



Area XI

Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association

Constitution and By-Laws

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Article I – Name and Purpose

Section A. The name of this organization shall be Area 11 of the South Central Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

Section B. The purpose for which this association is formed are as follows:

1. To improve and promote through professional activities, Vocational Agriculture and FFA in Area 11;
2. To co-operate with other areas and the Missouri Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association in conducting and promoting Vocational Agriculture and FFA activities;
3. To assist in planning and conducting area FFA and Vocational Agricultural contests;
4. To inform the district representatives on state committees of any desirable changes that might be made in state activities.
5. To improve and promote in-service education for the instructors in Area 11.

Article II – Membership

Section A. Membership in this organization shall be composed of the Vocational Agriculture instructors and instructors of Vocational Agriculture at the post secondary level in Area 11 who are in good standing with the MVATA.

Section B. Associate Membership may be granted to former or retired teachers of Vocational Agriculture upon application for membership and payment of dues as determined by the executive committee. Associate members shall be entitled to all privileges of the association except those of voting and holding office.

Article III – Officers

Section A. The officers of the association shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter.

Section B. The Offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary shall be elected annually by majority vote of the members present at the annual MVATA Planning meeting in the spring. It is recommended that the offices of Treasurer and Reporter would be the Chapter Advisors for the Area FFA Treasurer and Reporter.

Section C. The officers shall have responsibility for all meetings and activities conducted during the year. The president, together with the executive committee, shall have specific responsibility of the Area FFA contests and judging contests.

Section D. The secretary of the organization shall maintain a complete record of all meetings of the organization and executive meetings. They shall see that all members are notified of all activities and shall furnish each member a copy of the minutes of each meeting within a reasonable time after the meeting is held.

Section E. The reporter of the organization shall assist the District and State reporter and appropriately publicize Area 11 FFA and Vocational Agriculture Activities.

Article IV – Executive Committee

Section A. The officers of the organization together with the immediate past president shall constitute the executive committee. The executive committee shall have full power to act for the organization during times the membership is not in session.

Article V – Meetings

Section A. Meetings shall be scheduled at the Area 11 Spring Planning meeting.

Section B. The executive committee shall have the power to call special meetings if they deem it advisable.

Article VI – Committees

Section A. The president shall appoint the necessary committees annually as needed for those activities which will be held.

Article VII – Dues

Section A. There shall be regular membership dues set and payable at the May meeting. Special assessments may be made by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any regular meeting or meeting called by the executive committees.

Article VIII – Amendments

Section A. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any regular meeting or meeting called by the executive committee provided the members have been notified in writing one week prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendments are made.

BY - LAWS

Article I

Section A All provisions contained in the constitution Area 11 of the South Central Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association shall be considered to be a part of these by-laws.

Article II – Membership Responsibility

Section A Any members that fail to follow the constitution and by-laws of the organization, or refuses to properly serve on committees, or refuses to grade papers and score cards, or work during the contests until such time as the members have set, shall be barred from participation in the activities of the organization. The membership shall have the power to make decisions in this regard at any regular or special meeting. A majority vote of the members present shall determine the action to be taken.

Article III - Quorum

Section A Ten (10) members present at a regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article IV – Area Contests

Section A To be eligible for participation in any area contest which requires material, this material must be present in completed form at the time of the contest in compliance to contest rules.

Section B To be eligible for participation in Area contests all dues and assessments must be paid to the treasurer in advance of the contests.

Section C The Area Contests Committees will serve under the direction of the Vice-President in co-operation with the host school.

Section D The committees on the book contests shall serve as judges of these contests. The Contest Chairperson shall have the responsibility of securing judges for the creed speaking, public speaking, and parliamentary procedure contests.