

Constitution & By-Laws

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the association is the Iowa FFA Association and it is affiliated with the National FFA Organization. However, the letters "FFA" and/or the words "Future Farmers of America" may be officially used to designate the association, its chapters or members thereof.

ARTICLE II. AIMS AND ACTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The objects and purposes of the Iowa FFA Association are set forth in Section 3 of the National FFA Organization's Charter, Public Law 105-225 (formerly 81-740). The Iowa FFA Association shall cooperate with National and State governing agencies and officials for vocational education in accomplishing these objects and purposes and the following aims and activities, which the governing body has determined, pursuant to Section 3(8) of the organization's Charter, to be appropriate aims and activities within the framework of objects and purposes established by the organization's Charter:

1. To be an integral part of the organized instructional programs in Agricultural Education which includes preparation for occupations in production agriculture; agricultural supplies and services; agricultural mechanization; agricultural products, processing and marketing; horticulture; renewable natural resources, forestry and others; representing those programs that qualify for assistance under federal vocational education legislation.
2. To build the confidence of students in themselves and their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective use of their time by learning to assume responsibilities and by developing personal and occupational competencies in communications, human relations and social abilities leading to intelligent choices of careers and successful employment in agriculture.
3. To foster programs and activities which will develop leadership, character, scholarship and occupational pride, training for useful citizenship, patriotism, thrift and the improvement in community life by encouraging members to improve the home and its surroundings and to develop and improve the community, including its economic, environmental and human resources.

4. To recognize achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership and other individual and group achievements by providing awards to deserving members.

ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION

SECTION A. The Iowa FFA Association is the State Association of, by and for students of Agricultural Education programs. It shall consist of chartered chapters. More than one chapter may be chartered in a school when deemed appropriate by the State Executive Committee. The Iowa FFA Association is affiliated with the National FFA Organization and accepts the provisions of its constitutions and by-laws.

SECTION B. Active chapters of the FFA for students enrolled in public secondary school programs shall be chartered only in such schools where recognized systematic instruction in Agriculture Education is offered under the provisions of the federal vocational education legislation.

Such chapters shall operate as an integral part of the instructional program of Agricultural Education under the responsibility of the local school system.

Schools with large enrollments and/or multiple programs in agricultural education may establish subsidiary chapters of the parent chapter. Each subsidiary chapter shall be organized and operated in accordance with all the provisions of the national, state and chapter constitutions. Subsidiary chapters shall be coordinated by the officers and advisors of the parent chapter.

SECTION C. Collegiate chapters may be chartered by the Iowa FFA Association in two or four year postsecondary institutions where agricultural courses are taught.

Each chartered collegiate chapter may adopt a constitution which shall not conflict with that of the national organization or the Iowa FFA Association, elect officers, and establish a Program of Activities.

Collegiate chapter members shall pay state and national dues.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Membership in this organization shall be of four kinds: (1) Active; (2) Alumni; (3) Collegiate; and (4) Honorary. The FFA is an equal opportunity-affirmative action organization and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicapping conditions or national origin including limited English proficiency.

SECTION B. "Active Membership"--Any student who is regularly enrolled in Agricultural Education is entitled to become an active member of the chartered FFA chapter affiliated with the school district where the student receives Agricultural Education instruction. The agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor shall be the same person.

To become an active member and retain membership, a student must:

1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study; either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Pay all current state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the national FFA Organization.

A member may retain active membership until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduation from high school.

A member in good standing at the time of induction into the armed forces of the United States of America or into the FFA international program shall be in good standing during the period of active service without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces or FFA international program shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of four conventions following graduation from high school or leaving high school. Members using this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees of membership must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from military service or completing their FFA international program and indicate such a desire by paying dues and attending meetings. Members participating in a six-month armed services program or participation in the FFA international program for six months shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No individual may retain active membership beyond his or her twenty-third birthday.

SECTION C. "Alumni Membership"--Membership shall be open to former active FFA members, collegiate or honorary FFA members, present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members and others interested in and supportive of the FFA.

