. These members are exempt of quotas.

D. Emeritus Members. – All LSU and Zamorano Alumni who were members of Zamorano Agricultural Society while enrolled in school.

- Section 4 Zamorano Agricultural Society shall admit persons to be members at any time.
- Section 5 There will be a quota for membership and the amount will be set by vote of the members present at a regular meeting.
- Section 6 Only members in good standing with the organization shall be eligible to participate in its business meetings or to serve in any of its elective or appointive positions.
- Section 7 In the event this organization becomes inactive, all monies left in the treasury after all outstanding debts and claim have been paid shall be donated to the International Cultural Center.
- Section 8 All members of Zamorano Agricultural Society will be informed of any agricultural activity of interest in the University, in the state of Louisiana and in the U. S. The members will also be provided with information on how to participate in such activities.
- Section 9 All members of the Zamorano Agricultural Society will provide contact information to create a database. The organization agrees to handle this information with the most confidentiality. This information will not be shared with any other commercial or non-commercial organization unless the member's consent is granted.

ARTICLE V – OFFICER AND THEIR ELECTION

- Section 1 To be eligible to be elected to, appointed to, or to hold an office or be a standing committee chairperson, a student must:
- A. Must be enrolled as a full-time student at LSU
 - B. Must be in good standing with the University, have at least 2.0 cumulative GPA, and not on disciplinary probation or deferred suspension.
 - C. Must meet all other reasonable academic standards establish by the student organization and included in the organization’ constitution.
- Section 2 The officers of Zamorano Agricultural Society shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and a treasurer.
- Section 3 **A. President Obligations:** The president must propose an agenda for each session, be in charge and guide the reunions, authorize by singing new proposals when approved, represent Zamorano Agricultural Society at LSU, extend membership cards to the associates. He/she also must prepare paper and electronic communication for the rest of the organization presenting him or herself as president of the organization.
- B. Vice president Obligations:** in the absence of the President the Vice president will assume the functions of the President. Furthermore, the Vice president will support and advice the President when he ask for it.
- C. Secretary and Treasurer Obligations:** To elaborate and to sing proposals and acts of sessions of the directive meetings, to extend credentials to the active members of Zamorano Agricultural Society at LSU, to keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures, to collaborate with the president with the elaboration of the annual report. He/she also must prepare paper and electronic communication for the rest of the organization presenting him or herself as secretary of the organization.
- D. The faculty or staff advisor** shall serve as a resource and support mechanism for the officers and members of the organization. The faculty or staff advisor should attend one executive board committee and other events as necessary.
- Section 4 A. Officers shall be elected by ballot annually at the last regular meeting of the organization.
- B. Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the last regular meeting of academic year and shall serve for a term of one year and/or until their successors are elected

C. A person shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 5 A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the non-expired term by a person elected by majority vote of the remaining members of the executive committee.

Section 6 Any officers of Zamorano Agricultural Society in violation of the organization's purpose or constitution may be removing from office by the following process:

- A. A written request by at least three members of the organization.
- B. Written notification to the officer of the request, asking the officer to be present at the next meeting and prepared to speak.
- C. A two-third (2/3) majority vote of active members in good standing is necessary to remove the officer.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the organization, past president, and the chairperson of each standing committee, and one member selected by the membership.

Section 2 The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact necessary business between organization meetings and such business as may be referred to it by the organization to approve the plans of work of each standing committee chairperson; and to present a report at the regular meeting of the organization.

Section 3 Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held once a month on Thursday's during the academic year, the time to be determined by the Committee at its first meeting of the year.

ARTICLE VII - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 4 Such standing committees shall be created by the Executive Committee as may be required to promote the objects and interests of the organization.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1 Regular meetings of this organization shall be held twice a month on the first and last Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. unless otherwise provides by the organization or Executive Committee by a change of date no les than five (5) days prior to the date of the schedule.

Section 2 Twenty five percent of the active members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of the organization.

Section 3 The privilege of holding office, introducing motions, debating, and voting shall be limited to active members.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 4 A. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at the previous meeting and that the proposed amendment shall be subject to approval of the Dean of Students or his/her designee.

B. A committee may be appointed to submit a revised constitution for the existing constitution only by majority vote at a meeting of the association or by a two-third vote of the Executive Committee. The requirements for adoption of a revised constitution shall be the same as in the case of an amendment.