

Illinois Association FFA Constitution and ByLaws

Article I Name

The name of the organization shall be the Illinois Association FFA. Local chapters may officially use the letters "FFA" and/or the words "Future Farmers of America" to designate the organization, its units and/or its members.

Article II Objectives of the Association

The objectives of the organization shall be consistent with Section 3 of the organization's federal charter, Public Law 105-225 (formerly Public Law 81-740). The organization shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials for vocational education in accomplishing the following objectives.

1. To be an integral part of the organized instructional programs in agricultural education which prepare students for a wide range of careers in agriculture, agribusiness and other agriculture-related occupation.
2. To strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective usage of their time; by learning to assume responsibility; and by developing competencies in communications, human relations and other social abilities leading to the intelligent choice of a career and successful employment or entrepreneurship in the agricultural industry.
3. To provide agriculture-related programs and activities which will develop pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism and thrift, and which will improve the economic, environmental, recreational and human resources of the community.
4. To encourage and recognize achievements in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership and other individual and group activities by providing awards to deserving members and chapters.

Article III Organization

Section A. The Illinois Association FFA is the state organization of, by and for students enrolled in agricultural education programs. It shall consist of a chartered State Association composed of local chapters. More than one chapter may be chartered in a school when deemed appropriate by the state governing body.

Section B. Chapters of the Illinois Association FFA shall be chartered only in such schools where recognized systematic instruction in agricultural education is offered under the provisions of federal career and technical education legislation. Such chapters shall operate as an integral part of the instructional program of agricultural education.

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 local constitutions. Subsidiary chapters shall be coordinated by the officers and advisors of the parent chapter.

Article IV Procedures for Determining Standing of Local Chapters

Section A. A chapter shall be in good standing with the state association when the following conditions are met:

1. All annual state and national dues have been paid by November 1 to the Illinois Association and all additional members following November 1 are added to the roster prior to May 15.
2. All reports have been submitted as requested by the Illinois Association FFA.
3. Provisions of the chapter constitution do not conflict with the Illinois or National FFA Constitutions and chapter activities are in harmony with the ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

Section B. The governing body of the Illinois Association FFA shall have the power to suspend the charter of any chapter which violates the Illinois or National FFA Constitution and By-laws. A report on all suspensions shall be presented to the delegates at the next succeeding state convention. In the event a chapter is not in good standing with the Illinois Association at the time of the opening of the state convention, the delegates in session at that state convention shall have the power, upon recommendation of the Illinois Association governing body, to withdraw the charter and refuse such chapter official representation at the state convention. When such action is taken, the chapter in question and members thereof shall be denied the privileges of membership in the Illinois Association. Upon meeting the requirements for good standing, a chapter may be reinstated by action of the Illinois Association governing body.

Section C. In the event a local department of agricultural education is discontinued, its chartered FFA chapter may officially operate for a period not to exceed three years (36 months) from the date of discontinuance,

provided proper supervision is given by a person having the approval of the local school administrator and the State FFA Advisor. The chapter's charter must be surrendered to the Illinois FFA Executive Secretary at the end of the three year period if a local department of agricultural education is not in operation in the school at that time.

Article V Membership

Section A. Membership in the Illinois Association FFA shall be of three kinds: active, alumni, and honorary.

Section B. Active Membership

To be eligible for active membership in a chartered FFA chapter, a student must be enrolled in a secondary agricultural education program. Illinois Association considers "secondary agricultural education programs" to be grades 7 – 12.

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. 7th and 8th grade agricultural education courses must include an introductory 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 State and National FFA organizations.
5. A member may retain active membership until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduation from high school.
6. A member who is 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 that period of time 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 making use of this waiver of time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from military service or completing their FFA International program, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings. Members participating in the six months' armed services program, shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No individual, however, may retain active membership beyond their twenty-third birthday.

Section C. Alumni Membership

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

Section D. Honorary Membership

Supporters of Agricultural Education and the FFA organization who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA and who have rendered outstanding service, may be elected to honorary membership. Honorary Chapter Members can be elected by a majority of a delegates at any regular meeting. Honorary State Degrees can be elected by a majority of the delegates at the State FFA Convention.

Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree in the local chapter, and the Honorary State FFA Degree in the Illinois Association FFA.