SECTION D. "Collegiate Membership" - - Collegiate membership shall be open to students who are enrolled in agricultural courses or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture at a two- or four-year institution having a collegiate FFA chapter.

SECTION E. "Honorary Membership" --Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, business people and others who are helping to advance Agricultural Education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or convention.

Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree in the individual chapter, Honorary State FFA Degree in the Iowa FFA Association and the Honorary American FFA Degree in the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE V. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DEGREES AND PRIVILEGES

SECTION A. There shall be five degrees of active membership based upon achievement. These are: (1) Discovery FFA; (2) Greenhand FFA; (3) Chapter FFA; (4) Iowa FFA; and (5) American FFA. The national organization shall set the minimum qualifications for each degree.

SECTION B. Discovery Degree

1. Minimum qualifications for election.

(On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Discovery Degree may be conferred by the Chapter.)

- a) Be enrolled in agricultural education class for at least a portion of the school year while in grades 7-8.
 - b) Have become a dues paying member of the FFA at local, state and national levels.
 - c) Participate in at least one local FFA chapter activity outside of scheduled class time.
 - d) Have knowledge of agriculturally related career, ownership and entrepreneurial opportunities.
 - e) Be familiar with the local FFA chapter program of activities.
 - f) Submit written application for the degree.
2. The chapter executive committee shall determine when students have met the qualifications for election.
3. Those persons elected to the Degree shall be initiated at a regular or special chapter meeting with the regular ceremony for this degree.

SECTION C. Greenhand Degree

1. Minimum qualifications for election.

(On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Greenhand Degree may be conferred by the Chapter.)

- a) Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
- b) Learn and explain the FFA Creed, Motto and Salute.

- c) Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
 - d) Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
 - e) Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter Program of Activities.
 - f) Personally own or have access to the official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
 - g) Submit written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. The chapter executive committee shall determine when students have met the qualifications for election.
 3. Those persons elected to the Degree shall be initiated at a regular or special chapter meeting with the regular ceremony for this degree.

SECTION D. Chapter FFA Degree

1. Minimum qualifications for election:
(On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Chapter FFA Degree may be conferred by the chapter.)
 - a) Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
 - b) Must have satisfactorily completed at least 180 hours of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program and be enrolled in an agricultural education course.
 - c) Have satisfactory knowledge of the local constitution and have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
 - d) A student after entering agricultural education must have 1.) earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member's own efforts or 2.) worked at least forty-five hours in excess of scheduled class time, or 3.) a combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
 - e) Have participated in at least 10 additional, unduplicated hours of community service activities.
 - f) Have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.

- g) Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
 - h) Show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
 - i) Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
 - j) Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.
 - k) Meet other requirements as established by the chapter and/or State Association.
2. The chapter executive committee shall determine when candidates for the degree have met the above qualifications.
 3. Those persons elected to the Degree shall be initiated at a regular or special chapter meeting with the regular ceremony for this degree.

SECTION E. Iowa FFA Degree

1. Minimum qualifications for election:

(On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Iowa FFA Degree may be conferred by the Iowa Association.)

- a) Have received the Chapter FFA Degree and have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the Iowa FFA Degree.
- b) While in school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in Agriculture Education of above the ninth grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience program.
- c) A student after entering agricultural education must have: 1.) earned and productively invested at least \$1,500, or 2.) worked at least 375 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or 3.) a combination thereof, in a supervised agricultural experience program.
- d) Have participated in at least 25 additional, unduplicated hours of community service activities within at least two different community service activities.
- e) Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - i) Performing ten procedures of parliamentary law.
 - ii) Giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA.
 - iii) Serving as an officer, committee chairperson, or a participating member of a chapter committee.
- f) Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor and the principal or superintendent.
- g) Have participated in the planning and completion of chapter Program of Activities.

