

**THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
MICHIGAN FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

CONSTITUTION OF THE MICHIGAN FFA ALUMNI

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ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A

The name of this organization shall be the Michigan FFA Alumni Association. This organization is formed as a state affiliate with the National Future Farmers of America Alumni (known as the National FFA Alumni) Association.

Section B

The purpose of the Michigan FFA Alumni Association shall be:

1. To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities and agriscience education on the local, state and national levels.
2. To promote a tie to the FFA and to assist FFA and agriscience education personnel to involve former members in worthy activities.
3. To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
4. To cooperate with the Michigan Association of FFA, local FFA Alumni affiliates and the National FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE 2 - ORGANIZATION

Section A

The Michigan FFA Alumni Association consist of chartered local affiliates organized on a school, county of other area basis. Membership may also be direct where no local affiliates exist.

Section B

A local affiliate shall be eligible to become a chartered affiliate when:

1. It has at least ten (10) members who have paid state and national dues.
2. Its purposes or constitution and bylaws are in harmony with the Michigan and National Alumni Associations.
3. It has a designated president.

Section C

When a local group becomes eligible to affiliate, it may apply to the Michigan FFA Alumni Association to be chartered as a local affiliate of the Michigan and National FFA Alumni Associations. An application shall be supplied by the administrative director of the Michigan FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP

Section A

Membership shall be open to former active, collegiate, or honorary FFA members, and both present and former vocational agriculture and agriscience educators, parents of FFA members, and others interested in the FFA. All Michigan and National FFA Alumni Association members have paid annual or lifetime dues.

Section B

If membership drops below ten (10) members in an affiliate, a vote of the Michigan FFA Alumni state council to remain a charter member would be necessary. (See Article 2, Section B).

ARTICLE 4 - EMBLEM

Section A

The gold FFA emblem with the word "Alumni" below shall serve as the emblem of the Michigan FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE 5 - COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

Section A

The organization of the Michigan FFA Alumni Association shall consist of two parts:

1. The state FFA Alumni executive board which will consist of:
 - A. The Michigan FFA Alumni executive officers (Article 5, Section C).
 - B. The administrative director (ex-officio, non-voting).
 - C. Regional vice presidents representing the same geographical areas as the Michigan Association of FFA.

The president shall appoint, with approval of the state FFA Alumni executive board, the following standing committee chairpersons to serve at their pleasure for one year:

2. The state FFA Alumni Council shall consist of:
 - A. State FFA Alumni executive board.
 - B. Affiliate representation, two per affiliate, approved annually.
 - C. One representative at-large.
 - D. One representative of the Michigan Association of Agriscience Educators (MAAE), approved annually.
 - E. One teacher educator on agriculture (Ag & Extension Education of MSU), approved annually.
 - F. One representative of the Michigan Horticulture Teachers Association (MHTA), approved annually.
 - G. The current state FFA president.
 - H. The immediate past state FFA president.
 - I. The immediate past state FFA Alumni president.
 - J. The state FFA advisor, state FFA executive secretary, state FFA projects consultant, all serve ex-officio, non-voting members of the state FFA Alumni council.

Section B

All voting members approved annually by the state FFA Alumni council, with exception of the current and immediate past state FFA president, immediate past state FFA Alumni president, and regional vice presidents, shall serve one-year (1) terms and may be reelected for a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms, more terms may be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the state council.

Section C

A president, executive vice president and secretary shall be nominated for the state alumni council and elected by the alumni members with valid membership cards at the annual meeting. Ninety (90) days prior to the election, the president shall appoint a nominating committee of three council members who are not candidates for office, which shall present its report at the annual meeting. Michigan FFA Alumni executive officers (president, executive vice president and secretary) shall serve one-year (1) terms of office and may be reelected to a second consecutive term only. All regional vice presidents shall be elected to two-year (2) terms. Even numbered districts will elect the regional vice president in even years, and odd districts will elect in odd years. All state FFA Alumni council members elected will assume office at the conclusion of the annual meetings of the membership.

Section D

The president shall serve as an Executive Board officer in the year preceding his/her election to the office of president. All executive vice presidents must be elected from the group of regional vice presidents (Article 5, Section A). The executive vice president will be elected during the same process as all other officers. When the executive vice president is elected to the office of president, a new regional vice president and executive vice president must be elected during the same state convention.

Section E

The books shall be audited annually and when there is a change in the administrative director. The auditing committee shall consist of the president, administrative director and two council members appointed by the president.

Section F

Duties of the officers shall be consistent with those usually pertaining to those positions.

Section G

The state FFA Alumni council shall approve the appointment of the administrative director at the annual meeting.

Section H

1. Membership chairperson
2. Legislative/Public Affairs chairperson
3. Fund Raising chairperson
4. Awards chairperson
5. Special advisory committees assigned specific task, when needed.

