

## Article I. Relationship to Constitution

The Bylaws shall be a part of the Constitution of the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America.

## Article II. Location of Offices

The headquarters, principal office, and business offices of the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America shall be at 614 East 12th Street; Austin, Texas, 78701.

## Article III. Procedure for Electing Members of the Board of Directors

Section A. The State FFA Board of Directors Nominating Committee shall consist of all members of the Executive Board and shall be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The nominating committee shall nominate prospective directors to the full board for approval in accordance to policies promulgated by the State FFA Board of Directors.

Section B. Agricultural Educator Directors: Each year, the VATAT shall elect five directors at the summer meeting held in conjunction with the state professional improvement conference: the president, vice president and secretary-treasurer of the VATAT, immediate past president and past immediate past president of the VATAT. These positions shall be one-year terms to which a director may be re-elected, but hold the office no more than five consecutive terms. Vacancies in these positions shall be filled by the VATAT Executive Board. One teacher position shall be an at large position submitted by the nominating committee and elected by the State FFA Board of Directors for a three-year term. One teacher educator involved in the training of Agricultural Science instructors at a Texas University shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Section C. Agriculture/Agribusiness Industry Representatives: The agribusiness/agriculture representatives shall be selected by the nominating committee from a group of nominations from the field of agriculture/agribusiness and school administrators.

Section D. Permanent Directorships: The Executive Director of the Vocational Agriculture Teacher's Association and the Executive Director of the Texas FFA Foundation shall serve on the board.

Section E. Elected members of the State FFA Board of Directors holding business and industry, teacher educator or at-large teacher positions of the State FFA Board of Directors will serve three-year terms and shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies on the State FFA Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director of the VATAT and the Executive Director of the Texas FFA Foundation shall serve of the Board by position. The Executive Director of the Texas FFA Association, Program Director of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Texas Education Agency shall serve as ex-officio member of the board by position. The ex-officio director representing the Texas FFA Alumni shall be elected

by the Texas FFA Alumni Council.

Section F. Removal. Any officer or director may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the organization would be served thereby in accordance to policies adopted by the State FFA Board of Directors.

Article IV. Area & District Associations

**\*\*New Areas will apply beginning in 18-19 Membership Year\*\***

Section A. Except as allowed pursuant to Section C of this Article, the Areas of the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America shall be:

(1) Area I consisting of the following Texas counties: Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, King, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler;

(2) Area II consisting of the following Texas counties: Andrews, Borden, Brewster, Coke, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Haskell, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Jones, Kent, Kimble, Loving, Lynn, Martin, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Stonewall, Sutton, Terrell, Terry, Tom Green, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum;

(3) Area III consisting of the following Texas counties: Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, and Harris;

(4) Area IV consisting of the following Texas counties: Archer, Baylor, Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Clay, Coleman, Eastland, Erath, Foard, Hamilton, Jack, Knox, Mills, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wise and Young;

(5) Area V consisting of the following Texas counties: Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, Rockwall, Tarrant and;

(6) Area VI consisting of the following Texas counties: Bowie, Camp, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Hopkins, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Panola, Rains, Red River, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood;

(7) Area VII consisting of the following Texas counties: Bandera, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Comal, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Medina, Real, San Saba, Uvalde, and Wilson;

(8) Area VIII consisting of the following Texas counties: Anderson, Bosque, Coryell, Ellis, Freestone, Henderson, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Limestone, McLennan, Navarro and Somervell;

(9) Area IX consisting of the following Texas counties: Angelina, Chambers, Cherokee, Hardin, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler and Walker;

(10) Area X consisting of the following Texas counties: Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Brooks, Cameron, Dimmit, Duvall, Frio, Goliad, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleburg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Nueces, Rufugio, San Patricio, Starr, Webb, Willacy, Zapata and Zavala;

(11) Area XI consisting of the following Texas counties: Austin, Caldwell, Calhoun, Colorado, Dewitt, Fayette, Gonzales, Grimes, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Montgomery, Victoria, Waller, Washington and Wharton; and

(12) Area XII consisting of the following Texas counties: Bastrop, Bell, Brazos, Burleson, Falls, Lee, Milam, Travis, Robertson and Williamson.