- h) Have participated in at least five approved FFA activities above the chapter level.
 - i) Meet other requirements as established by the Iowa FFA Association.
2. Each chapter is allowed to submit all of its qualified candidates for the Iowa FFA Degree.
 3. Written records of achievement compiled on official Iowa FFA Degree application forms and verified by the chapter advisor shall be submitted by the chapter executive committee to the State Executive Secretary/Treasurer on or before February 1, prior to the Annual State FFA Leadership Conference.
 4. A committee of the state president (and designees), the president and president-elect of the Iowa Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, and the state executive secretary/treasurer, and/or his or her designee will then review the applications and submit its recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will nominate at the annual State Conference all qualified candidates. The delegates shall then proceed to elect the candidates to the Iowa FFA Degree.

SECTION F. American FFA Degree

1. Minimum qualifications for election:

The Iowa FFA Association accepts the minimum qualifications designated by the national organization for election. (On meeting the following qualifications, the American FFA Degree may be conferred by the National Organization.)

- a) Have received the State FFA Degree and have been an active member for the past three years (36 months), and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the chapter and Iowa FFA Association.
- b) Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in a agricultural education program, or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the school last attended, have graduated from high school at least 12 months prior to the national convention at which the degree is to be granted, and have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program through which a member has exhibited comprehensive planning, managerial and financial expertise.
- c) A student after entering agricultural education must have: 1.) earned at least \$10,000 and productively invested at least \$7,500 or 2.) have earned and productively invested at least \$2,000 and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours, times a factor of 3.56 plus actual dollars earned and productively invested must be equal to, or greater than the number \$10,000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.

- d) Have participated in at least 50 additional, unduplicated hours of community service within at least three different community service activities and have achieved a scholastic record of "C" or better certified by the superintendent or principal.
2. Each chapter is allowed to submit all of its qualified candidates for the American FFA Degree.
3. The Iowa FFA Association may submit annually all of the applications from those American FFA Degree candidates who meet the minimum requirements.
4. The Iowa FFA Association is allowed to submit its most qualified candidates for the American FFA Degree, regardless of whether they are in Agricultural Production or Agribusiness.
5. Written records of achievement compiled on the official American FFA Degree application forms and verified by the chapter advisor shall be submitted by the chapter executive committee to the State Advisor on or before March 1 prior to the State FFA Leadership Conference.
6. A committee consisting of the state FFA Alumni president, (past) president of the Iowa Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, and the state advisor, will then review the records and submit its recommendations for the degree to the national organization.

ARTICLE VI. EMBLEM

SECTION A. The official emblem of the National FFA Organization shall include five symbols, namely: the plow, representing labor and tillage of the soil; the owl, representing wisdom; the rising sun, representing progress; a cross-section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests; and an American eagle surmounting the cross-section of the ear or corn, representing the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also include the letters "FFA," and the words "Agricultural Education."

SECTION B. The emblem shall be uniform in the Iowa FFA Association and recognized units thereof. All members shall be entitled to display the emblem.

SECTION C. Greenhand FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official bronze emblem pin; Chapter FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official silver emblem pin; State FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem charm; and American FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem key.

SECTION D. Honorary Chapter FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear either the official silver or gold emblem pin; Honorary State FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem charm; and Honorary American FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem key.

SECTION E. Collegiate FFA chapter members and FFA advisors shall be entitled to wear the official gold owl pin.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

SECTION A. The officers of the Iowa FFA Association shall be president, six vice-presidents, secretary, reporter, executive secretary/treasurer and Advisor.

The officers of the Iowa FFA Association shall be elected annually by ballot by a majority vote of the delegates present at the regular state meeting except that the State Advisor shall be a state consultant for agricultural education and the state executive secretary/treasurer shall be named by the state advisor and approved by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. All elected state officers must have attained the Iowa FFA Degree.

A nominating committee shall study and review the qualifications of all eligible candidates for the state office, report to the delegates during the annual State Conference and nominate the selected candidates. Other nominations for officers may be submitted by the delegates if the candidate went through the nominating committee process.

