

# ***OREGON FFA ALUMNI & SUPPORTERS***

## ***CONSTITUTION***



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**ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS**

***Proposed March 20st, 2021***

***Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters Membership  
Business Meeting***

# Oregon FFA Alumni & Supporters Constitution

## ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

- A. The name of this organization of the National FFA Alumni shall be the Oregon FFA Alumni & Supporters.
- B. The purpose of the Oregon FFA Alumni & Supporters shall be:
1. ~~To support and promote the FFA Association. FFA activities and agricultural education on local, state, and national levels.~~  
To support and promote local alumni chapters and agricultural education instructors with FFA activities and agricultural education on local, state, and national levels.
  2. To provide a tie to the FFA and to assist FFA agricultural educational ~~personnel~~ by involving former members and interested persons in activities.
  3. To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support agriculture education ~~in agriculture.~~
  4. To support, promote and coordinate ~~cooperate~~ with the Oregon FFA Association & Foundation
  5. ~~To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.~~
  6. ~~To promote the personal development aspect of the FFA.~~

(Our main purpose is to support the local FFA Alumni and Supporter chapters throughout the state and to support and coordinate with the Association and Foundation)

## ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

- A. The Oregon FFA Alumni & Supporters ~~will~~ consist of local chapters ~~affiliates~~ organized on a school, county, or other basis.
- B. Local chapters ~~affiliates~~, when organized shall adopt a Constitution/Bylaws in harmony with the National and State Constitution/Bylaws. Individuals may affiliate directly with the Oregon FFA Alumni & Supporters ~~when~~ no local chapter ~~affiliate~~ is in existence. A local chapter ~~affiliate~~ shall be eligible to become chartered when:
1. It has a Constitution in harmony with the State and National FFA Alumni & Supporters Constitution/Bylaws.
  2. It has an executive group with a designated president, secretary and treasurer.
  3. It has paid state and national fees and meets all other National FFA Alumni & Supporters requirements.
  4. Has a minimum of 10 members. (THIS IS A NATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR CHARTERING A NEW CHAPTER. Annually when submitting your rosters nationals will not make you inactive if you roster less than 10 members.)
- C. The Oregon FFA Alumni & Supporters ~~and~~ local chapters ~~affiliates~~ are eligible to maintain affiliate status provided the requirements stated in ARTICLE II. Sections B of the Constitution are met.
- D. Any group using ~~the name~~ "FFA Alumni", "FFA Alumni and Supporters", or any form of "FFA" in their name or description of their organization must affiliate and charter with the National FFA Alumni ~~and Supporters Association~~ and the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters. Any changes or revisions made to the name National FFA Alumni and Supporters will automatically invoke the corresponding changes in the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters Constitution/Bylaws.
- E. Should the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters ~~ever~~ dissolve as an organization, all remaining funds will be made payable ~~to~~ and held by the Oregon FFA Foundation.

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## ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

### A. ~~Chapter~~ Affiliate Membership

1. ~~Chapter~~ Affiliate Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the future of agricultural education and the FFA and whose name appears on the roster of a recognized ~~chapter~~ affiliate of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters.
2. Each paid ~~chapter~~ Affiliate ~~may~~ shall have 2 voting delegates at the Annual Business Meeting.

### B. ~~Non Traditional Chapters~~ Industry Partners

**(A not traditional chapter is any group that forms that is not tied directly to a local school based FFA program. For instance, college-based Alumni Chapters)**

1. ~~Non Traditional Chapters~~ Industry Partners shall be open to any group or entity interested in the future of Agriculture Education and the FFA.
2. Each ~~paid Non-Traditional Chapter~~ Industry Partner ~~may~~ shall have 2 ~~4~~ voting delegates at the annual meeting. ~~Industry membership requires dues as determined by the Council.~~  
**(nontraditional chapters fall under the same dues and rostering requirements as a regular chapter)**

## ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM

- A. Description: The ~~FFA Emblem~~ gold emblem with the word "Alumni" below it shall serve as the emblem of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters. Any group or organization that uses the FFA Emblem in any form must affiliate with National FFA Alumni and Supporters and with Oregon Alumni and Supporters. Any changes or revisions made to the National FFA Alumni and Supporters emblem will automatically invoke the corresponding changes in this Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters Constitution/Bylaws. **(The old "Shield" Alumni logo has been replaced at the National level and is no longer recognized or supported)**

## ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BODY

- A. The executive body of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be named the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters Council.
- B. The Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters Council shall consist of 15 voting persons.
1. Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters President (formerly elected as President-Elect) and Past-President
  2. Four persons elected by the membership (Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter).
  3. Six Regional Vice Presidents. Division of the State responsibilities shall be defined by the Regional Vice Presidents at the first Organizational meeting following election.
  4. Oregon FFA Association Representative to be appointed by the Executive ~~Director~~/Secretary
  5. Oregon FFA Foundation Representative to be appointed by the ~~Executive Director~~ Oregon FFA Foundation Board of Directors
  6. Oregon Agriculture Teachers Association Representative Appointed by the Oregon Ag Teachers Officers.
  7. President, Past President and President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer shall make up the Executive Committee. **(We added the secretary and treasurer because they are an integral part of our team)**
  8. ~~Collegiate FFA Representative holds a seat on the council as an ex-officio member.~~ **(Deleted because Collegiate FFA no longer exists, they are now part of the Alumni and Supporters as a nontraditional chapter and with that they can run for office just like anyone else)**

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C. Terms of the office of the various members of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters Council shall be elected by the body at the FFA Alumni Annual Business Meeting for a two-year term on the schedule as follows:

President Elect - odd numbered years

Secretary - odd numbered years

Treasurer - even numbered years

Reporter - even numbered years

Three Regional Vice Presidents shall be elected each year (for a total of six Regional Vice Presidents at all times.) ~~No more than three Regional Vice Presidents shall be from one geographic section as defined by the Oregon FFA.~~ **(we have had a difficult time is getting volunteers in certain areas of the state. This does not mean that we will not continue to recruit members from all areas of the state. By making this change it allows us to fill a vacancy if we have members that are willing to serve. Otherwise it would mean that we possibly run with a vacant position because we had too many of those that want to run and are from a certain area. During elections if we have candidates that would geographically represent a certain area then it would be up to the delegate body to elect the best person for that position. This past year and for the coming year the VP's come from five different districts as defined by Oregon FFA)**

~~Collegiate and Oregon Agriculture Teacher Association representatives—odd numbered years~~

D. The President Elect term will be two years and then move into the President position for two years, then serve a two-year term as Past President.

E. Qualifications for the President Elect position, candidates must be a current Oregon FFA Alumni and supporters Council member with a minimum of two current years of council service. **(This helps ensure that we have continuity in our council leadership)**

F. In such cases that the President of Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters cannot fulfill their term the Past President would step in and fulfill the remaining term.

## ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

A. The Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters Council shall meet at least four times each year. Additional meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Council members upon petition to the Council.

B. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters. Additional membership meetings may be called by the Oregon FFA Alumni Council.

C. For the purpose of conducting an official meeting of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters Council, a quorum shall consist of 50% of council members plus 1.

D. Under special circumstances the President or Executive Committee may call for a teleconference meeting where motions and voting are acceptable. Such meetings are not exempt to quorum qualifications as stated above.

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## ARTICLE VII. DUES

- A. The annual ~~chapter-affiliate~~, State Life Membership, and ~~nontraditional chapter Industry Partner~~ dues of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters shall be recommended by the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters Council and fixed by majority vote of the ~~delegates~~ ~~members~~ present at the annual meeting.
- B. ~~A National "Life Membership" class of dues is established at the National level.~~ (this is not something we have any control over at the state level and thus we do not feel it belongs in our constitution)

## ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments to the Constitution/Bylaws of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters must be made as follows.
  - 1. Proposed amendments may be submitted by a local ~~chapters~~ ~~affiliate~~ or by a member in good standing and must be in writing and received by the President (ninety) 90 days prior to the opening of the Annual Meeting.
  - 2. Proposed amendments that have been approved for submission by a two-thirds majority vote of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters Council shall be voted on at the annual meeting. Copies of proposed changes must be ~~communicated~~ ~~mailed~~ to members at least (thirty) 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (with so many members it is cost prohibitive to use regular ground mail to send out notifications to every member. We have been utilizing E-mail for the past few years to mail out notifications to Alumni and Supporter members. With the availability to add additional forms of technology this communication can take place in a much faster and more efficient manner)
  - 3. Voting shall be at the Annual Meeting with affirmation by two-thirds of the delegates present being necessary for adoption.

This document read and adopted by the membership of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters at the Annual Business Meeting on ~~March 26, 2017~~ March 20, 2021 does hereby abolish and supersede all previous Constitutions of the Oregon FFA Alumni and Supporters.

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Oregon FFA Alumni President March 20, 2021  
Date

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Oregon FFA Alumni Secretary March 20, 2020  
Date