

DENTON FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ADOPTED JANUARY 14, 2014

PROPOSED CHANGES

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A. The name of the organization shall be the Denton FFA Alumni Association.

Section B. The purpose of the organization shall be:

1. To support and promote the FFA Organization, FFA activities, and agricultural education on local, state, and national levels.
2. To provide a tie to the FFA and assist FFA and agricultural education personnel to involve former members and any others interested in supporting worthy activities.
3. To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
4. To cooperate with the Denton, Guyer, Ryan & Braswell FFA Chapters and the Texas FFA and National FFA Alumni Association.
5. To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.
6. To promote the personal development aspect of the FFA.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Section A. The Denton FFA Alumni is a chartered local affiliate of the Texas FFA Alumni Association that is chartered by the National FFA Alumni Association.

Section B. The Denton FFA Alumni accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Texas and National FFA Alumni Associations.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to former active, collegiate and honorary FFA members, former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members, school board members, administrators, staff, faculty, and others interested in the FFA, upon payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM

The gold FFA emblem with the word "Alumni" below it shall serve as the emblem of the Denton FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE V. EXECUTIVE BODY

Section A. The executive body of the Denton FFA Alumni shall also be the Denton FFA Advisor Council.

Section B. The Denton FFA Alumni Executive Committee shall consist of: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. They MUST be paid Alumni members.

Section C. The local FFA advisor(s) shall serve as ex-officio non-voting member(s).

Section D. All Officers must be active members of the Denton FFA Alumni Association.

Section E. The Executive Committee shall be elected annually from the membership. The treasurer's books and any accounts of the Denton FFA Alumni should be audited by a qualified person. Current balances will be made public knowledge to all Alumni members.

Section F. Duties of Officers on the Executive Committee shall be consistent with those usually pertaining to that position.

Section G. Officer Elections will take place annually. The Officer positions of President

and vice-President shall be elected annually. The President or Vice-President may be elected for an additional term, however, after the President or Vice-President has served the second term, he or she must sit out 1 year before being eligible to run for office again. The Secretary and Treasurer, officer positions have no limit to the number of terms as long as they are elected each year. Nominees for Officer Positions must be active, paid members for 1 year prior to nomination. Both nominator and nominee must be present at the nominating and election meetings.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section A. There shall be one annual officer election meeting. Any active, paid Alumni member is eligible to vote but MUST be present at officer election meeting. Officer election meetings will be held in May of each year with new officers taking office immediately.

Section B. There shall be regular monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00p.m. Monthly meetings will be announced. Meeting dates and times may be changed at the discretion of the majority present due to other conflicting events. Additional regular meetings may be called by the Alumni president, or any other two members.

Section C. All committees shall regulate the frequency of their meetings as needed.

ARTICLE VII. DUES

The annual dues of the Denton FFA Alumni Association shall be recommended by Alumni Executive Committee and fixed by a majority vote of members present at the first annual meeting. State and national dues must be paid on a calendar year basis for all active Alumni members. The annual dues of the Denton FFA Alumni Association shall be \$20.00 per person, which includes State Dues of \$5.00 and National Dues of \$10.00. Lifetime Dues are \$150.00 per person. (1) Lifetime members MUST be active members attending regular monthly meetings and pay the \$5.00 State Dues to have voting rights and privileges. (2) Lifetime members MUST be active members attending regular monthly meetings and pay \$10.00 in dues to have voting rights and privileges. (3) Lifetime members MUST be active members attending regular monthly meetings and pay \$20.00 dues to have voting rights and privileges. No members shall be considered active and good standing unless full dues are paid by October 1 of the current school year.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Section A. The constitution of the Denton FFA Alumni Association may be amended or changed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the *present*, active members providing it is not in conflict with the constitution of the Texas FFA Alumni or the National FFA Alumni Associations.

Section B. Proposed amendments to the constitution of the Denton FFA Alumni Association may be submitted by any active member and must be in writing and received by the secretary one week prior to the annual meeting. Proposed amendments shall be approved by ***the Executive Committee and Posted for Review*** before being submitted to the membership for voting ***at the next scheduled meeting***.

DENTON FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1. FFA ALUMNI AFFILIATE/ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

These bylaws shall be considered part of the constitution of the Denton FFA Alumni.

ARTICLE 2. LOCATION OF PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principle office of the Denton FFA Alumni shall be located at any High School Agriculture Department **within the boundaries of the Denton Independent School District of Denton, TX.**

Official mailing Address is: **DENTON FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 51086
DENTON, TX 762046**

ARTICLE 3. PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF THE DENTON FFA ALUMNI OFFICERS

Section A. Officers of the Denton FFA Alumni Association are elected annually from nominations submitted by the membership-at-large. Each Alumni Member in good standing shall be entitled to nominate and vote.

Section B. The election of Alumni Officers shall be held ~~in the fall~~ **in May** at an announced Officer Election meeting **with newly elected officers taking office immediately.** Officer nominations will be accepted one month before the announced election meeting. **Elected Officers from the November 2017 election meeting will take office immediately and remain in office until new election in May 2019.**

Section C. When a vacancy occurs in the Denton FFA Alumni Officers positions, the remaining Officers shall appoint a replacement to temporarily fill the position for the remainder of that school year.

Section D. Term of Alumni Officer positions is typically one school year. President and Vice-President Positions should be elected annually. President and Vice-President may serve 2 consecutive years but then must sit out 1 year before being eligible to run for office again. There is no limit to the number of terms the Secretary or Treasurer may serve as long as they are elected each year. Nominees for Officer Positions MUST be Paid, active Alumni members for 1 year prior to nomination.

ARTICLE 4. DUTIES OF THE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A. It shall be the duty of the Alumni Executive Committee to direct the operation of the affiliate/association in accordance with its constitutional purposes. It shall be responsible for planning programs and activities in which it is advisable for the affiliate/association to participate.

Section B. The FFA Alumni Executive Committee may appoint such committees necessary to further the work of the Denton FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE 5. TIME OF MEETINGS

The monthly meetings and other necessary meetings of the Denton FFA Alumni shall be held at such a place and time as may be prescribed by the Alumni Officers and according to the Constitution. **Alumni meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m. Monthly meeting places to be announced. Meeting dates and times may be changed at the discretion of the majority present due to other conflicting events.**

ARTICLE 6. FISCAL YEAR

Section A. The fiscal year of the local FFA Alumni shall be determined by the members of the affiliate according to the Constitution and Bylaws. **It has been determined that the due to National FFA Dues and IRS 990-N filing status that the fiscal year shall be September 1 to August 31.**

Section B. Books and records of the Denton FFA Alumni may be inspected by any member at any reasonable time. Financial reports will be presented to members at the annual meeting.

Section C. There shall be an annual audit of the Denton FFA Alumni financial records. The Treasurer, or anyone authorized to handle and account for funds should be bonded in sufficient amount to protect the FFA Alumni. An outside source is preferred to complete this audit.

ARTICLE 7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee shall consist of 3 paid, active Alumni members; the Treasure and 2 other elected, paid members. This committee will determine Approval of requests for support outside of established Traditional Support Expenses.

Established Traditional Support Items

Letter Jackets

Scholarships

District FFA Awards Banquet

District FFA Kickoff (Change to Alumni attend first chapter meeting in September at each school)

Denton Holiday Tree Lighting Hayride (December)

4th of July Parade Participation

North Texas Fair Parade Participation

FFA Trailer Support Expenses

Dunking Booth/Smoker Expenses

Tractor & Wagon Support Expenses

General Operating Expenses

(Amend that Finance committee is Advisory only. Conflicts with National FFA-Article IV, Section A & B).

