
Bylaws of the Oklahoma Agricultural Education Teachers Association, Inc.

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be “The Oklahoma Agricultural Education Teachers Association, Inc.”

Article II. Objectives

The objectives of this association are:

- Section 1. To assume and maintain an active state leadership in the promotion and furtherance of agricultural education.
- Section 2. To bring together all agricultural education teachers through membership in a state organization devoted exclusively to their interests.
- Section 3. To provide an opportunity for agricultural teachers to discuss all problems affecting agricultural education on a state level.
- Section 4. To serve state or local organizations of agricultural teachers in the solution of any problems which may arise.
- Section 5. To have and possess all the rights, powers, and privileges given to corporations by common law.
- Section 6. To affiliate and cooperate with the National Association of Agricultural Education Teachers Association, the ACTE, the OAETA, and the Oklahoma ACTE in furthering the cause of all career and technology education.

Article III. Membership

The objectives of this association are:

- Section 1. Eligibility. All people interested in agricultural education shall be eligible for membership if they are members of the National Association of Agricultural Education Teachers Association, the ACTE, and the Oklahoma ACTE.
- Section 2. Class of members. Qualifications and privileges of each type of membership shall be defined as follows:
 - a. *Active membership* — any agricultural education teacher in Oklahoma who is under contract to teach agricultural education.
 - b. *Affiliate membership* — shall include teacher education staff, state supervisory staff, and others engaged in the program of agricultural education who are not employed as teachers of agricultural education.
 - c. *Student membership* — students in training to be teachers of agricultural education.
 - d. *Life membership* — those who at any time pay the life membership fee.

- e. *Associate membership* — retired teachers, supervisors, teacher educators, and others subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

- f. *Honorary membership* — persons who have made outstanding contributions to the OAETA and the program of CareerTech in agriculture may be considered for honorary membership at the midyear meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Voting and Holding Office. The privilege of voting and holding office shall be restricted to active members.

Section 4. Annual Dues

- a. Active membership dues shall be \$117 annually. Affiliate membership shall be \$37 annually.

- b. Student membership dues shall be _____ annually.

- c. Life membership dues shall be _____.

- d. Associate membership dues shall be _____ annually.

Section 5. Membership Year. The membership year shall be July 1 to June 30.

Section 6. Cost of Dues. The Executive Committee shall determine the amount of dues to be paid by each class of membership for the fiscal year of the organization.

Article IV. Officers and Directors

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be a president, president-elect, five district vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and the immediate past president.

Section 2. The executive committee shall consist of the president, president-elect, five district vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, the immediate past president, and the 10 district directors of the association.

Section 3. The president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and five district vice presidents shall be elected before the conclusion of the annual summer conference each year and shall serve for the fiscal year or until a successor is selected. The president-elect shall automatically become president at the termination of the president’s year.

Section 4. Should a vacancy occur in any office except that of president, a successor shall be selected by the Executive Committee to serve until a successor can be elected. The president-elect shall become president for the remainder of the term if a vacancy occurs in the office of president.

Section 5. Nominations and election of officers.

- a. The Executive Committee shall act as a nominating committee for the office of president-elect, secretary, and treasurer. Nominations shall remain open to the time of election. Nominees must have served at least one year on the Executive Committee within the past five years. It is recommended that each district should have a president in a five-year period, and that each of the five OAETA districts be equally represented in the selection of officers.
- b. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the annual summer conference. When authorized by the Executive Committee the ballot may be by mail.
- c. Officers shall be elected from active membership. In case the status of any officer shall change during his term of office, his office shall be declared vacant immediately and filled as follows:
 - (1) A successor shall be elected by the Executive Committee to serve until a successor can be elected.
 - (2) The president-elect shall become president for the remainder of the term if a vacancy occurs in the office of president.
- d. No officers except the secretary and the treasurer shall be eligible to succeed themselves.
- e. Any officer failing to carry out his/her duties may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote at any annual meeting.
- f. There shall be two directors elected from each of the five OAETA districts by the agricultural education teacher members therein. One district director shall be elected prior to the conclusion of the summer conference and shall serve for two years. If a vacancy should occur in a director's position during the year, the district shall elect another director to finish out his/her term.
- g. There shall be one district vice president elected from each of the five OAETA districts of the agricultural education teacher members therein. Each district vice president shall be elected prior to the conclusion of the summer conference.

Section 6. Duties of officers.

- a. The president, or in his absence the president-elect, shall preside over all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee. The president shall perform the usual duties devolving upon an officer.
- b. The president-elect shall perform such duties as assigned by the president and/or the Executive Committee.
- c. The secretary shall keep full and accurate records of all business and proceedings in regular and special meetings and perform such additional duties as the Executive Committee may designate.
- d. The treasurer shall receive, and under direction of the Executive committee, shall hold for safe keeping or expending any funds as ordered by the Executive Committee. This officer shall keep an exact account of receipts and expenditures, with vouchers for all expenditures. No bill or accounts shall be authorized for payment unless properly presented with vouchers. The treasurer shall be bonded and submit records for annual audit.
- e. Each district vice president shall be responsible for conducting the business of his or her district. The vice president shall act as chairman of the two Board of Directors of his or her district.
- f. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to consider and promote agricultural education within the state with special reference to informing the public and our legislature about the value and needs of the program; prepare an annual program of work; approve all expenditures deemed necessary for the welfare of the association from available funds, and have jurisdiction of the business of the organization between annual meetings, within limitations of the bylaws.

Article V. Executive Committee

Section 1. The president, president-elect, five district vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, and two directors from each district, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute the administrative body of the association and carry out all of the activities necessary for the successful operation of the association. It shall further, by the duty of this Committee, provide for the safekeeping and proper management of all funds of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the summer and midwinter conferences or at the call of the president or upon written request of a majority of the Executive Committee.

Article VI. Meetings

- Section 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at the time of the annual summer conference of Oklahoma Agricultural Education teachers.
- Section 2. Special meetings may be called at any time or place as the president may direct upon vote of the Executive Committee.
- Section 3. At least ten days prior to the annual summer conference, notice of said meeting shall be given by the president or person designated by the president.
- Section 4. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting delegates present at the meeting.
- Section 5. A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

Article VII. Committees

- Section 1. Committees may be appointed as deemed necessary by the president or the Executive Committee.

Article VIII. Amendments

- Section 1. The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of delegates present and voting at the annual summer conference providing one of the following provisions are met:
- a. Proposed amendments must be adopted by at least one district and/or recommended by the Executive Committee.
 - b. Proposed amendments must be sent to the secretary at least 60 days prior to the annual summer conference.

Article IX. Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rule of Order, Revised, shall govern all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or special policies.