



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FFA
PROPOSED CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS
2019

Amendment Proposal 1 – Raise State Degree Financial Requirement to \$1,250
Proposed by the State FFA Officer Team

State Staff Recommends: DO NOT PASS
State FFA Advisor Committee: DO NOT PASS
State Executive Committee: DO PASS

Amendment Proposal to the California FFA Constitution & Bylaws
Submitted by: State Officers

Motion:

To amend Article IV-Section D Part 4a

(4) Have worked for a minimum of 500 hours, in excess of scheduled class time, on his/her Supervised Agricultural Experience Program, and

(a) must have earned by his/her own efforts from an agricultural enterprise or other agriculturally-related work and deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least ~~\$1,000.00~~ **\$1,250.00**; or

Rationale: The state degree is the most prestigious honor the California FFA Association can bestow upon the members, and the monetary requirements for the degree have remained untouched for over 20 years. Along with this, in 2009 the National FFA constitution was amended to increase the America degree requirements from \$7500 to \$10,000. The intent of this motion is to increase the monetary requirements to continue the prestigious nature of the degree.

If the constitutional proposal is approved: The requirements for the California State FFA Degree would be 500 hours and \$1,250 earned starting in 2020.

If the constitutional proposal fails: The requirements for the California State FFA Degree will remain at 500 hours and \$1,000 earned



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Amendment Proposal 2 – Strike State Executive Committee Delegate Vote

Proposed by the State FFA Officer Team

State Staff Recommends: NEUTRAL
State FFA Advisor Committee: NEUTRAL
State Executive Committee: NEUTRAL

Motion:

To amend the California State FFA Bylaws in Article IV. Section C. to remove the executive committee's right to vote.

~~Section C. Each one of the thirteen (13) student members of the state executive committee will be entitled to one vote at the state conference. In case of absence of an executive committee member, a person acting for him/her will be entitled to vote for him/her. The right of the executive committee member to vote will include all motions from the floor as well as the official ballot. All regional officers will also be entitled to debate at the state conference.~~

Rationale: The State FFA Executive committee already has a considerable voice in the delegate process. The executive committee chooses which ballot measures go to ballot and develop the committee's delegates discuss. Also taking into consideration that delegates voted "NO" on a measure to allow nominating committee members a right to vote. This amendment's intent is to limit delegate voting to only the 2 members assigned from each chapter.

If the constitutional proposal is approved: The 13 State FFA Executive Committee members will not be entitled to vote during the California State FFA Convention process starting in 2020.

If the constitutional proposal fails: The 13 State FFA Executive Committee members will continue to be entitled to a vote during the California State FFA Convention delegate process.



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Amendment Proposal 3 – Change membership type from “active” to “student”

Proposed by the State FFA Officer Team

State Staff Recommends: DO PASS

State FFA Advisor Committee: DO PASS

State Executive Committee: DO PASS

Motion:

Move to amend the State FFA Constitution: **Article III. Membership; Article V.** replacing the word “**active**” with “**student**” and the word “**kinds**” with “**types**” in all occurrences.

Rationale: This amendment is being proposed to match the language that was recently changed in the National FFA constitution.

If the constitutional proposal is approved: The word “**active**” will be replaced with “**student**” and the word “**kinds**” will be replaced with “**types**” in all occurrences related to membership type in the California State FFA Constitution.

If the constitutional proposal fails: The word “**active**” and the word “**kinds**” will remain in all occurrences related to membership type in the California State FFA Constitution.



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Amendment Proposal 4 – Change membership type from “alumni” to “adult”

Proposed by the State FFA Officer Team

State Staff Recommends: DO PASS

State FFA Advisor Committee: DO PASS

State Executive Committee: DO PASS

Motion:

Move to amend the State FFA Constitution: **Article III. Membership; Article V.** replacing the word “**alumni**” with “**adult**” in all occurrences.

Rationale: This amendment is being proposed to match the language that was recently changed in the National FFA constitution.

If the constitutional proposal is approved: The word “**alumni**” will be replaced with “**adult**” in all occurrences related to membership type in the California State FFA Constitution.

If the constitutional proposal fails: The word “**alumni**” will remain in all occurrences related to membership type in the California State FFA Constitution.



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Amendment Proposal 5 – Move “Honorary” membership type from Membership to Degrees and Privileges.

Proposed by the State FFA Officer Team

State Staff Recommends: DO PASS
State FFA Advisor Committee: DO PASS
State Executive Committee: DO PASS

Motion:

Move to amend the State FFA Constitution: **Article III. Membership** by changing “honorary” from a membership kind to a degree in **Article IV. Degrees and Privileges**

Rationale: This amendment is being proposed to match the language that was recently changed in the National FFA constitution.

If the constitutional proposal is approved: “Honorary” membership will be eliminated from the membership section, and a new “Honorary” Degree will be added to the Degrees and Privileges section of the California State FFA Constitution

If the constitutional proposal fails: “Honorary” membership will remain in the membership section of the California State FFA Constitution



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Amendment Proposal 6 – Eliminate “at least two distinctly different non-FFA activities” from the California State FFA Degree requirements

Proposed by the Gridley FFA Chapter

State Staff Recommends: DO PASS
State FFA Advisor Committee: DO PASS
State Executive Committee: DO PASS

Motion:

Move to amend the State FFA Constitution by striking out Article IV. Degrees and Privileges, Section D-5C which reads “~~participating in at least two distinctly different non-FFA school activities which are conducted outside of normal classtime~~”

Rationale: This requirement is not necessary, because all students easily meet the minimum qualifications. The requirement puts additional work on teachers to check and verify, when everyone meets the qualification.

If the constitutional proposal is approved: Then Article IV. Degrees and Privileges, Section D-5C will be eliminated from the constitution in 2020

If the constitutional proposal fails: Then Article IV. Degrees and Privileges, Section D-5C will remain in the constitution in 2020