

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 F of the New Mexico FFA Constitution.

Motion: We move to amend ARTICLE IX SECTION F by striking out "state officer who shall serve as" and "except the president" so that SECTION F would read "The officers of the districts shall be: a district president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and sentinel. Other district officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the district advisors and/or governing body. The New Mexico FFA Board of Trustee members shall serve as the district's advisor during their term. All district officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates at a regular district meeting."

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.

Item 2

State FFA Constitution Verbiage

Current Verbiage:

ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS

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Proposed Verbiage:

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