



**CONSTITUTION
NORTHWEST DISTRICT
OF THE IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION**

**Revised and Amended at the 2018 Northwest District Convention
March 3, 2018**

ARTICLE I. Name and General Outline

- A. The name of the organization will be the Northwest District of the Iowa Association of the FFA.
- B. The words Future Farmers of America and/or National FFA Organization or the letters FFA may be officially used to designate the association, the chapters, and its members.
- C. This organization accepts in full the provisions of the state constitution and bylaws of the Iowa FFA Association.

ARTICLE II. Officers

- A. The officers of the Northwest District of the Iowa FFA Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor.
- B. These officers shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices according to the Official FFA Manual and shall constitute the executive committee of the Northwest District FFA.
- C. All vacancies of district officers shall be appointed by the Northwest District Executive Committee.
- D. All district officers, except the State Vice-President, must hold at least the Chapter FFA Degree, be active members, and serve as a district officer while enrolled in high school.

ARTICLE III. Elections

- A. The number of applications per chapter to the district nominating committee shall be limited to four, with a maximum of two applicants from the same chapter to be balloted.
- B. Applications for office must be submitted to the district advisor at a time designated in advance of the district convention.
- C. A nominating committee at the district convention shall review the qualifications of eligible candidates who have submitted their applications and nominate two candidates for each office.
- D. District officers shall be elected annually by a combination of 2/5 the nominating committee score and 3/5 of a majority vote of the district delegates present, providing a majority of the active chapters are present.



ARTICLE IV. Meetings and Conventions

- A. A district convention shall be held annually. The time and place shall be decided by the district advisor and should be held at least 30 days prior to the state convention with regard to guidelines set forth by the State FFA Advisor.
- B. Each chapter is entitled to trro delegates of active membership to the convention to represent the chapter.
- C. The district will conduct its sessions according to Robet’s Rules of Order and the Official FFA Manual

ARTICLE V. Expenses

- A. Mileage will be paid only for required district functions (ie. District Camp, district meetings, district judging, district convention, Greenhand camp, etc.)
- B. The mileage rate will be established by the district executive committee.
- C. Other expenses for the district officers for the function of their office will be paid (i.e. telephone calls, postage and printing expenses with verification of expenses upon request by the executive committee.) Any other expenses must have pre-approval by the executive committee before purchase.
- D. The district treasurer’s book for the year will be closed for the previous year by March 31 with a balance of at least \$500.00
- E. If at the end of the year some bills cannot be paid after leaving \$500.00 in the district account, then the district officers will be paid mileage proportional to available funds.

ARTICLE VI. Dues

- A. Dues will remain at the current level unless a change is recommended by the district officers and approved by a majority vote of the delegates at the annual district convention.
- B. Any chapter not paying dues before or on the day of district convention will be ineligible to participate in in any district-sponsored events.

ARTICLE VII. Assessments

- A. Special assessments approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the chapters in the district shall be made to each chapter.
- B. Assessments will be due upon request by the district treasurer.
- C. Chapters not paying assessments will be ineligible to participate in district-sponsored events.

ARTICLE VIII District Events

- A. Proficiency Awards are due at the date and time set prior to the district convention by the district advisor. No late applications will be accepted.
- B. All proficiency awards, books, and officer applications must meet state requirements.



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ARTICLE IX. Amendments

- A. Amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in written form to the district secretary at least one month prior to the annual meeting.
- B. A two-thirds vote of all chapter delegates is necessary for adoption.
- C. The amendment must not conflict with the state or national constitutions.

BYLAWS

- I. Dues will be \$30.00 per chapter
- II. Mileage will be paid at the rate of 19 cents per mile
- III. Additional Bylaws may be added and revision made by the district executive committee