

# **Kansas FFA Alumni Association Constitution**

## **Article I. Names and Purposes**

Section A. The name of this affiliate of FFA shall be the Kansas FFA Alumni Association.

Section B. The purpose of this affiliate shall be:

1. To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities, and agricultural education on local, state, and national levels (in cooperation with the National FFA Board of Directors).
2. To provide a tie to the FFA and (to assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to) involve former members in worthy activities.
3. Affect a greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.

## **Article II. Organization**

Section A. The Kansas FFA Alumni Association may consist of chartered local affiliates organized on a school, county, or other area basis.

Section B. Local affiliates when organized shall adopt constitutions and bylaws in harmony with the State and National constitution.

## **Article III. Membership**

Section A. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in supporting FFA, agricultural education, or volunteerism. A Kansas FFA Alumni Association member shall have paid their state and national annual dues or be a paid lifetime Kansas/National FFA Alumni Association member.

Section B. Membership in the FFA Alumni includes many rights, benefits, and privileges, however, no level of membership entitles any member to act for and/or on behalf of any local, state or the National FFA Alumni Association regarding any policy or position unless granted by and through these bylaws and/or is otherwise granted specifically, in writing, by the National FFA Alumni Association.

Section C. An active alumni affiliate in good standing must have: (1) at least ten members that has paid their annual state and national dues or are life members, (2) meet a minimum of three times during the year, (3) submit an annual Golden Service application and complete three of the six required activities, and (4) submit an annual membership roster.

## **Article IV. Emblem**

Section A. The gold FFA emblem with the word "Alumni" shall serve as the emblem of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association.

## **Article V. Executive Body**

Section A. The Executive Body of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association shall be the Kansas FFA Alumni Council.

Section B. The seven (7) FFA district representatives shall be nominated by a nomination committee, appointed by the president and elected to serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive three-year terms. Two (2) at-large council positions will also be nominated to serve two (2) consecutive three-year terms. These nine positions will be staggered so three positions will be opened each year. The council may remove elected members if unexcused absences from council meetings repeatedly occur.

Section C. A vacant position shall be appointed with another representative for the remainder of their unexpired term. That appointed director may then be eligible for election for two (2) three-year terms at the conclusion of that appointment.

Section D. The Kansas FFA Alumni Council shall elect annually a President and Vice-President from the Council membership. The Executive Director, Secretary, and Treasurer are not subject to term lengths. The Council membership will appoint these three positions annually and the overall membership will approve each position during the annual meeting. The Executive Director shall be the only non-voting member on the Kansas FFA Alumni Council.

Section E. Additional voting members of the Kansas FFA Alumni Council due to their roles with Kansas FFA shall include the President (or representative) of the Kansas Association of Agriculture Educators (KAAE), Kansas FFA Executive Secretary, Kansas FFA Foundation Executive Director, Kansas FFA State President (or representative), Kansas FFA Advisor, National FFA Alumni Representative and the Past-President of the Kansas FFA Alumni Council.

Section F. The KAAE President, Kansas FFA State President, and the Past President of the Kansas FFA Alumni Council shall serve one-year terms.

## **Article VI. Meetings**

Section A. The Kansas FFA Alumni Council shall meet a minimum of three (3) times each year. Additional meetings may be called by the President as needed or by a majority of the Council members upon petition to the secretary. In the case of any unforeseen situation, a conference call may be used to facilitate the meeting.

Section B. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association.

## **Article VII. Dues**

Section A. The annual dues of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association shall be reviewed by majority vote of members present at the annual meeting.

## **Article VIII. Amendments**

- Section A. Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association may be submitted by a local affiliate or by any active member and must be in writing and received by the secretary 45-days prior to the opening date of the annual meeting and posted 30-days prior to the annual meeting on the Kansas FFA Alumni website.
- Section B. Proposed amendments shall be approved by at least three members of the Kansas FFA Alumni Council before being submitted to the membership for consideration. Voting shall be held at the annual meeting. Affirmation by  $2/3$  of those present shall be necessary to adopt an amendment.
- Section C. Amendments to the Bylaws of the Kansas FFA Alumni Association shall be made in the manner prescribed in Article VIII, Sections A and B, with the exception that affirmation shall be by a majority (51%) of those present at the annual meeting.

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