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members. The committee may be increased by one public member and alternate nominated by the committee and selected by the Secretary. The public member and alternate shall be neither a grower nor a handler. Persons filling these positions may be referred to as non-industry members. The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe qualifications and the procedure for nominating the public member. Each of the following subdivisions of the production area shall be represented by at least one member and one alternate member, each of whom shall be a grower, or an employee, agent, or duly authorized representative of a grower, in the designated district of the production area:

(a) District 1: The States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut;

(b) District 2: The State of New Jersey and Long Island in the State of New York;

(c) District 3: The States of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota; and

(d) District 4: The States of Oregon and Washington.

[27 FR 8101, Aug. 15, 1962, as amended at 43 FR 29765, July 11, 1978]

§ 929.21 Term of office.

The term of office for each member and alternate member of the committee shall be for two years, beginning on August 1 of each even-numbered year and ending on the second succeeding July 31. Members and alternate members shall serve the term of office for which they are selected and have been qualified or until their respective successors are selected and have been qualified. Beginning on August 1 of the even-numbered year following the adoption of this amendment, committee members shall be limited to three consecutive terms: *Provided*, That committee members representing Districts 1 and 2 shall be limited to two consecutive terms of office for the initial period following adoption of this amendment. The consecutive terms of office for alternate members shall not be limited. Members serving three consecutive terms may become eligible to serve on the committee by not serving for one full term as either a member or an alternate

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member, unless specifically exempted by the Secretary.

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§ 929.22 Nomination.

(a) *Initial members.* Nominations for each of the initial members and alternate members may be submitted, not later than 10 days after the effective date of this part, to the Secretary by individual growers or groups of growers.

(b) *Successor members.* (1) Any cooperative marketing organization that handled more than two-thirds of the total volume of cranberries produced during the fiscal period during which nominations for membership on the committee are made, or the growers affiliated therewith, shall nominate four or more qualified persons for members and four or more qualified persons for alternate members of the committee. At least one such nominee for member and one such nominee for an alternate member shall represent growers in the State of Oregon and the State of Washington. The names and addresses of such nominees shall be submitted to the Secretary not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year.

(2) The committee shall hold or cause to be held, not later than July 1, of each even-numbered year, meetings of growers in Districts 1, 2, and 3, other than those affiliated with the cooperative marketing organization designated in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, to elect nominees for member and alternate member positions on the committee.

(i) With respect to such meeting in District 3, eligible growers in District 4 shall be permitted to attend the meeting and participate in the selection of nominees. Such growers shall be eligible to be nominated for and serve as member or alternate member. Eligible growers in District 4 who do not attend the nomination meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to participate in the selection of nominees by mail. Selection of the nominee for member and the nominee for alternate member from Districts 3 and 4 shall be on the basis of the total vote of the eligible growers who attended the meeting plus any mail ballots cast by District 4 growers.

(ii) Except as hereinbefore provided, the growers in each such district who are present at the meeting, including District 4 growers who are present at the District 3 meeting, shall nominate one or more qualified persons for member and one or more qualified persons for alternate member of the committee. The names and addresses of such nominees shall be submitted to the Secretary not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year. The committee shall prescribe such procedure for the conduct of nomination meetings and for the submission of names of candidates and voting by mail by District 4 growers as shall be fair and equitable to all persons concerned.

(3) Except as set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, growers shall only participate in the nomination of members and alternate members to represent the district in which they produced cranberries.

(4) When voting for nominees, each grower shall be entitled to cast only one vote on behalf of himself, his agents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and representatives for each position to be filled.

[27 FR 8101, Aug. 15, 1962, as amended at 33 FR 11640, Aug. 16, 1968; 38 FR 29800, Oct. 29, 1973]

§ 929.23 Selection.

(a) *Initial members.* From the nominations made pursuant to § 929.22(a), or from other qualified persons, the Secretary shall select the initial members of the committee and an alternate for each such member on the basis of the representation provided for in § 929.20 and in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Successor members.* From the nominations made pursuant to § 929.22(b)(1), or from other qualified persons, the Secretary shall select four members of the committee and an alternate for each such member. From the nomination made pursuant to § 929.22(b)(2), or from other qualified persons, the Secretary shall select three members of the committee and an alternate for each such member.

[27 FR 8101, Aug. 15, 1962, as amended at 38 FR 29801, Oct. 29, 1973]

§ 929.24 Failure to nominate.

If nominations are not made within the time and in the manner prescribed in § 929.22, the Secretary may, without regard to nominations, select the members and alternate members of the committee on the basis of representation provided for in §§ 929.20 and 929.23.

§ 929.25 Acceptance.

Any person selected by the Secretary as a member or as an alternate member of the committee shall qualify by filing a written acceptance with the Secretary promptly after being notified of such selection.

§ 929.26 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the failure of any person selected as a member or as an alternate member of the committee to qualify, or in the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any member or alternate member of the committee, a successor for the unexpired term of such member or alternate member of the committee shall be nominated and selected in the manner specified in §§ 929.22 and 929.23. If the names of nominees to fill any such vacancy are not made available to the Secretary within a reasonable time after such vacancy occurs, the Secretary may fill such vacancy without regard to nominations, which selection shall be made on the basis of representation provided for in §§ 929.20 and 929.23.

§ 929.27 Alternate members.

An alternate member of the committee, during the absence of the member for whom he is an alternate, shall act in the place and stead of such member and perform such other duties as assigned. In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of a member, his alternate shall act for him until a successor for such member is selected and has qualified. In the event both a grower member of the committee and his alternate are unable to attend a committee meeting, the committee may designate any other grower alternate member to serve in such member's place and stead at that meeting: *Provided*, That not more than four members and alternate members