

TAAE Constitution and By-Laws

Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the Tennessee Association of Agriculture Educators (TAAE).

Article II – Purposes

Section 1.

To assume and maintain an active leadership by and for the agricultural education teachers of Tennessee.

Section 2.

To unify the efforts of the individual teachers for better business and social relationships.

Section 3.

To create and direct services for the members.

Section 4.

To cooperate with the local and State Departments of Education.

Section 5.

To make recommendations to the State Department of Education concerning the welfare of the programs of agriculture science and its workers.

Section 6.

To encourage members to adhere to the Code of Ethics of the Association.

Section 7.

To promote the extension of agriculture education.

Section 8.

To work for legislation favorable to agriculture education.

Section 9.

To formulate and carry out a definite program of activities for agriculture education of Tennessee.

Section 10.

To cooperate with the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) in developing its program for the welfare of agricultural education and the teachers of agriculture education.

Section 11.

To develop and maintain proper relationships with other organizations and agencies having compatible objectives.

Article III – Organization

Section 1.

The Tennessee Association of Agricultural Educators is an organization of the teachers of agriculture education and those elected to serve as officers of the organization.

Section 2.

This Association shall be confined to a statewide organization and shall have no subdivision except those herein provided.

Section 3.

The association shall be divided into geographical divisions to be known as districts which shall coincide to those districts set up by the State Supervisor of Agriculture Education.

Section 4.

The districts shall be divided into geographical divisions which shall coincide to those sub-divisions set up by the State Supervisor of Agriculture Education.

Section 5.

The Tennessee Association of Agricultural Educators shall be affiliated with the National Association of Agriculture Educators, Tennessee Association of Career and Technical Education and the American Association of Career and Technical Education.

Article IV - Membership

Section 1.

Membership in the association shall be of six types and shall begin upon payment of annual or lifetime dues except honorary membership, beginning upon election.

Section 2.

Active membership shall be confined to agriculture education teachers in the schools of Tennessee.

Section 3.

Affiliate membership shall be confined to the State Department of Education Staff, Teacher Training Staff and former agriculture education teachers who are in administrative capacities with a local or state education institution.

Section 4.

Associate membership shall apply to those persons who were active when retired or disabled, who receive retirement or disability payments from the Teachers and/or State Employees' Retirement System of Tennessee and have continued to be affiliated with the organization since they ceased to be active members.

Section 5.

Retired lifetime membership is open to retired, active and associate TAAE members. The one-time cost of retired lifetime membership is \$100.00. The dues for retired lifetime membership shall be kept in a separate account. The TAAE Executive Committee is charged with the responsibility of the account in accordance to Article III, Section 1 of the TAAE Bylaws.

Section 6.

Honorary membership shall be presented to any person not eligible for active membership whom the Association shall elect to such by a majority vote of members in meeting assembled.

Section 7.

Only active members shall be entitled to voting privileges of the Association. Only active members may hold office.

Section 8.

Student membership is open to college students preparing to teach agriculture education.

Section 9.

Membership shall be from the beginning of the first session of the annual summer meeting of TAAE of one year until the end of the last session of the TAAE annual summer meeting the following year.

Article V – Dues

Section 1.

The dues of the active and affiliate membership shall be collected in a package plan determined yearly by the Budget Committee with the approval of the active membership. The Budget Committee shall show a breakdown of the dues for each affiliated organization. The Budget Committee shall become the Auditing Committee, and the First Vice-President shall serve as chairman of this committee.

Section 2.

Associate membership and student membership shall be determined by the Budget Committee in keeping with the dues of the affiliated organizations.

Section 3.

Honorary membership shall carry no dues.

Article VI – Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the Association shall be as follows: (1) President; (2) three Vice-Presidents (one from each geographical division), refer to Article III, Section 3 of the constitution; (3) Secretary; and (4) Treasurer.

Article VII – Governing Body

Section 1.

The governing body of this organization shall be the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Section 2.

The Board of Directors shall consist of one teacher elected from each of the sub-districts (as provided for in Article III). The directors shall be elected and installed during the annual meeting.

Section 3.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year to discuss policies and approval of a program of activities for the ensuing year. A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President.

Section 4.

The Executive committee shall be composed of the President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate Past President and the TAAE representative to the Tennessee Association of Career and Technical Education. The President shall be the chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section 5.

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the President to attend to the business of the Association. Travel, meals, and lodging expenses may be paid from the Association funds, at the prevailing rate allowed State employees, to members of the committee attending Executive Committee meetings.

Article VIII – Meetings

There shall be at least one annual meeting of the Association held each year at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. There may be more than one session of the meeting.