Section B. Area Re-Alignments: The Texas FFA Association Board of Directors shall review area alignments contained in these bylaws and consider an area realignment resolution at least every ten years. Area realignments shall not divide school districts into separate area associations. For the purpose of area alignment, chapters shall be associated with the county in which the school district is headquartered.

Section C. In accordance to policies and procedures established by the board of directors, a chapter, by means of a resolution of the school district's board of trustees, may petition the board of directors to be assigned to an adjacent area association. Should the board of directors grant an area reassignment request, the reassignment shall be considered temporary and will be referred to the Area Realignment Commission in any subsequent realignment to consider whether such assignment may be recommended to made permanent.

Section D. District Associations: Each area association shall have district associations apportioned in relationship to membership, number of chapters and other appropriate considerations. Each area association shall consider a district realignment resolution every five years in accordance to policies adopted by the area association. New districts may be formed by the area association with the approval of the State FFA Board of Directors.

## Article V. State FFA Board of Directors Meeting

Section A. The meetings of the State FFA Board of Directors shall be held at such place and time as prescribed by the Board.

Section B. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the chairperson.

## Article VI. Duties of the State Officers

Section A. President. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the state convention and meetings of the state officers. The President shall appoint all student committees in harmony with the provisions of the State FFA Constitution and policies adopted by the State FFA Board of Directors and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees.

Section B. Vice-Presidents. It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to represent the membership of the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America. Should the office of the President become vacant, the first Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President. It shall be the duty of the first Vice-President to keep minutes of the meetings of the State FFA Officers and perform other duties as directed by the State FFA Board of Directors and/or the State FFA Executive Director

## Article VII. Duties of the State FFA Executive Director

Section A. The Executive Director: It shall be the duty of the Texas FFA Executive Director to:

1. Issue charters to local chapters when directed to do so by the State Board of Directors.
2. Keep official records of members and the progress of the Association.
3. Review all reports from Area Associations and inform the State FFA Board of Directors of any proceedings which conflict with the provisions of the Texas FFA Constitution.
4. Submit an annual budget to the State FFA Board of Directors.
5. Provide for complete and accurate minutes of the meetings of the Governing Body and furnish copies to members of the State FFA Board of Directors.
6. Keep a record of all officers of the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America and their terms of office, and of all official state convention delegates.
7. Arrange for the annual state convention.
8. Be responsible for the financial assets of the organization, except as otherwise directed by the State FFA Board of Directors.
9. Present an annual financial report to the State FFA Board of Directors, Texas FFA Officers,

and official delegates at the state convention.

10. Advise the State FFA Officers, Board of Directors, delegates, and committees on matters of policy and assist the Officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs.

11. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

12. Provide for the review of all applications and submit them to the Board of Directors for approval.

13. Provide oversight for all organizations which fall under the jurisdiction of the State FFA Board of Directors.

14. Coordinate and oversee competitive events and student recognition programs sanctioned by the State FFA Board of Directors.

15. Approve usage of and oversee use the FFA emblem and trademarks in accordance to the policies of the National FFA Organization and Texas FFA Association.

16. Provide oversight and leadership to the staff of the Texas FFA Association in accordance to State FFA Board policies.

Article VIII. Reports to the Texas FFA Assn./Texas Assn. of FFA

Section A. Each Area Association shall submit the following information annually to the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America.

1. A list of current Area FFA officers.

2. A report of any changes in, or amendments to, the Area Association constitution and bylaws.

3. An Association Annual Report as may be requested by the State FFA Board of Directors.

Section B. Each District FFA Association shall submit the following information annually to the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America.

1. A list of current District FFA officers.

2. A report of any changes in, or amendments to, the District FFA Association constitution and bylaws.

Section C. Each Active FFA Chapter shall submit the following information to the Texas FFA Association/Texas Association of Future Farmers of America.

1. A list of current Chapter FFA officers.
2. A complete list of the names and addresses of all active FFA members.
3. A total of all student enrolled in the local Agricultural Science and Technology program.
4. A report of any changes in, or amendments to, the chapter constitution and bylaws.
5. Other information as may be requested by the State FFA Board of Directors.

Article IX. Process & Procedures Guidelines of the Texas FFA Assn.

The Texas FFA Association shall establish policies and procedural guidelines for addressing and resolving complaints of a state concern. These guidelines will be available upon request from appropriate levels. The Board of Directors may modify the guidelines as they deem necessary.