

Constitution of the Association of Molecular Plant Science Students

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Association of Molecular Plant Science Students (AMPSS)

Section 2. The mission and goal of AMPSS is to unite members of the Molecular Plant Sciences program through a structured, established system in order to facilitate a more enjoyable graduate school experience.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any graduate student pursuing a career within the field of molecular plant sciences may be a member. **AMPSS will not discriminate on the basis of age, color, gender, gender identity, disability status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight. Also, only MSU students may be officers and/or voting members.**

Section 2. A person may become a member through either participation in the Molecular Plant Science program or through a strong desire to join that is not countered by a standing member's objection. To remain in good standing a member must obey the rules of the group written in this constitution.

ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

Section 1. All terms are for one academic year. Three positions must be fulfilled: President, Secretary, and Treasurer however as the demands of the club change there may be more positions as deemed appropriate.

Section 2. Only members in good standing may nominate, be nominated and vote. Elections shall be by secret ballot and require a simple majority of members present.

Section 3. The President shall orchestrate and facilitate meetings, schedule the meeting rooms and remind members of meeting times. The Secretary shall record meeting minutes and distribute these to members after meetings and shall also be responsible for coordinating other communication-related tasks. The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing club accounts.

Section 4. If a member has been nominated for removal due to reasons seen fit by any member, said member can propose a vote at any meeting to remove another member. Removal of members requires a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE IV: OPERATING PROCEDURES

Section 1. Meetings shall be held monthly from Aug to May. The time and place of the meetings are subject to change each semester as available times shift.

Section 2. During meetings the President shall orchestrate meetings and act as general moderator however all members are encouraged to express any concerns, questions, or topics during meetings in a respectful manner to their fellow members.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any amendment dictating a greater function of AMPSS can be amended to this constitution via a 2/3 vote during any meeting. Any member in good standing may propose a new amendment. Such amendments shall be posted hereafter: