

# **NORTH DAKOTA FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE**

### Section A:

The name of this organization shall be the North Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters. This organization is formed as a state affiliate with the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.

### Section B:

The purposes of the North Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters 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 agricultural education personnel to involve those interested in supporting worthy activities.
3. To promote greater knowledge of the agriculture industry and support education in agriculture.
4. To cooperate with the North Dakota FFA Association, local alumni affiliates and the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
5. To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.
6. To promote the mission of the FFA.

## **ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATION**

### Section A:

The North Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters may consist of chartered local affiliates organized on a school, county, or other area basis. Membership may also be direct when no local affiliate is in existence.

### Section B:

The North Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.

### Section C:

A local affiliate shall be eligible to become a chartered affiliate when (1) it has at least 10 members who have paid state and national dues; (2) its purposes or constitution and by-laws are in harmony with the North Dakota and National FFA Alumni and Supporters; and (3) it has a designated chair.

Section D:

When a local group becomes eligible to affiliate with the state and national levels, it must apply to the state association to be chartered as a local affiliate of the North Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters. (An application shall be supplied by the state secretary)

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Section A:

Voting membership shall be open to all former active, collegiate and honorary FFA or NFA members; present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members and others interested in the FFA upon payment of annual membership dues.

Section B:

Local affiliates may grant non-voting associate membership.

Section C:

Any group using the name "FFA Alumni" must affiliate and charter with the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.

### **ARTICLE IV: NORTH DAKOTA FFA ALUMNI EXECUTIVE BODY**

Section A:

The North Dakota FFA Alumni membership shall elect annually a president, vice-president, secretary/treasurer and reporter from the general membership. This election will take place during the Annual North Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters meeting in January.

Section B:

Duties of the Officers shall be consistent with those usually appertaining to these Positions. The Treasurers' book should be audited annually by a qualified person(s).

### **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

Section A:

The North Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters membership shall meet a minimum of two times per year, including a January annual meeting and an additional meeting set at the annual meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the president or by a majority of the executive body upon petition of the secretary.

Section B:

Three members from each local affiliate, in good standing with the ND FFA Alumni and Supporters are eligible to vote at all state meetings. Local and at-large affiliates may select their voting delegates as they choose.

## **ARTICLE VI: DUES**

### Section A:

The annual dues of the North Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be fixed by majority vote of members present at the annual meeting. State and national dues must be paid on a national membership year basis for all active FFA Alumni and Supporter members. No members shall be considered an active member in good standing unless full dues are paid.

### Section B:

All membership dues and local FFA Alumni rosters are to be completed and forwarded to the North Dakota FFA Alumni Secretary/Treasurer six weeks after the start of the national membership year.

## **ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS**

### Section A:

The Constitution of the North Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters may be amended at the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the constitution of the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.

### Section B:

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the North Dakota FFA Alumni and Supporters may be submitted by any active member and must be in writing and received by the secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. The secretary/treasurer must post the proposed amendment(s) thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

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