



IOWA FFA

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ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS

## BYLAWS

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BYLAWS  
OF THE IOWA FFA ALUMNI and SUPPORTERS

ARTICLE I

Name/Emblem

- Section I. The name of this National FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter shall be the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters.
- Section II. The emblem of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters is a FFA emblem with the words "Iowa FFA" above the words Alumni and Supporters.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

- The purpose of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be:
- A. To support and promote FFA activities and agricultural education on local, state and national levels.
  - B. To provide a tie to and assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve former members, supporters and volunteers in worthy activities.
  - C. To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
  - D. To cooperate with the Iowa FFA Association, local FFA Alumni and Supporters Chapters, Iowa FFA Foundation, and the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
  - E. To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.
  - F. To promote the personal development of the FFA, FFA Alumni and Supporters members and volunteers.

ARTICLE III

Organization

- Section I. The Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters is a chapter of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
- Section II. The Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters consists of chartered local chapters organized on a school, county, or at-large basis.

Section III. Local chapters

Local chapters shall be eligible to become chartered when:

- A. The chapter has at least 10 charter members who have paid state and national dues.
- B. The chapter has bylaws and/or constitution, which are in harmony with the Iowa and National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
- C. The chapter has an executive group with officers.

Section IV. Reports and Audits

- A. Books and records of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters may be inspected by any member or their agent at any reasonable time.
- B. There shall be an annual audit of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters. The audit report will be reviewed by the board upon completion.
- C. A summary of this audit will be made available at the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters annual business meeting.
- D. The fiscal year and reporting year are from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## ARTICLE IV

### Membership

Section I. Eligibility

- A. Membership shall be open to active, former, honorary FFA members, both present and former professional agricultural educators, and others interested in supporting agricultural education.
- B. Membership in the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters includes many rights, benefits, and privileges, however, no level of membership entitles any member to act for and/or on behalf of any local chapter, the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters, any state association, or the National FFA Alumni and Supporters; regarding any policy or position, unless granted by and through these bylaws and/or is otherwise granted specifically, in writing, by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters.

Section II. Types of Membership

- A. Associated Membership
  1. Is a no cost state and national membership that is provided to potential members annually.
  2. Associate membership will entitle member to quarterly information from Iowa and National FFA Alumni Association.
  3. There will be a five year limit on the associate membership.
- B. Annual Affiliated Membership

1. All local affiliated annual members have equal class and privileges.
2. Is a 12-month period to run concurrent with the National FFA Alumni and Supporters membership year.
3. State Chapter affiliation membership dues of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be recommended by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors and fixed by a majority vote of the delegates present at the annual meeting.
4. Local chapters may establish their own membership dues for annual membership in addition to the state and national dues.

C. State Life Membership

1. All life members have equal class and privileges; there are no associate, honorary, privileged or lesser classes of membership.
2. Is designated as the life of the member.
3. State life dues of Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be recommended by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors and fixed by a majority vote of the delegates present at the annual meeting.
4. Local chapters may establish their own life membership dues in addition to the state and national dues.

Section III. Policy for Member in Good Standing

- A. All members must meet requirements to be considered a member in good standing and be eligible for the following:
  1. Run for a position on the alumni state board of directors.
  2. Receive state alumni awards and/or recognition.
  3. Represent the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters in any way.
  5. To vote at meetings.
- B. Requirements for members to be in good standing:
  1. Paid membership dues at the local level if applicable and have current chapter affiliation dues paid for the membership year.
  2. Do not have any outstanding debt to local, state or national FFA Alumni.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers

Section I. The officers of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters will be the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past-President and Secretary.

Section II. Duties/qualifications of officers

A. President

1. The President shall be the individual who has served as President-Elect the previous year.

2. The President will be the principal officer of the Alumni and Supporters Association.
3. It will be the President's duty to preside at all meetings of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters and to carry out the general mission and objectives of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters.
4. The President will be an ex-officio member of all committees, except for the nominating committee, which they will be a full member.

