ARTICLE I
Name
The name of this division shall be the Graduate Student Division of the American Dairy Science Association.

ARTICLE II
Purpose
Purpose of the organization shall be to: provide professional development and networking opportunities; offer programs, including novel opportunities at meetings and through online environments to enhance communication skills of graduate students; work closely with ADSA to develop leaders for ADSA and the dairy industry; promote scholarship and relationships among graduate students throughout the world, and to foster continued membership in ADSA beyond the student experience.

ARTICLE III
Membership
The Graduate Student Division shall consist of graduate students from anywhere in the world who are certified by a Professional Member as regularly enrolled graduate students who do not hold full-time positions at the time of application for, or annual renewal of, Graduate Student membership dues.

ARTICLE IV
Officers and Graduate Student Division Advisory Council
Section 1. The officers of this Division shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those members of the Graduate Student Division voting, for a term of one year. The Vice President shall serve one year and shall succeed to the presidency at the expiration of the President’s term of office, and shall alternate between Dairy Foods and Dairy Production. The Secretary (voting) and Treasurer (non-voting) shall be open to all members, and each may be elected to serve a second term. Officer terms of office shall begin at the time of their installation during the national convention. If no national convention is held, officer terms of office shall begin on July 1.
Section 2. The Graduate Student Advisory Council shall consist of the officers and two Graduate Student Division Directors, one from Dairy Foods and one from Dairy Production. Directors (both voting) shall be elected for a one year term, and may be elected to serve a second one year term. The Advisory Council serves to create the program and activities for the Graduate Student Division and advise the Graduate Student Division and ADSA Board, as needed. The Advisory
Council shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall transact the business of the Division. A majority of the voting officers of the Advisory Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Election Procedures.
a) The President of the Graduate Student Division shall instruct the Secretary to procure pertinent biographical information for nominees for each office. Biographical sketches shall be posted to an electronic voting site.
b) Members shall cast their votes electronically via the electronic voting site.
c) Officers and Directors shall be determined by majority vote of the members voting.
d) The ballots shall be counted by the Association’s office staff and reported to the President. A tie vote shall be broken by the Advisory Council.

ARTICLE V

Ratification and Amendments
Section 1. This Constitution, when ratified, shall direct all proceedings and activities of this division.
Section 2. This Constitution shall be ratified when it has been approved by electronic vote with at least two-thirds vote of those graduate students voting.
Section 3. This Constitution may be amended by electronic vote with at least two-thirds vote of the Graduate Students Division members voting, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing by the Secretary of the Graduate Student Division at least 60 days prior to the start of electronic voting; further provided that all amendments are subject to prior approval by the ADSA Board of Directors.