

Constitution and By-Laws Decatur FFA Alumni Association

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ARTICLE 1. Name and Purpose

Section A.

The name of the organization shall be the Decatur FFA Alumni Association.

Section B.

The purpose of the organization shall be: 1.To support and promote the Decatur FFA Chapter Organization, FFA activities, and agricultural education on local, state, and national levels.

2. To provide a tie to the Decatur FFA and assist Decatur 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 Decatur FFA Chapter, the Decatur Independent School District and the Decatur Community.

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 area to be served by the Decatur FFA Alumni Association shall be theDecatur Independent School District.

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

ARTICLE III. Membership

Membership shall be open to former active, collegiate and honorary FFA members, present and 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 Decatur "D" FFA emblem with the word "Alumni" below it shall serve as the emblem of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association.

ARTICLE V. Executive Body

Section A.

The Decatur FFA Alumni Association Executive Board members shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter.

Section B.

The Executive Board Committee shall be elected annually in MAY from the PAID membership (each paid member) present at that meeting by nomination and majority vote at said meeting. The new Executive Board Committee will take office at the June meeting.

Section C.

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

Section D.

All members of the Decatur FFA Alumni Executive Board Committee must be active paid members of Decatur FFA Alumni Association.

Section E.

The treasurer's books and any accounts of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association 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 Board Committee shall be consistent with those usually pertaining to these positions.

a. The President shall have a stipulated agenda, preside at all meetings, appoint committee members, and perform other duties as associated with the office.

b. The Vice-President shall share and perform other duties and/or tasks requested by the presiding President. The Vice-President will also assume the duties of the President in case of the President's absence.

c. The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the Board, keep all approved minutes in a minute book, and send out copies of minutes to the

executive board committee. The Secretary shall have available copies at each scheduled monthly meeting, and perform other duties as associated with the office.

d. The Treasurer shall keep record of the organization's budget and prepare financial reports & tax returns as needed. The Treasurer shall have available copies at each scheduled monthly meeting, and perform other duties as associated with the office.

e. The Reporter will keep website and social media platforms up to date with all current activities.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings

Section A.

The Decatur FFA Alumni Association Executive Committee can meet during the year and prior to regular meetings when necessary for planning and to make executive decisions as needed. Additional meetings may be called by the FFA advisor, Alumni president, or any other two members.

Section B.

There shall be one monthly membership meeting during the calendar school year held at the same time that the Decatur FFA Students meet. If the students do not have a meeting, the Decatur FFA Alumni President can determine if the Alumni will meet that month. Additional regular meetings may be called by the FFA advisor, Alumni president, or any other two members.

Section C.

All appointed committees shall meet as needed for said committee tasks.

ARTICLE VII. Dues

The annual dues of the Decatur 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. No members shall be considered active and in good standing unless full dues are paid by November 1st of the current school year.

ARTICLE VIII. Amendments

Section A.

The constitution of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association may be amended or changed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present 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 Decatur FFA Alumni Association may be submitted by any active member and must be in writing and received by the secretary 30 days prior to the regular scheduled monthly meeting. Proposed Amendments shall be approved by at least two-thirds of the executive body before being submitted to the membership for consideration.

Section C.

Amendments to the bylaws of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association may be adopted to fit the needs of the organization at any regular Alumni meeting by a two-thirds vote of the ACTIVE (paid) members present.

Decatur FFA/Alumni Association Bylaws

ARTICLE 1. Organization Information

Section A: FFA Alumni Affiliate/Association Bylaws

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

ARTICLE II. Location of Principle Office

The office of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association shall be located at:

Decatur High School-Agriculture Department

750 East Eagle Summit Drive

Decatur, TX 76234

High School 940-393-7200

Direct to Ag. Office 940-393-7285

Official Mailing Address is:

Decatur FFA Alumni Association

P.O. Box 1037

Decatur, Texas 76234

ARTICLE III. Procedures for election of Decatur FFA Alumni Assoc. Executive

Body Officers

Section A.

The members of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association Executive Committee (Council) that are selected from the membership-at-large shall be elected by vote at the annual meeting. Each PAID member of the current school year shall be entitled to vote.

Section B.

The members of the Executive Committee shall serve one year terms. The election of the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter shall be held each year from the body of the membership.

Section C

The members of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association shall elect an Executive Board Committee (President, V-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter) by nomination and vote only. Only one spouse per household may be an Executive Committee member. (husband or wife, not both.)

Section D

When a vacancy occurs on the Decatur FFA Alumni Association Executive Committee, other than from expiration of their term, The Decatur FFA Alumni Association members shall re-elect by nomination and vote only for the said vacancy. Current Executive Board members can be nominated for the said vacancy.

ARTICLE IV. Duties of the Alumni Executive Committee

Section A.

It shall be the duty of the Alumni Executive Committee to direct the operation of the association in accordance with its constitutional purposes. It shall be responsible for planning programs and activities in which it is advisable for the association to participate. It shall be responsible for making executive decisions outside of the regular meetings as business necessitates.

Section B.

The FFA Alumni Executive Committee may appoint such committees necessary to further the work of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association. There will be no husband and wife on the Scholarship committee.

ARTICLE V. Time of Meetings

The annual meeting and other necessary meetings of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association shall be held at such a place and time as may be prescribed by the local FFA Alumni Association Executive Committee and according to the Constitution.

ARTICLE VI. Fiscal Year

Section A.

The fiscal year of the local FFA Alumni shall be determined by members of the affiliate according to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section B.

Books and records of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association may be inspected by any member at any reasonable time. Financial reports and minutes of the meeting will be presented to members at each monthly meeting.

Section C.

There shall be an annual audit of the Decatur FFA Alumni Association financial records. An outside source is preferred to complete this audit.