

**North Carolina FFA Association**  
**West FFA Region Constitution**  
**(Revised Spring 2020)**

**ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE**

Section A.

The name of this organization shall be “The West Region Organization of the North Carolina Association of the FFA.” The term “West FFA Region” is herein-after used to denote this organization.

Section B.

The purpose for which this organization is formed is as follows:

1. To promote the achievement of the purposes of the state and national organization by maintaining an effective region organization.
2. To provide leadership to the region and schools there in by encouraging and fostering an educational and inspirational program of activities, this will provide opportunities for leadership and character development.
3. To plan, conduct and evaluate an annual “West Region FFA Rally.”
4. To promote and encourage regional, chapter and individual participation in State and National activities.
5. To serve as a liaison between the Region and the State Association concerning FFA matters.

**ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATION**

Section A.

West FFA Region shall be composed of all Federations that now exist or that are formed as a part of the West FFA Region. Federations, which counties and the schools therein will currently and in the future include, are as follows:

1. Blue Ridge
  - a. Counties: Buncombe and McDowell
  - b. Schools: AC Reynolds, Asheville, Clyde A. Erwin, Enka, Erwin Middle, McDowell High, McDowell, Middle, North Buncombe, North Buncombe Middle, Owen, TC Roberson

2. Far West
  - a. Counties: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Transylvania
  - b. Schools: Blue Ridge, Brevard, Cherokee Central, Haysville, Highlands, Franklin, Macon Middle, Murphy, Rosman, Smoky Mountain, Swain
3. Parkway
  - a. Counties: Haywood, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey
  - b. Schools: Bethel Middle, Central Haywood, Madison, Madison Middle, Mitchell, Mountain Heritage, Pisgah, Tuscola, Waynesville Middle
4. Pisgah View
  - a. Counties: Henderson, Polk, Rutherford
  - b. Schools: Chase, Chase Middle, East Henderson, East Rutherford, North Henderson, Polk, RS Central, West Henderson

#### Section B.

West FFA Region shall accept in full the provisions in the constitution and by-laws of the North Carolina FFA Association as well as those of the National FFA Organization.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the West FFA Region shall consist of chapters in good financial standing. To maintain good financial standing chapters shall do the following:

1. Chapter dues must be paid no later than the Fall In-service meeting to receive regional awards and participate in regional events.
2. Chapter membership dues are \$100 per year per chapter.

### **ARTICLE IV: REGIONAL STUDENT OFFICERS**

#### Section A.

The student officers of the West FFA Region shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel (at a minimum) and at a maximum (9), including Historian, Parliamentarian and Chaplain.

1. The Officers other than the President shall be equal in rank with the exception of the duties connected with a specific office.
2. No more than two regional officers on a team can be from the same chapter.

3. The Regional Advisor shall be the advisor from the same chapter as the Regional President.
4. Only members who have received the Chapter FFA Degree shall be eligible for a regional office. They must have been enrolled in agriculture education at least one year prior to the term in which they will serve and/or follow a planned course of study in Agricultural Education.

#### Section B: Student Officer Interviews

1. The Regional Advisor shall set the date for Regional Officer Applications to be turned in to the Regional Advisor one week prior to the interview date.
2. Interviews shall be held at the Mountain Horticulture Research Center in Fletcher.
3. Interview times shall be assigned by random drawing upon arrival to Mountain Horticulture Research Center by the Regional Advisor. If student interviewee has a special need or interview time request it needs to be addressed at that time.
4. Officers shall serve from each annual West FFA Regional Rally to the next as long as they uphold the requirements of a Regional Officer as deemed by the Regional Advisor and/or Regional Officer Contract.
5. The Interview Committee shall consist of 5 representatives including one Retiring Regional Officer, the Regional Coordinator, and 3 teacher representatives at large, from at least 2 Federations, with the 2 Federations on a rotating basis (Blue Ridge & Far West (even years), Parkway & Pisgah View (odd years) chosen by the Regional Advisor.

### **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

#### Section A.

There shall be at least three general regional meetings per year.

#### Section B: Regional Leadership Conferences and Teacher In-services

The West Regional Officers and Advisor shall work closely with the Western Region Agriculture Education Coordinator in coordinating and planning for the Fall and Spring Regional Leadership Workshops. This planning meeting shall occur at the home school of the Regional President or at a site designated by the West Region Teachers at Summer Teachers' Conference.

#### Section C: Regional Rally

1. The Regional Coordinator, Regional Advisor, and Regional Treasurer are responsible for planning the awards, making programs, and mailing out registration materials prior to the

Spring Rally. The Western Region Agricultural Education Coordinator and West Region Teachers shall work collaboratively to prepare for the Regional FFA Rally.

2. Awards for the Regional Rally shall be ordered in time for the Spring Rally. This order shall consist of the following:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards each member of each team per event held during the year.
    - i. Ordered by Regional Treasurer based on a list provided by the Regional Coordinator
  - b. Certificates for each chapter of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams per event held during the year.
    - i. Printed by the Regional Coordinator
  - c. Certificates for the High Scorer for each event.
    - i. Printed by Regional Coordinator
  - d. Certificates for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Proficiency Award winners
    - i. Printed by Regional Coordinator
3. Genie Enloe Bradley Scholarship: From the regional dues a \$200 scholarship shall be awarded to a student in honor of Mrs. Genie Enloe, first female FFA member in NC.
  - i. Interviews shall be held at the same time as Regional Officer interviews.
  - ii. The recipient shall be recognized at Regional Rally.
4. Securing the facility for the rally shall be the responsibility of the Regional Coordinator.
5. The script for the rally shall be the responsibility of the Regional Advisor.
6. The meal for the rally shall be secured by the Regional Coordinator and paid for by the Regional Treasurer.
7. Regional Officer Jackets shall be secured by the Regional Advisor and paid for by the Regional Treasurer.
8. Each contest of the rally shall have a superintendent who shall oversee each contest. The superintendents shall be designated by the Regional Coordinator.

## **ARTICLE VI: REGIONAL TEACHER OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

### Section A: Election

1. The Regional Advisor shall be the advisor from the same chapter as the current Regional President.

2. The Regional Treasurer shall be elected by a majority of West Region teachers upon vacancy.
3. The FFA Board of Directors Representative and Alternative shall be elected by a majority of West Region teachers and serve a 3 year term. Nominations and voting will occur at the Spring In-service the year the current representative's term expires. Terms will expire on June 30 of the designated year. At the time this constitution was drafted this position will be open for a new representative on June 30, 2012.
4. The FFA Camp Steering Committee Representative and Alternative shall be elected by a majority of West Region teachers and serve a 3 year term. Nominations and voting will occur at the Spring In-service the year the current representative's term expires. Terms will expire on June 30 of the designated year. At the time this constitution was drafted this position will be open for a new representative on June 30, 2012.

#### Section B: Regional Advisor Duties

1. Coordinate Regional Officer and Genie Enloe Bradley interviews.
2. Work with Regional Officers and conduct regional leadership workshops and regional rally.
3. Order Regional Officer jackets.

#### Section C: Regional Treasurer Duties

1. Maintain a list of chapters that have paid regional dues and share with Regional Coordinator and Regional Advisor.
2. Provide receipts to chapters for all payments received.
3. Provide a financial report three times a year (at each In-service and at Summer Teachers' Conference).
4. Communicate with chapters that have not paid dues.

### **ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the teachers from active chapters providing it is not in conflict with the State Association Constitution nor that of the National FFA Organization, and the suggested change is presented to the chapters in writing at least one month before a regional meeting.