Article VI Degrees and Privileges of Active Membership

Section A. There shall be five degrees of active membership based on individual achievement. These are the Discovery FFA Degree, the Greenhand FFA Degree, the Chapter FFA Degree, the State FFA Degree and the American FFA Degree. The National Organization shall set the minimum qualifications for each degree.

Section B Discovery FFA Degree

To be eligible to receive the Discovery Degree from the chapter, the member must meet the following requirements.

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education class for at least a portion of the school year while in grades 7-8.
2. Have become a dues paying member of the FFA at the local, state and national levels.
3. Participate in at least one local FFA chapter activity outside of scheduled class time.
4. Have knowledge of agriculturally related careers and entrepreneurial opportunities.
5. Be familiar with the local FFA chapter program of activities and submit written applications for the degree.
6. This degree need not be attained for a member to receive the Greenhand, Chapter, State or American FFA Degree.

Section C. Greenhand FFA Degree

To be eligible to receive the Greenhand FFA Degree from the chapter, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
2. Learn and explain the FFA Creed, Motto and Salute.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate a knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA Jacket.
5. Demonstrate a knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and ByLaws and the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
7. Submit written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

Section D. Chapter FFA Degree

To be eligible to receive the Chapter FFA Degree from the chapter, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of 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.
3. Have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
4. A student after entering Agricultural Education must have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member's own efforts or worked at least forty-five hours in excess of scheduled class time and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Have effectively led a group discussion for fifteen minutes.
6. Have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
8. Have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.
10. Have participated in at least 10 hours of community service activities that are not a part of the member's supervised agricultural experience hours and are in addition to the hours required in Article VI, Section D, Item 4.

Section E. State FFA Degree

To be eligible to receive the State FFA Degree from the Illinois Association, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree.
2. Have been an active FFA member for at least two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.
3. While in school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years (360 hours) of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience program.
4. A student after entering Agricultural Education must have earned at least \$1,500 or worked at least 750 hours in excess of scheduled class time in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. A student after entering Agricultural Education must have productively invested at least \$1,000.

6. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - a. Performing ten procedures of parliamentary law.
 - b. Giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA.
 - c. Serving as an officer, committee chairperson or participating member of a chapter committee.
7. Have participated in the planning and completion of the chapter Program of Activities.
8. Have participated in at least five different FFA activities above the chapter level.
9. The member's local chapter must certify that it has held not less than twelve (12) meetings during the preceding twelve (12) month period.
10. Be in the upper 40 percent of the class in scholarship or have an average of a 3.5 on a 5.0 scale or 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in all school subjects during the entire period of application for the State FFA Degree. (Only option eligible is the point system used by the student's school)
11. Have participated in at least 25 hours of community service activities that are not a part of the member's supervised agricultural experience hours and are in addition to the hours required in Article VI, Section E, Item 4

Section F. American FFA Degree

To be eligible to receive the American FFA Degree from the National FFA Organization, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Have received the State FFA Degree, have been an active member for the past three years (36 months) and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities on the chapter and state levels.
2. Have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years (540 hours) of systematic secondary school instruction in an agricultural education program or have completed the program of agricultural education offered in the school last attended.
3. Have graduated from high school at least twelve (12) months prior to the national convention at which the degree is to be granted.
4. 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.
5. A student after entering Agricultural Education must have earned and productively invested at least \$10,000 or 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 \$3.56 plus dollars must be equal to or greater than the number 9,000. 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.
6. Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities, have participated in at least 50 additional, unduplicated hours of community service activities, within at least three different community service activities, and have achieved a high school scholastic record equivalent to the State FFA Degree as certified by the principal or superintendent.

Article VII Procedure for Selecting State and American FFA Degree Recipients

Section A. Selection of State FFA Degree Recipients

1. Applications must be submitted on the official form provided by the Illinois Association FFA.
2. A candidate's completed State FFA Degree application and the records of their supervised agricultural experience program, verified by the local advisor shall be submitted to the Section FFA Degree Committee.
3. The Section FFA Degree Committee shall be composed of the Section IAVAT representative, who will serve as committee chair; the Section FFA President and at least three additional persons. All committee members, including the chair, shall have a vote.
4. The Section FFA Degree Committee will review the applications and records of the State Degree applicants and interview each candidate.
5. The Section FFA Degree Committee will prepare a list of qualified State FFA Degree candidates and submit the list of candidates and their State FFA degree applications to the Illinois FFA Executive Secretary on or before March 1, prior to the state convention at which the degree is to be received.
6. The State FFA Executive Secretary and a State FFA Degree Review Committee will review the State FFA Degree applications submitted by the twenty-five Section FFA Degree Committees and recommend those candidates meeting the minimum qualifications. Final approval of the candidates shall be given by the delegates present at the State FFA Convention.

