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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
THE NEBRASKA FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
(AND SUPPORTERS)

Article I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A The name of this organization shall be the Nebraska FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters). This organization is formed as a state affiliate (chartered association) with The National FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters)

Section B The purpose of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters) shall be:

1. To support and promote agriculture education, and the FFA organizations, and FFA activities on local, state, and national levels.
2. To provide a tie to agriculture education personnel and the FFA and to assist the FFA in involving former members in worthy activities.
3. To foster and promote greater knowledge of the agriculture industry and support education in agriculture.
4. To cooperate with the Nebraska FFA Association, local FFA Alumni affiliates (and Supporters chapters), and the National FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters).
5. To promote and maintain an appreciation for the American free enterprise system.
6. To promote and enhance the personal development opportunities of FFA members through Agriculture Education.

Article II ORGANIZATION

Section A The Nebraska FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters) may consist of chartered local affiliates (chapters) organized on a school, county, or other basis. Membership may be direct when no local affiliate (chapter) is in existence.

Section B A local affiliate shall be eligible to become a chartered affiliate when (1) It has at least 10 members who have paid Nebraska and National dues; (2) Its purposes, Articles of Incorporation and By-laws are in harmony with the Nebraska and National FFA Alumni Association; and (3) It has a designated chairperson.

(Section B A local chapter shall be eligible to become a chartered chapter when (1) It has paid the Nebraska and National dues/fees; (2) It has at least 10 members; (3) Its purposes, Articles of Incorporation and By-laws are in harmony with the Nebraska and National FFA Alumni and Supporters; and (4) It has a designated chairperson.)

Section C When a local group becomes eligible to affiliate, it may apply to the state association to be chartered as a local **affiliate (chapter)** of the Nebraska FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)**. An application shall be provided by the Membership Secretary.

Article III MEMBERSHIP

Section A Membership shall be open to former active collegiate, honorary FFA, NFA members, present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members, and other persons interested in providing support to agriculture education, and FFA. A Nebraska and National member shall have paid annual or life dues.

(Section A Membership shall be open to all who support agriculture education and FFA.)

Section B **Local (Nebraska FFA Alumni and Supporters)** affiliates may grant non-voting, non-office holding membership.

Section C Any group using the name "FFA Alumni" must affiliate and charter with the Nebraska and National FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)**.

Article IV EMBLEM

(words Nebraska FFA Alumni and Supporters to the right of the emblem)

Section A The **gold** FFA emblem with the **word "Alumni" below it** (shall serve as the official emblem of the Nebraska FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)**).

Article V EXECUTIVE BODY

Section A The Executive Body of the Nebraska FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)** shall be the Nebraska FFA Alumni **(and Supporters)** Council (**, hereafter referred to as "The Council".**)

Section B The **Nebraska FFA Alumni** Council shall consist of those persons as set forth in the By-laws. **Nebraska FFA Alumni (The)** Council membership shall include:

1. Thirteen **(voting)** representatives from the Nebraska FFA Alumni **(and Supporters)** membership.
2. Three **(ex-officio)** representatives of agricultural educators selected from secondary, post-secondary, and university level institutions.
3. The current Nebraska State FFA **(Association)** President **(in an ex-officio capacity)**.
4. The immediate past **State Alumni (The Council)** Chairperson **(in an ex-officio capacity, serving a minimum one-year term)**.
- (5. A representative from the Nebraska Department of Education in an ex-officio capacity.)**

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(6. A membership secretary of the Nebraska FFA Alumni and Supporters in an ex-officio capacity.)

Section C All voting members of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Council, with the exception of the current State FFA President, the immediate past State FFA President, the immediate past State FFA Alumni Chairperson, and the second representative from the area of representation of the chairperson and chairperson-elect, shall be elected to three year terms.

(Section C All voting members of The Council shall be elected to a three-year term.)

Section D The Nebraska FFA Alumni Council shall annually elect a Chairperson, Chairperson-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer from the council membership.

(Section D The Council shall annually elect a Secretary and Treasurer from The Council and biennially elect a Chairperson and Chairperson Elect, serving as the Vice President.)

Section E Duties of the officers shall be set for (forth) in the By-laws.

Section F The Nebraska FFA Alumni Council Executive Committee shall be set forth in the By-laws.

Article VI MEETINGS

Section A The annual meeting and other necessary meetings of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters) shall be held at such place and time as may be designated by The Nebraska FFA Alumni Council.

