

## **Region I Constitution**

### **Article I. – Name and Purpose:**

Section A. The name of this organization shall be Region I FFA Organization of the Michigan Association of the FFA. The name “Region I” may be officially used to designate this organization.

Section B. The purpose of this organization shall be to organize and conduct an annual Regional FFA Camp, Nomination of State Officer candidates from our region, and State Degree Scoring. This organization will also promote leadership, cooperation, teamwork, and awareness through Agriscience Education.

Section C. This region accepts in full the provisions in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Michigan Association of FFA.

### **Article II. – Membership:**

Section A. Membership of this organization shall be made up of all active FFA members of Region I in good standing.

Section B. Voting membership shall be restricted to six officers or student representatives from each chapter who are attending the Leadership Training Conference as officers.

### **Article III. – Officers:**

Section A. The officers of this organization shall include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. Their qualifications shall be as follow:

1. Officers must be members in good standing of chapters within Region I.
1. Officers must have the Chapter FFA Degree or Outstanding Junior Award the year they serve the office.
1. Officers cannot be graduating seniors when elected.

Section B. The regional officer nominating committee will consist of three regional officers (selected by the regional officer team), two adults, a region I advisor and a state officer. The committee should not have more than two representatives from any one chapter.

Section C. Officers shall be elected by secret ballot with a majority vote. The Reporter shall be in charge of the election and the reporting of election results.

Section D. Officers duties shall be those of a regional level which are generally considered as part of each officers duties within local chapters.

Section E. The regional advisor for the year will be determined by the region I advisors at the region I leadership camp.

Section F. The Advisor of the Treasurer shall assist in the details of Camp registration. The collection of Camp fees shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer and his/her Advisor. The Treasurer’s books shall be reviewed by the Treasurer, his/her Advisor, and each of the Chapter Treasurer’s, and present to the membership for their approval. All expenses must be authorized by the presiding officers and Regional Advisor before payment.

Section G. Newly elected officers shall take office during the Camp period in which they are officially notified of their election.

Section H. In the case of elected officers being unable to serve, the Executive Committee shall appoint from the eligible membership, and individual to fill the unexpired term; except in the case of the President being unable to serve, in which case the Vice-President shall take over the Presidency for the unexpired term. Should the Regional Advisor be unable to attend, the Advisor in succession shall fill the vacancy.

Section I. There shall be a restriction of two officer candidates nominated and interviewed from any one chapter.

#### **Article IV. – Executive Committee:**

Section A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Regional Officers and the Regional Advisor. The Advisors of all Regional Officers will assist in Regional Activities.

Section B. The Regional Officers and their Advisors shall be directly responsible for the initiation of work on each year's new camp program.

#### **Article V. – Camp Fees:**

Section A. Camp fees to cover the cost of Leadership camp shall be determined and collected by the Executive Committee and the Treasurer's Advisor.

Section B. Money in the reserve account shall be used only for Conference purposes including training at the State Leadership Conference for Regional Officers at Michigan State University.

#### **Article VI. – Parliamentary Authority:**

Section A. When decisions of Parliamentary Procedure are to be clarified *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be used as the final authority.

Section B. The Regional Advisor shall act as Parliamentarian when questions of parliamentary procedure occur.

#### **Article VII. – Quorum:**

Section A. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members in attendance at each Leadership Camp business meeting.

#### **Article VIII. – Amendments:**

Section A. A 2/3 (two-thirds) majority of the voting membership is necessary to amend the constitution.

Section B. All proposed amendments must be sent to chapters 30 days before the first day of the Leadership Camp.

#### **Article IX. – Membership Award:**

Section A. Regional FFA Awards: Minimum qualifications for awards are as follows.

1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree and have been an active member for at least one year (12 months) with the exception to the career center programs (6 months).

2. Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of instruction in Agriscience education, have in operation an approved SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience) project, and/or other agricultural placement experience, and be regularly enrolled in an Agriscience Education class.

3. Have earned and productively invested at least \$250 by his/her own efforts from his/her SAE project or Agricultural Placement or have worked at least 250 hours (others than class scheduled time) in the case of directed laboratory experience program or a combination there of.

1. Demonstrated Leadership by
  - a. Having performed at least ten parliamentary procedure abilities.
  - b. Given a three minute speech or participated in a leadership contest
  - c. Served as an officer or committee chairman or served on a major committee
1. Participate in the planning and completion of the chapter Program of Activities.
1. Participate in two FFA activities above the chapter level.
1. Submit Application to the presiding Regional Officers at Regional Degree Scoring.

Section B. A Star Regional Award in Production, a Star Regional Award in Agribusiness, and a Star Regional Award in Agriscience will be selected from the Regional Award applications. The Executive Committee will choose winners on the basis of the Star candidates' applications.

Section C. Individuals or groups who have supported or otherwise rendered outstanding service to Region I are eligible for the Distinguished Service Award. A majority vote by the Executive Committee is required to receive this award.

## **By-Laws**

### **Article I. – Election of Officers:**

1. All nominees must be interviewed by the nominating committee.
1. All nominees must be present during the entire camp and present their application by Regional Leadership Contest.
1. The officer nominating committee must place two candidates for the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter and Sentinel on the ballot if possible. The nominating committee will place two candidates for President in which the person who receives the least number of votes will be the Vice President.
1. A member may be elected and serve in any position of Regional Office for a maximum of one term.
1. Nominated officers may present up to a two minute speech to voting delegates at the Leadership Conference during elections.
1. Voting will be done by voting for each office separately.
1. There can be no more than two candidates from a chapter elected.

1. The chapter Treasurers attending the Leadership Camp will form the auditing committee and audit Regional Treasurer's books.

**Article II. – Amending the By-Laws:**

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Leadership Camp voting membership, provided the amendment may not be made and voted on at the same session.