Section B Selection of American FFA Degree Recipients

1. Applications for the degree must be approved by the state advisor or representative(s) thereof and be received by the national organization not later than midnight of June 30, or show by postmark or other reliable evidence, to have been mailed to the national organization on or before June 15, prior to the national convention at which the degree is to be received.
2. Applications must be submitted on the official form provided by the National FFA Organization.
3. The National FFA Board of Directors shall review the American FFA Degree applications and recommend those candidates meeting the minimum qualifications. Final approval of the candidates shall be given by the delegates present at the National FFA Convention.

Article VIII. 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 of corn, representing the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also include the letters "FFA" and the words "Agricultural Education".
- Section B. Emblems shall be uniform throughout the Illinois Association FFA and recognized units thereof. All members are entitled to display the emblem.
- Section C. Discovery FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official FFA Discovery Degree emblem pin; 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.
- 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.

Article IX. Officers

- Section A. The officers of the Illinois Association FFA shall be as follows:
1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Secretary
 4. Treasurer
 5. Reporter
 6. Section Presidents
 7. Executive Secretary
 8. Associate Executive Secretary
 9. Advisor

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the:

1. President,
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Reporter
6. Executive Secretary
7. Advisor
8. Five Directors chosen from among the Section Presidents

The Executive Secretary and Associate Executive of the FFA shall be subject to the approval of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors.

The major FFA officers are the:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Reporter

Who shall be elected annually by majority vote of the delegates present at a regular State Convention of the Illinois Association FFA.

A President shall be elected annually for each of the administrative sections of the State by majority vote of the delegates present from that section at the Section Officer elections. All elections are to occur prior to the last day of the State FFA Convention. As soon as convenient following their election, these Presidents shall meet in District groups as follows:

District I	Sections 1-5
District II	Sections 6-10
District III	Sections 11-15
District IV	Sections 16-20
District V	Sections 21-25

Each District group shall choose one of its five Section Presidents to serve as a student District Director on the Illinois FFA Board of Directors.

- Section B. Section Officers shall consist of the President for that section who is designated as Section President; a Section Reporter; and a Section Advisor. Each section may also elect a Section Vice President; Section Secretary; Section Treasurer and Section Sentinel if they desire.
- Section C. It is suggested that chapters elect an officer team that consists of at a minimum a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and sentinel. However, a chapter may, per its constitution, choose to create their own leadership positions. Chapter officers must have received their Chapter FFA Degree. The local teacher of agricultural education shall assume the responsibilities of the chapter FFA Advisor.
- Section D. Honorary Degree recipients shall not have a vote or hold an elected office of the awarding FFA organization.
- Section E. No state officer may be elected a second time to the same office. Only those individuals who have served as a Section President or another major state officer position may run for the office of State President. All state FFA officers must have attained the State FFA Degree.

Article X Meetings and Conventions

- Section A. Except in the extreme case of emergency, the Illinois State FFA Convention shall be held annually in June at a time and place to be determined by the State FFA Board of Directors.
- Section B. Local Chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or more often throughout the calendar year and at such time and place as may be decided by the Executive Committee of the local chapter.
- Section C. Each local chapter shall be entitled to send two delegates from the active membership to the State FFA Convention.

Article XI Illinois FFA Board of Directors

- Section A. Student Officers
1. The governing student body of the corporation, which shall advise and make recommendations to the Illinois FFA Board of Directors with respect to the conduct of the activities and business of the corporation, as described in Public Law 105-225 (formerly 81-740) shall be Illinois FFA Board of (student) Directors composed of:
 - a. the State FFA President, State FFA Vice President, State FFA Secretary, State FFA Treasurer and State FFA Reporter; and
 - b. the five FFA District Directors (one from each of the five Illinois FFA Districts) elected from among the FFA Section Presidents at the first regular state officer meeting of the fiscal year.

