

2025 State Delegate Item of Business

Nebraska FFA By-Laws Proposed Changes

The Nebraska FFA Board of Directors periodically reviews the State By-Laws to ensure that they are up to date. After a comprehensive review, there are a series of proposed updates/changes that fall into two categories:

Updates to meet current practices

Grammar/spelling corrections

This document is a summary of all proposed changes for delegates to review and take action on at the 2025 Official Delegate Business Session. The changes are outlined by Article/Section number and highlights the change/revision and the rationale for the change.

The [Nebraska FFA By-Laws document](#) is the current version, if you would like to review the entire document.

All of the revisions will be proposed as ONE item of business to vote on by the delegate body.

Article V, Section 3 Local FFA Chapters

Proposed addition/change

Add sentence about homeschool eligibility and delete word "local"

"Local FFA chapters affiliated with the Association shall be established only in those schools within the State of Nebraska which provide systemic instruction in agricultural education and which comply with the plans and policies adopted by the Nebraska Department of Education. A local FFA chapter must have a Nebraska certified agriculture-endorsed teacher and meet minimum program qualifications as outlined by Nebraska Department of Education to remain active. *Exempt schools operating as homeschools under Rule 13 may apply for an exception under this section.* Each local FFA chapter shall operate as an integral part of the instruction program of agricultural education provided by the applicable ~~local~~ school system."

Rationale

Adding the sentence about exempt schools under Rule 13 allows eligible home school chapters to be fully recognized as Nebraska FFA chapters.

Eliminating "local" also supports home school chapters

Article V, Section 5. Issuance of Charters

Proposed addition/change

Change line (c) to from dues to fees.

“Full payment of applicable State and National ~~dues~~ fees;”

Rationale

Changing term allows Nebraska to be ready to transition to affiliate membership

Article V, Section 6. Chapters in Good/Bad Standing

Proposed addition/change

Change part (a) from dues to fees.

“The Association receives full payment for all State and National ~~dues~~ fees;”

Rationale

Changing term allows Nebraska to be ready to transition to affiliate membership

Article VI, Section 2. Active Membership

Proposed addition/change

Delete line (c)

~~“Pay all current local, state, and national dues in a timely manner.”~~

Rationale

Deleting line allows Nebraska to be ready to transition to affiliate membership

Article VI, Section 3. Degrees of Active Membership

Proposed addition/change

Grammatical corrections

“The Nebraska State FFA Degree requirements will be established by the following process: FFA Board of Directors provides recommendations to Delegates at the annual State

FFA Convention and Delegates vote on recommendations. Any proposed changes to state FFA Degree requirements must start through the FFA Board of Directors and follow the outlined process.”

Rationale

Make paragraph grammatically correct

Article VI, Section 4. Service in Armed Forces**Proposed addition/change**

Delete the following statement/sentences:

“An active member who is in good standing at the time of induction into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during his or her period of active service without ~~further payment of dues or~~ attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of four national conventions following the member’s graduation from high school or leaving high school. In order to maintain active membership and apply for advanced degrees of membership, members serving in the armed forces must resume active participation (~~paying all applicable dues in a timely manner and attending meetings~~) within six months after having been honorably discharged from military service. Members participating in a six-month Armed Services program shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No individual, however, may retain active membership beyond his or her 23rd birthday.”

Rationale

Changing term allows Nebraska to be ready to transition to affiliate membership

Article VII, Section 3. Nominating Committee**Proposed addition/change**

Delete sentence

“The Nominating Committee shall consist of nine to eleven members representing the following: active members of local FFA chapters; past State FFA officers; alumni members of the Association or of a local Nebraska FFA chapter; adult advisors representing agricultural education and/or agricultural business and industry in the State of Nebraska. ~~The Nebraska FFA Board of Directors shall approve the Chair of the Nominating Committee.~~”

Rationale

Updates to current practice

Article VII, Section 11. State FFA Executive Committee

Proposed addition/change

Delete the following title; add new title description; and correct spelling

“The State FFA Executive Committee shall consist of the State FFA Advisor, ~~State FFA Officer Manager~~, Director of Agricultural Education, ~~consultant members of the Agricultural Education Section of the Nebraska Department of Education~~, and the State FFA Officers. The members of said committee shall be responsible for carrying out the day-to-day operations of the ~~Associaiton~~ ~~Association~~ in a manner which is consistent with these Bylaws and all resolutions and policies adopted by the Board of Directors.”

Rationale

Deletion and addition of titles updates to existing practice and updates correct spelling of Association

Article VIII, Section 1. Composition of Board

Proposed addition/change

Delete statement in (b) and add statement in (d)

“(b) A current representative of the State FFA Officer team, ~~as appointed by the State FFA Officer Manager~~ shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member of the board.

(d) ~~Consultant members of the Agricultural Education Section of the Nebraska Department of Education~~, who shall serve as non-voting ex officio members of the Board.”

Rationale

Updates to current practice

Article VIII, Section 2. Responsibilities

Proposed addition/change

Change title from State FFA Officer Manager to consultant members

“(iii) providing advice and direction to the State FFA Advisor, ~~State FFA Officer Manager~~, consultant members of the Agricultural Education Section of the Nebraska Department of Education, and Director of Agricultural Education to carry out the policies, program and goals of the Association and to ensure the financial viability of the Association; and (iv) consulting with the State FFA Advisor, ~~State FFA Officer Manager~~, consultant members of the Agricultural Education Section of the Nebraska Department of Education, Director of Agricultural Education, and State FFA Officers to plan and coordinate leadership workshops, conferences, conventions, and other activities of the Association.”

Rationale

Update to current practice

Article VIII, Section 3. Vacancies**Proposed addition/change**

Delete vacancy statement and replace with new statement

“Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors may be filled ~~by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors~~ by the district represented by the vacancy. A Director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office.”

Rationale

Update to current practice

Article VIII, Section 12. Telephone Conference**Proposed addition/change**

Delete Telephone and replace with Digital

“Section 12. ~~Telephone~~ Digital Conference.”

Rationale

Update to current practice and technology

Article VIII, Section 13. Chairperson

Proposed addition/change

Delete statement and replace with new description

~~“An elected member of the Nebraska Agricultural Educators Association (NAEA), shall be appointed to serve as the ex-officio, non-voting chairperson of the Board of Directors by an at-large majority vote of the NAEA membership at their annual meeting. The chairperson may serve for up to two consecutive two-year terms. The chairperson of the Board of Directors will be elected annually by the Board of Directors from the elected directors of the board. The Board of Directors may select an interim chairperson in the instance of a vacancy.”~~

Rationale

Update to current practice

Article X, Section 3. Deposits

Proposed addition/change

Correct spelling

“All funds of the Association shall be deposited ~~form~~ **from** time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.”

Rationale

Make grammatically correct

Article X, Section 4. Dues and Fees

Proposed addition/change

Eliminate dues and members from statement

“**Section 4. Dues and Fees.** The Board of Directors shall establish annual ~~dues and/or~~ fees which must be paid to the Association annually by affiliated chapters ~~(and their members)~~ in order to qualify for and maintain membership in the Association.”

Rationale

Changing term allows Nebraska to be ready to transition to affiliate membership