

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Name and Affiliations

- Section A This organization shall be known as the New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators (NJAAE)
- Section B This Association shall be affiliated with the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), Career and Technical Education Association of New Jersey (CTEANJ), and the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE).

ARTICLE II

Purposes

- Section A The purposes of this Association shall be:
- To assume and maintain an active state leadership in the promotion and furtherance of all levels of agricultural education.
- To bring together all agricultural educators and others interested in agricultural education through membership in a state organization devoted exclusively to their interests at all levels of agricultural education.
- To provide an opportunity for agricultural educators to discuss all problems affecting agricultural education on the state level and to assist in the solutions to those problems that may arise.
- To maintain and develop an "Esprit de corps" of the members through professional, social, and recreational programs.
- To cooperate with all education entities in furthering the mission of agricultural education to provide a dynamic educational system.

ARTICLE III

Membership

- Section 1 Eligibility: All people interested in agricultural education shall be eligible for membership.
- Section 2 Class of members. Qualifications and privileges of each type of membership shall be defined as follows:
- A) Active Membership is open to all persons professionally associated with Agricultural Education at any level as teachers, directors, administrators, and teacher-educators upon payment of dues and subscription to this constitution.
- B) Honorary Life Membership may be awarded to deserving individuals by action of the Executive Committee. Such membership does not require payment of dues. Honorary Life members do not have voting privileges.
- C) Student membership shall be available to any full-time student in an approved college program who is preparing for careers related to an agricultural education.
- D) Associate Membership shall be available to advisory committee members, advisors, etc. Such membership does not include voting privileges.

E) Organization/Business membership shall be available to agriculture, agribusiness, industry, civic, governmental, and other organizations or firms.

Section 3 Voting and holding office.

A) Voting- the privilege of voting shall be limited to active members

B) Holding office - the privilege of holding office shall be restricted to active members

Section 4 Annual Dues.

A) Active membership dues shall be \$40.00 annually.

B) Student membership dues shall be \$5.00 annually.

C) Associate membership dues shall be \$5.00 annually.

D) Organizational /business dues shall be \$50.00 annually.

ARTICLE IV Officers

Section A The elected officers of this association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Regional Vice Presidents – Northwest, Northeast, Central and South.

Section B The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the Association, the immediate Past President of the Association, the Program Leader\State FFA Advisor, State Alumni Representative, VEANJ Representative, the senior Teacher-Educator of Agriculture Education at Rutgers University or his or her representative, State FFA Executive Board representative, and the NJ FFA Foundation representative.

Section C All officers of the Association shall be certified Teachers of Agriculture and members in good standing.

Section D Any officer failing to carry out their duties may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote of the executive committee.

ARTICLE V Elections

Section A A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President consisting of the Past President, and one member from each of the four regions. The nominating committee shall place at least one name in nomination for each elected office as required in Article IV, Section A.

Section B The Association shall elect representatives to the Executive Committee of the State FFA Association, the New Jersey FFA Foundation, The New Jersey FFA Alumni Association, the New Jersey AG Ed Council and other such organizations requiring NJAEA representation.

Section C Officers shall be elected for a two year term at the annual meeting of the Association vote on by the active members.

ARTICLE VI Meetings

Section A The Annual meeting shall be held in connection with the State FFA Convention. Additional meetings deemed necessary, shall be arranged for by the Executive committee. There shall be a minimum of five regularly schedules executive board meetings in a year.

Section B Ten active members can petition a regular meeting at any time.

ARTICLE VII
Fiscal Year

Section A The fiscal year of the Association shall be July 1 - June 30 each year.

ARTICLE VIII
Dues

Section A Dues of the Association for the next fiscal year shall be determined by vote of the Executive members 60 days prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX
Business

Section A The business of the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the accepted rules of parliamentary procedure. One-fifth of the active members shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X
Amendments

Section A This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Active Membership at the annual meeting. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee sixty days prior to the annual meeting and mailed to all members thirty days prior to the meeting.

Section B The Executive Committee shall be empowered to initiate such amendments as may be necessary to conduct the affairs of the Association.

BY-LAWS OF THE NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I
Duties of the Officers

Section A President

1. Plan and conduct regular and special meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee.
2. Appoint all regular and special committees.
3. Maintain regular communications with state and national officers, delegate authority and make certain association officers perform their duties.
4. Appoint the official delegates of the Association.
5. Serve as a member of the NJ Ag Ed Council.

Section B Vice President

1. Assume the duties of the President in his or her absence.
2. Be responsible for the proper notification of committees as to the work to be done.
3. Oversee the State Association Tactical Plan of Activities.
4. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section C Secretary

1. Keep accurate records of proceedings of all meetings.
2. Be responsible for correspondence and communications of the Association.
3. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.
4. Maintain records and information with the NAAE.

Section D Treasurer

1. Be responsible for the finances of the Association and pay all bills upon authorization by the Executive Committee.
2. Collect dues and maintain an accurate membership roster.
3. Prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Executive Committee.
4. Make reports of finances and membership at meetings.
5. Forward affiliate dues and membership rosters, to the appropriate organizations.
6. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section E Regional Vice Presidents

1. Develop a line of communication and act as a liaison between the Executive Committee and the members of their regions.
2. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

Section F Past President

1. Serve as a member of The Executive Committee.
2. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.
3. Serve as Advocacy Leader.

Section G Executive Committee

1. Conduct the business of the Association between meetings.
2. Formulate the Annual Program of Activities.
3. Authorize all major (over \$100.00) expenditures of the Treasurer.
4. Designate officers to form the delegation headed by the President to represent the Association at NAAE, ACTE and Farm Bureau Conventions.
5. Determine the time and place of meetings and inform the members.
6. Formulate and promote the policies of the Association.
7. Promote the public relation activities of the Association.
8. Attend all Executive Committee meetings. All absences must be for just causes.
9. Fill any vacancies in offices in the Association.
10. Formulate the plans and organization for the Annual meeting, giving consideration to the purposes of the Association.

Section H Installation of Officers

The Officers shall be installed at the closing session of the Annual Meeting at which they were elected and shall assume the duties of their respective offices at that time.

Section I Web Maintenance

The website will be assigned to an officer to maintain, as indicated in other duties assigned by the president.

ARTICLE II
Finances

Section A The Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparing the annual budgets, making all appropriations and authorizing all expenditures of the Association.

Section B The members of the Executive Committee or its appointed delegates may be reimbursed for their expenses in carrying out the functions of their offices, when such expenses are not those usually incurred in the regular schedule of the duties of their office.

ARTICLE III

Dues

- Section A Payment of the annual dues constitutes membership in NJAEA.
- Section B The Association will promote membership and receive and transmit dues in affiliated professional organizations including: NAAE, VEANJ, ACTE and the NJ FFA Alumni Association. Subscriptions to AG Ed Magazine will also be handled.

ARTICLE IV

Amendments

- Section A These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee sixty days prior to the Annual meeting. Members must be notified of proposed changes thirty days prior to the Annual meeting.

ARTICLE V

Nominating Committee

- Section A The nominating committee shall be appointed by the President ninety days prior to the Annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall be sent to the secretary forty days prior to the Annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Membership Recognition

- Section A Service recognition shall be made by this Association annually to members as they complete 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 years of service to the furtherance of teaching of agriculture; and have satisfactory records in the profession.
- Section B Any member who has been employed by another state in the capacity and meets the requirements, shall be granted the full credit for the service recognition.
- Section C The Superior Ag Teacher Recognition Program Award is given to members in good standing who have met the requirements set forth by the Association. This award may be received every year.
- Section D Special awards may be presented as determined by the Executive Committee.