Section B. Adult Board

1. The official governing body of the organization, which shall exercise the powers granted in Public Law 105-225 (formerly 81-740), shall be an Illinois FFA Board of (adult) Directors composed of:
 - a. The consultant for agricultural education, Illinois State Board of Education, serving as the State FFA Advisor, who shall act as chairperson; and
 - b. one consultant in agricultural education; Illinois State Board of Education; and
 - c. one agriculture teacher educator; and
 - d. five local FFA chapter advisors, one from each district.
2. The terms of office of members of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors and the method of selection of such members, other than the ex-officio members are prescribed in the ByLaws.
3. Ex-officio members of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors shall be the FFA Executive Secretary and the Treasurer of the Illinois FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.
4. The Illinois FFA Board of Directors shall meet at least once each year at such time and place as may be prescribed in the ByLaws. Special meetings of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors may be called at any time by the chairperson.
5. Consultants (non-voting participants) to the Illinois FFA Board of Directors may be named by the Board as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the corporation.

ByLaws Illinois Association FFA

Article I Relationship to the Constitution

The ByLaws shall be part of the Constitution of the Illinois Association FFA.

Article II Administrative Offices

The Administration office of the Illinois Association FFA shall be located at the site designated by the IAVAT Administrative Council. The office of the designated advisor of the Illinois Association FFA shall be at the Illinois State Board of Education, Springfield, Illinois.

Article III. Duties of the State Officers

Section A. The President.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside over state conventions of the Illinois Association FFA and over all meetings of the **State FFA Board of Directors**. The president shall call one state convention each year. The president shall appoint all committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees. In case the office of president becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise, the vice president shall succeed the president.

Section B. The Vice President.

The duties of the vice president shall be to preside over meetings in the absence of the president and serve in whatever capacity the president shall assign.

Section C. The Section Presidents.

It shall be the duty of the section presidents, acting under the direction of the major officers, to represent the Illinois Association FFA and to make reports of activities in their section.

Section D. The Secretary.

The secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, keeping an accurate record of the sessions of the state convention and of the meetings of the **Illinois FFA Board of Directors**.

Section E. The Treasurer.

The treasurer shall perform the duties common to such an office, monitoring the financial assets of the organization.

Section F. The Reporter.

It shall be the duty of the reporter to serve as the editor of the official publication of the Illinois Association FFA and work closely with the media to publicize FFA activities.

- Section G. The Executive Secretary.
The executive secretary shall keep all permanent records and reports of the Association and shall work with the state officers in directing the activities of the Illinois FFA. The executive secretary shall prepare forms and review applications for State FFA degrees and other Association awards as well as supervise arrangements for the annual state convention, prepare an annual report of proceedings of the convention and the year's activities, complete necessary reports for the national office, and may perform other duties as directed by the **State FFA Board of Directors** of the Illinois Association FFA.
- Section H. The Associate Executive Secretary
The associate executive secretary shall coordinate the public information activities of the Association and shall work with the state officers in directing the activities of the Illinois FFA. The associate executive secretary shall prepare forms and review applications for American FFA degrees and may perform other duties as directed by the **State FFA Board of Directors** of the Illinois Association FFA.
- Section I. The Advisor.
The advisor is an ex-officio member of all committees on matters of policy and assists the state officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs.
- Section J. The Executive Committee.
1. It shall choose one of the section presidents as sentinel to serve during the state convention and all state meetings.
2. It shall have power, between conventions, to act on all immediate problems affecting the state association and shall fill vacancies in state offices for which succession is not otherwise provided by the constitution.
3. It shall meet on call of the president.

Article IV. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Illinois Association FFA shall be July 1 through June 30 of the next succeeding calendar year.

Article V. Inspection of Financial Records

The Financial Records of the Illinois Association FFA may be inspected by any member or member's agent at any reasonable time. Arrangement for such inspection shall be made with the Illinois FFA Executive Secretary.

Article VI. Procedure for Issuing Charters to Chapters

Section A The Illinois Association FFA shall charter a local chapter when the following materials have been received by the Executive Secretary of the Illinois Association FFA.

1. An application for a charter.
2. The names of all chapter members and officers.
3. The proposed chapter constitution and ByLaws.
4. The chapter Program of Activities.
5. All current state and national FFA dues.

Section B Provided the prospective chapter's constitution does not conflict with the Illinois Association FFA Constitution and ByLaws and provided other constitutional requirements have been met, a charter shall be granted by the Illinois Association FFA. The charter shall be signed by the State FFA Advisor and the State FFA President.

