

## **REGIONAL ELECTIONS PROCEDURES**

The usage of the phrase “State Bylaws” refers to *Missouri Association Family, Career and Community Leaders of America State Bylaws, Revised 2009*.

The usage of the term “chapter” refers to affiliated FCCLA chapters. Affiliated means paying all regional, state and national dues by the required affiliation deadlines.

State Bylaws, Article V, Section 6C states that “Regional associations will follow the regional elections procedures as determined by the State Executive Council.” It is expected that all regional presidents will implement the following procedures as approved by the State Executive Council.

### **REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS**

Up to twelve (12) regional officers may be elected by the voting delegates. According to State Bylaws, Article V, Section 6A, regions shall have six (6) required officers represented on the regional executive council. Item 7 under this same section allows for other regional officers as deemed necessary by the regional association. Up to six (6) discretionary officers may be elected.

The Regional Executive Council shall be composed of the elected regional officers, state officer, national officer candidate (should one be elected), and state vice president of occupational membership candidate (should one be elected). At a maximum the Regional Executive Council would consist of twelve (12) regional officers, one (1) state office, one (1) national candidate and one (1) state vice president of occupational membership candidate for a total of fifteen (15) members. Regional Executive Councils shall not exceed fourteen (15) members. Regions not electing a state officer, national candidate or state vice president of occupational membership candidate may not increase the number of other regional officers.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	State Officer	Required
2.	National Officer Candidate	Interest-Based
3.	State Vice President of Occupational Membership Candidate	Interest-Based
4.	President	Required
5.	Vice President	Required
6.	Secretary	Required
7.	Treasurer	Required
8.	Reporter	Required
9.	Parliamentarian	Required
10.	Regional Officer	Discretionary
11.	Regional Officer	Discretionary
12.	Regional Officer	Discretionary
13.	Regional Officer	Discretionary
14.	Regional Officer	Discretionary
15.	Regional Officer	Discretionary

### **NUMBER OF CANDIDATES PER CHAPTER**

Each chapter will be eligible to present three (3) candidates for election. These three candidates may seek regional, state or national candidate offices. Any combination of candidates would be possible for a chapter as long as the total number of candidates presented by the chapter does not exceed three (3).

### **CANDIDATE OPTIONS AND OFFICER QUALIFICATION FORMS**

All candidates must submit the appropriate officer qualification forms prior the deadline set for regional applications. Candidates have the option of submitting national candidate, state officer, and regional officer qualification forms. Candidates who have chosen this option by submitting all the qualification forms may continue in the order of elections if desired. Therefore, a candidate not elected as a state officer may be presented as a candidate for the national candidate

position. Candidates not elected as a national candidate may be presented as a candidate for regional officer. Only candidates who have submitted the appropriate officer qualification forms may participate in this option.

### **ORDER OF ELECTIONS**

Candidates will be presented, and elected, in the following order:

<b>Order of Presentation and Election</b>	<b>Office</b>
First	State Officer
Second	National Candidate
Third	State Vice President of Occupational Membership Candidate
Fourth	Regional President and Vice President
	Regional Officers

### **ELECTION OF REGIONAL PRESIDENT, REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICERS**

Candidates desiring the position of regional president must indicate this preference on the officer qualification form. Once the voting delegates have cast the votes, the regional president candidate receiving the highest number of votes is elected as regional president. The regional president candidate receiving the second-highest number of votes is elected as regional vice president.

Should there be only one candidate for regional president, the regional officer candidate receiving the most votes is elected the regional vice president.

Selection or assignment of all other regional offices may be determined by procedures established by the regional associations and/or regional executive council.

### **CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF OFFICE**

A member may run for regional office as long as they are eligible and meet the qualifications and guidelines as set forth in the State Bylaws. A member may serve more than one term of office on either the regional or state executive councils, provided they are elected each year through the regional elections process. National Bylaws prohibit national officers serving more than one term of office.

### **OPTION FOR WAIVER**

If a region cannot fill the required offices as called for by state bylaws or by the election procedures approved by the State Executive Council, the regional president may request a waiver of the procedures from the state advisor. This request may be submitted in writing or in person (via telephone if needed) and should be done prior to the regional elections if at all possible.

### **CAMPAIGNING POLICY – REGIONAL ELECTIONS**

Campaigning, which includes but is not limited to, soliciting/asking for votes and distribution or posting of printed materials in support of the candidate or bearing the candidate's name, including brochures and business cards, shall not be allowed by regional, state or national officer candidates or their supporters. If a member or chapter advisor of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America feels that an officer candidate has violated this policy, such violation must be reported, in writing, to the advisor to the regional president. Alleged violations must be reported prior to the close of the voting process. This allegation will be investigated by the members of the Regional Executive Council and their advisors and may lead to disqualification. The decision to disqualify shall be a majority vote of the Regional Executive Council members in attendance.

### **DISQUALIFICATION – UNFAIR ADVANTAGE**

During regional elections, all officer candidates are prohibited from using cellular devices (cell phones, PDAs, etc.) If a regional officer feels an officer candidate has violated this policy, such violation must be reported to the advisor of the regional president. Alleged violations must be reported prior to the close of the voting process. This allegation will be investigated by the members of the Regional Executive Council and their advisors and may lead to disqualification. The decision to disqualify shall be a majority vote of the Regional Executive Council members in attendance. The purpose of this policy is to prohibit communication between officer candidates, spectators, voting delegates, or resources which might give the candidate an unfair advantage during the election process.