

Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters

Constitution and Bylaws

Constitution

Article I. Name and Purpose

- Section A. The name of this organization shall be the "Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters". This organization is formed as a state affiliate with the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
- Section B. The purpose of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters will be:
1. To engage supporters of agricultural education, including former members and community leaders, to support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities, and agricultural education on the local, state, and national levels.
 2. To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and to support education in agriculture.
 3. To provide assistance to and cooperate with the Missouri FFA Association, local FFA Alumni Affiliates, and the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.

Article II. Organization

- Section A. The Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters may consist of chartered local affiliates organized on a school, county, other area, or corporate/business basis. Individual membership may also be directed to the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters when no local affiliate is in existence.
- Section B. Individual membership shall be open to all supporters of agricultural education.
- Section C. A local affiliate shall be eligible to be a chartered affiliate in good standing when:
1. It has at least 10 members;
 2. All chapter dues at the state and national level are paid.
 3. Its purposes or constitution and bylaws are in harmony with the Missouri and National FFA Alumni and Supporters;
 4. It has a designated alumni leader.
- Section D. When a local group becomes eligible to affiliate, it shall apply to the state association to be chartered as a local affiliate of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters. An application shall be supplied by the Executive Treasurer (Missouri FFA Association).

Article III. Membership

- Section A. If local affiliated chapter membership drops below ten (10) members, the chapter's charter will be suspended until 10 members are shown on their roster.
- Section B. The three types of individual memberships are: Associate, Annual, and Lifetime.
1. Associate Membership: Associate membership is a no cost national membership that is provided to potential members annually. Associate membership will entitle the member to quarterly information from the National FFA Alumni and Supporters. Associate members will not be included in any rebate or awards program. There will be a five year limit on the associate membership.

2. Annual Membership: Annual membership has an annual cost and dues must be paid for a full membership in the Missouri FFA Alumni and National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
3. Lifetime Membership: Lifetime membership has a one-time cost and dues must be paid for full membership in the Missouri FFA Alumni and National FFA Alumni and Supporters.

Article IV. Emblem

Section A. The FFA emblem with the words “National FFA” and “Alumni and Supporters” written to the right side shall serve as the emblem of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters.

Article V. Executive Body

Section A. The Executive Body of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.

Section B. The purpose of the Executive Body of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be:

1. To provide assistance and information to local alumni affiliates on starting, promoting, and encouraging growth and longevity of their chapters.
2. To review, report, and budget finances of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters.
3. To promote and provide information to alumni leaders and the general membership about opportunities and events of Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters through various forms of communication.
4. Work with National FFA Alumni and Supporters to submit state roster and required forms.
5. To serve as a point of contact for questions and information between National FFA Alumni and Supporters and the local affiliates.

Section C. The Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council shall consist of the following persons:

Official (voting) Members:

1. One representative from each of the six MVATA Districts.
2. Three Past State Officers of the Missouri FFA Association (rotating annually).
3. Past President of the Missouri Alumni and Supporters Association.
4. One member elected at large representing business or industry.

Ex-Officio (non-voting) Members:

1. One teacher educator in agriculture.
2. One teacher of agricultural education.
3. The current State FFA President.
4. The State FFA Advisor and State FFA Executive Treasurer.

Section D. All members of the Missouri FFA Alumni Council, with the exception of the current State FFA President and State FFA Advisor and Executive Treasurer, shall serve three year terms on a “staggered” basis.

Section E. The Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council shall elect annually a president, vice-president, and secretary, from the voting council membership.

- Section F. Duties/qualifications of positions:
1. President
 - a. The President will be the principal officer of the organization.
 - b. It will be the President's duty to preside at all meetings of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council, and the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters, and to carry out the general mission and objectives of the organization.
 - c. Creates agenda for meetings
 - d. Appoint chairman of all standing committees.
 2. Vice President
 - a. Should the President not be able or available to perform the assigned duties of that office, the Vice-President will assume the duties of that office until such time as the President is able to resume such duties or until the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council appoints a person to complete the unexpired term of office of the President.
 - b. The Vice-President will be an ex officio member of all committees, except for the nominating committee.
 3. Past President
 - a. The immediate Past President of the organization.
 - b. Chair the nominating committee
 - c. Handles social media and web presence.
 4. Secretary
 - a. The primary duties of the secretary shall be to keep an accurate record of minutes of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters annual meeting of the membership and meetings of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council
 - b. Handles correspondence with chapter alumni leaders and the general membership.
 5. DESE
 - a. Shall handle the roster for Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters chapters.
 - b. Shall handle the financial account for Missouri FFA and Supporters Alumni.
 - c. Shall provide a financial report to the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council and to the membership at the Missouri FFA Annual Alumni and Supporters meeting.
 - d. Complete annual fiscal report to National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
- Section G. A quorum shall consist of 50% + 1 member of the Executive Body voting members. A quorum must be achieved to conduct official business.
- Section H. The president shall serve as an official voting member of the State FFA Alumni and Supporters Council for a minimum of one year prior to his/her election to the office of president.
- Section I. The organizational finances shall be reviewed annually. The financial review and budget committee shall consist of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.
- Section J. The Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council shall meet at least two times each year. Additional meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council members upon petition to the secretary.
- Section K: The Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council shall select delegate(s) to represent the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters at National meetings and shall determine the amount of reimbursement for attendance at National FFA Alumni and Supporters meetings.

