

Suggested Constitution

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section A. The name of the organization shall be the FFA Alumni.
- Section B. The purpose of the organization shall be:
1. To support and promote the FFA Organization FFA activities and agricultural education on local, state and national levels.
 2. To provide a tie to the FFA and to assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve former members and others interested in supporting worthy activities.
 3. To promote greater knowledge of agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
 4. To cooperate with FFA Chapter and the State and National FFA Alumni Association.
 5. To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American Free enterprise system.
 6. To promote the personal development aspect of the FFA.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

- Section A. The FFA Alumni is a chartered local affiliate of the (State) FFA Alumni Association that is chartered by the National FFA Alumni Association. (If no state association exists, apply directly to the National.)
- Section B. The FFA Alumni accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the (State) and National FFA Alumni Associations. (If no state association exists, apply directly to the National.)

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to former active, collegiate and honorary FFA members, present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members and others interested in the FFA, upon payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM

The gold FFA emblem with the word Alumni below it shall serve as the emblem of the FFA Alumni.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BODY

- Section A. The executive body of the FFA Alumni shall be the FFA Alumni Council.
- Section B. The FFA Alumni Council shall consist of (#) persons. *(The council might be selected in such a way that represents a cross section of the community and consists of interested individuals.)*
1. (#) person(s) elected at-large by the membership.
 2. (#) representative(s) from *(consideration may be given to geographic locations, age, occupation, organization membership, length of residence in community, parents and other.)*
 3. The current FFA Chapter representative.
 4. The immediate past FFA Chapter officer.
 5. Past FFA Alumni president.
 6. The local FFA advisor(s) shall serve as ex-officio non-voting member(s)

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- Section C. All members of the FFA Alumni Council must be active members of the FFA Alumni, with the exception of the current FFA Chapter representative and immediate past FFA Chapter officer, and shall serve three-year terms on a staggered basis.
- Section D. The FFA Alumni Council shall select annually a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer from the council membership. The treasurer's books should be audited annually by a qualified person.
- Section E. Duties of the officers shall be consistent with those usually appertaining to these positions. *(Additional officers may be added if necessary.)*

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

- Section A. The FFA Alumni Council shall meet once per year. Additional meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of the council members upon petition to the secretary.
- Section B. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the FFA Alumni. Additional membership meetings may be called by the FFA Alumni Council. *(The annual meeting might be held in conjunction with or immediately following the local FFA banquet.)*

ARTICLE VII. DUES

The annual dues of the FFA Alumni shall be recommended by the FFA Alumni Council and fixed by majority vote of members present at the annual meeting. State and national dues must be paid on a calendar membership year basis for all active FFA Alumni members. No members shall be considered an active member and in good standing unless full dues are paid.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

- Section A. The constitution of the FFA Alumni may be amended or changed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the constitution of the State or National FFA Alumni Associations. [Or voting shall be by mail ballot.] Ballots shall be submitted to the membership at least 30 days prior to the opening of the annual meeting and the ballots returned with a postmark no later than one week before the opening date of the annual meeting. Affirmation by two-thirds of those voting shall be necessary to adopt an amendment.
- Section B. Proposed amendments to the constitution of the FFA Alumni may be submitted by any active member and must be in writing and received by the secretary prior to the annual meeting. Proposed amendments shall be approved by at least three members of the FFA Alumni council before being submitted to the membership for consideration.
- Section C. Amendments to the bylaws of the FFA Alumni may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such bylaws in no way conflict with the constitution and bylaws of the State or National FFA Alumni Associations. Or alternate possibility as follows: Proposed amendments may be submitted by any active member and must be in writing and received 30 days prior to the opening of the annual meeting. Proposed amendments that have been approved for submission by two-thirds majority of the FFA Alumni Council shall be submitted to the membership at least one week prior to the opening of the annual meeting. Voting shall be at the annual meeting with affirmation by two-thirds of those present being necessary for adoption.