ARTICLE 6 - MEETINGS

Section A

The Michigan FFA Alumni state council shall meet at least four (4) times each year as determined by the state FFA Alumni executive board. Additional meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of the State FFA Alumni council members upon petition within a 24-hour notice to the secretary.

Section B

There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the Michigan FFA Alumni Association. Additional membership meetings may be called by the Michigan FFA Alumni state council.

Section C

At all state FFA Alumni executive board meetings, a quorum of fifty (50) percent must be present.

Section D

At all meetings a member is entitled to only one vote per issue.

Section E

The state FFA Alumni executive board shall select a (the) delegate(s) to represent the Michigan FFA Alumni Association and shall determine the amount of reimbursement for attendance at state and/or national FFA Alumni meetings.

ARTICLE 7 - DUES

Section A

The state dues for the Michigan FFA Alumni Association shall be recommended by the alumni council and fixed by a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting.

Section B

Full state and national dues shall be paid by all members of the Michigan FFA Alumni Association. No members shall be considered as active and in good standing unless current state and national dues are paid.

Section C

The dues of any local affiliate shall be fixed by a majority vote of the membership of that affiliate.

ARTICLE 8 - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section A

Proposed amendments may be submitted by a local affiliate or by any active member and must be in writing and received in the alumni office ninety (90) days prior to the state annual meeting. Proposed amendments must be reviewed by the Michigan FFA Alumni state council, which shall make them available to the affiliates and members-at-large at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

Section B

Affirmation by two-thirds (2/3) of the voting membership shall be necessary to adopt an amendment, with the voting held at the annual or a specially called membership meeting.

BYLAWS OF THE MICHIGAN FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Revisions Adopted February 7, 1998

ARTICLE 1 - BYLAWS

Section A

These Bylaws shall be considered part of the Constitution of the Michigan FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE 2 - LOCATION OF PRINCIPLE OFFICE

Section A

The principle office of the Michigan FFA Alumni Association shall be located at Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB), 7373 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8460.

ARTICLE 3 - PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF MICHIGAN FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL

Section A

Each chartered FFA Alumni affiliate shall annually designate two (2) representatives, in good standing, to serve a one-year (1) term. (See Constitution Article 5, Section A).

Section B

Members-at-large may apply for election to the state council. Members-at-large are those not associated with an alumni affiliate. One (1) representative at-large shall be elected at the annual meeting and will serve a one-year (1) term.

Section C

The teacher of agriscience education shall annually be designated to the Michigan Association of Agriscience Educators (MAAE). The teacher of horticulture shall annually be designated by the Michigan Horticulture Teachers Association (MHTA). These representatives must be an FFA Alumni member in good standing, and may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms of office.

Section D

The teacher educator in agriculture shall annually be designated by the director of the Agricultural and Extension Department of Michigan State University.

Section E

A representative from the current State FFA Officer Team, the immediate past state FFA Alumni president shall serve as members of the council by virtue of their positions.

Section F

Whenever a vacancy occurs on the state FFA Alumni council other than from expiration of their terms of office, the state FFA Alumni council shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of office. Non-attendance of a state FFA Alumni Executive board member for three (3) consecutive meetings shall be declared a vacancy and the state FFA Alumni council shall appoint a member in good standing to fill out the unexpired term.

Section G

The administrative director shall be appointed each year at the state FFA Alumni Annual meeting.

Section H

The election of the executive board shall be conducted by the nominating committee. The election shall be by written ballot.

ARTICLE 4 - DUTIES OF THE STATE ALUMNI COUNCIL

Section A

It shall be the duties of the state FFA Alumni council to direct the operation of the association in accordance with the association's constitutional purposes.

ARTICLE 5 - TIME OF MEETINGS

Section A

The annual meeting of the membership and other necessary meetings of the Michigan FFA Alumni Association shall be held at such a place and time as prescribed by the state FFA Alumni council.

Section B

The reorganizational meeting of the state FFA Alumni executive board shall be held at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the membership, if a quorum is present.

ARTICLE 6 - FISCAL YEAR

Section A

The fiscal year of the Michigan FFA Alumni Association shall commence on the first day (1) of September each year and end on the thirty-first (31) of August of the next year.

Section B

ARTICLE 7 - REPORTS

Section A

An annual Michigan FFA Alumni Association report shall be submitted to the National FFA Alumni Association at the completion of the State FFA Alumni Association's year on forms provided at its conclusion.

Section B

Chartered FFA Alumni affiliates shall submit an annual report to the Michigan FFA Alumni Association on forms provided at the conclusion of its year.

ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section A

These Bylaws may be amended by the members at the annual meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Proposed amendments may be made by any member in good standing.

ARTICLE 9 - DISSOLUTION

Section A

A special meeting of the state FFA Alumni council will be called for voting on dissolution procedures with all state FFA Alumni council members receiving notice fifteen (15) days prior to the special meeting.

Section B

In the event the Michigan FFA Alumni Association must be dissolved, all funds remaining after expenses will be donated to the Michigan FFA Foundation.