

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 932.29

Secretary, provide such other allocation of producer or handler membership, or both, as may be necessary to assure equitable representation.

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### § 932.26 Term of office.

The term of office of members and alternate members of the committee shall be 2 years beginning on June 1 and ending on May 31 of odd numbered years: *Provided*, That the term of office of initial members and alternate members shall begin on the effective date of this subpart. Each such member and alternate member shall serve during that portion of the term of office for which he is selected and has qualified and shall continue to serve until his successor is selected and has qualified.

### § 932.27 Selection.

Selection of members of the committee, and their respective alternates, shall be made in the appropriate numbers specified in § 932.25 by the Secretary from nominees nominated pursuant to this part or, in the discretion of the Secretary, from other persons eligible for nominations for such positions.

### § 932.28 Eligibility.

Each producer member of the committee shall, at the time of selection and during the member's term of office, be a producer in the district for which selected, and except for producers who are members of cooperative handlers shall not be engaged in the handling of olives either in a proprietary capacity, or as a director, officer, or employee. Each handler member of the committee shall, at the time of selection and during the member's term of office, be a handler in the group that the member represents or a director, officer, or employee of such handler. The public member and alternate public member of the committee shall not at the time of selection and during the term of office be engaged in or have a financial interest in the commercial production, marketing, buying, grading, or processing of olives, nor shall such member or alternate be an officer,

director, member, or employee of any firm engaged in such activities.

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### § 932.29 Nominations.

(a) *Producer members.* (1) Nominations for producer members of the committee, and their respective alternates, may be conducted according to the following procedures, or other procedures recommended by the committee and approved by the Secretary:

(i) Meetings shall be held in each producer district for the purpose of selecting candidates for the member and alternate member nominations;

(ii) Those candidates selected at the producer meetings shall be nominated by mail balloting of producers in that district;

(iii) The committee shall adopt, with approval of the Secretary, appropriate procedures to be observed for conducting producer nominations by mail: *Provided*, That the names of nominees shall be submitted to the Secretary prior to April 16 of the year in which nominations are made.

(2) Only producers, including duly authorized officers or employees of producers, shall participate in the nomination of producer members and alternate members. Each producer shall be entitled to cast only one vote for each nominee to be selected in the district in which the producer produces olives. No producer shall participate in the selection of nominees in more than one district. If a producer produces olives in more than one district, such producer shall select the district in which such producer will so participate and notify the committee of such choice.

(b) *Handler members.* (1) At a meeting or meetings called by the committee, the cooperative handlers shall nominate a qualified person for each member position and a qualified person for each alternate member position allocated to cooperative handlers as provided in § 932.25.

(2) At a meeting or meetings called by the committee, the independent handlers shall nominate a qualified person for each member position and a qualified person for each alternate member position allocated to independent handlers as provided in § 932.25.