

AREA 15 FFA CONSTITUTION
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Article I - Name and Purpose

- Section A. The Name of this organization shall be Area 15 of the Missouri FFA Association.
- Section B. The purpose for which this Association is formed are as follows:
1. To form a bond to further brotherhood and cooperation among the members of the FFA Chapters so they might work together for the betterment of all.
 2. To provide additional leadership training for the members of the Area.
 3. To coordinate the activities of the chapters in Area 15.

Article II - Organization

- Section A. Area 15 of the Missouri FFA Association is composed of the Chapters of Area 15 of the FFA.
- Section B. This Association accepts in full the provisions and by-laws of the Missouri FFA Association, as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

Article III - Membership

- Section A. Membership in this Association shall consist of all active chapters in Area 15.
- Section B. Local dues paying chapters are to select two voting delegates (excluding the Executive Committee) that desire to attend the meeting.
1. Association membership as a group may invite other members and guests of the local chapters to special meetings.
 2. Only the elected delegates may vote on all business brought before the Association.

Article IV - Emblems

- Section A. The emblem of this organization shall be that emblem of the FFA.
- Section B. Emblems used by members of this organization shall be uniform and those designated by the National FFA Organization.

Article V - Officers

Section A. The officers of Area 15 FFA shall be as follows:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Reporter
Sentinel
Parliamentarian
Chaplain

The local Advisor or Advisors from the Chapters of the President shall be the Area 15 FFA Advisors.

Section B. Officers shall be elected annually at the State Degree Screening meeting of the Area 15 FFA by a majority vote of the delegates present. Nomination shall be based on an Interview, and the Leadership Page from the State FFA Degree Application. Nominees must be members of a dues paid Area 15 FFA chapter. In the event of a tie, the ties will be broken using the total of the Leadership Page score. If a tie still exists it will be broken first by total points scored on Table B (Activities) from the Leadership Page and then by Table C (Officers). New officers shall be installed at the Area 15 Banquet, unless otherwise specified by the Executive Committee.

Section C. The officers of the organization, along with the advisors of the Area President shall constitute the Executive Committee. This Executive Committee shall have full power to act as necessary for the organization in accordance with actions taken at organization meetings and various regulations of by-laws adopted from time to time.

Section D. The number of officer candidates shall be limited to one per active chapter in Area 15 FFA.

Section E. The officer nominating committee, consisting of two delegates from each school, and shall nominate officer candidates at the State Degree Screening meeting of the organization. The nominating committee shall select an officer slate based on interview and leadership points process. An Area Officer is elected as a representative from their school and shall forfeit their office if they leave that school.

Section F. To be a candidate for Area Office, members must hold the Chapter FFA Degree unless the chapter received its charter within the last two years.

Section G. All elected Area Officers shall attend State FFA Camp during the Area Officer Institute (AOI). Their responsibility shall be to plan the Program of Work for the coming year. The Area Advisors shall attend the camp with the officers.

Section H. If a member of the Executive Committee is absent from 2 consecutive meetings or 3 meetings per term or otherwise fails in their duties, they will be suspended from office.

Section I. The duties of the officers shall be as stated in the official manual of the National FFA Organization and the following:

1. President/Advisor
 - a. Arrange Transportation to Area Officer Institute
 - b. Plan Area Banquet
 - c. Transport National Officer during area visit in September

Article V – Officers (continued)

2. Vice President
 - a. Host and plan Area Leadership Conference
3. Secretary
 - a. Create and print Area Banquet Program and Certificates
4. Treasurer
 - a. Record income and expenses
 - b. Keep track of dues paid
5. Reporter
 - a. Area Photographer
 - b. Update Area Twitter and Facebook pages
6. Sentinel
 - a. Prepare meeting spaces
 - b. Greet members and guests at area events
7. Parliamentarian
 - a. Be proficient with parliamentary procedure
 - b. Insure area events are well planned and run smoothly
8. Chaplain
 - a. Present invocation at area events
9. All Officers
 - a. Attend the following
 - i. Greenhand Motivational Conference
 - ii. Area Leadership Conference
 - iii. Area Officer Institute
 - iv. All other area activities
 - b. Participate as a team in the planning and implementation of area events.

Article VI - Meetings

- Section A. Regular organization meetings shall be held during the school year at such time and place as is designated by the Executive Committee.
- Section B. At Association meetings, twelve of the area delegates listed in the Secretary's roll shall constitute a quorum and a quorum must be present at any meeting which business is transacted at or a vote taken committing the organization to any proposal or action.
- Section C. Executive Committee meetings shall be called at the request of any Executive Committee Member and approval by the Area Advisor. The President shall notify all Area 15 Chapters of Executive Committee Meetings.

Article VII - Dues

- Section A. Area dues in this organization shall be collected annually by the Area Executive Treasurer, and will be set at the Area Rituals Contest. Not paying Area Dues will result in a Chapter forfeiting its right to participate in Area FFA CDE's (Contests), State Degree Applications, Area Officer Candidates and Proficiency Applications for its' members.
1. An appeal can be made to the Area FFA Advisor if a situation arises that requires a late pay.

Article VIII - Amendments

- Section A. To amend this constitution shall require require 2/3 of the delegates voting for the amendment.
- Section B. An amendment must be filed with the area executive committee 30 days prior to an Area 15 meeting. The executive committee should notify each chapter of the proposal 20 days prior to the meeting.
- Section C. No amendment may conflict with any part of the State and National FFA Constitutions.

Article IX – State Officer Interviews

- Section A. The State Officer Interviews for Area 15 during the District Leadership Development Events (contests).
- Section B. The interview panel will consist of current State FFA Officers, neither from Area 15. One Southeast District advisor will be present during the interviews, but will be a non-voting, non-contributing member.
- Section C. State Officer selection will be based 75% on interview and 25% on Leadership points found on the State FFA Degree.