The president, secretary, and reporter shall be elected by a combination of 3/5 the nominating committee score and 2/5 of the vote of the delegates at large. The election of the vice-presidents shall be by a combination of 3/5 the nominating committee score and 2/5 of the vote of the delegates from respective districts and shall follow a seniority cycle starting for the year 1940-41 with the first vice-president from the Southwest District, followed by the Southeast, North Central, South Central, Northwest and Northeast districts, respectively.

The newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the close of the Conference at which they are elected.

In case the office of president becomes vacant, the first vice-president shall assume the duties followed in turn by the other vice-presidents in order.

Vacancies in other state offices which occur during the interim between conventions may or may not be filled at the discretion of the executive committee.

SECTION B. The state vice-president for each district shall serve as the district president. Other district officers may include vice-president, secretary and reporter.

District officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular district meeting with the majority of the active chapters in the district present. Two delegates shall be representatives of each chapter at the delegate session.

The newly elected district officers shall assume their duties at the close of the district meeting at which they were elected.

All district officers, except the state vice-president for the district, must hold at least the Chapter FFA degree, be active members and be elected in their sophomore and/or junior year of high school.

SECTION C. Chapter officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Advisor. Other officers may be designated if desired. They shall be elected annually or semiannually at a regular meeting of the chapter from among the members enrolled in high school agriculture education classes and after a chapter has been organized for a year or longer who have attained the rank of Chapter FFA Degree recipient. The chapter advisor shall be the instructor of Agricultural Education.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

SECTION A. The State Conference shall be held annually. The time and place shall be set by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and should be held at least 45 days prior to the National Convention of the FFA.

SECTION B. Each chapter shall be entitled to send two official delegates from the active membership to the state conference.

SECTION C. Chapters shall hold meetings monthly or more often throughout the calendar year and at such times and places as may be decided upon by the executive committee of the chapter.

ARTICLE IX. DUES

SECTION A. Annual membership dues in the Iowa FFA Association shall be fixed by the executive committee on the basis of an annual budget subject to the approval of a majority of the delegates present at the annual state conference. These dues may be met by individual members or by chapters, as the chapters elect. State and national dues shall be collected from active and collegiate members.

SECTION B. Chapter dues shall be fixed by the chapter executive committee subject to approval by the majority vote of the chapter membership.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

SECTION A. Proposed amendments to the state constitution shall be submitted in writing by authorized representatives of local chapters to the state executive committee. These proposed amendments must be reviewed by the state executive committee. The state executive committee shall in turn submit these amendments to the delegates at each of the six district conferences prior to the state conference in which the amendment shall be voted on. The amendment shall be presented in the district conference with the recommendations of the state executive committee. Other proposed amendments may originate from within the state executive committee. Amendments may be adopted or revision made in the state constitution at any state conference by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

SECTION B. By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of the Iowa FFA Association provided they are not in conflict with the national constitution.

By-Laws

Article I. Duties of State Officers and State Staff

- A. The President. It shall be the duty of the president to preside over state conferences of the Iowa FFA Association, the FFA and over all meetings of the state executive committee. The president shall call special meetings of the executive committee when requested to do so by a majority of that group. The president shall call one state conference each year on such a date and at such place as shall be fixed by a majority vote of the executive committee. The president shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex- officio member of these committees.
- B. Vice Presidents. It shall be the duty of the vice-presidents, acting under the direction of the president, to look after the welfare of the FFA and preside over meetings in their respective districts.
- C. The Secretary. The secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, such as keeping an accurate record of the sessions of the state conference of the Iowa FFA Association and of the meetings of the state executive committee, one copy of which shall be given to the state advisor for the permanent files and one copy kept in the secretary's own files. The secretary shall perform such other duties as directed to perform by the executive committee.
- D. The Reporter. The reporter shall secure information from chapter reporters, advisors and members of FFA activities and accomplishments from within the state for distribution to all chapters. The reporter shall serve as editor of the FFA news bulletin and, as directed by the executive committee, assist in acquainting members and others with the purposes and progress of the Iowa FFA Association.
- E. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall provide for the training of state FFA officers, provide leadership, and coordinate state officer activities; shall keep all permanent records of the organization and shall see that adequate reports of the activities of the Iowa FFA Association are forwarded to the National Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall receive all funds of the organization and disburse them with the approval of the advisor and keep an accurate record of all receipts, bank deposits and disbursements. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall submit annually a financial statement of the Iowa FFA Association and a budget of proposed expenditures, furnish complete financial records to be reviewed by the auditing committee, and furnish a suitable bond, the amount to be fixed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall serve as publicity coordinator for the organization and perform other such duties as directed by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and serve as an ex-officio member of the FFA Board of Directors.
- F. The Advisor. The advisor is an ex-officio member of all committees. It is the advisor's duty to advise with the Executive Committee, other committees and delegates on matters of policy

