

**CONSTITUTION  
THE AMERICAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY,  
NORTHEASTERN DIVISION**

**ARTICLE I**

This Division shall be known as the American Phytopathological Society, Northeastern Division. Its purpose shall be the furthering of phytopathology in the northeastern states and adjacent Canada.

**ARTICLE II**

Membership and Dues

**Sec. 1.** The Division shall consist of members of the American Phytopathological Society residing within the northeastern region at the time of the regular meeting, and duly elected associate members.

**Sec. 2.** All persons not members of the American Phytopathological Society but interested in the study of pathology, including the practical control of plant diseases, shall be eligible to associate membership.

**Sec. 3.** Each member or associate member shall pay such dues as the Division shall determine and, if in good standing, shall have a vote in all matters pertaining to the Division.

**Sec. 4.** Members shall be considered not in good standing, and their names shall be removed from the roll of the Division when dues have not been paid for two years. The Secretary/Treasurer shall notify such members of their delinquency one month before the regular business meeting of the Division. A member who has been dropped from the Division may be reinstated on payment of dues for the last two years of his previous membership as well as the annual dues for the year in which he has been reinstated.

**ARTICLE III**

Election of Associate Members

Associate members may be elected at any regular meeting of the Division or by the Executive Committee during the interim. Each application for associate membership must be endorsed by at least one member of the Division.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Officers**

The officers of the Division shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Divisional Forum Representative. Their duties shall be those usually performed by such officers. The officers shall serve until their successors are elected, and the Executive Committee shall fill any vacancies occurring in the interim between elections. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Divisional Forum Representative, and the immediate Past President. All action of the Executive Committee or officers must be authorized or approved by the Division.

## **ARTICLE V**

### Election of Officers

The Secretary-Treasurer and Divisional Forum Representative shall be elected at least each biennium by a majority vote by mail ballot. Nominations for at least two candidates for each of these officers shall come from the Nomination Committee who shall make their selection known to the President five months prior to the meeting time. The Nomination Committee shall include in their considerations the names of candidates proposed from the floor during the annual business meeting of the preceding year. The Divisional Forum Representative will serve a term of three years on the Divisional Forum.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### Committees

Temporary, special, and standing committees may be appointed by the President and may deliver their reports to the Division at a regular meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### Meetings

Meetings shall be called at least biennially by the Executive Committee. The program for each meeting shall be arranged by the Secretary in collaboration with the local arrangement committee and shall consist of scientific and business sessions.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### Publication

The proceedings of the Division shall be published in Phytopathology News, and arrangements may be made for the publication in the Annual Proceedings of the American Phytopathological Society of abstracts of scientific papers read at the regular meetings.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a three-fourths majority of all members voting, notice of the proposed amendment having been sent to all members at least one month previous to the meeting.

## **ARTICLE X**

The membership of the Northeastern Division recognizes and ratifies the provisions in Standing Rule 7, parts a-d of the Constitution of the American Phytopathological Society.

### BY-LAWS

1. a. The Northeastern Division shall be organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes.
  - b. No part of the net earnings of the Northeastern Division shall or may under any circumstances inure to the benefit of any individual.

c. The Northeastern Division shall not carry on propaganda to influence legislation nor participate in any political activity for public office.

d. The Northeastern Division shall not be operated for profit.

2. Upon dissolution of the Northeastern Division, the Executive Committee shall distribute the assets and accrued income to the parent organization, the American Phytopathological Society.

3. These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members voting at any regular meeting of the Division.

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Ithaca, New York

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Syracuse, New York

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Stowe, Vermont

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Agawam, MA