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(b) *Shipper members.* (1) the Committee shall give public notice of a meeting for bona fide cooperative marketing organizations which are handlers, and a meeting for other handlers who are not so affiliated, to be held not later than July 10 of each year, for the purpose of making nominations for shipper members and their alternates. The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe uniform rules to govern each such meeting and balloting thereat. The chairman of each such meeting shall publicly announce at the meeting the names of the persons nominated and the chairman and secretary of each such meeting shall transmit to the Secretary their certification as to the number of votes cast, the weight by volume of those shipments voted, and such other information as the Secretary may request. All nominations shall be submitted to the Secretary on or before the 20th day of July.

(2) Nomination of at least three members and their alternates shall be made by bona fide cooperative marketing organizations which are handlers. Nominations for not more than five members and their alternates shall be made by handlers who are not so affiliated. In voting for nominees, each handler or his authorized representative shall be entitled to cast one vote, which shall be weighted by the volume of fruit by such handler during the then current fiscal period.

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§ 905.23 Selection.

(a) From the nominations made pursuant to § 905.22(a) or from other qualified persons, the Secretary shall select one member and one alternate member to represent District 2 and two members and two alternate members each to represent District, 1, 3, 4, and 5 or such other number of members and alternate members from each district as may be prescribed pursuant to § 905.14. At least three such members and their alternates shall be affiliated with bona fide cooperative marketing organizations.

(b) From the nominations made pursuant to § 905.22(b) or from other qualified persons, the Secretary shall select at least three members and their alter-

nates to represent bona fide cooperative marketing organizations which are handlers, and the remaining members and their alternates to represent handlers who are not so affiliated.

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§ 905.27 Failure to nominate.

In the event nominations for a member or alternate member of the committee are not made pursuant to the provisions of §§ 905.22 and 905.25, the Secretary may select such member or alternate member without regard to nominations.

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§ 905.28 Acceptance of membership.

Any person selected by the Secretary as a member or alternate member of the committee shall qualify by filing a written acceptance with the Secretary within 10 days after being notified of such selection.

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§ 905.29 Inability of members to serve.

(a) An alternate for a member of the committee shall act in the place and stead of such member (1) in his absence, or (2) in the event of his removal, resignation, disqualification, or death, and until a successor for his unexpired term has been selected.

(b) In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any person selected by the Secretary as a member or an alternate member of the committee, a successor for the unexpired term of such person shall be selected by the Secretary. Such selection may be made without regard to the provisions of this subpart as to nominations.

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§ 905.30 Powers of the committee.

The committee, in addition to the power to administer the terms and provisions of this subpart, as herein specifically provided, shall have power (a)

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to make, only to the extent specifically permitted by the provisions contained in this subpart, administrative rules and regulations; (b) to receive, investigate and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of this subpart; and (c) to recommend to the Secretary amendments to this subpart.

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§ 905.31 Duties of Citrus Administrative Committee.

It shall be the duty of the Citrus Administrative Committee:

(a) To select a chairman from its membership, and to select such other officers and adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as it may deem advisable;

(b) To keep minutes, books, and records which will clearly reflect all of its acts and transactions, which minutes, books, and records shall at all times be subject to the examination of the Secretary;

(c) To act as intermediary between the Secretary and the producers and handlers;

(d) To furnish the Secretary with such available information as he may request;

(e) To appoint such employees as it may deem necessary and to determine the salaries and define the duties of such employees;

(f) To cause its books to be audited by one or more certified or registered public accountants at least once for each fiscal period, and at such other times as it deems necessary or as the Secretary may request, and to file with the Secretary copies of all audit reports;

(g) To prepare and publicly issue a monthly statement of financial operations of the committee;

(h) To provide an adequate system for determining the total crop of each variety of fruit, and to make such determinations, including determinations by grade and size, as it may deem necessary, or as may be prescribed by the Secretary, in connection with the administration of this subpart;

(i) To perform such duties in connection with the administration of section 32 of the act to amend the Agricultural

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Adjustment Act and for other purposes, Public Act No. 320, 74th Congress, as amended, as may from time to time be assigned to it by the Secretary;

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§ 905.33 Compensation and expenses of committee members.

The members and alternate members of the Committee shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred by them in attending committee meetings and in the performance of their duties under this part.

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§ 905.34 Procedure of committees.

(a) Ten members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

(b) For any decision or recommendation of the committee to be valid, ten concurring votes, five of which must be grower votes, shall be necessary: *Provided*, That the committee may recommend a regulation restricting the shipment of grapefruit grown in Regulation Area I or Regulation Area II which meets the requirements of the Improved No. 2 grade or the Improved No. 2 Bright grade only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of its members present from the regulation area in which such restriction would apply; and whenever a meeting to consider a recommendation for release of such grade is requested by a majority of the members from the affected area, the committee shall hold a meeting within a reasonable length of time for the purpose of considering such a recommendation. If after such consideration the requesting area majority present continues to favor such release for their area, the request shall be considered a valid recommendation and transmitted to the Secretary. The votes of each member cast for or against any recommendation made pursuant to this subpart shall be duly recorded. Whenever an assembled meeting is held each member must vote in person.

(c) The committee may, in cases of emergency, vote by telephone and all