

Constitution and By-Laws  
Of the  
New Mexico Agricultural Education Teachers Associations  
Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be New Mexico Agricultural Education Teachers Association.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Persons eligible for active membership in this organization are the teachers engaged in teaching agricultural education in Secondary, Post-Secondary, and Adult Education in New Mexico.

Section 2 Members of the supervisory and teacher-training staffs of agricultural education in New Mexico, teachers of agriculture not working in departments, retired teachers, supervisors and Teacher Educators, other interested in maintaining office with NMAETA, industry teachers, are eligible for association membership.

Section 3 To be in good standing, a member must have paid NMAETA dues assessed.

Section 4 Only active members who are in good standing shall be eligible to hold office or serve on the Board of Trustees and/or any committee, and be privileged to vote or hold office.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section 1 The elected officers of the association shall be past president, president, president elect, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2 The officers shall be elected during the annual summer meetings of the Association by the assembled active members.

Section 3 All officers shall be elected from the assembly at large, except the president. The president shall have been last year's president elect. The president elect shall be last year's vice president, and the vice president shall be last year's secretary.

Section 4 The term of office shall be one year.

Section 5 In the event the president elect is no longer associated with NMAETA, the president will be last year's vice president, the president elect will be last year's secretary, the vice president will be last years treasurer, and the secretary will be elected from the assembly at large.

Section 6 An executive secretary may be appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve at the discretion of the Board.

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Section 7 An Executive chairman for legislative changes appointed by the president.

### ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1 The state shall be divided into districts which coincide with the districts of the New Mexico FFA Association.

Section 2 Each district shall elect its representatives to the Board of Trustees for a period of two years.

Section 3 The election of members of the Board of Trustees shall be held during the annual summer conference of agricultural education teachers.

Section 4 All district will elect tow teacher to serve on the NMAETA board of trustees for a two year term First year NMAETA trustees observe and serve as the substitute voting representative for their district in the absenes of the second year voting representative from their district. Teachers serving in the second year of their term on the NMAETA board of trustees serve as the primary voting represenatvie at all NMAETA board meetings.

Section 5 The Board of Trustees shall meet in special session when deemed necessary by the president of the association.

Section 6 The president of the association, upon completion of their term of presidency shall serve for one year as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Section 7 The Board of Trustees shall consist of one representative from each district plus the current officers and immediate past president.

Section 8 If a member of the Board of Trustees moves from their district before the completion of their term, their office shall be considered vacant at the next meeting of the association. An NMACTE representative will be elected at the annual summer conference and will serve a two year term.

Section 9 The Director of Secondary Agriculture Education shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees.

### ARTICLE V. DUES

Section 1 Dues of active members shall be determined annually by the assembled members to include dues in the NAAE, dues in the NMAETA, and the following at each member's option:

Regional Conference Fee/NM Conference  
New Mexico Association for Career and Technical Education  
ACTE  
Subscription to the Agricultural Magazine

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Section 2 Persons who have not paid their dues by the time of the October meeting of the New Mexico Agricultural Education Association, or within 60 days after entering the profession, whichever shall occur last, shall be considered delinquent, and will have forfeited the privileges of active membership.

Section 3 Dues of associate members shall include dues in the National Association of Agriculture Education Association one-half of the New Mexico Agricultural Education Teachers Association, and the following at each member's option:

New Mexico Association for Career and Technical Education  
National Association Agriculture Educators

### ARTICLE VI. DELEGATES TO NATIONAL MEETINGS

Section 1 The president, respectively, shall have the first chance to serve as the representatives of this organization at the meetings of the National Association of Agriculture Education Association, and the American Vocational Association.

Section 2 If it is impossible for the president to attend these meetings, the chance shall be offered in turn to the president elect, secretary, treasurer, or any member of the association.

Amendment 1.04 Representatives from the NMAETA officers will serve as representatives to the Region II and national NAAE conference.

### ARTICLE VII. SERVICE AWARDS

Section 1 This association will award nationally designated service keys of appropriate awards to its members when they have completed their first year and every fifth year block there after and upon retirement be presented with appropriate plaques.

Section 2 A members' work in another state, or states, in agriculture shall be counted when determining their eligibility for these awards.

### ARTICLE VIII. BUSINESS MEETINGS

Section 1 For the purpose of conducting business, a quorum will be any number over 51% of the active members.

Section 2 Where there is more than one nominee for an office, the election for that office shall be conducted by secret ballot.

### ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1 This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by two-thirds vote of active members present.

Section 2 By-laws to fit the needs of the association may be added at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present.

## ARTICLE X. NMAETA AWARDS

Section 1 The association will award a Rookie of the Year (1<sup>st</sup> year), Young Ag Teacher (3-5 years), and Outstanding Ag Teacher (6+).

Section 2 To be eligible all candidates must be an active member of the NMAETA.

Qualifications for the awards shall be.

Rookie of the Year

1. Completed 1<sup>st</sup> school calendar year teaching
2. All eligible candidates are automatically nominated
3. A committee of state staff and NMAETA officers will select the winner to be presented at the summer conference.

Young Ag Teacher

1. Must have completed a minimum of 3 years and no more than 5 years of teaching agriculture education.
2. Nominations are due by the end of registration on day one of summer conference.
3. All nominees will be placed in alphabetical order and will be ranked by each voting member. The combined lowest score will be awarded the Young Ag Teacher.

Outstanding Ag Teacher

1. Completed 6<sup>th</sup> year of teaching agriculture
2. Nominations are due by the end of registration on day one of summer conference.
3. All nominees will be placed in alphabetical order and will be ranked by each voting member. The combined lowest score will be awarded the Outstanding Ag Teacher.