

WILLAMETTE VALLEY SPECIALTY SEED ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Membership in any category will be subject to Board review and dues will be collected annually. Each membership must have one contact person and list all representatives. All members are required to adhere to the WVSSA standards of professional conduct, as established by the Board, and to the rules governing the Seed Quality Management Program (SQMP), including arbitration decisions.

Membership shall not be based upon race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, or income level.

(Check one)

☐ **Active Membership** (Voting, Pinning): Any corporation, company, or individual engaged in the contract production of specialty seeds in the Production Area is eligible for Active Membership, subject to Board review. Active Memberships are entitled to one vote each, must participate in the Seed Quality Management Program, must pay all fees associated with the program, must maintain a current company profile that includes comprehensive contact information, must maintain an Associate Membership in the Specialty Seed Growers of Western Oregon (SSGWO), must annually promote grower membership in SSGWO, and must annually participate in the collection of grower assessments on behalf of SSGWO members. Annual dues and fees will be established by the Board. Non-payment of dues or fees will exclude the member from voting rights and using the SQMP. As a condition of Active Membership, the intent to produce a Genetically Modified specialty seed crop must be communicated to the Board.

☐ **Affiliate Membership** (Non-Voting, Pinning): Any corporation, company, or individual engaged in the production of crops with contamination potential under the SQMP in the Production Area is eligible for Affiliate Membership, subject to Board review. Affiliate Memberships are not entitled to vote, must participate in the SQMP, must pay all fees associated with the program, and must maintain a current company profile that includes comprehensive contact information. Annual dues and fees will be established by the Board. Non-payment of dues or fees will disqualify the Affiliate Membership and prevent use of the SQMP. As a condition of Affiliate Membership, the intent to produce a Genetically Modified crop with contamination potential under the SQMP must be communicated to the Board.

☐ **Homestead Membership** (Non-voting, Limited Pinning): This membership category is intended for seed savers and is an inexpensive alternative to Active Membership. It is designed for non-commercial, single location producers of open-pollinated seed crops in order to encourage them to participate in the SQMP. Membership dues for this category will be nominal and fees to use the SQMP may be waived, subject to Board review. As a condition of Homestead Membership, the intent to produce a Genetically Modified specialty seed crop must be communicated to the Board.

☐ **Associate Membership** (Non-voting, Non-pinning): Representatives of allied industries or of organizations or entities interested in the success of specialty seed production may request Associate Membership. Each membership must be review by the WVSSA Board for acceptance. Annual dues will be established by the Board.

Although membership is voluntarily, as an Active, Affiliate, Associate or Homestead member, we agree without exception to adhere to association 1) Bylaws, 2) Pinning Rules, and 3) Isolation Guidelines, as well as all policies adopted by a vote of the membership. **We acknowledge it is our Company's responsibility as well as our representatives to understand these documents and to communicate with other members to facilitate them.**

UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED:

Signature:

Name & Title:

Company:

Date:

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