

# CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

## CENTRAL REGION CONSTITUTION

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### ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

**Section A.** The name of this organization shall be the “Central Region of the California Association, Future Farmers of America.”

**Section B.** The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To promote and encourage the fulfillment, on a Regional level, of the twelve (12) purposes of the organization, as outlined in the State Constitution.
2. To provide and actively promote inter-chapter activities on a Sectional and Regional basis.

### ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

**Section A.** The members of this organization shall be active members in good standing in the chapters of the Central Region, as defined in the State Constitution.

**Section B.** To be eligible for office, a member must hold the degree of Chapter Farmer and be a Junior in their high school at the time they are elected to office and must maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average.

### **ARTICLE III. OFFICERS**

**Section A.** The officers of the Central Region of the California Association of Future Farmers of America shall be:

President  
Vice President – At Large representative  
Vice President – North Area representative (*Yolo, Sacramento, Delta Cal*)  
Vice President – South Area representative (*Stan/T, Tri Rivers, Merced/Mar*)  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Reporter  
Sentinel  
Regional Advisor

The officers of the region shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates at the regular annual Regional Meeting held in the spring of each year. The Regional Supervisor serves as the Regional FFA Advisor.

**Section B.** All elected regional officers shall assume office at the Spring Regional Meeting of the calendar year in which they are elected. Unless removed from office for cause by the Executive Committee, they shall hold office for one full year. All vacancies may be filled by vote of the current Regional Officers.

### **ARTICLE IV. DUES**

**Section A.** Regional dues shall be fixed annually by the State Association.

### **ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

**Section A.** One Regional Convention, and other meetings only as needed, shall be held each year at such time and place as designated by a consensus of the elected officers.

**Section B.** The Executive Committee shall meet as a planning committee preceding the Annual Spring Regional Meeting.

**Section C.** Special meetings may be called at any time by the President.

**ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS**

**Section A.** Amendments to the Regional Constitution or By-Laws shall be submitted, in writing, by FFA Chapter, Section or Region officers, to the Executive Committee for consideration by January 10 preceding the Spring Regional meeting. They shall be prepared for voting upon recommendations. The Regional Officers will distribute the proposed amendment three weeks prior to the Regular Spring Regional Meeting to all Central Region chapters.  
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# BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I. OFFICERS

### Section A. Procedure of Election

1. All retiring Regional Officers and the Regional Advisor shall serve as the Nominating Committee.
2. The nominating committee shall nominate two (2) candidates per office.
3. During the election process, candidates who are not elected to the office they were originally slated, may choose to slide to one (1) other position on the ballot. [Exceptions: The President and Vice President – At-Large are able to slide to the appropriate Area Vice President position. The North Area Vice President cannot slide to the South Area Vice President and vice versa, depending on which is elected first.]
4. There will be no nominations accepted from the floor.
5. There will be no more than four (4) candidates allowed to run for each position.
6. All regional officers shall be elected by majority vote of the delegates present at the annual Spring Region Meeting.
7. All candidates must give a speech not to exceed two (2) minutes. If the candidate exceeds the time limit, time will be called and the microphone will be disabled.
8. In addition to a candidate speech, each candidate will have one (1) minute to answer a question in an impromptu fashion in front of the delegates. The questions shall be based on agriculture, agricultural education or FFA issues and will be prepared in advance by the Nominating Committee. Every candidate running for a particular position will answer the same question, having been prevented from knowing or hearing them in advance (i.e. all secretary candidates will respond to the same question.) After one (1) minute, time will be called and the microphone will be disabled.

## **Section B. Duties**

### **1. President**

- a.** It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meeting of the Central Region of the California Association, Future Farmers of America, and over all the meeting of the Regional Executive Committee.
- b.** The President shall call one Regional meeting each year.
- c.** The President shall call special meetings of the Regional Organization or of the Executive Committee when requested to do so by a majority vote of the Regional Executive Committee or by the Regional Advisor. Other duties may be assigned by the Executive Committee.
- d.** The President shall appoint all special committees and may serve as an ex-officio member of these committees.
- e.** The President shall attend State Executive meetings as the representative of the Central Region of Future Farmers of America. If not able to attend, the President is to notify the regional advisor and a representative shall be appointed.

### **2. Vice President**

- a.** The Vice President At-Large shall assume all duties of the President in the event that the office becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise.
- b.** The Vice President At-Large shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the President and shall assume all other duties the President as assigned by the Executive Committee.
- c.** The Northern Area and Southern Area Vice Presidents shall assume all duties as a Central Region Officer and serve as liaisons between the sections of their respective area and the Central Region.

### **3. Secretary**

- a.** The Secretary shall perform the duties common to this office that include keeping an accurate record of the minute of the Regional Organization or of the Executive Committee.

### **4. Treasurer**

- a.** The Treasurer shall perform all duties common to such an office and any other duties as directed by the Regional Advisor or the Executive Committee.

**5. Reporter**

- a. It shall be the duty of the Reporter to prepare all news notes suitable for publication, particularly in the FFA New Horizons.

**6. Sentinel**

- a. It shall be the duty of the Sentinel to assist in the conduct of all Regional meetings – by greeting the guests, seating, the delegates, arranging the paraphernalia, displays, and decorations and carrying out any other duties assigned to him/her by the President.

**7. Regional Advisor**

- a. The Regional Advisor is a member of the Executive Committee and an ex-officio member of all committees. It is his/her duty to advise the Executive Committee and other committees on matters of policy and assist the Regional Officers in conducting the meetings and programs.
- b. The word of the Regional Advisor shall be final in cases of the interpretation of this Constitution or By-Laws between Regional Executive meetings.

**ARTICLE II. VOTING**

- a. Each chapter in good standing is entitled to two delegates to represent their chapter at all Regional meetings.
- b. Each member of the Regional Executive Committee shall have a vote at all Regional meetings.

**ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES**

**Section A.** There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the eight current elected Regional Officers and the Regional Advisor. -The Executive Committee is authorized to act in the name of the Central Region Future Farmers of America between annual conferences, subject only to such regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the Central Region Future Farmers of America.

**Section B.** The Regional Officers shall be empowered to perform all business of the Central Regions between annual meetings.