# COASTAL PLAINS GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

#### <u>ARTICLE I</u>

## Name-Purpose

**SECTION I.** The name of this association shall be known as The Coastal Plains Golf Course Superintendents Association (hereafter the Association).

**SECTION II.** The purpose of this association shall be as follows:

- A. To promote the sciences of turf grass and golf course management with a professional and business-like approach.
- B. To cooperate and communicate with other associations and organizations possessing similar interests, ideas, and goals.
- C. To promote justice, benevolence, and education among its members.

#### **ARTICLE II**

## **Membership**

SECTION I. Membership classifications shall be as follows:

- A. Regular members. To qualify as a regular member, the applicant may be required to submit proof of active involvement or contribution in the field of turf grass operations, management, business, education, research, or development. Regular members shall have all the privileges of the Association.
- B. Life Members. Any Regular Member of the Association may submit to the Board of Directors, in writing, the name of any current Regular Member in good standing of the Association, who has made significant contributions to the golf industry, for consideration of Life Membership in the Association. Life Members shall have all the privileges of the Association except that they will be excused from payment of all dues and assessments levied by the Association.

#### <u>ARTICLE III</u>

Officers-Board of Directors

**SECTION I**. There shall be elected by majority vote of Regular Members present at each annual meeting of the Association the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer.

These officers shall hold office for a period of two (2) years. No person shall be elected to any office unless he is a Regular Member in good standing of this Association.

Officers shall be comprised only of golf course superintendents, while vendors may only serve as Directors. Of the five (5) Directors, one (1) must be a superintendent.

The President and Vice President shall serve no more than one (1) consecutive two (2) year term in their respective office. The Secretary/Treasurer may continue to hold their office and may continue to be re-elected into said office until such time as another Regular Member is elected by the voting membership to take his place.

The immediate past president shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors until another President is retired.

**SECTION II.** There shall likewise be constituted a Board of Directors composed of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and five (5) Directors.

Directors shall be elected to serve two (2) year terms and may serve additional terms if reelected by the voting membership.

Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association by a majority vote of the Regular Members present, and must be a member in good standing of the Association.

**SECTION III.** Vacancies occurring in any office or directorship shall be filled only by voting members of the Association, and appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Appointments made under this section shall last only for the duration of the unexpired term of the vacated office.

**SECTION IV.** The duties and powers of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

- A. The Board of Directors shall have general charge of management of the affairs and business of the Association.
- B. The Board of Directors shall serve as a nominating committee and present a list of nominees at each annual meeting for the elected office under consideration.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Committees**

**SECTION I.** The President of the Association may annually appoint committees. Committees must be comprised of Regular Members in good standing of the Association and may be responsible for venues, golf, education, or any other task deemed necessary by the President.

#### **ARTICLE V**

## **Meetings**

**SECTION I.** The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at a time and place agreed upon by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must notify each voting member by mail at his or her last known mailing address, no less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting.

**SECTION II.** Regular meetings of the Association shall be held at the discrimination of the Board of Directors. Meetings may include topics deemed relevant by the Board of Directors including, but not limited to, golf, education, and research.

**SECTION III.** Unless otherwise noted, there shall be a registration fee for all regular scheduled meetings of the Association. The Board of Directors prior to each meeting shall determine the fee.

## **ARTICLE VI**

#### Dues

**SECTION I.** Annual dues shall be a sum fixed at any annual meeting of the Association as approved by a majority vote of all Regular Members present. Such dues shall be payable annually. The Association shall operate on a January 1st through December 31st fiscal year.

**SECTION II.** Annual dues shall be paid at or before the first regular meeting of the Association of each calendar year.