

Wichita District Constitution & Bylaws

Article I

Name and Purpose

Section A: The name of the organization shall be the Wichita District FFA Association. Recognized units of the organization may officially use the letters “FFA” and/or the words “Future Farmers of America” to designate the organization, its units, and/or members thereof.

Section B: The purpose of the Wichita District FFA Association is the same as outlined in Article II of the State FFA Constitution.

Article II

Organization

District Offices for President, Secretary and Treasurer

Section A: The Wichita District Association of the Area IV Association and the Texas FFA Association is the district organization of students of Agricultural Science. It shall consist of local chapters in Wichita District chartered by the state and national associations.

Section B: Members of new Agricultural Science departments shall meet, organize, adopt a constitution, and formulate a program of work not in conflict with the National, State, Area or District Constitution and By-Laws.

Article III

Procedure for Determining Standing of Chapters and Members

Section A: This procedure shall be the same as outlined in Article IV of the State Constitution.

Article IV

Membership

Section A: Membership in this organization shall be of three kinds-Active, Alumni, and Honorary. Active will be defined by Article V, Section C of the State Constitution; Alumni by Article V, Section D; and Honorary by Article V, Section F of the State Constitution.

Article V

Active Membership, Degrees, and Privileges

Section A: This will be the same as Article VI Sections A,B,C,D, and E of the State FFA Constitution.

Article VI

Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the Lone Star FFA and American FFA Degrees

Section A: Applicants for these degrees will submit to the district FFA organization for checking and approval at the spring meeting designated for this purpose. The application, when approved by the district, will then be submitted to the area association at the time of the awards and degree check meeting. The area committee will evaluate and select the number of applications to be sent to state.

Section B: The chairman of the Lone Star FFA Degree Checking Committee will submit all applications from the district on the date of the area awards and degree check meeting to the area committee chairperson. All applications must have been checked by the district committee prior to the area meeting. The area committee will review all applications from the districts.

Section C: Applications must be prepared neatly on forms supplied by the state and national associations.

Article VII

Emblem

Section A: This article is the same as the state constitution Article VIII, Sections A,B, C, and D.

Article VIII

Officers

Section A: The officers of the Wichita District FFA Association shall be a President, 1st Vice-President, Vice- President. These officers shall be elected at the district convention by a combination of a majority vote of the delegates and a score generated from a test of FFA and parliamentary knowledge.

Section B: At a district meeting preceding the Area IV convention, each district will select a candidate for Area President and Vice President. Only the candidate selected for Area President will be eligible to compete for the area president office. After the president is selected, the other candidates for president become Area Vice Presidents.

Section C: The officers shall be elected annually. Area wide materials mailed out in advance are not permissible. No handout materials or posters will be allowed.

Section D: District officers must hold at least the chapter FFA Degree and must have been active in their local chapter. They must be in high school during the year in which they serve as District Officer.

Section E: The Wichita District Officers shall be installed at the District Convention.

Section F: (The advisors) to the District President will serve as the District Advisors).

Section G: Each chapter within the District will select a candidate for the State FFA Officer from Area IV. These candidates shall have the opportunity to appear before the District Convention delegates. One candidate shall be elected by a majority vote of the delegates present at the District Convention.

Article IX

Procedure for Electing Student Officers

Section A: The District Officers and Area and State Officer candidates from the District will be selected and nominated annually by the District delegation.

Section B: If for any reason a student office becomes vacant, the next highest eligible candidate from the election shall fill the position. If for any reason, the office of President becomes vacant, the student officer who received the second highest score in the election for President shall become President. If for any reason, the nominee for state officer fails to take office, the candidate with the second highest score shall become the state officer candidate.

Section C: The officers of the District shall be President, 1st Vice President, Secretary, the remaining 7 will be named as Vice Presidents.

Article X

Meetings and Conventions

Section A: A District Convention shall be held annually except in case of extreme emergency as declared by the governing body.

Section B: Each local chapter is entitled to send delegates from its active chapter membership to the District Convention based upon the State Constitution and By-Laws.

Article XI

Committees

Section A: The President and/or Advisor of the Wichita District FFA shall appoint the various committees that are necessary in carrying out the total program of work for the District Association.

Article XII

Executive Committee

Section A: The District Executive Committee of the organization shall be composed of the teachers who are the Wichita District President who shall act as Chairperson), the Wichita District Secretary, and the Wichita District Advisors for the current year.

Section B: The district Executive Committee shall review decisions and proposals of the FFA student officers. The Committee shall have the final authority in all matters pertaining to the District association within the policies of the State FFA Association and the Texas Education Agency.

Section C: The District Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year at a time and place designated by the Chairperson.

Section D: The District Executive Committee shall serve no more than two consecutive years.

Article XIII

Dues

Section A: Annual membership dues in the District Association shall be fixed by a majority vote of the delegates present at a district convention. The FFA membership year shall be from August 1 to July 31.

Article XIV

Amendments

Section A: Proposed amendments to the District Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted in writing to the local chapters of the District at least fifteen days prior to the next succeeding district convention. Amendments may be adopted and/or revisions made to the District Constitution and By-Laws at any district convention by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates present.

Article XV

Parliamentary Procedure

Section A: Jarrell D. Gray's "Parliamentary Guide for the FFA" shall be used as the final authority in governing actions of all Wichita District FFA meetings.

Section B: The acting Parliamentarian for all District meetings shall be the Chapter Advisor of the winning Senior Chapter Conducting team of the previous District contest.