B. President-Elect

1. The President-Elect, at the direction of the President, will act in the President's behalf, and perform such duties as are usual and customary of a vice president.
2. Any candidate for the office of President-Elect must first have been elected at a previous conference by the delegates to any other elected or appointed position on the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors and completed at least one year of service in that position.
3. Likewise, the Past President or other retired council members may not be a candidate for President-Elect without first being elected again and serving one year on the Board.

C. Past President

1. Shall be the Immediate Past President of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters.
2. Should the Secretary not be able or available to perform the assigned duties of that office, the immediate Past President will assume the duties of that office until such time as the Secretary is able to resume such duties or until the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors appoints a person to complete the unexpired term of office of the Secretary.
3. Should the President-Elect not be able or available to perform assigned duties simultaneously, the Secretary will assume the duties of the President-Elect.

D. Secretary

1. Should the President-Elect not be able or available to perform the assigned duties of that office, the Secretary will assume the duties of that office until such time as the President-Elect is able to resume such duties or until the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors appoints someone to complete the unexpired term of office of the President-Elect

Section III. Nomination and Selection

A. President

1. The President of the association will be the previous years President-Elect unless 2/3 of the delegates vote to remove the President-Elect from office.

2. If the President-Elect is removed from office, the position of President will be filled via nominations by the delegates from qualified Board members.
3. Once removed from office that individual may never again serve on the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors.

B. President-Elect

1. Candidates for President-Elect will be selected from qualified members of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors.
2. President-Elect Election Process
  - i. Nominations will be taken for the office of President-Elect
  - ii. In the event in which only one candidate is nominated, the following procedure will still occur.
  - iii. Qualified candidates nominated for the office of President-Elect will be elected by the registered Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters members present at the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Annual Conference according to nominating policies.

C. Past President

The retiring President will serve as the Immediate Past President.

D. Secretary

The Secretary shall be elected by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors from one of the board members currently serving.

E. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors from one of the board members currently serving.

Section IV. Terms of Office

All officers will serve for one year or until a successor is elected or appointed to that office.

## ARTICLE VI

### Executive Board

Section I. The executive body of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors.

Section II. The Iowa FFA Alumni Board of Directors shall consist of 18 people.

1. Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters President
2. Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters President-Elect
3. Six district representatives
4. Four at-large representatives
5. Immediate past Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters President
6. Associate Membership/Past State Officer Representative

7. A representative of One Iowa FFA Officer, IAAE, and the Executive Director of the Iowa FFA Association, and FFA Foundation Board shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members.

### Section III. Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors

- A. One person from each of the six Iowa FFA Association Districts shall be elected by district members present at the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters annual conference. They shall serve a two-year term, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. NW, SC, and NE districts shall be elected in odd years and SW, NC, and SE districts shall be elected in even years.
  1. Each district representative must have alumni membership within their respective district during their entire tenure of service.
  2. If for any reason the representative no longer has their alumni membership in their elected district, the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors has the right and responsibility to review the situation, and determine if that individual continues to carry the capability to serve adequately the members of their elected district.
    - a. If it is found that they do carry the capability to serve adequately, the issue will be considered resolved.
    - b. If it is found that they do not carry the capability to serve adequately, they shall be requested and/or made, to resign their elected position, and the Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified member to serve the rest of said term. The resigning representative may apply for and seek election to any position of which they are qualified, at subsequent Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Annual Conferences.
- B. At-large representatives will be elected by the membership at the annual conference for a two year consecutive term with a maximum of four years. Two of the four at-large representatives will be elected at each annual conference, thereby allowing for staggered at-large directorships.
- C. If there is no candidate applying for a board position in which the current board member has reached his or her term limit, the individual can serve interim until a replacement board member is found. This must, however, be approved by the board.
- D. The Associate Membership/Past State Officer representative shall be appointed to the board after an application and interview process. Candidates shall be between the ages of 18-25 years. The term of service on the board shall begin at the alumni conference immediately following their selection and run for two years. They shall serve only one two year term in the position.

Section IV. The Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters membership present at the Annual Meeting shall elect from those listed in Section II, 3 and 4, the President-Elect.