Article VII FINANCE

Section A This association shall be financed as set forth in the By-laws. In the event of dissolution, any assets remaining shall be distributed among its members in proportion to the dues paid by each member over a reasonable period of years.

Section B The treasurer's books shall be subjected to a financial review by a qualified person each year.

Article VIII AMENDMENTS

Section A These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. Such amendments must first be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Council and then must be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership attending the regular or special meeting at which the amendments are submitted.

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Section B Proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters) may be submitted by a local affiliate or by any active member. Amendments must be in writing and received by the Secretary at least 90 days prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

Section C Notice of proposed amendments of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws shall be included in pre-annual conference mailings. Proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws shall be on file with the Secretary of The Nebraska FFA Alumni Council and shall be available for inspection upon request.

Article IX TERM OF EXISTENCE

Section A This organization shall have perpetual existence.



NEBRASKA FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AND SUPPORTERS)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Nebraska FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters) shall exist to promote, support, and enhance the improvement of agricultural education at the local, state, and national levels. This will be done in a manner to meet the needs of: secondary students; FFA members; adult participants; and Agricultural Educators.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters) shall be:

1. To support and promote agriculture education, the FFA organization, and FFA activities on local, state, and national levels.
2. To provide a tie to agricultural education personnel and the FFA, and to assist the FFA in involving former members in worthy activities.
3. To foster and promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.
4. To cooperate with the Nebraska FFA Association, local FFA Alumni Affiliates (and Supporters Chapters), and the National FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters).
5. To promote and enhance the personal development opportunities of FFA members through agriculture education.



NEBRASKA FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AND SUPPORTERS) BY-LAWS

Article I LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section A The principal office of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters) shall be located at:

307 (301) Centennial Mall South
PO Box 94987
Lincoln, NE 68509-4987

Article II MEMBERSHIP

Section A Eligibility

Persons interested in providing support to agriculture education, and FFA, may apply for membership in the Nebraska and National FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters). Such application shall constitute agreement and subscription to the purposes of the Association and to make payment of the designated state and national annual/life membership dues (/fees) as set forth in these by-laws.

Section B Types of Membership

This organization shall accept two types of membership:

- 1) Active Membership - Any former active, collegiate, honorary FFA, NFA members, present and former professional agricultural educators, parents of FFA members, and other persons are eligible. (Any person who supports agriculture education and FFA)
- 2) Associate Membership - Associate members will be non-voting and not eligible to hold elective office and shall be granted to those persons, associations, and/or organizations as designated by local and state affiliates (chapters).

Article III REPRESENTATION TO THE NEBRASKA FFA ALUMNI COUNCIL

Section A Qualifications

Each member of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Council (, hereafter referred to as “The Council”,) must be a member of the Nebraska and National FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters).

Section B Membership Representation

Membership representatives to The Nebraska FFA Alumni Council shall be nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the President and be elected by the members present at the annual state meeting, when the three-year term expires. This nominating committee shall seek out qualified candidates from the membership.

Section C Agricultural Educators Representation

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- 1) The secondary agriculture education instructor shall be designated by the Nebraska Agriculture Education Association (NAEA).
- 2) The agricultural teacher educator representative shall be selected by agricultural teacher educators at the university level.
- 3) The post-secondary agriculture education instructor shall be designated by the post-secondary members of the Nebraska Agriculture Education Association (NAEA).

(4) The Nebraska Department of Education representative shall be designated by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Section D FFA Representation

The current Nebraska State FFA (Association) President shall serve as a member of the council.

Section E Past State Alumni Chairperson Representation

The past State Alumni (council) Chairperson shall serve as a voting member of the council.

Section F Terms of Service

All council members, other than those provided for in Section E, and F, (Sections C, D, and E,) shall serve a three-year term. Not more than one-third (1/3) of the council terms shall be elected in any one year. Representatives to The Nebraska FFA Alumni Council will be elected to terms of service according to the following schedule and every third year thereafter:

2015	2016	2017
2018	2019	2020
2021	2022	2023
2024	2025	2026
2021	2022	2020
2024	2025	2026
2027	2028	2029
2030	2031	2031
Representative 1	Representative 2	Representative 3
Representative 10	Representative 5	Representative 4
Representative 11	Representative 6	Representative 7
Representative 13	Representative 9	Representative 8
Post Sec Tech Ag Instructor	Representative 12	Ag Teacher/Educator
	Univ. Ag Educator	

Section G Vacancies

Should a vacancy occur on The Nebraska FFA Alumni Council other than expiration of a term of service, The Nebraska FFA Alumni Council shall appoint a representative to fill the vacancy

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until the next annual meeting at which time a representative will be elected to complete the remainder of the term.