and assist the state officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs. The advisor shall keep all permanent records of the organization and shall see that adequate reports of the activities of the Iowa FFA Association are forwarded to the national executive secretary. The advisor shall approve petitions for local charters, perform such other duties as directed by the executive committee, and serve as publicity coordinator for the organization.

Article II. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be the State FFA Officers. The Executive Committee shall have joint control over the organization with the board of directors, subject only to such regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the Iowa FFA Association.

Article III. Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors composed of representatives from various groups in Iowa that have a vested interest in agricultural education. Membership for the Board of Directors should be as follows:

Voting Members:

1. Iowa FFA Alumni Association President – One year term
2. Iowa Association of Agricultural Educators (IAAE) Representative – Three year term starting in 2010
3. One chapter advisor from each of the supervisory districts in the state serving the following three year terms:
 - a. Southwest and Northeast – Starting in 2010
 - b. South Central and Northwest – Starting in 2011
 - c. Southeast and North Central – Starting in 2012
4. A chairperson will be nominated by the state advisor and elected by the Board of Directors at the December meeting every other year starting in 2010. No more than 2 persons may be nominated for the position of Chairperson. The advisor nominated must have served at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors. The advisor does not have to be currently a Board of Directors member but if a current member is elected then the advisor serving as chair must select a replacement to represent their district for the remainder of their term. The term for chairperson will be for two years and run from January through December. A chairperson shall not serve consecutive terms.
5. The IAAE Representative and chapter advisors may not serve consecutive terms.

Non-Voting Members:

1. Iowa FFA Association Executive Secretary/Treasurer
2. Iowa FFA Association Advisor
3. Iowa FFA Foundation Executive Director
4. Chairperson or designated representative of the department of agricultural education at the designated teacher education institution.
5. One school administrator – Three year term starting in 2012
6. One representative from business and industry – Three year term starting in 2011
7. Past State FFA President or their designee from the previous year – One year term

The Board of Directors shall cooperate with and provide guidance to the state Executive Committee on the administrative direction and supervision of the Iowa FFA Association and shall possess joint power of approval with the Executive Committee.

Article IV. Committees

The president of the Iowa FFA Association shall appoint three committees annually: the Nominating Committee, the Auditing Committee and the Program of Activities Committee. Other committees may be appointed as necessary.

The Nominating Committee shall study and review the qualifications of all eligible candidates for state offices. This committee shall report to the delegates during the annual state conference.

The Auditing Committee shall review the financial records of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

The Program of Activities Committee shall set up the annual objectives and goals of the Iowa FFA Association and suggest ways and means of attaining them.

Article V. Reports to be made to the Iowa FFA Association by chapters.

- A. Membership Report showing the names of active members, their addresses, degrees and offices held and the names of the honorary members. -
- B. The Annual Program of Activities adopted by the chapter for the year.
- C. An Annual Chapter Report on forms provided by the Iowa FFA Association, including amendments to the constitution and by-laws during the year.
- D. Supervised Agricultural Experience Annual Summary shall be submitted as a part of the Annual Chapter Report.

Article VI. Procedure for billing and collection of dues and fees.

