

Business Meeting Packet

China Spring FFA



Notice:

- All amendments to the constitution must still be in ordinance of the state and national constitution.
- Parliamentary guide books and the National FFA manuals will be provided during the business meeting.
- All members interested in amending the constitution must do so by correctly making a motion, that includes a second.

The business meeting will be held during the CSFFA December meeting, therefore then the amendments will be brought forward to the chapter and such will be voted on.

China Spring FFA Chapter Constitution

ARTICLE I - China Spring FFA, Mission and Strategies

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the "China Spring Chapter of the National FFA Organization."

Section B. The mission and strategies for this chapter are as follows:

FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

1. Develops competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. Increases awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture and its contribution to our well-being.
3. Strengthens the confidence of agriculture students in themselves and their work.
4. Promotes the intelligent choice and establishment of an agriculture career.
5. Encourages achievement in supervised agricultural experience program.
6. Encourages wise management of economic, environmental and human resources of the community.
7. Develops interpersonal skills in teamwork, communications, human relations and social interaction.
8. Builds character and promotes citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism.
9. Promotes healthy lifestyles.
10. Encourages excellence in scholarship.

ARTICLE II- Organization

Section A. The China Spring Chapter of FFA is a chartered local unit of the Texas Association of FFA which is chartered by the National FFA Organization.

Section B. This chapter accepts in full the provisions in the constitution and bylaws of the Texas Association of FFA as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section A. Membership in this chapter shall be of three kinds: (1) Active; (2) Alumni; and (3) Honorary, as defined by the National FFA Constitution.

Section B. The regular activities of this chapter shall be carried on by the active membership.

Section C. Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.

Section D. Active members in good standing may vote on all business brought before the chapter. An active member shall be considered in good standing when:

1. While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study. Either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.
3. Pay all current state and national dues by the date determined by the chapter.
4. Display conduct consistent with ideals and purposes of the National FFA Organization.

Section E. Names of applicants for membership shall be filed with the membership committee.

ARTICLE IV – Emblems

Section A. The emblem of the FFA shall be the emblem for the chapter.

Section B. Emblems used by the members shall be designated by the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE V – Degrees and Privileges of Active Membership

Section A. There shall be four degrees of active membership based on individual achievement. These degrees are: (1) Greenhand FFA Degree, (2) Chapter FFA Degree, (3) State FFA Degree, and (4) American FFA Degree.

All “Greenhands” are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin. All members holding Chapter FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation silver emblem pin. All members holding the State FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation gold emblem charm. All members holding the American FFA Degree are entitled to wear the regulation fold emblem key.

Section B. Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: (Refer to National Constitution)

1. Be enrolled in agricultural education and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
2. Learn and explain the meaning of the FFA Creed, Motto, and Salute.
3. Describe and explain the meaning of the FFA Emblem and colors.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the FFA Code of Ethics and the proper use of the FFA jacket.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the organization, the chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter Program of Activities.
6. Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.
7. Submit a written application for the Greenhand FFA Degree.

Section C. Chapter FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election: (Refer to National Constitution)

1. Must have received the Greenhand FFA Degree.
2. Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least 180 hours of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level, have in operation an approved supervised agricultural experience program, and be enrolled in an agricultural education course.
3. Must have participated in the planning and conducting of at least three official functions in the chapter Program of Activities.
4. Must have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member’s own efforts or worked at least forty-five hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program.
5. Must have effectively led a group discussion for 15 minutes.
6. Must have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.
7. Must show progress toward individual achievement in the FFA award programs.
8. Must have a satisfactory scholastic record.
9. Must submit a written application for the Chapter FFA Degree.

Section D. State FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for selection:

1. Qualifications for the State FFA Degree are those set forth in the constitution of the State FFA Association and National FFA Organization.

Section E. American FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for selection.

1. Qualifications for the American FFA Degree are those set forth in the constitution of the National FFA Organization.

ARTICLE VI – State and Chapter Officers

Section B. The offices of an FFA chapter shall be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and sentinel. Other officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the local advisor and/or governing body. The teachers(s) of agricultural education shall be the FFA advisors(s). Chapter officers shall be elected annually or semiannually by the members present at any regular meeting of the chapter.

ARTICLE VII – Dues

Section A. Local dues in this chapter shall be fixed annually by a majority vote of the active members.

Section B. Full local, state and national dues shall be paid by all active members.

Section C. No member shall be considered as active and in good standing unless he/she pays full local, state and national FFA dues.

ARTICLE VIII- Amendments

Section A. This constitution may be amended or changed at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing it is not in conflict with the state association constitution or that of the National FFA Organization.

Section B. bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the chapter at any regular chapter meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present providing such bylaws conflict in no way with the constitution and bylaws of either that state association or the national association.

Amendments

Article III, section C states “Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree.”

Amendment- “Honorary membership in this chapter shall be limited to the voted Honorary Chapter FFA Degree members.”

Article V section A states “There shall be four degrees of active membership based on individual achievement. These degrees are: (1) Greenhand FFA Degree, (2) Chapter FFA Degree, (3) State FFA Degree, and (4) American FFA Degree.”

Amendment- cross out the word ‘Four’ and insert 5, as well as insert “ (1) Discovery FFA Degree” in the beginning and increase the other 4 numbers by one.

Article V Section A states- “...All “Greenhands” are entitled to wear the regulation bronze emblem pin...”

Amendment- Insert “All members holding a Discovery degree are entitled to wear the bronze with blue emblem pin.” in front of “All Greenhands...”

Article V Section B states- “Greenhand FFA Degree. Minimum qualifications for election:...”

Amendment- Insert Discovery Degree. Minimum qualifications for elections(refer to national constitution) 1.) Must pay local, state, and national FFA dues. 2.) Currently enrolled in Middle school Agriculture Science Courses(7th-8th grade)”

Article VI Section B states- “The offices of an FFA chapter shall be: president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and sentinel. Other officers may be elected as deemed appropriate by the local advisor and/or governing body. The teachers(s) of agricultural

education shall be the FFA advisors(s). Chapter officers shall be elected annually or semiannually by the members present at any regular meeting of the chapter.”

Amendment- Insert the words “by an election performed by active members, complete an FFA and agricultural knowledge test, complete an application as well as an interview with a 3rd party” between the words elected and annually, which will read ... Chapter officers shall be elected by an election performed by active members, complete an FFA and agricultural knowledge test, complete an application as well as an interview with a third party, annually or semiannually by the members present at any regular meeting of the chapter.”

Potential Bylaws:

Election of Officers:

Chapter officers shall be elected by an election performed by active members, FFA and agriculture knowledge test, application, and interview. Each requirement being weighted differently for the final score of the candidate. Election performed by active members of the chapter is 40%, FFA and agriculture knowledge test is 15%, Officer application is 25%, and the interview is 20%.

Honorary Chapter Degree:

Honorary Chapter members shall be inducted by the active officers of the chapter. Each officer shall bring 1-2 candidates and a maximum of 2 shall be inducted each year, by a vote of the officers.

Finalized Date:

2 October 2023