Article VI. Meetings

- Section A. The Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters shall meet annually. Additional meetings may be called by the president, or by a majority of the council members upon petition to the secretary.
- Section B: Each affiliate shall be entitled to two voting delegates.
- Section C: The minutes of the pervious annual meeting will be published and presented to the delegates when they register and thus will not need to be read at the annual meeting.
- Section D: A summarized financial review report will be presented at the annual meeting.
- Section E: A quorum will consist of 50% of the registered delegates.
- Section F: The rules contained in the current edition of Robert Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

Article VII. Dues

- Section A. The dues of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters organization shall be set by the alumni council; however, it may be changed by a majority vote of the members present at any statewide meeting called by the council.
- Section B. The dues of any local affiliate shall be determined by the local affiliate.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section A. Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters may be submitted by a local affiliate or by any active member and must be in writing and received by the secretary at least 60 days prior to the opening date of the next statewide meeting of the membership.

Section B. Proposed amendments will be reviewed by the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council and sent to the delegate body with one of the following three recommendations:

1. Recommend adoption
2. No recommendation
3. Do not recommend adoption

The amendments shall be submitted to the affiliates at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the annual meeting. Voting shall be at the annual meeting. A two-thirds vote of the registered voting delegates shall be necessary to adopt an amendment.

Bylaws

Article I.

Section A. These bylaws shall be considered a part of the Constitution of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters.

Article II. Location of the Principle Office

Section A. The principle-office of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be located at the office of the State FFA Advisor, unless another location is selected by a majority of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.

Article III. Procedure for Selection of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.

Section A. The Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council nominating committee shall propose a ballot of potential MVATA district candidates thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

Section B. One representative from each of the MVATA Districts shall be elected from within the district at the annual meeting. Each member in good standing (paid rostered member) shall be entitled to vote.

Section C. The teacher of agricultural education and the teacher educator shall be designated by the Missouri Vocational Agricultural Teacher's Association. Each must be a member of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters.

Section D. All voting council members, shall serve a three-year term, not more than one-third of whom may be elected in any one year. The method of rotation shall be determined by the Alumni Council members.

Section E. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council other than from expiration of their terms of office, the president may appoint, with the approval of the remaining Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council members, a person to fill the unexpired term of office.

Article IV. Duties of the Alumni Council

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

Article V. Time of the Meetings

Section A. The statewide meetings and other necessary meetings of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be held at such a place and time as may be prescribed by the State FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.

Article VI. Fiscal Year

Section A. The fiscal year of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters shall commence on the first day of August each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of July of the next year.

Section B. Financial records of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters may be inspected by any member at any reasonable time.

Article VII. Reports

Section A. An annual Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters report shall be submitted to the National FFA Alumni and Supporters Association at the completion of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters fiscal year on forms provided at its conclusion.

Section B. The financial review and budget committee shall complete a financial review and prepare a budget for the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters organization. The financial review and budget will be presented at the annual meeting.

Article VIII. Amendments to the Bylaws

Section A. Amendments to the bylaws of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters may be made as follows:

1. Proposed amendments may be submitted by a local affiliate or by any member in good standing and must be in writing and received 60 days prior to the opening date of the next statewide meeting of the membership.
2. Proposed amendments that have been approved for the submission by a majority of the alumni council shall be forwarded to the membership at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the next statewide meeting.
3. Voting will be during the membership meeting with the affirmation by two-thirds of voting delegates being necessary for adoption.

Article IX. Standing Committees

Section A. The following committees shall be considered standing committees for the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters organization:

1. Financial and Budget Review
2. Nominating
3. Alumni Convention
4. Membership/Resources
5. Awards

Section B. Committee chairs shall be members of the Missouri FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.

Section C. The responsibilities of the committees shall be:

1. Financial and Budget Review
 - a) See Bylaws Article VII, Section B.
2. Nominating
 - a) Each district shall be represented.
 - b) Each member shall identify two potential candidates from their district for the election ballot.
 - c) See Bylaws Article III, Section A.
3. Annual Meeting
 - a) Open to all members in good standing.
 - b) Set date, time, and secure location of annual meeting.
 - c) Plan program
 - d) Provide information to secretary and past president for publication and communication purposes.
4. Membership/Resources
 - a) Each district shall be represented.
 - b) Provide support for new and existing alumni chapters
 - c) Communicate with teachers on how to work with and manage community volunteers.
 - d) Manage Alumni's presence at Missouri State Fair and other fairs/festivals.
5. Awards
 - a) Open to all members in good standing
 - b) Manage WLC and Hagan scholarship applications, interviews, and award presentation.
 - i. Update application yearly
 - ii. Communicate with DESE staff on:
 - Updated application.
 - Promotion of scholarships to agricultural education teachers.
 - Times and locations for interviews
 - Scholarship recipients
 - c) Develop and manage Alumni chapter award programs.