Article IV DUTIES OF THE **ALUMNI** COUNCIL

Section A General

It shall be the duty of The **Nebraska FFA Alumni** Council to direct the operation of the association in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Section B Officer Duties

The Chairperson shall preside over all Council meetings and membership meetings at which he/she is present and shall perform such duties as are usual to that office. The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

The Chairperson-elect shall, at the request of the Chairperson or during his/her absence, perform all duties of the Chairperson. In addition, the Chairperson-elect will direct the work of all committees.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all Council and membership meetings and see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws. The Secretary will be custodian of the Association records and work with the membership chairperson and membership secretary to maintain complete and accurate membership records.

The Treasurer shall keep complete and accurate records of all Nebraska FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)** financial transactions. The Treasurer will be responsible for receiving and dispersing funds as directed by action of The **Nebraska FFA Alumni** Council. The Treasurer shall arrange for the annual financial review and report results of the financial review to The **Alumni** Council.

Section C Executive Committee

The Chairperson, Chairperson-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee of The **Nebraska FFA Alumni** Council. The purposes and powers of the Executive Committee of The **Nebraska FFA Alumni** Council shall be to act on behalf of The Council when not in session.

Section D Appointments and Committees

The **Nebraska FFA Alumni** Council shall have the power to appoint individuals and/or committees as deemed necessary.

Article V MEETINGS

Section A Council Meetings

The **Nebraska FFA Alumni** Council shall meet at least three times per year. Additional meetings may be called by the Chairperson or a majority of the council members upon petition to the Secretary.

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Section B Annual Meetings

There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the Nebraska FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)**. Additional membership meetings may be called by The **Nebraska FFA Alumni Council**.

Section C Special Meetings

Special meetings of The **Nebraska FFA Alumni Council** may be called at any time by the Council Chairperson or by a majority of the council members upon written petition to the Secretary. Special meetings of the Nebraska FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)** membership may be called by The Council.

Section D Location of Meetings

The **Nebraska FFA Alumni Council** meetings and the annual membership meeting will be held in locations within the State of Nebraska as designated by The **Nebraska FFA Alumni Council**. Written notification of each meeting stating the location, time, place and purpose will be given under direction of the Secretary at the date fixed for such meeting. The annual state meeting of the Nebraska FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)** shall be held prior to the annual meeting of the National FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)**.

Section E Quorum

A quorum of all meetings shall consist of the **(voting) members** present **(, physically or virtually,)** at any meeting.

Section F Voting

All matters shall be decided by the **vote of the majority of those eligible to cast votes (majority of the quorum)**.

Article VI FISCAL YEAR

Section A The fiscal year for the Nebraska FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)** shall commence on the first day of January each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of December.

Article VII REPORTS/DOCUMENTATION

Section A Financial Review

There shall be an annual financial review of the Nebraska FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)**.

Section B Report to The Membership

The **Nebraska FFA Alumni Council** shall provide a comprehensive report to the membership at the annual meeting of the Nebraska FFA Alumni **Association (and Supporters)**.

Section C Affiliate Report

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Chartered affiliates shall submit an annual report to the Nebraska FFA Alumni Association on forms provided.

Section D (C) Other (Chapter) Reports

Other Reports may be maintained and/or prescribed as deemed necessary.

Article VIII FINANCE

Section A State Dues

The annual dues of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters) shall be recommended by The Alumni Council and fixed by majority vote of the membership present at the annual meeting. A "Life Membership" class of dues payment may be established.

Section B Affiliate (Chapter) Dues

The dues of any local affiliate (chapter) shall be fixed by the membership of that affiliate (chapter).

Article IX AMENDMENTS

Section A Procedures

Amendments to the By-laws of the Nebraska FFA Alumni Association (and Supporters) shall be made as follows:

1. Proposed amendments may be submitted by a local affiliate (chapter) or by any active member. The proposed amendments shall be in writing and received by The Alumni Council Secretary ninety days prior to the opening date of the Annual Meeting.
2. Proposed amendments that have been approved for submission by a two-thirds vote of The Alumni Council shall be forwarded to the membership at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the Annual Meeting.
3. Consideration of the proposed amendments shall be at the Annual Meeting. A majority of the membership present and voting will be necessary for adoption.