Article VII. ByLaws of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors

Section A Procedure for Electing Members of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors

1. The Agricultural Education Consultant, Illinois State Board of Education, who serves on the Illinois FFA Board of Directors, shall be appointed by the principal consultant of agricultural education.
2. The agriculture teacher educator who serves on the Illinois FFA Board of Directors, shall be the division chairperson, or their designee from the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Illinois State University and Western Illinois University. The teacher educator director shall serve on a one-year rotating basis beginning with the University of Illinois in 1996-97 followed by Western Illinois University followed by Southern Illinois University and then Illinois State University.
3. The local FFA chapter advisors (identified in Article X, Section A, 1-d) to serve on the Illinois FFA Board of Directors shall be elected (one from each district established in Article IX, Section B of the

Constitution) by the local chapter advisors of the respective districts. The District Directors of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors will be elected at the regular district meetings during the Illinois Vocational Agriculture Teachers Annual Conference. District Directors will serve on a two-year rotating basis, beginning in 1984 with the election of all five directors. Districts I, III and V will serve for three years during the first term. Thereafter, even numbered districts will elect directors during even numbered years and odd numbered districts will elect directors during odd numbered years; each in alternate years relative to term. Alternate directors will be elected and will attend Illinois FFA Board of Directors meetings in the absence of the District Director. With approval of the IAVAT Board of Directors, one director will be elected annually as an official representative of the IAVAT Board of Directors.

4. New members of the FFA Board of Directors will be seated at the first FFA Board of Directors meeting following the State FFA Convention.
5. All members of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors shall continue in office until their successors have been seated.
6. Whenever a vacancy occurs among members of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors, other than from expiration of their terms of office, the alternate elected by the district shall serve the remainder of the term. Prior to the expiration of the term of a member of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors, the retiring member shall conduct the election of a successor.

Section B Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meetings

1. The annual and the other necessary meetings of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors shall be held at such time as may be prescribed by the Board. The annual meeting shall be held during the third quarter of each year (January through March).
2. Special meetings of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors may be called at any time by the chairperson.
3. Notice of meetings shall be given by notifying each member of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors not less than thirty days prior to any regular meeting, and not less than five days prior to any special meeting.

Section C Dues

1. Annual state membership dues shall be fixed by the State FFA Board of Directors, subject to approval by a majority vote of the delegates present at the Illinois State FFA Convention and shall remain the same until changed by the delegates at a subsequent convention.
2. Any dues of a local chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the membership of that chapter.

Section D Amendments

1. Proposed Amendments to the State Constitution must be submitted in writing by local chapters sixty (60) days prior to the Illinois FFA State Convention. A committee appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee may propose changes prior to any annual Illinois FFA State Convention. These proposed amendments must be reviewed by the Illinois FFA Board of Directors which shall in turn, submit them to the delegates in State Convention with recommendations. The text of all proposed amendments, together with the recommendation of the Executive Committee, must be sent to all chapters not less than forty-five (45) days in advance of the State Convention which is to consider them. Amendments may be adopted or revisions made in the state constitution at any State Convention by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.
2. ByLaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the State Association or any unit thereof, provided they are not in conflict with the national or state constitution.
3. Method for adopting ByLaws shall be the same as for adopting amendments.

Section E Disciplinary Actions

1. Illinois FFA Officers are subject to discipline, including suspension or removal, for misconduct in office.
2. Any officer accused of misconduct shall be informed in writing of the nature and basis of the charges against them by the Illinois Association FFA Executive Secretary or Associate Executive Secretary and be given an opportunity to respond in writing to the charges according to policies established by the Illinois FFA Board of Directors.
3. The Illinois Association FFA Executive Secretary or Associate Executive Secretary shall investigate the accusations of misconduct against the officer and thereafter make a recommendation to the Illinois FFA Board of (adult) Directors as to the disciplinary action, if any, for the Board to take with respect to the officer.

4. Before an officer is suspended or removed from office, a hearing in accordance with policies established by the Illinois FFA Board of Directors, shall be conducted at a meeting of the Illinois FFA Board of (adult) Directors.
5. After considering the evidence, each member of the Illinois FFA Board of (adult) Directors shall determine, in his or her sole discretion, whether allegations of misconduct against the officer have been proven.
6. An officer may be suspended or removed from office only upon a majority vote of the full Illinois FFA Board of (adult) Directors.
7. The decision of the full Illinois FFA Board of (adult) Directors to suspend or remove an officer from office shall be final and not subject to appeal.
8. The procedures for all disciplinary actions shall be in accordance with policies established by the Illinois FFA Board of Directors.