

NORTH COAST REGION CONSTITUTION

Amended March 22, 2014

Article I. Name and Purpose of the Organization

Section A: The name of this organization shall be the "North Coast Region, FFA." Members and local chapters are hereinafter referred to as the FFA. The local chapter shall be named with the provisions established as part of the California State FFA Constitution.

Section B: The primary aim of the FFA is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship.

Section C: The specific purposes for which this organization was formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. To develop an awareness of the global importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well being.
3. To strengthen the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. To promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. To stimulate development and encourage achievement in individual agricultural experience programs.
6. To improve the economic, environmental, recreational, and human resources of the community.
7. To develop competencies in communications, human relations, and social abilities.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To build cooperative attitudes among agriculture students.
10. To encourage wise management of resources.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide organized recreational activities for agriculture students.

Article II. Organization

Section A: The North Coast Region FFA is composed of chapters located in the Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Mateo, San Francisco, Solano, and Sonoma Counties, which may be organized only in schools which meet the California State Plan for Vocational Education.

Section B: The Advisor of the Region shall be an employee of the California Department of Education, Agricultural Education Unit or his/her designee.

Article III. Membership

Section A: Membership in the North Coast Region shall be all active members in good standing in the chapters located in the region.

Section B: Each active chapter is entitled to two official delegates at regional meetings.

Article IV. Officers

Section A: The officers of the North Coast Region of the California FFA Association shall be: President, Secretary, (5) Vice Presidents, and Advisor. The Regional FFA Officers and Advisor shall constitute the North Coast Region FFA Executive Committee.

Section B: The Executive Committee shall have the authority and control over the organization, subject to only such regulations and bylaws as may be adopted by the regional organization.

Section C: The elected officers of the region shall be selected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at Spring Regional FFA Meeting. The Regional Advisor is not elected each year as he/she is automatically elected by virtue of his/her position in the California Department of Education as North Coast Regional Supervisor of Agricultural Education or their designee. Assistant Regional Advisors may be appointed by the Regional FFA Advisor on an annual basis.

Section D: All elective regional officers shall assume office at the beginning of the final session of the State FFA Leadership Conference of the calendar year in which they are elected. Unless removed from office for cause by the Executive Committee, they shall hold office for one full year.

Section E: All Regional FFA Officer Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Regional FFA President and approved by the Regional FFA Executive Committee until the next scheduled election.

Article V. Dues

Section A: Regional dues may be fixed annually by majority vote of the Regional FFA Executive Committee. If regional dues are ever levied, they become delinquent on November 1st of each year. Chapters not submitting regional dues by the Spring Regional FFA meeting are not eligible to vote or participate.

Article VI. Meetings

Section A: The Regional FFA Executive Committee will meet as necessary when called by the Regional FFA President.

Section B: The North Coast Region FFA shall hold annual meetings. The Spring Regional meeting shall be held in conjunction with the North Coast Region CATA Meeting.

Section C: Special meetings shall be called at any time by the Regional FFA President.

Article VII. Amendments

Section A: Amendments to the Regional FFA Constitution shall be submitted by the Chapters in writing to the Regional Executive Committee for consideration. The Regional Executive Committee may also make recommendations for consideration. All proposals must be received by the Regional FFA Advisor prior to February 1st to be considered.

Section B: Amendments to the Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates voting at the Spring Regional FFA Meeting.

Article VIII. Procedure

Section A: Parliamentary Procedure in all meetings of this organization shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section B: This Constitution and By-Laws may be adapted to fit the needs of the North Coast Region FFA Association provided they are not in conflict with the State or National FFA Constitutions.

NORTH COAST REGION FFA BY-LAWS

Article I Officers

- Section A: The North Coast Region shall elect (7) seven Regional FFA Officers: President, Secretary, and (5) five Vice Presidents. The Regional FFA Officers and Advisor constitute the North Coast Region FFA Executive Committee.
- Section B: The Regional Officers of the Organization shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at the annual spring regional meeting.
- Section C: The Regional Advisor is not elected each year as he/she is automatically elected by reason of his/her position in the California Department of Education as North Coast Regional Supervisor of Agriculture Education or their designee. Assistant Regional FFA Advisors may be appointed by the Regional FFA Advisor on an annual basis.
- Section D: Each chapter may submit applications of members who are sophomores and juniors that hold at least the Chapter FFA Degree for office in the North Coast Region organization. Applications must be received by the posted deadline and all applicants will be interviewed by the Nominating Committee.
- Section E: All elective Regional FFA Officers shall hold office for one year after their election or installation at the State FFA Leadership Conference or Spring Regional Meeting, unless removed from office for cause by the Regional FFA Executive Committee.
- Section F: All officer vacancies shall be filled by the Regional President and approved by the Regional FFA Executive Committee until the next regular election is held.
- Section G: A committee consisting of retiring Regional FFA Officers and the Regional FFA Advisor or designee shall serve as the Nominating Committee.
- Section H: The office of President shall be determined by the Regional Nominating Committee placing their number one and number two ranked candidates against each other. These two candidates shall be elected from the pool of at large applicants.
- Section I: Of the two candidates nominated for North Coast Region President, the candidate receiving the fewest votes from the delegate body shall automatically become the North Coast Region Secretary.

Section J: The (5) five Vice Presidents shall be nominated from the qualified pool of applicants with two candidates representing each of the (4) sections being nominated against each other. The At-Large Vice President position shall be nominated from the entire pool of applicants. The (4) four Regional Vice Presidents shall be elected by ballot by their respective sections during the regional meeting. The President, Secretary and At-Large Region Vice President(s) will be elected by the entire region.

Section K: In the event, there are not (2) two qualified candidates from a given section in the candidate pool, then the Regional Nominating Committee may recommend only (1) one candidate for that position. In the event, there are no qualified candidates or applicants from a given section, then that slot may be filled by at-large candidates to become an At-Large Regional Vice President.

Section L: Only those candidates screened by the Regional FFA Nominating Committee may be elected to Regional Office. Applicants not placed on the ballot can not be nominated from the floor at the Spring Regional Meeting and therefore are not eligible for Regional Office.

Section M: Duties of Regional Officers

1. President:

- a. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings of the North Coast Region of the California Association FFA and over all meetings of the Regional Executive Committee.
- b. The President shall call special meetings of the North Coast Region or of the Executive Committee.
- c. The President shall attend all State FFA Executive Committee meetings as the representative of the North Coast Region. If he/she is not able to attend, the President is to notify the Regional Advisor and a representative shall be appointed.

2. Vice Presidents:

- a. The Vice Presidents shall assume all duties of the President in his/her absence.
- b. Perform the duties common to the secretary office that include keeping an accurate record of the minutes of the region and the Executive Committee.
- c. Manage and formulate region budget and other treasurer duties.
- d. Carry-out the duties of the Reporter position to prepare all news notes suitable for publication, particularly in the Golden Harvest. The Vice

Presidents shall also be the driving force behind the development and dissemination of a Regional Newsletter.

- e. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents to assist in the conduct of all Regional Meetings, by greeting guests, seating delegates, arranging the equipment, and carrying out other duties assigned by the President.
3. Secretary:
- a. The Secretary shall perform the duties common to this office that include keeping an accurate record of the minutes of the region and the Executive Committee.