

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

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ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A

The name of this organization shall be the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends 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 and Friends 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 and Friends Association consist of chartered local affiliates organized on a school, county or 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 and Friends 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 and Friends state council to remain a charter member would be necessary. (See Article 2, Section B).

Section C

The three types of membership are: Associate, Annual, and Lifetime.

1. Associate Membership

Associate Membership is a no cost national membership that is provided to potential members annually. Associate Membership will entitle the member to quarterly information from the National FFA Alumni Association. Associate Members will not be included in any rebate or awards program. There will be a five year limit on the associate membership.

2. Annual Membership

Annual Membership has an annual cost and dues must be paid for full membership in the Michigan and National FFA Alumni Association.

3. Lifetime Membership

Lifetime Membership has a one-time cost and dues must be paid for full membership in the Michigan and National FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE 4 - EMBLEM

Section A

The Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends emblem will align with National FFA branding standards.

ARTICLE 5 - COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

Section A

The State FFA Alumni Council shall consist of:

1. Serving as official (voting) members:

- A. President
- B. Executive Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Six (6) Regional Vice Presidents
- E. At-Large Representative
- F. Past State Officers Representative

2. Serving as ex-officio (non-voting) members:

- A. Administrative Director
- B. Affiliate representation, two per affiliate, approved annually.
- C. One representative of the Michigan Association of Agriscience Educators (MAAE), approved annually.
- D. One representative of the Michigan Horticulture Teachers Association (MHTA), approved annually.
- E. MSU AFNRE Collegiate Representative, approved annually.

- F. The current State FFA Association President.
- G. The immediate past state FFA Alumni President.
- H. The State FFA Advisor
- I. The State FFA Executive Secretary
- J. The State FFA Foundation Director

Section B

All nominees for the state alumni council shall be elected by the alumni members with valid membership at the annual meeting. The Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends Council members, not currently up for election, will serve as the nominating committee.

Section C

All first term council members must be elected into a non-executive committee role for their first two-year term on the board.

One representative at-large shall be elected at the annual meetings during odd years and will serve a one two-year term.

All regional vice presidents shall be elected to two-year 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 and Friends council members elected will assume office at the conclusion of the annual meetings of the membership.

Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends executive officers (president, executive vice president and secretary) may serve a one-year term of office and may be reelected to a consecutive term to that specific office. Executive Committee members may serve for 6 consecutive years in the Executive Committee role.

All voting members of the FFA Alumni and Friends Council shall serve a limit of 8 consecutive years. If a council member is appointed mid-term to fill a vacancy their years of service will not begin until election by the full membership at the next annual meeting equating to a total of 9 consecutive years on the board as a Regional Vice President.

Section E

The president and vice president shall serve as an official voting member of the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends Council in the year preceding his/her election to the office. (Article 5, Section A). When an official voting member is elected to another office, a replacement must be elected during the same state annual meeting; if a replacement is not identified the council has the power to appoint a council member mid-year to fill this vacancy.

Section F

The Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends financials will be reviewed annually by an outside professional completing an observation. When there is a change in the administrative director, a full audit will take place.

Section G

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

Section H

The Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends Council shall approve the appointment of the administrative director at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE 6 - MEETINGS

Section A

The Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends state council shall meet at least four (4) times each year. Additional meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of the State FFA Alumni and Friends 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 and Friends Association. Additional membership meetings may be called by the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends state council.

Section C

At all Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends Council meetings, a quorum of fifty (50) percent of voting members must be present.

Section D

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

Section E

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

ARTICLE 7 - AFFILIATE FEES

Section A

The state affiliate fees for the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends 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 affiliate fees shall be paid by all members of the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends Association. No members shall be considered as active and in good standing unless current state and national affiliate fees are paid.

Section C

The affiliate fees 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 and Friends 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 AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION Revisions Adopted October 1, 2022

ARTICLE 1 - BYLAWS

Section A

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

ARTICLE 2 - LOCATION OF PRINCIPLE

Section A

The principal office of the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends Association shall be the address of the current administrative director.

ARTICLE 3 - PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF MICHIGAN FFA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS COUNCIL

Section A

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

Section B

One representative at-large shall be elected at the annual meeting and will serve a two-year term.

Section C

All Ex-Officio members will be selected annually by their respective organization.

Section D

The Past State Officer (PSO) Representative shall annually be designated nominated by the Past State Officers Organization and approved by the full Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends.

Section E

The current State Association President, the immediate past state FFA Alumni president, State FFA Executive Secretary, State FFA Advisor, and State Foundation Director shall serve as members of the council by virtue of their positions.

Section F

Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends council other than from expiration of their terms of office, the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends council shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of office. Non-attendance of a Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends

board member for three (3) consecutive meetings shall be declared a vacancy and the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends 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 Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends Annual meeting.

Section H

The election of the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends Council shall be conducted by the nominating committee. The election shall be by ballot at the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted in the case of a vacancy.

ARTICLE 4 - DUTIES OF THE STATE MICHIGAN FFA ALUMNI AND FRIENDS COUNCIL

Section A

It shall be the duties of the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends 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 and Friends Association shall be held at such a place and time as prescribed by the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends council.

ARTICLE 6 - FISCAL YEAR

Section A

The fiscal year of the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends 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.

ARTICLE 7 - REPORTS

Section A

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

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 as outlined in Article 5 Section B of the constitution.

ARTICLE 9 - DISSOLUTION

Section A

A special meeting of the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends council will be called for voting on dissolution procedures with all Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends council members receiving

notice fifteen (15) days prior to the special meeting.

Section B

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