

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

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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 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 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).

### 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 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 State FFA Alumni Council shall consist of:

#### 1. Serving as official (voting) members:

- A. President
- B. Executive Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. 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. The current State FFA Association President.
- F. The immediate past state FFA Alumni President.
- G. The State FFA Advisor
- H. The State FFA Executive Secretary
- I. 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. 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.

#### Section C

Michigan FFA Alumni executive officers (president, executive vice president and secretary) may serve a one-year terms of office and may be reelected to a second consecutive term only. 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 council members elected will assume office at the conclusion of the annual meetings of the membership. All voting members of the FFA Alumni Council shall serve a limit of 6 consecutive years.

#### Section E

The president shall serve as an official voting member of the State FFA Alumni Council in the year preceding his/her election to the office of president. The executive vice president 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 an official voting member is elected to another office, a replacement must be elected during the same state annual meeting.

#### Section F

The books shall be audited annually and when there is a change in the administrative director. The auditing committee shall consist of the Executive Officers.

#### Section G

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

#### Section H

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

### **ARTICLE 6 - MEETINGS**

#### Section A

The Michigan FFA Alumni 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 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 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 state FFA Alumni council 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 March 24, 2012

## **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 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 one-year term.

### Section C

The teacher of agriscience education shall annually be designated by the Michigan Association of Agriscience Educators (MAAE). The teacher of horticulture shall annually be designated by the Michigan Horticulture Teachers Association (MHTA).

### Section D

The Past State Officer (PSO) Representative shall annually be designated by the Past State Officers Organization.

### 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 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 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 State Alumni Council shall be conducted by the nominating committee. The election shall be by written ballot at the annual meeting.

#### **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 Council 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.

#### **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.