

# Gilbert FFA Alumni Constitution and By-Laws

## **ARTICLE 1. NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section A. The name of the organization shall be the Gilbert FFA Alumni, operating as the Gilbert FFA Alumni and Boosters.

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 Gilbert 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.

Section C.

The executive board along with alumni members will complete a yearly evaluation of the goals set, to ensure exponential growth over time.

## **ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION**

Section A. The Gilbert FFA Alumni is a chartered local affiliate of the Arizona and the National FFA Alumni Association.

Section B. The Gilbert FFA Alumni accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Arizona and National FFA Alumni Associations.

## **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.

## **ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM**

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

## **ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BODY**

Section A. The executive body of the Gilbert FFA Alumni shall be the Gilbert FFA Alumni Council.

Section B. The Gilbert FFA Alumni Council shall consist of 5 persons elected at-large by the membership.

Section C. All members of the Gilbert FFA Alumni Council must be active members of the FFA Alumni.

Section D. The Gilbert FFA Alumni Council shall select annually a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and past president from the council membership. The treasurer's books should be audited annually.

Section E. Duties of the officers shall be consistent with those usually appertaining to these positions.

Section F. All executive body positions will be elected and placed by the members of the Gilbert FFA Alumni/Booster. The Executive Body may not consist of more than one (1) family member per year.

Section G. The position of Treasurer should include the stipulation as follows:

The person elected to the Treasurer position may not be employed at any school district.

Section H. Employees of government agencies/public schools shall not sit on an executive committee of any organizations that raise funds in support of another organization. (i.e. alumni or booster organizations)

**ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS**

Section A. The Gilbert 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 Gilbert FFA Alumni.

**ARTICLE VII. DUES**

The annual dues of the Gilbert FFA Alumni shall be recommended by the FFA Alumni Council and fixed by majority vote of members present at the annual meeting. 2017-2017-2018 Membership will be \$5.00 per member per year made payable to Gilbert FFA Alumni. This membership grants voting rights. (Financial grants can be made available)

**ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS**

Section A. The constitution of the Gilbert 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 Gilbert 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 Gilbert 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.

**By-Laws**

**ARTICLE 1. FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE/ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**

These bylaws shall be considered a part of the constitution of the Gilbert FFA Alumni.

**ARTICLE II. LOCATION OF PRINCIPLE OFFICE**

The principal office of the Gilbert FFA Alumni shall be located at:

Agricultural Education Department  
Gilbert High School  
Gilbert, Arizona

**ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF GILBERT FFA ALUMNI OFFICERS**

Section A. The 5 members of the Gilbert FFA Alumni Council that are selected from the membership-at-large shall be elected by vote at the annual meeting. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

**ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF THE ALUMNI COUNCIL**

Section A. It shall be the duty of the FFA Alumni Council to direct the operation of the affiliate/association in accordance with its constitutional purposes. It shall be responsible for planning the programs and activities in which it is advisable for the affiliate/association to participate.

Section B. The FFA Alumni Council may appoint such committees necessary to further the work of the Gilbert FFA Alumni Council.

#### **ARTICLE V. TIME OF MEETINGS**

The annual meeting and other necessary meetings of the Gilbert FFA Alumni shall be held at such a place and time as may be prescribed by the local FFA Alumni Council. The annual meeting shall be held prior to the annual state meeting at a time either in correlation with the Gilbert FFA Chapter Banquet or some other appropriate time.

#### **ARTICLE VI. FISCAL YEAR**

Section A. The fiscal year of the local FFA Alumni shall be determined by the members of the affiliate according to their constitution and bylaws.

Section B. Books and records of the Gilbert FFA Alumni may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney at any reasonable time.

Section C. There shall be an annual audit of the Gilbert FFA Alumni.

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