

ILLINOIS FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSES

Section A. The name of this affiliate of National FFA Alumni and Supporters Association shall be the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association.

Section B. Purposes of this affiliate shall be:

1. To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities, and agriculture education on local, state and national levels.
2. To provide a tie to the FFA and to assist FFA and agricultural 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 Illinois Association FFA, the Illinois Foundation FFA, Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers and the consultant staff of Agricultural Education.
5. To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.
6. To promote the personal development aspect of the FFA.
7. To cooperate with National FFA Alumni and Supporters Association.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Section A. The Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association shall consist of local, section, and district affiliates.

Section B. Affiliates may be organized by individuals within companies or organizations who have an interest in supporting agriculture education and the FFA.

Section C. Local affiliates may be organized on a school, county or other area basis affiliated with a section.

Section D. The section and district organization shall correspond with the existing Illinois FFA section and district boundaries.

Section E. Membership at the state level may also be direct without organized local groups.

Section F. Local affiliates when organized shall adopt constitutions and bylaws in harmony with the state and national constitutions.

Section G. Affiliates may be organized by individuals within any Post-Secondary college or university with an agriculture program as a Collegiate FFA Alumni and Supporter Affiliate with approval of the college or university and a staff member to serve as an advisor.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Active membership shall be open to all persons of at least 17 years of age interested in the FFA, upon payment of annual dues or joining an affiliate.

Section B. Local affiliates may grant non-voting associate membership.

Section C. Associate Membership:

1. Is a no cost national membership that is provided to potential members annually.
2. Associate members graduating from a local affiliate's FFA Chapter will be listed on their roster, but their rights and privileges will be based on the local FFA Alumni and Supporters Constitution and Laws.
3. Associate members graduating from FFA Chapter that does NOT have an FFA Alumni and Supporters Affiliate in good standing will be listed on the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters State at Large roster without voting rights and privileges.
4. Associate Membership will entitle the member to quarterly information from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters Association.
5. There will be a five-year limit on the associate membership.

ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM

Section A. The emblem of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters is a triangular shield with an FFA emblem and the words "Alumni" below it.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BODY

Section A. The Executive Body of the State FFA Alumni and Supporters Association shall be the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.

Section B. The Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council shall consist of the Executive Board and Advisory Committee.

1. The Executive Board shall represent the official voting delegation of the Alumni and Supporters Council and consists of the following officers: President, Vice President, Reporter, Secretary, Treasurer and the ten (10) District Directors, Past President, PAS Officer, and Past State Officer (PSO Term Ends at the Alumni and Supporters Annual Meeting).
2. Ten (10) of the nineteen (19) will constitute a quorum.
 - a. In the event quorum is not present, at a duly called meeting, it is understood that those in attendance may conduct business with action being approved at the next executive board meeting or by the delegates at the next annual meeting.
3. An Advisory Committee to the Executive Board will consist of:
 - a. The Illinois FFA Advisor.
 - b. A representative of the IAVAT Board of Directors.
 - c. A representative of the current Illinois FFA major officer team.
 - d. The immediate past Illinois FFA President.
 - e. A representative of the Illinois FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee.
 - f. A representative of the IACCAI officer team.
 - g. The Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Executive Secretary.
4. A professional staff member of the Illinois FFA Center staff shall be appointed to serve as the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association Executive Secretary, following a majority vote of the FFA Alumni and Supporters Executive Board, and approval by the Illinois FFA Center Administrative Council.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section A. The Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council shall meet at least once each year with additional meetings called by the President or by a majority of the Council members upon petition to the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters President.

Section B. There shall be an annual meeting of the Membership of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association. Additional membership meetings may be called by the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.

Section C. Voting at the annual meeting on official business shall be conducted in the following manner:

1. Affiliated chapter basis -- each local affiliated chapter shall be entitled to send ten delegates, with one vote each, from active membership to the State Annual Meeting. An affiliate chapter is a chapter that has received a charter from the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association and has a membership of ten or more that have paid current membership dues to the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association.
2. At Large membership -- Each Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association member that has paid current membership dues not affiliated with a local FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter would have one vote at the annual meeting if in attendance.

ARTICLE VII. DUES (Takes effect 2019-2020 Membership Year.)

Section A. The annual dues or affiliate fee of \$50 annually of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association shall be recommended by the Alumni and Supporters Council and fixed by majority vote of members present at the annual meeting.

Section B. Affiliation Fee Options:

1. Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Affiliates pay the Illinois Annual Affiliate Fee and has NO affiliation with the National FFA Alumni and Supporters. Affiliates using this option will use the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Membership form over the National FFA Alumni and Supporters online website.
2. Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Affiliate pay the Illinois FFA and Supporters annual affiliate fee and pay the National FFA Alumni affiliate fee. (National FFA Alumni and Supporters \$100 Fee waived for 25 or more lifetime members.)