- A. FFA Chapters will be invoiced for dues and fees based on the previous membership year-end total for the respective chapter.
- B. FFA Chapters enrolled in affiliation dues will be invoiced for National FFA dues in accordance to National FFA policies and procedures.
- C. New FFA Chapters will be invoiced for dues and fees upon completion and submission of their initial roster in accordance with Iowa FFA Association Board Policies. A new FFA Chapter is defined as one of the following:
 - 1. A newly chartered FFA Chapter.

2. An FFA Chapter that was inactive the previous year (0 members on the roster the previous year).
 3. An FFA Chapter that is the result of two or more chapters merging from the previous school year due to school districts whole grade sharing or consolidating.
 4. Other unique situations as determined by state staff.
- D. The following exceptions will be in place for three (3) year memberships in existence during the 2015-16 school year. This applies only to three (3) year memberships in existence during the 2015-16 school year:
1. FFA Chapters will not be invoiced for three (3) year memberships initiated in the 2015-16 school year for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.
 2. FFA Chapters will not be invoiced for three (3) year memberships initiated in the 2014-15 school year for the 2016-17 school year.
- E. The following exceptions will be in place for four (4) year memberships in existence during the 2015-16 school year. This applies only to four (4) year memberships in existence during the 2015-16 school year:
1. FFA Chapters will not be invoiced for four (4) year memberships initiated in the 2015-16 school year for the 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 school years.
 2. FFA Chapters will not be invoiced for four (4) year memberships initiated in the 2014-15 school year for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.
 3. FFA Chapters will not be invoiced for four (4) year memberships initiated in the 2013-14 school year for the 2016-17 school year.

Article VII. Procedure of determining standing of chapters and members

A chapter shall be considered in good standing with the Iowa Association when the following conditions are met.

- A. All current state and national dues paid into the state treasury by the date specified by the executive committee.
- B. All reports submitted to the Iowa FFA Association as requested.
- C. Local constitution not in conflict with the state constitution or any of its provisions.
- D. No chapter shall have less than ten (10) active members. An active member shall be considered in good standing when: (1) the student attends chapter meetings with reasonable regularity, (2) shows an interest in and takes part in the affairs of the chapter and (3) pays dues regularly.

It shall be the duty of the advisor to report the standing of each chapter to the board of directors committee at the annual conference. In case any chapter is not in good standing prior to the state convention, delegates shall have the power upon recommendation of the state board of directors to withdraw or suspend the charter and to refuse these chapters the regular privileges

enjoyed by chapters in good standing. By meeting the requirements for good standing, a chapter may be reinstated by action of the board of directors at any time.

In case a department of Agricultural Education in which a chartered chapter of FFA is located is discontinued, the chapter so involved may be permitted to operate officially for a period not to exceed 24 months from date of the discontinuance of the department in the school concerned, providing proper supervision and guidance can be given to the chapter work by a member of a school faculty having the approval of the State Advisor. Chapter charters must be surrendered to the State Advisor at the end of the 24-month period indicated if Agricultural Education is not in operation again at that time.

Whenever this constitution is found to be in conflict with state law, the executive committee is empowered to make adjustments found necessary to the end that no chapter or member be barred from the enjoyment of their rights and privileges.

Article VIII. Procedure of issuing charters to chapters

Any public school or schools wishing to affiliate with this organization shall meet the following requirements upon receipt of a charter, the chapter and the members thereof will be recognized as members of the Iowa FFA Association.

- A. Have a minimum active membership equal to 50% of the enrollment in high school Agricultural Education classes and in any chapter, no less than ten active members.
- B. Accept the state constitution.
- C. Adopt its own constitution and have it approved by the state advisor.
- D. Set up a program of activities for the first year which has the approval of the state advisor.
- E. Pay the state and national dues of its active membership.
- F. Furnish a list of the names and addresses of charter members and names of all proposed officers.
- G. Pay the cost and engrossing of the chapter charter.

A charter shall be granted by the Iowa FFA Association upon such application, the state president and secretary shall sign this charter.