

IC 15-13-11

Chapter 11. Center for Agricultural Science and Heritage

IC 15-13-11-1

Center for agricultural science and heritage established; purposes

Sec. 1. (a) The center for agricultural science and heritage (the barn) is established.

(b) The barn is established for the following purposes:

- (1) To educate the public concerning the past, present, and future of American agriculture and rural life.
- (2) To educate youth and the general public about American agriculture and food systems.
- (3) To provide educational programming for youth that complements school curricula, both onsite and in the classroom.
- (4) To create a synergy between Indiana's institutions of education and agriculture related industries.
- (5) To generate economic vitality, convention activity, and tourism activity for Indiana.
- (6) To become:
 - (A) a center for agricultural business and thinking;
 - (B) a clearinghouse of agricultural information;
 - (C) a resource center for educators and the public; and
 - (D) a repository for agricultural artifacts and history.
- (7) To create a central, prominent partner with whom agricultural organizations can launch, collaborate on, and coordinate programs.
- (8) To position Indiana as the recognized agricultural center of the nation.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-2

Board of trustees established

Sec. 2. The board of trustees for the barn is established.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-3

Board of trustees; membership

Sec. 3. (a) The trustees govern the barn. The trustees consist of seventeen (17) members as follows:

- (1) The governor or the governor's designee.
- (2) The director of the Indiana state department of agriculture or the director's designee.
- (3) The dean of agriculture of Purdue University or the dean's designee.
- (4) The president of the Purdue University Agriculture Alumni Association or the president's designee.
- (5) The state superintendent of public instruction or the state superintendent's designee.

- (6) The state veterinarian or the state veterinarian's designee.
- (7) The presiding officer of the commission or the presiding officer's designee selected from the membership of the commission.
- (8) The presiding officer of the board or the presiding officer's designee selected from the membership of the board.
- (9) One (1) member appointed by the largest Indiana organization representing agricultural interests in Indiana, as determined by the number of members of the organization. The member serves at the pleasure of the member's organization.
- (10) One (1) member appointed by the second largest Indiana organization representing agricultural interests in Indiana, as determined by the number of members of the organization. The member serves at the pleasure of the member's organization.
- (11) Seven (7) members appointed by the governor.

(b) Of the members appointed under subsection (a)(11), not more than four (4) may be affiliated with the same political party.

(c) Each member appointed under subsection (a)(11) must have a recognized interest in the barn.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.120-2008, SEC.47.

IC 15-13-11-4

Board; terms

Sec. 4. (a) The term of a member appointed to the trustees under section 3(a)(11) of this chapter:

- (1) is four (4) years;
- (2) begins on the later of:
 - (A) October 1 after the expiration of the term of the trustee whom the member is appointed to succeed; or
 - (B) the day the member is appointed; and
- (3) expires September 30 of the fourth year after the expiration of the term of the member's immediate predecessor.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a member appointed under section 3(a)(11) of this chapter:

- (1) may be reappointed for a new term;
- (2) if reappointed, is the member's own successor or predecessor for purposes of subsection (a); and
- (3) may not serve as a trustee for more than eight (8) years in a twelve (12) year period, except as provided in section 6(c) of this chapter.

(c) A member appointed under section 3(a)(11) of this chapter before October 1, 2005, may not serve as a trustee more than nine (9) years in a twelve (12) year period.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-5

Board; powers

Sec. 5. The trustees may do the following, with approval by the commission:

- (1) Enter into contracts related to the trustees' powers and duties under this chapter.
- (2) Receive gifts.
- (3) Charge admissions.
- (4) Purchase, lease, and sell personal property.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-6

Board; vacancy

Sec. 6. (a) The governor shall appoint an individual to fill a vacancy among the trustees.

(b) The individual appointed by the governor under subsection (a) serves the remainder of the unexpired term of the trustee whom the individual replaces.

(c) The period of the unexpired term for which an individual serves after appointment is not considered in determining the number of years that a trustee has served in a twelve (12) year period for purposes of section 4(b)(3) of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-7

Presiding officer; other officers

Sec. 7. (a) The trustees shall elect a member of the trustees serving under section 3(a)(11) of this chapter to be the presiding officer of the trustees. The trustee elected under this subsection is the presiding officer of the trustees until the earlier of the following:

- (1) The expiration of the trustee's term.
- (2) The replacement of the trustee as presiding officer by the trustees.

(b) The trustees may elect other officers for the trustees from the trustees serving under section 3(a)(11) of this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-8

Executive director

Sec. 8. (a) The trustees shall recommend an individual to be employed by the commission as the barn director, subject to approval by the commission.

(b) The barn director shall implement the policies of the trustees and the commission.

(c) The commission may delegate any of the commission's powers to the barn director. The commission may make a delegation under this subsection by either of the following:

- (1) A resolution adopted by the commission.
 - (2) A rule adopted by the commission under IC 4-22-2.
- (d) With approval by the commission, commission employees:
- (1) may be compensated in full or in part by the nonprofit entity established under section 13 of this chapter; and
 - (2) may perform services that support the purposes of the

nonprofit entity established under section 13 of this chapter.
As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-9

Staff

Sec. 9. (a) The barn director may hire staff for the barn subject to the budget approved by the trustees and the commission.

(b) The staff of the barn are:

- (1) employees of the commission; and
- (2) accountable to the commission directly or through the executive director of the commission.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-10

Delegation of powers

Sec. 10. The barn director may delegate a power or duty of the barn director to a member of the barn staff.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-11

Quorum

Sec. 11. A majority of the trustees constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-12

Majority vote required

Sec. 12. A majority vote of the trustees is necessary to take official action.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-13

Nonprofit fund raising entity

Sec. 13. (a) The trustees may establish a nonprofit entity to solicit, raise, and accept funds.

(b) The nonprofit entity established under this section may receive proceeds from the operations of the barn, subject to approval by the commission.

(c) The nonprofit entity established under this section is governed by a board of directors. The directors include:

- (1) the presiding officer of the trustees of the barn, who may act as presiding officer of the board of directors; and
- (2) four (4) individuals appointed by the trustees.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-14

Payment of expenses

Sec. 14. The commission shall pay the operating expenses of the barn from the funds allocated by the commission to the barn.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-15

Annual report

Sec. 15. At the first meeting each year of the advisory committee, the trustees shall report the following:

- (1) The activities of the barn during the previous calendar year.
- (2) The financial condition of the barn for the barn's most recently completed fiscal year.
- (3) The trustees' plans for the barn for the current calendar year.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-16

Per diem and travel expenses

Sec. 16. (a) Subject to subsection (b):

- (1) each member of the trustees who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b) and is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties; and
- (2) each member of the trustees who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties;

as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(b) The commission shall adopt a policy for:

- (1) the number of meetings the trustees may hold; and
- (2) payment of per diem and travel expenses:
 - (A) for trustees' meetings; and
 - (B) during the time of other required activities.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.

IC 15-13-11-17

Holding real property in trustee's name prohibited

Sec. 17. The trustees may not hold real property in the trustees' name.

As added by P.L.2-2008, SEC.4.