Section C. Life Dues (Members may select option 1 or 2)

(National Life Dues Endowment Fund was established in 1972 by the National FFA Alumni Council and set the amount that is pulled each year with part being returned to state based on Life Membership for FFA member Leadership Scholarships and the remaining to fund the day to day expenses of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters Staff.)

(Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters established a Life Membership endowment fund in 2012 for the purpose of supporting Illinois FFA Members across the state.)

Life Dues Options

1. Life dues to National FFA Alumni and Supporters at \$200.00 and Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Life Dues at \$50.00
2. Life dues to the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Life Dues Endowment \$50.00. (Numbers are subject to change due to the National FFA Board of Directors and at the Annual Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Annual Meeting.)

Section D. Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Life Dues Membership Endowment Fund
The Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Life Dues Endowment Fund will be under the supervision of the organization Treasurer to make the annual pull to be spent on leadership scholarships for Illinois FFA members from chapters with Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters. The recommendation will be approved by a 2/3 vote of the members of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section A. The annual dues or affiliate fee of \$50 annually of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association shall be recommended by the Alumni Council and fixed by majority vote of members present at the annual meeting.

Section B. Proposed amendments shall be approved by at least three members of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council before being submitted to the membership for consideration. Affirmation by two-thirds of those voting shall be necessary to adopt an amendment.

Section C. Amendments to the Bylaws of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association may be made as follows:

1. Proposed amendments may be submitted by a local affiliate or by an active member and must be in writing and received by the executive officers 30 days prior to the opening date of the annual meeting.
2. Proposed amendments that have been approved for submission by a two-thirds majority of the Alumni and Supporters Council shall be forwarded to the membership at least 10 days prior to the opening date of the annual meeting.
3. Voting shall be at the annual meeting with the affirmation by two-thirds of those present and voting being necessary for adoption.

ILLINOIS FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

(Adopted June 6, 1971 & Amended 1973, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1982, 1992, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2019)

ARTICLE I. BYLAWS

Section A. These Bylaws shall be considered a part of the Constitution of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association.

ARTICLE II. LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section A. To be determined by Council approval.

ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF ILLINOIS FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS COUNCIL

Section A. The Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council consisting of the executive board and advisory committee shall be selected as follows:

1. The five (5) major officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Reporter will be elected at large at the annual meeting of the association for a one-year term
 - a. Only those individuals who have served as a member of two years or more of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council may run for the office of State President.
 - b. Application must be submitted by persons running for the offices of President, Vice President, Reporter, Secretary and Treasurer and be post marked to the Illinois FFA Center by October 1st preceding the Annual Meeting.
 - c. Applications for office shall become the ballot of officers and are voted upon at the Annual Meeting.
 - d. Should an office fail to receive an intent application, the Executive Council shall serve as a nominating committee to complete the ballot of candidates prior to the Annual Meeting.
2. Two (2) directors shall be elected to represent each of the administrative districts of the State. Each year one director from each district will be elected to serve a two-year term of office. Election to the office requires a majority vote of the delegates present from that section at the district elections. All elections are to occur during the district meetings at the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Annual Meeting.
3. Advisory committee members are selected by the membership of their respective organizations

Section B. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council, other than from expiration of their terms of office, the Executive Board may appoint a person to fill the unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF THE ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS COUNCIL

Section A. It shall be the duty of the Alumni and Supporters Council to direct the operation of the association in accordance with its constitutional purposes.

ARTICLE V. TIME OF MEETINGS

Section A. The annual meeting and other necessary meetings of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association shall be held at such a place and time as designated by the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.

ARTICLE VI. FISCAL YEAR

Section A. The fiscal year of the local FFA Alumni and Supporters Association shall commence on the first day of January in each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of December.

Section B. Books and records of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney at any reasonable time.

Section C. There shall be a regular review of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Association finances by the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Executive Board. The executive officers and other employees authorized to handle and account for funds shall be bonded in sufficient amounts to protect the Alumni and Supporters Association.

ARTICLE VII. REPORTS

Section A. To be determined by the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.

ARTICLE VIII DUES

Section A. Changes in dues must be received in writing at the Illinois FFA Center not less than 60 days prior to the opening date of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters annual meeting.

Section B. Proposed changes in dues shall be forwarded to the membership at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters annual meeting.

Article IX GOOD STANDING

Section A. Affiliates shall be considered in good standing when the following materials have been received at the corporate offices of the Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters.

- a. An affiliate roster with the appropriate state and national membership dues.
- b. A list of chapter officers

Section B. Affiliates with ten members or more shall be considered in good standing.

Section C. Completed Data Information Sheet