



## BYLAWS OF THE ALASKA FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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### ARTICLE I: Name/Emblem

**Section I.** The name of the organization shall be the Alaska FFA Alumni Association.

**Section II.** The gold emblem of the National FFA Organization with the word “Alumni” below it, surrounded by a shield outline, shall serve as the emblem of the Alaska FFA Alumni Association.

### ARTICLE II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A. To support and promote the National FFA Organization and Agricultural Education on the local, state, and national levels;
- B. To provide a tie between all persons interested in supporting FFA members and the Alumni by assisting the FFA and Agriculture Education personnel;
- C. To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture;
- D. To cooperate with the local FFA chapters and the National FFA Alumni Association.

### ARTICLE III: Organization

**Section I.** The Alaska FFA Alumni Association is a chartered state affiliate of the National FFA Alumni Association.

**Section II. Local Affiliates.** Local Affiliates shall be eligible to become chartered when:

- A. It has ten Charter members who have paid State and National dues.
- B. Its bylaws and/or constitution are in harmony with the State and National FFA Alumni Association.
- C. It has an executive group of officers.

**Section III. Reports**

- A. The Alaska FFA Alumni Association shall comply with requirements of the National Association for reporting progress and activities to the National Association and local affiliates throughout the state.
- B. This association shall submit all operational and statistical information required by the National FFA Alumni Association. This information will also be shared with Alaska FFA Alumni Affiliates at the same time.
- C. Additional reports may be developed and submitted upon simple majority approval of the members at the state meeting.
- D. The Alaska FFA Alumni Association accepts in full the provisions of the National FFA Alumni bylaws.

### ARTICLE IV: Membership

**Section I.** Membership shall be open, upon payment of dues, to:

- A. Former active, collegiate, and honorary FFA members;
- B. Parents and friends of active and former FFA members;
- C. Present and former professional agricultural educators;
- D. Any other individuals or businesses that are interested in supporting the FFA and agricultural education;
- E. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in supporting FFA, Agricultural Education, or volunteerism.

*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 or state affiliate of the National FFA Alumni 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 II.** Annual, lifetime and corporate membership will meet the criteria as specified in Article III of the National FFA Alumni Association bylaws.

**Section III. Dues**

- A. All dues of the Alaska FFA Alumni Association shall be recommended by the Alumni Council and fixed by a majority vote of members present at the annual meeting.
- B. No member shall be considered as an active member and in good standing unless he or she has paid all applicable dues.

**ARTICLE V: Officers**

**Section I.** The officers of the Alaska FFA Alumni Association shall be the Alumni President and Secretary.

**Section II. Duties/Qualifications of Officers**

- A. President
  - 1. The president will be the principal officer of the Association.
  - 2. It will be the president's duty to preside at all meetings of the State FFA Alumni Council and the Association and to carry out the general mission and objectives of the Association.
  - 3. The president will be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- B. Secretary.
  - 1. A Council member shall be elected by a majority vote of Council members to serve as Secretary. The Secretary shall serve in this capacity for a one-year term. Tenure as Secretary does not effect a Council member's elected term of office. A Council member may be re-elected as Secretary.
  - 2. The Secretary shall prepare minutes of all meetings of the Council and the Association and distribute these minutes to the Council members. The Secretary shall also provide the minutes to any member upon request.
  - 3. The Secretary shall, in consultation with the President, ensure that all required reports, rosters, and other documentation are submitted in a timely manner to the National FFA Alumni Association and the Alaska FFA Association.
- C. Other Officer Duties
  - 1. All officers will be responsible for carrying out the duties specified by these bylaws and the parliamentary authority listed in Article X of this document.

## ARTICLE VI: Executive Board

**Section I.** The executive body of the Alaska FFA Alumni Association shall be the State FFA Alumni Council, henceforth known as “the Council” which is subordinate to the National FFA Alumni Council.

**Section II.** The Council shall consist of the following:

A. Voting members:

1. The Alumni President

- i. The Alumni President shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in odd-numbered years by a vote of the active Alumni members in attendance.
- ii. The term of the Alumni President shall expire at the close of the Annual Meeting in odd-numbered years.

2. Four at-large members.

- i. Two at-large members shall be elected at each Annual Meeting by a vote of the active Alumni members in attendance.
- ii. The term of two at-large members shall expire at the close of the Annual Meeting in odd-numbered years; the term of two at-large members shall expire at the close of the Annual Meeting in even-numbered years.
- iii. At the time of the initial Council election, two at-large positions shall be designated to expire in odd-numbered years and two at-large positions shall be designated to expire in even-numbered years.
- iv. No member of the Council shall serve a term longer than two years without being reelected by the membership, unless a change in the date of the Annual Meeting delays the election of a new Council. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the eligibility of a member to be reelected to the Council.

