

Connecticut FFA Alumni Association
CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I. NAMES AND PURPOSES

Section A. The name of this affiliate of the FFA, may be known also as the **National FFA Organization**, shall be The Connecticut FFA Alumni Association.

Section B. The purposes of this affiliate shall be:

1. To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities, and agricultural education on local, state and national levels.
2. To provide a tie to the FFA and to assist FFA and agriculture education personnel to involve former members in worthy activities.
3. To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry
4. To cooperate with the Connecticut FFA Association, Connecticut FFA Foundation, Inc. and the National FFA Alumni Association.
5. To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system of free persons.
6. To promote the personal development aspect of the FFA.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Section A. The Connecticut FFA agricultural education Alumni Association will consist of chartered local affiliates organized through programs in Connecticut.

Section B. Local affiliates when organized, shall adopt constitution and bylaws in harmony with the State and national constitutions. A local affiliate shall be eligible to become a chartered affiliate when: (1) it has at least ten chartered members who have paid state and national dues; (2) its purposes are in harmony with the state and National **FFA** Alumni Association; (3) it has a designated President.

Section C. Local affiliates are eligible to maintain affiliation status provided the requirements stated in Article II. Sections B. of the Constitution are met.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to former active, collegiate, or honorary FFA and NFA members, present and former professional agricultural education educators, parents of FFA members, and others interested in the FFA. All State FFA Alumni Association members shall have paid state and national annual dues.

ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM

The gold FFA emblem with the word "Alumni" below it shall serve as the emblem of the State and National FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BODY

Section A. The executive body of the Connecticut FFA Alumni Association shall be the Connecticut FFA Alumni Executive Committee.

Section B. The Connecticut FFA Alumni Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

1. The five officers elected at each annual meeting. (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter)
2. The immediate past CT FFA Alumni president.
3. The immediate past CT Association FFA President, **ex-officio if they are not a paid member.**

4. Two member of the Connecticut Association of Agricultural Educators (CAAE) to be selected by its membership.

5. Three elected Members at Large

6. The State FFA Advisor, or his/her designated representative and the Executive Director of the State FFA Alumni Association shall serve as ex-official non-voting members.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section A. The Connecticut FFA Alumni Executive Committee shall meet **two** times each year. Additional meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the committee members.

Section B. The Connecticut FFA Alumni **shall meet at least five times during the fiscal year.**

Additional meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of **voting Alumni members.**

Section C. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of The Connecticut FFA Alumni Association. Additional membership meetings may be called by The Connecticut FFA Alumni President.

Section D. Representation for the purpose of voting at the Annual Meeting shall be by each Connecticut Alumni member in good standing.

Section E. An Affiliate may bring any number of its members to a State Alumni meeting to represent the chapter, but will carry only two votes at the meeting. The two voting members will be decided by the affiliate.

Section F. **All business conducted at any meeting must be approved by the majority of voting members present at that particular meeting.**

Section G. **The executive committee may at their discretion, hold meetings by use of electronic means such as: telephone or video conferencing. If such means are used, all members must have equal opportunities for equal participation in the meeting. This shall also apply to regular Alumni meetings.**

Section H. **Use of email, website, fax, or similar means shall be acceptable for distributing of announcements, minutes, reports, agendas, and the casting of ballots in the conducting of association activities.**

Section I. **All meetings of the Connecticut FFA Alumni Association and the Executive Committee shall be run using Roberts Rules of Order (Newly Revised Edition)**

ARTICLE VII. DUES

Section A. The annual dues of the Connecticut FFA Alumni Association shall be recommended by the **Executive Committee**, and fixed by majority vote of members present at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section A. Proposed amendments to the Constitution of Connecticut FFA Alumni Association may be submitted in writing by a local affiliate or by any active member and must be received by the vice president sixty days prior to the opening date of the Annual Meeting.

Section B. Proposed amendments must not be in conflict with the National FFA Alumni Association Constitution and shall be approved by the Executive Committee by majority vote of members present at the voting meeting of Connecticut FFA Alumni before being submitted to the membership at least thirty days prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting. Voting shall be at the Annual meeting with affirmation **by a two thirds vote** of members in attendance.

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

1. Proposed amendments may be submitted by a local affiliate or by any active member and must be in writing and received by the vice president sixty days prior to a properly called meeting.
2. Proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the membership at least thirty days prior to a properly called meeting.
3. Voting shall be at any properly called meeting of the membership with a two-thirds affirmative vote by those **voting members** present for adoption.

**Connecticut FFA Alumni Association
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I. BYLAWS

Section A. These Bylaws shall be considered supplemental to the Constitution of Connecticut FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE II. LOCATION OF **PRINCIPLE** OFFICE

Section A. The **principle** office of Connecticut FFA Alumni Association shall be located at the current Treasurer's address.

ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION OF CONNECTICUT FFA ALUMNI OFFICERS

The Officers comprising the Executive Committee are elected as described in Section A through Section D below:

Section A. Candidates for each of the Executive Board Offices are selected from the active members of the CT State FFA Alumni Association and its affiliate chapters. Candidates may be selected as follows:

1. Every active association member is encouraged to volunteer his own candidacy for any desired office. At any time prior to and including the annual meeting, a member may announce his own candidacy for an office.
2. The membership at large is encouraged to select candidates.

Section B. All officers shall be elected by majority vote of active members present at the annual meeting in November.

Section C. If an officer does not complete his/her term, the FFA Alumni Executive Committee shall select a replacement from the membership at large.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF THE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to direct the operation of the association in accordance with its constitutional purposes, and budgetary restriction.

Section B. The Executive Committee shall prepare an agenda for alumni activities and shall carry out the directives of the Connecticut FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE V. THE TIMES OF MEETINGS

Section A. The Annual Meeting shall be held in November.

Section B. Other necessary meetings of The Connecticut FFA Alumni Association shall be held at such place and time as may be prescribed by the Connecticut FFA Alumni executive committee, or by special call of the President.

ARTICLE VI. FISCAL YEAR

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

Section B. Books and records of The Connecticut FFA Alumni Association may be inspected by any member at any reasonable time.

Section C. There shall be an **annual tax return** and an annual financial audit of The Connecticut FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE VII. REPORTS

Section A. The annual membership is for a twelve-month period, beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Section B. Chartered local affiliates shall submit annual membership reports to the state and National FFA Alumni Association– on-line at National FFA website www.FFA.org.