Section V. The delegates may submit nominations for Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors.

Section VI. It shall be the duty of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors to direct the operation of the association in accordance with its constitutional purposes.

**Section VII. Removal of Membership**

A. Any board member will be removed from directorship with a two-thirds vote of the board. Reasons for removal include but are not limited to: failure to attend board meetings or other required events, or a proven illegal act or other activity that is harmful to the board or the Iowa FFA or any Team AgEd organization.

B. If a board position becomes vacant during the year, the board openings will be appointed by the president and approved by the board until the next annual conference.

## ARTICLE VII

### Executive Committee

Section I. Composition

A. The Executive Committee will consist of the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, and Secretary.

B. The Iowa FFA Alumni Treasurer shall serve as an Ex-officio committee member.

Section II. Duties/Responsibilities

The Executive Committee will perform the duties as prescribed by these bylaws and those that are delegated to them by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Meetings

Section I. The Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors shall meet quarterly and at such times called for by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters President or a majority vote of the Executive Committee.



- Section II. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters. The Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors may call additional membership meetings.
- Section III. Time of the annual meeting and any other necessary meetings of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be held at such place and time as prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- Section IV. A quorum will consist of the following:
- A. Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Annual Conference; 50 percent +1 of the registered Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters members present.
  - B. Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors meetings; 50 percent +1 of the voting members.
- Section V. The minutes of the previous annual meeting will be published and presented to the delegates when they register and thus will not need to be read at the annual meeting.
- Section VI.** Voting – Voting for items of business (not elections) for any regular or special board of directors meetings may be done by using the following methods: in person, e-mail, conference call, telephone, text message, or web conferencing.

## ARTICLE IX

### Committees

- Section I. The Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters shall have the following standing committees:
- A. Finance
  - B. Awards
  - C. Membership
  - D. Public Relations/Marketing
  - E. Resolutions and Bylaws
  - F. Program of Activities
- Section II. These committees shall be served by a chairperson from the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors appointed by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters President.
- Section III. These standing committees must report on their activities at each Iowa FFA Alumni Board and Supporters of Directors meeting.

Section IV. The Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters President has the authority to create special committees and appoint Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters members to those committees.

## ARTICLE X

### Dues

- Section I. The annual Affiliated Chapter dues of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be recommended by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors and fixed by majority vote of members present at the annual meeting. A "Life Membership" established by the National FFA Alumni and Supporters shall also be recognized as an acceptable form of membership.
- Section II. The state life dues of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be recommended by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors and fixed by a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting. State life dues are paid one time by members in the year that they pay for their life membership to the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
- Section III. Dues shall be paid to the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters by the date of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Conference.

## ARTICLE XI

### Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

## ARTICLE XII

### Amendments

- Section I. Proposed amendments to the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters bylaws may be submitted by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors, local chapters, or by any active member; any of which must be in good standing. Proposed amendments must be in writing and received by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors 90 days prior to the opening of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters annual meeting.
- Section II. Proposed amendments will be reviewed by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors and sent to the delegate body with one of following three recommendations.
- a) Recommend adoption
  - b) No recommendation
  - c) Do not recommend adoption
- The amendments shall be submitted to the membership, and posted on the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters website with its designated recommendation, at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters annual meeting.
- Section III. If the proposed amendment is unclear or incomplete, the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors will return it to the party making the proposal for clarification and/or perfection prior to being decided on by the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors.
- Section IV. Affirmation by 2/3 of the delegates voting at the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters annual meeting shall be necessary to adopt an amendment.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Representation on other Boards**

- Section I.** The Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters President or the Presidents designee shall serve as the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters representative on the Iowa FFA Association Board of Directors.
- Section II.** A representative from the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors shall be selected by a majority vote of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors to serve on the Iowa FFA Foundation Board of Directors.
- Section III.** If representation is requested of the Iowa FFA Alumni and Supporters Board of Directors on another Team AgEd Board, a representative shall be selected by a majority vote of the Iowa FFA Alumni Board and Supporters of Directors.