

Proposed New Mexico FFA State Constitution & Bylaw Amendment

For consideration by the delegates at the Annual New Mexico FFA State Convention

NOTE: An amendment to the State FFA Constitution & Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates present at the State FFA convention.

Submitted by: Silver City FFA

Subject: Rewording the Article IX, Section A of the New Mexico FFA Constitution.

Motion: We move to amend ARTICLE IX SECTION A of the New Mexico FFA Constitution by striking out "The state officer elected from each district will also serve as the district President." so that the amended SECTION A would read, "The officers of the New Mexico FFA Association shall be President, Secretary, one Vice President from each district, and advisor. The Vice Presidents shall be selected from the districts with only one officer from each district. The President and Secretary shall be selected from the membership at large. The advisor shall be the state supervisor for agricultural education/FFA, housed at New Mexico State University. Any member elected as a State Vice President may not be re-elected except to the office of the President or Secretary and serve only one year in this capacity. Officers will be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at the regular state FFA convention. The officers shall perform the duties assigned."

Background/Purpose: In the past few years the New Mexico FFA Association has seen a drop in the number of high quality State Officer Candidates. The District Officer Teams are underutilized for many different reasons. That has in turn created District Officers that are not being utilized to their fullest potential or gaining enough leadership experience to be prepared to serve as a State Officer.

Rationale: By separating District Officers from State officers, we would be able to better utilize the District Officers and allow them a better opportunity to grow as leaders. Making District Officers more valuable would also create stronger State Officer Candidates if they choose to continue their leadership journey. This would also allow State Officers to remain focused on serving the needs of the State and perform their State Officer duties more effectively.

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State FFA Constitution Verbiage

Current Verbiage:

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