

## **Region V FFA Constitution**

### ARTICLE I. - NAME AND PURPOSE:

Section A. The name of this organization shall be Region V FFA Organization of the Michigan Association of the FFA. The name "Region V" may be officially used to designate this organization.

Section B. The purpose of this organization shall be to organize and conduct an annual Regional FFA Leadership Training Conference, Update Conference, Nomination of State Officer candidates from our region, and State Degree scoring. This organization will also promote leadership, cooperation, teamwork, service, character, personal development, and agricultural awareness through Agriscience Education.

Section C. This region accepts, in full, the provisions in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Michigan Association of FFA.

### ARTICLE II. - MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership of this organization shall be made up of all the active FFA members of Region V in good standing.

Section B. Voting membership shall be restricted to six voting officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and/or their representatives from each chapter who are attending the Leadership Training Conference as officers.

### ARTICLE III. - OFFICERS

Section A. The officers of this organization shall be the same as officially elected from FFA Chapters. Three additional officers may be selected as district vice presidents. Their qualifications shall be as follows:

1. Officers must be members of chapters in good standing with Region V. 2. Officers must have the Chapter FFA Degree or Outstanding Junior Award the year they serve in office.
3. Officers cannot be graduated seniors when elected; however, officers may serve if they are in an accelerated academic course. The definition of an accelerated academic course will be a course that allows a student to graduate prior to the second semester of their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year.

Section B. Officers will be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will consist of the Regional Officers, Regional Advisor, at least one State Officer, along with any other committee members the regional officer team deems pertinent, such as advisors, industry representatives and alumni members. The candidates for office will be selected by the committee from those applications received by the presiding officers on the evening of the regional interviews, using the official application

approved by the Regional Officers No officer candidates will be accepted from the floor.

Section C. Officers shall be elected by secret ballot, at the regional camp, with a **plurality** vote. The Reporter shall be in charge of the election and the reporting of election results.

Section D. Officers' duties shall be those of a regional level which are generally considered as part of each officer's duties within local chapters.

Section E. The advisor of the President shall be the Regional Advisor for the year. All other Chapter advisors are expected to participate in Regional Camp activities.

Section F. The advisor of the Secretary shall assist in the details of the Conference registration. The collection of Conference fees shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer and **their** advisor. The Treasurer's books shall be reviewed by the Treasurer, **their** advisor, and each of the Chapter Treasurers, and presented to the membership for their approval. All expenses must be authorized by the presiding officers and Regional Advisor before payment.

Section G. Newly elected officers shall take office during the Conference period in which they are officially notified of their election.

Section H. In the case of elected officers being unable to serve, the Executive Committee shall appoint from the alternate officers who interviewed the previous year as a candidate, an individual to fill out the unexpired term; except in the case of the President being unable to serve, in which case the Vice-President shall take over the Presidency for the unexpired term. Should the Regional Advisor be unable to attend, the Advisor in succession shall fill the vacancy.

Section I. There shall be a restriction of two officers nominated from any one chapter.

#### ARTICLE IV. - MEETINGS

Section A. Region V shall meet at least twice each year, once during the Leadership Training Conference, and once for a Regional Update. The time of each succeeding conference shall be tentatively set by the new Regional Officers before the adjournment of their first meeting.

#### ARTICLE V. - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Regional Officers and their Advisors.

Section B. The Regional Officers and their Advisors shall be directly responsible for the initiation of work on each year's new conference program.

## ARTICLE VI. - CONFERENCE FEES

Section A. Conference fees to cover the cost of Leadership Training Conference shall be determined and collected by the Executive Committee and the Treasurer's Advisor.

Section B. Money in the Regional account shall be used only for Regional purposes, including training at the State Leadership Conference for Regional Officers, FFA jackets/ties, or camp purposes.

## ARTICLE VII. - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section A. When decisions of Parliamentary Procedure are to be clarified, Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as the final authority.

Section B. When questions of Parliamentary Procedure occur, the Advisor of the regional parliamentary procedure contest winner will appoint the parliamentarian.

## ARTICLE VIII. - QUORUM

Section A. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members in attendance each Leadership Training Conference business meeting.

## ARTICLE IX. – AMENDMENTS

Section A. A 2/3 (two-thirds) majority of the voting membership is necessary to amend this constitution.

Section B. All proposed amendments must be sent to chapters 30 days before the first day of the Leadership Training Conference.

## ARTICLE X. - MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Section A. Regional FFA Awards will be granted to any FFA member who was recognized by the State FFA Association as an Outstanding Junior Award winner at the previous State Convention. These awards will be presented to the chapter at the Regional Camp, to be distributed to the award winners.

Section B. A Star Regional Award in Production and a Star Regional Award in Agribusiness or other Awards will be selected from the Regional Award applications. The Executive Committee will create a committee who will interview Star candidates and choose winners on the basis of applications and interviews.

Section C. Individuals or groups who have supported or otherwise rendered outstanding service to Region V are eligible for the Distinguished Service Award. A majority vote by

the Executive Committee is required to receive this award.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I. - ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. All nominees must be interviewed by the nominating committee.
2. All nominees should be present during the entire conference.
3. The officer nominating committee should place a minimum of two candidates for each office on the ballot if possible.
4. A member may be elected and serve in any position of the Regional Office for a maximum of one term.
5. Nominated officers must present up to a two-minute speech to voting delegates at the Leadership Conference during elections.
6. Voting will be done by voting for each office separately and allowing each candidate to be re-nominated from the floor if **they** lose in **their** original nominated office. Candidates may not be re-nominated more than once for a ceremonial officer position. They may then run for the District Vice President position in their home district if not elected.
7. There can be no more than two candidates from a chapter elected.
8. The regional officer team shall be slated by a combination of points from their individual interview (50 points), their group interview (50 points), and their test (25 points). The highest point totals shall be slated at the president, and in descending order, to the other offices available.
9. The District Vice President Positions are not required to come from the District they represent. If possible, these positions should be filled by their home district, but if 2 candidates are not available from the home district, the next highest points getters shall be slated to fill these positions.

### ARTICLE II. - AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Leadership Training Conference voting membership, provided the amendment may not be made and voted on at the same session.