Article IX – Amendments

Section 1.

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted in writing at an annual meeting and may be adopted by a majority vote, providing the amendments have been passed by two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds vote of the active membership without written previous notice or approval of the Board of Directors.

Article X – Order of Business

Section 1.

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of business except wherein the Constitution and its amendments provide otherwise.

Section 2.

A quorum at any meeting will consist of a majority of the membership of the meeting group.

Article I – Officers

Section 1.

The President shall be elected for one year. If the president is unable to fulfill his or her term then the immediate past president from that region will be asked to serve the remainder of the term. The process will be continued to the next past president from that region in reverse chronological order until the position is filled by an active teacher. If all attempts are unsuccessful then the secretary will serve as president pro-tem for the remainder of that year. If any office other than the president becomes vacant then the remaining TAAE officers will be charged with the fulfillment of the position as advised by the president until the next voting cycle.

Section 2.

The President Elect will become President. The President Elect shall come from Middle Tennessee and from then on the office shall rotate from East to West.

Section 3.

The President and President Elect should serve as delegates to the annual NAAE-ACTE Convention and Regional Leadership Conference along with such other personnel as the Executive Committee deems necessary and economically feasible.

Section 4.

The Association shall pay the expenses of the officers to the national Convention and Planning Meetings as provided in Article I, Section 3, above.

Sections 5.

A retiring officer shall, at the annual meeting, turn over all records, correspondence, and other materials related to his/her office to the person that follows him/her in office.

Section 6.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected to serve unlimited two (2) year terms. Secretary and Treasurer elections shall alternate with the treasurer elected on even years and the secretary on odd years. Each newly elected Vice-President shall serve for only one three (3) year term as a Vice-President and then one (1) year as President or as directed by Section 1.

Section 7.

The Executive Committee shall elect a member to fill any vacated office, except the one referred to in Section 2 above, until the next annual meeting.

Section 8.

The newly elected officers shall be installed at the Annual Banquet or at a time designated by the Executive Committee.

Section 10.

Committee reports on the program of activities shall be presented at the last session of the annual meeting.

Article II – Duties of Officers

Section 1.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee except as set forth in Article II, Section 2. He/she shall appoint all committees, call meetings of the organization, sign all contracts, and approve all expenditures authorized by the Association and the Executive Committee.

Section 2.

The President Elect shall preside over the meeting of the Board of Directors during the session or part thereof that deals with the formulation of the program of activities for the ensuing year; and he/she shall present this program to a session of the membership.

Section 3.

The President Elect shall preside at the call or in the absence of the President.

Section 4.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record procedures of official meetings of the Association, preserve all official records of the Association, and conduct all necessary correspondence.

Section 5.

The Treasurer shall submit an annual report of receipts and expenditures, receive money for dues, give receipts for same, deposit such funds to the credit of the Association, and pay all bills on approval of the President. His/her books and accounts shall be audited and be bonded. The Association shall pay for the bonding to the amount of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

Section 6.

Each vice-President shall be in charge of coordinating all phases of the program of activities in his district.

Article III – Duties of Executive Committee

Section 1.

The Executive committee shall (1) manage the business of the Association, (2) transact business by correspondence between meetings, and (3) meet at least twice a year.

Section 2.

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the program of activities as outlined by the Board of Directors and adopted by the membership.

Section 3.

The President shall act for the Executive Committee during any emergency between meetings of the committee. He/she shall report his actions at the first executive Committee meeting following the emergency for ratification.

Section 4.

The TAAE representative to the Tennessee Association for Career and Technical Education Board of Directors shall be elected in compliance with the TACTE Constitution and shall represent the TAAE at all meetings of the TACTE.

Article IV – Duties of the Board of Directors

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall set up a program of activities for the year to be adopted by the membership and shall create and regulate services for the members.

Section 2.

Each member of the Board of Directors shall represent his/her sub-district in all affairs of the Association and shall preside over meetings in his/her respective sub-district.

Section 3.

Nominations for officers will be accepted from the membership. Nominations shall remain open until the final TAAE Convention meeting prior to the annual banquet. Only the members from the respective region shall vote for their vice-president.

Article V – Committees

Section 1.

The standing committees of the Association shall be the same as those used by the National Association of Agriculture Educators.

Section 2.

Such other committees shall be established as deemed advisable by the President and/or Executive Committee.

Section 3.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, three (3) Vice-Presidents, secretary, Treasurer, the immediate Past President and the TAAE Representative to the Tennessee Association of Career and Technical Education. The President shall be the chairman of the Executive Committee.

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