ABRAHAM BALDWIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AG ALUMNI COUNCIL

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Ag Alumni Council of the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Alumni Association, hereafter referred to as the ABAC Ag Alumni Council.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of the ABAC Ag Alumni Council (Council) are to:

A. Foster a close association among alumni, students, faculty/staff and others closely associated with the fields of agriculture, forest resources and related fields of study.
B. Promote programs and activities in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources (School).
C. Assist Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (College) and the School in recruiting and retaining prospective students.
D. Facilitate career networking opportunities for students and alumni.
E. Support projects and activities of the School through contributions to the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Foundation, Inc., and assist in special fund-raising campaigns, in cooperation with the ABAC Office of College Advancement, which will benefit the School.
F. Encourage participation in the ABAC Alumni Association and its programs.
G. Assist the College and the School as needed.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. The forms of membership in the ABAC Ag Alumni Council parallel those of the ABAC Alumni Association.
Section 2. Anyone receiving educational credits at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College or any of the three previous schools (Second District A&M School, South Georgia A&M College or Georgia State College for Men) and whose interest is in the fields of agriculture, forest resources, or
related fields may become a member of the ABAC Ag Alumni Council. Members must be a paid member of the ABAC Alumni Association.

Section 3. The Council shall consist of the officers; up to ten (10) council members which represent a cross section of School; one faculty representative and one student representative from each department in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Section 4. Ex-officio members (non-voting) shall be the Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Executive Director of the Alumni Association, and the Program Coordinator for the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Officers of the ABAC Ag Alumni Council must be members of the ABAC Ag Alumni Council.

Section 2. The Officers of the ABAC Ag Alumni Council shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Immediate Past Chairperson.

Section 3. The Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Council members prior to the Annual meeting. The term of office shall be two (2) years beginning immediately following the Annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chairperson. It shall be the duty of the Chairperson to call and preside over meetings of the ABAC Ag Alumni Council. The Chairperson shall represent the ABAC Ag Alumni Council on the ABAC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Section 2. Vice Chairperson. It shall be the duty of the Vice Chairperson to serve in the absence of the Chairperson and to succeed the office of Chairperson should the Chairperson become unable to complete the term of office.

Section 3. Past Chairperson. It shall be the duty of the Immediate Past Chairperson to impart any knowledge gained from past experience and serve as chairperson of the Council's Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE VI

Council Actions

Section 1. Members of the Council, including officers, shall be elected prior to the Annual meeting of the ABAC Ag Alumni Council and serve a three-year term. Members shall be recommended by a Nominating Committee which shall be chair by the Past Chairperson. Faculty and students shall be appointed by the Dean and serve two year terms.
Section 2. The Council will meet as deemed necessary by the Chairperson or the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dean.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Council to direct the programs of the Council, to organize Ag alumni focused activities, and to coordinate fund raising efforts that benefit Ag alumni and the current students and faculty/staff of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Section 4. The Council has two (2) standing committees. They are as follows:
1. Scholarship Committee – Ag Classic Golf Tournament
2. Turk Student Enhancement Committee – other fund raising events

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 1. The ABAC Ag Alumni Council shall hold general meetings as necessary at Homecoming on the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. This shall constitute the Annual Meeting of the Council. Another meeting of the Council will be held in the fall of the Year.

Section 2. Special meetings of the ABAC Ag Alumni Council shall be held upon the call of the chairperson, with notification to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. Council members are expected to attend at least 50 percent of the meetings each year unless extenuating circumstances are present.

ARTICLE VIII

Quorums

Section 1. Council Meetings. One half of the current members of the Ag Alumni Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. Voting. The decision of the majority of council members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Ag Alumni Council.

Section 3. Electronic Voting. Any or all council members may participate in or conduct any meeting of the Council or committee meetings by telephone or electronic communication by which all members participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A council member participating in a meeting by this means shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting. Additionally, voting may be transacted by email correspondence with a 2/3 majority of the Board to pass any act of the Council.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. Any section of these Bylaws may be revised or amended by a majority vote of the members at a regular meeting of the ABAC Ag Alumni Council.