

BYLAWS OF THE WATERFORD FFA ALUMNI

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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the Waterford FFA Alumni and Supporters. It is a chartered local chapter of the Wisconsin FFA Alumni and Supporters that in turn is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT

The object of this chapter shall be to support and promote the Waterford FFA, FFA activities, and agricultural education on local, state and national levels; to provide engagement opportunities to former FFA members and supporters of FFA and agricultural education; to promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture; to cooperate with the local FFA chapter, and FFA at the state and national level; to promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system; and to promote the personal development aspect of FFA.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all who support agricultural education and FFA.

Section 2. A member is considered in good standing with full voting privileges if their name is listed on the membership roster and the chapter's annual fees are paid in full based on the membership year of the National FFA Organization (August 1 – July 31). Annually the chapter must pay an annual fee that includes the National FFA Alumni and Supporters fee and any corresponding state FFA Alumni and Supporters fees which may be applicable.

Section 3. Prospective members shall fill out a membership application at any monthly meeting and will be added to the Chapter roster prior to the next monthly meeting.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers and Duties.

- The officers of the chapter shall be a president, vice president, secretary, ~~and~~ treasurer, reporter, and historian. Other officers may be elected as needed. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the chapter.

Section 2. Nomination Procedure, Time of Elections.

- Nominations and election of officers shall occur at the annual meeting to be held in January.

Section 3. Ballot Election, Term of Office.

- The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one (1) year or until their successor is elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Section 4. Office-Holding Limitations.

- No member shall serve for more than three (3) terms in the same office, unless elected by 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings.

- The regular meetings of the chapter shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the chapter.
- Members & guests of the Waterford FFA Alumni & Supporters shall not consume alcohol at meetings where high school FFA students are present & representing the Waterford FFA chapter. This policy is to protect the chapter & students from violation of the Waterford Union High School Code of Conduct. (Added June, 2022)

Section 2. Annual Meetings.

- The regular meeting in January shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees and for any other business that may arise. In case of cancellation due to inclement weather, the annual meeting shall be rescheduled to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings.

- Special meetings may be called by the president, the executive board, or a quorum of the members with two weeks' notice. No business should be conducted except those items stated in the call of the special meeting.

Section 4. Quorum.

- A quorum shall consist of a majority of members in good standing that are present at the meeting.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Board Composition.

- The officers of the chapter, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter shall constitute the executive board.

Section 2. Board Duties and Powers.

- The executive board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter between its business meetings, fix the hours and place of meetings, make recommendations to the chapter, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The board shall be subject to the orders of the chapter, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the chapter.

Section 3. Board Meetings.

- Unless otherwise ordered by the board, regular and special meetings of the executive board shall be held, as needed. Additional special meetings of the board may be called by the president.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Special Committees

- Standing or special committees may be approved by the president as the chapter or executive board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the chapter. The President shall be an ex officio non-voting member of all committees.

Section 2. Limitations

- When a committee is appointed, a budget will be determined by two-thirds vote of the membership in attendance.
- When finalizing an event or fundraiser, the chairperson shall turn in all receipts within 60 days of the event or fundraiser to ensure possibility for reimbursement when necessary. (Amended Jan. 2023)
- After turning in all receipts, the committee chair shall provide the Waterford FFA Alumni and Supporters, within 3 business meetings of that event or fundraiser completion, with a proper expense and profit/loss statement for that event. (Amended Jan. 2023)

ARTICLE VIII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the chapter may adopt.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION OF THE CHAPTER

Upon the dissolution of this FFA Alumni and Supporters chapter, all remaining assets, account balances, FFA branded materials, social media and financial account logins, organizational materials and records shall be turned over to the Waterford FFA Chapter in which this organization was chartered to support. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

