



NATIONAL LIVESTOCK GRADING & MARKETING ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name of Organization

The name of this organization shall be “National Livestock Grading and Marketing Association.”

Article II - Objectives

The objective and purposes of this Association shall be to:

1. Standardize grades between States through the use of USDA standards for livestock, meat, and livestock products.
2. Develop uniform live grade markings of livestock for all States in the Association.
3. Encourage and assist individual States in the correlation of live and carcass grades.
4. Promote better quality of livestock by expanding grading.
5. Work for better relationship between producer - market officials - livestock buyers - and packers.
6. Promote and encourage more livestock buying power in member states through uniform live grading and improved techniques in marketing.

Article III - Membership

1. Membership in this Association shall extend to all States interested in improving marketing methods.
2. Any person employed by a Federal, State, or county government, and who is actively engaged in the grading or marketing of livestock, is eligible for active membership.

Article IV - Meetings

1. There shall be at least one annual meeting of the Association held on dates set by the Association in cooperation with the host State.
2. Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors
3. The annual meeting shall be of two parts: (a) workshop or school in actual grading of livestock and carcasses, and (b) workshop and discussion concerning grading and marketing of livestock and meats.
4. A third host State (2nd Vice President) will be selected by the Association at the annual meeting. The secondary host State (Vice President) from the preceding year will become the primary host State (President) for the coming year, the third host State (2nd Vice

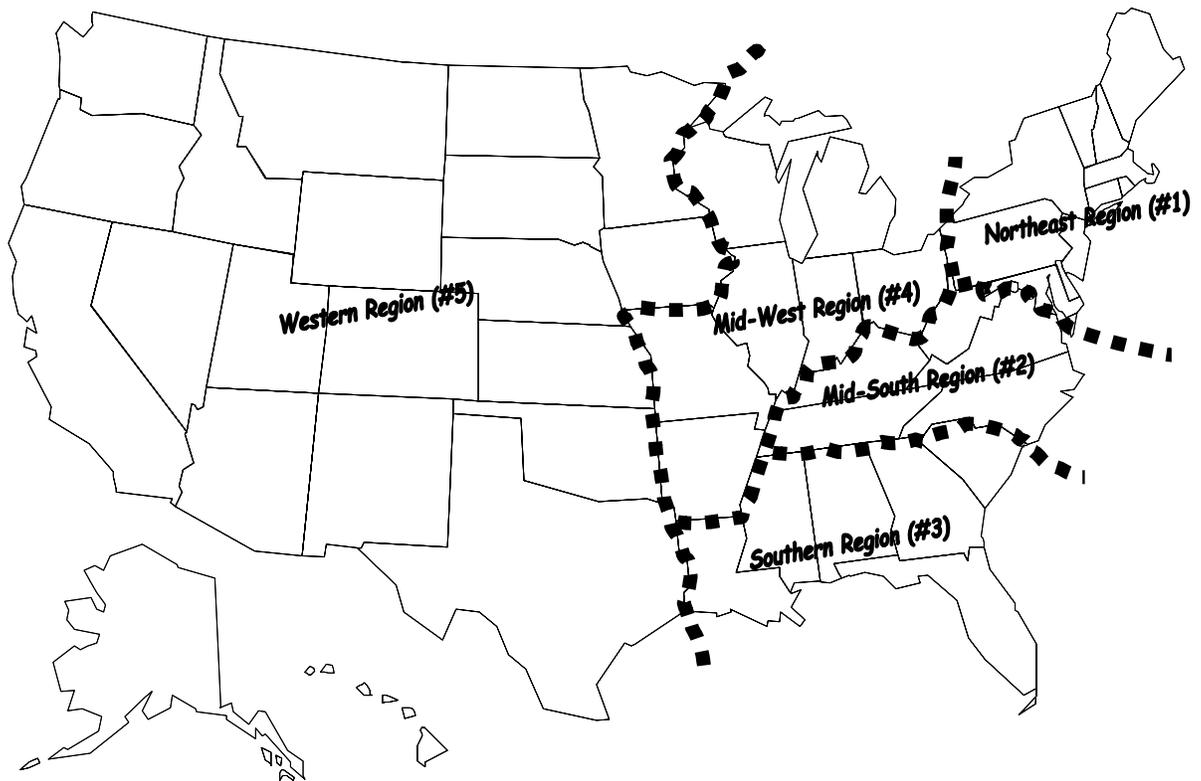
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President) will become the secondary host State (Vice President) and a new third host State (2nd Vice President) will be elected. If no candidate at the annual meeting is in a position to undertake the obligation of the third host State at the annual meeting, the Board of Directors can appoint one during the mid-year after due consideration and consultation with agreeable States.

Article V - Administration

1. There shall be a President, Vice President, and 2nd Vice President of the Association. The President shall be from the primary host State for the annual meeting and the Vice President from the secondary host State. The Vice President each year will become the President, the 2nd Vice President will become the Vice President, the following year.
2. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of five Regional Directors, the President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Past President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected annually by the membership.
3. The Association shall indemnify and hold harmless its officers and directors from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including, but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of, or resulting from performance of their duties with the Association, except when such performance is in bad faith or illegal.
4. The Association will have five regions, represented by a Regional Director who will serve two consecutive years on the Board of Directors. The regions, boundaries, and States included are as follows:
 - a) Northeast Region (#1): New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and all States NE.
 - b) Mid South Region (#2): West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina.
 - c) Southern Region (#3): Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida.
 - d) Mid West Region (#4): Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, Arkansas, and Michigan.
 - e) Western Region (#5): All States west of and including Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

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Article VI - Voting

Each State shall have one vote in all matters except during the election of Regional Directors. All those in attendance at the annual business meeting can vote for, but only for, the Regional Director from their respective region. If a region is up for election without representation the Board of Directors will appoint a Director from that region. Election of Regional Directors will be rotated where odd numbered regions will be up for election on odd years and even numbered regions on even years. Regional directors may not succeed themselves after having served two consecutive terms.

Article VII - Dues and Registration

A host State may charge for registration if it so desires, to cover some of the costs incurred during and for the annual meeting. Dues will be collected annually of the amount determined by the Board of Directors and the expenditures of the treasury controlled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The host State will provide the new upcoming host with a complete financial report of the workshop transactions as soon as possible.

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