

KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURE EDUCATORS

CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Kentucky Association of Agriculture Educators (KAAE).

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To sponsor, promote and give leadership and guidance to any state activity program engaged in by departments of agricultural education in Kentucky.
2. To serve as an advisory body, through the Executive Committee, to the Agricultural Education Program Consultants in the Office of Career and Technical Education, Kentucky Department of Education.
3. To serve as an advisory body through the Executive Committee, to the Kentucky Association of the National FFA Organization.
4. To promote professional improvement among the members by providing opportunities to meet together and study and discuss problems of interest in all areas of agriculture/horticulture, natural resources, management, and communication education as they pertain to agricultural education. This may include workshops, seminars, speakers, and tours.
5. To promote the program of agricultural education in Kentucky.
6. To promote diversity and equal opportunities for all members and students within our programs regardless of race, sex, religion, or ethnic background.

Article III. Membership

The membership in the Association shall be Active, Affiliate, Student, and Honorary.

1. Active membership shall be limited to teachers in the program of agricultural education in Kentucky who have paid current dues. Only active members shall be entitled to vote in meetings and hold elective office or be a committee member in the association.
2. Associate membership shall be limited to directors and supervisors in agricultural education, and to teacher educators in agriculture that have paid current dues.
3. Student memberships may be granted to college students preparing to teach agricultural education.

Article IV. Officer Elections

1. The officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Reporter and the immediate Past-President. The Vice-President shall serve as President-elect of the Association.
2. The election of officers shall be held at the time of the State Teachers Conference or at the first meeting of the Association after June 1. All active paid members shall be entitled to vote. No person shall serve as a state and regional officer during the same year.
3. The teachers nominated for state office shall have served at least one term as a regional chairperson.
4. The last five state presidents, who are still in the profession, and are active paid members of the association, plus an appointed representative from each region not represented by the past presidents, shall constitute a nominating committee to recommend officers for the association. For those regions not represented with the last five presidents, each region may determine who will represent their region on the nominating committee. Only KAAE members shall vote and serve on the committee.
5. The immediate Past President, present at state teachers' conference shall serve as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Nominations for

State Officer may also be made during the election process, from the floor by any active member.

6. All officers of the State Association shall assume their duties on July 1 or upon election if they have been elected after July, and shall serve until their successors are elected.
7. Should any office of the State Association become vacant during the year, the Executive Committee shall name a successor to serve until the next regular election.
8. All officers shall be elected to a (1) year term, except the office of Treasurer who shall be elected to a (3) three year term.

Article V - Meetings of the Association

1. The Association shall hold one meeting each year open to all members for the purpose of conducting annual financial reports, officer elections, and the attention to any other business items during the annual conference for the teachers of agriculture or joint career and technical education conference.
2. Special meetings of the Association may be called upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and/or with approval of the Program Consultants of Agricultural Education. The generally accepted dates are September (fall meeting), January (held jointly with the state FFA officers), April (for the purpose of State FFA rating and judging proficiencies etc.) and July (at the beginning of the teacher's conference).

Article VI - Amendments

1. This constitution and/or by laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present and voting at our annual meeting of the Association, provided the proposed amendments have been submitted to the Executive Committee. The proposed amendment(s) shall be distributed to members 30 days prior to the meeting.

BYLAWS

Section I - Year

1. The fiscal and associational year of the KAAE shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following year.

Section II - Dues

1. The annual dues of this Association shall be paid to the KAAE Treasurer or to such person or persons designated by this officer.
2. Active and associate members shall also include membership in the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE), the National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE).
3. Student membership dues shall be the amount set for student membership in the NAAE.
4. All dues shall be paid annually to the KAAE Treasurer with area dues being remitted to the respective affiliate organizations Treasurers.

Section III – Regions of the Association

1. The state shall be divided into geographic regions. Teachers of agriculture in a region shall automatically become members of that regional organization upon payment of their Association dues.
2. The number and boundaries of regions shall be determined by the Program Consultant of Agricultural Education in collaboration with the Executive Committee of KAAE and will coincide with the Kentucky FFA Association Regions.
3. Constitutional officers of the regional organization shall be a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, and a Secretary and/or Treasurer. The Constitutional Officers shall be elected bi-annually. This will allow for only half of the executive board to be replaced each year. Other officers and committees will be left to the discretion of each region. Only active paid members will serve as officers and committee members.

4. Associate members shall not be members of regional organizations, but shall be members at large.

Section IV - Duties of Officers

1. The president shall: serve as chairperson of the Executive Committee, preside at all meetings, appoint special committees as needed and perform all other duties belonging to this office. The president, or the person designated by the president, shall represent KAAE on the Kentucky FFA Foundation Board of Trustees during their term of service.
2. The vice president shall perform the duties in the absence or inability of the president to act and shall assist the president as needed. The vice president is in charge of information and public relations.
3. The secretary shall keep a record of the meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee and handle all correspondence.
4. The Treasurer shall handle all funds of the Association, collect and disburse money in such a manner as authorized by the Executive Committee, make an annual financial report to the Association and perform such other duties as may properly be delegated to that office. The Treasurer shall receive a salary of \$200 annually.
5. The reporter shall be responsible for a minimum of four newsletters of the Association and the directory. This shall be done in accordance with National requirements for our State Association. The Reporter shall also perform such other duties as may be delegated appropriate to that office.

Section V - Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee of this Association shall be composed of the State KAAE Officers, the retiring State President, and the chairpersons of all the regions. The Program Consultant of Agricultural Education, the head of the Department of Agricultural Education of each state university or staff members designated by them and Representatives of the Kentucky Retired Ag Teachers Association, Adult Agriculture Teachers/YFA, and Kentucky FFA Alumni Association shall be ex-officio members of this committee.
2. The Executive Committee shall hold one regular meeting each year and other meetings as called by the president or a majority of its members.
3. When meeting as an advisory committee in joint session with the FFA Executive Committee, FFA Officers may propose motions. If such motions

are made and if a member of the KAAE Executive Committee seconds the motion(s), then the motions will be accepted as items of business on the floor for further action. Only members will vote on any of these items.

4. The Executive Committee shall approve the expenditure of funds of the Association.

Section VI - Policies

1. This association shall be non-commercial, nonsectarian and nonpolitical.
2. This association shall not endorse any commercial enterprise or political candidate.
3. The policies of this association shall be determined democratically.

Section VII - KACTE Representatives

1. The Executive Committee shall appoint a representative of KAAE to serve on the KACTE Executive Committee for a term of two year.

Section VIII - Service Awards

1. This association shall recognize each year it's active and affiliate members who have one, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty five, and thirty years and in 5 year increments of membership in Agricultural Education and are in good standing. A member in good standing shall be considered to be so when one has paid dues for the current year and does not have any dues in arrears after July 1. The Association shall also recognize members retiring with more than thirty years of service.
2. The Executive Committee shall determine appropriate awards and recognition(s).