B. *Ex officio* (non-voting) members:

1. The Alaska State FFA Advisor (or his/her designee).
2. The Alaska State FFA President (or his/her designee).
3. The Alaska State FFA Advisor and the Alaska State FFA President will serve on the Council as long as they remain in their specified position.
4. Other *ex-officio* members may be added to the Council for a two-year term by a majority vote of the Council.

**Section III.** *Procedure for selection of members to the Council*

- A. Alaska FFA Alumni members in good standing who wish to be considered for a position on the Council shall submit their names to the Council President no less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
- B. All candidates for each open position shall be listed on a ballot. All active Alaska FFA Alumni members may vote at the Annual Meeting. All voting shall be conducted by secret ballot and counted by current Council members; however, Council members seeking reelection may not be involved in counting the votes. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected. In the case of a tie for the most votes, a second round of secret ballot voting shall take place; only the candidates who tied for the most votes shall be included on the second ballot.
- C. The Council may establish additional procedures (e.g. a Council candidate application) for selecting Council members.

**Section IV. *Seating of the Council and Vacancies***

- A. Council members elected at the Annual Meeting shall be seated as the final item of business in the Annual Meeting.
- B. Vacancies of Council seats elected by the membership shall be filled by an active Alumni member appointed by the Council.

**Section V. *Duties of the Council***

- A. The Council shall direct the operation of the association in accordance with its bylaws.
- B. The Council shall be responsible for planning the programs and activities in which it is advisable for the association to participate.
- C. The Council shall plan the annual meeting, publicize the meeting to the membership, and run the meeting in accordance with these bylaws.
- D. Council members shall provide support and resources to local FFA Alumni affiliates.
- E. The Council shall suggest amendments to the bylaws as necessary.
- F. The Council shall develop and implement policies to accomplish the mission of the Association.

**Section VI. *Council Meetings***

The Alaska FFA Alumni Council shall meet at least two (2) times per year. Additional meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Council members upon petition to the President.

**Section VII. *Removal from the Council***

Any member of the Council having two unexcused absences, during the Alaska FFA Alumni year (Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting), from Council meetings may by three-fifths vote of the Council be removed from the Council. Prior notification to the president and submission of a written report may be considered as an excuse to be absent.

**ARTICLE VII: Meetings**

**Section I.** There shall be an Annual Meeting of the members of the Alaska FFA Alumni Association.

**Section II.** The Annual Meeting and other necessary meetings of the Alaska FFA Alumni Association shall be held at such a place and time as prescribed by the State FFA Alumni Council. The Annual Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Alaska State FFA Convention, unless otherwise decided by the Council.

**Section III.** Additional meetings may be called by the Alaska FFA Alumni Council.

**Section IV.** The minutes of the previous annual meeting will be published and given to each member at the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII: Committees**

**Section I.** The Alaska FFA Alumni will have the following committees:

- A. Finance
- B. Resolutions/Bylaws
- C. Membership, Affiliates, and Awards

**Section II.** These committees shall be served by a chairperson appointed by the Council President. The President shall appoint Alumni members to serve on each committee.

**Section III.** The Council has the authority to create special committees.

## **ARTICLE IX: Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

## **ARTICLE X: Amendments**

Amendments to the bylaws of the Alaska FFA Alumni Association may be adopted to fit the needs of the Association at any regular state meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such bylaws conflict in no way with the Constitution and bylaws of the National FFA Alumni Association, and are submitted thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting to the Alaska FFA Alumni President. The Council may take an advisory vote on each proposed amendment and inform the membership of the Council's position prior to the membership vote.

## **ARTICLE XI: Administration**

### **Section I. *Executive Officer***

The Alaska FFA Alumni President shall serve as the Executive Officer of the Association.

### **Section II. *Fiscal Year***

The fiscal year of the Alaska FFA Alumni Association shall be the calendar year.

### **Section III. *Location Of Office***

Localities of association's office shall be designated by the Council.

### **Section IV. *Official Address***

Official address of the Alaska FFA Alumni will be the mailing address of the President.

### **Section V. *Books And Records***

Any member or his/her representative, for a proper purpose, may examine the books and records of the Alaska FFA Alumni Association. A written notice stating the purpose of the examination must be delivered or sent to the Association ten (10) days prior to the examination.