

AREA 16 FFA CONSTITUTION
Proposed January 30th 2008

Article I - Name and Purpose

Section A. The Name of this organization shall be Area 16 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 16.
4. Officers and delegates assist at Area Contests.

Article II - Organization

Section A. Area 16 of the Missouri FFA Association is composed of the Chapters of Area 16 of the MVATA.

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 16.

Section B. Local 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 16 FFA shall be as follows:

President
1st Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Reporter
Sentinel
Vice Presidents

The Vice Presidents shall be assigned to and fulfill the responsibilities of Chaplain, Historian, Parliamentarian and Vice Presidents according to their experience, expertise, ability, etc. This decision will be made by the nomination committee and voting delegates during the election nights proceedings

The local Advisor or Advisors from the Chapters of the President shall be the Area 16 FFA Advisors.

Section B. Officers shall be elected annually at the State Degree Pre-Screening meeting of the Area 16 FFA by a majority vote of the delegates present. Nomination shall be based on an Interview, and the Leadership Page from the State Degree Application. Nominees must be members of a dues paid Area 16 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 16 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. Attendance at special Executive Committee activities can be required by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Section E. The number of officer candidates shall be limited to one per active chapter in Area 16 FFA.

Section F. The officer nominating committee, consisting of the Executive Committee and two delegates from each school, and State Officers, if obtainable, shall nominate officer candidates at the State Degree Pre-Screening meeting of the organization. The nominating committee shall select an officer slate, plus a 1st and 2nd alternate to be installed in the event of an office vacancy. An Area Officer is elected as a representative from their school and shall forfeit their office if they leave that school.

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. When an Area Officer fails to attend AOI their chapter shall reimburse Area 16 for that Officer's share of the AOI expense. An exception may be granted for Chapter FFA Activities when approved by the Area 16 Advisors.

Article V – Officers (continued)

- 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. In the even that an officer is suspended, the steps for replacement shall be as follows:
1. If it is more than 6 months since the election of the suspended officer, the vacancy need not be filled. If there is a vacancy within the first 6 months of office, the vacancy shall be filled.
 2. The vacancy shall be filled by the installation of an alternate or by an interview conducted by the Area 16 Executive Committee. The official chapter delegates who desire the position may be interviewed to fill the vacancy.

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, sixteen of the 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. The President shall notify the Secretary, who will notify in writing all Area 16 Chapters of Executive Committee Meetings.
- Section D. Each chapter without an Area Officer may send a representative to the Executive Committee Meetings. The duties and responsibilities of the representatives shall be as follows:
1. To communicate to home chapters action taken by the Executive Committee.
 2. To have input into decisions made by the Executive Committee, but not have voting privileges.

Article VII - Dues

- Section A. Area dues in this organization shall be collected annually by Mr. John Osborn, and will be set at one dollar per FFA member listed on the Chapters FFA Roster. Not paying Area Dues will result in a Chapter forfeiting its right to participate in Area FFA CDE's (Contests), State Degree Applications, and Proficiency Applications for its' members.

Article VIII - Amendments

- Section A. A copy of the constitution shall be issued to each chapter in the Area 16 Organization.
- Section B. Recommended that each delegate bring official manual to each Area Meeting.