

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

SAN DIEGO SECTION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose of the Organization

Section A: The name of this organization shall be the San Diego Section Future Farmers of America.

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

1. To develop competent, aggressive community and agriculture leadership.
2. To strengthen the confidence of the FFA member in him/herself and his/her work.
3. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of agriculture occupations.
4. To encourage members to attend an agricultural college.
5. To improve the home and its surroundings.
6. To encourage cooperation among students of vocational agriculture.
7. To promote and improve scholarships.
8. To promote thrift among students of vocational agriculture.
9. To encourage organized recreational activities among students of vocational agriculture.
10. To supplement the regular systematic instruction offered to vocational agriculture.
11. To advance the cause of vocational agriculture in the public schools of California.
12. To encourage members in the development of individual farming programs and establishment in farming.

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATION

Section A: The San Diego Section Future Farmers of America is a local association affiliated with the California Association of the Future Farmers of America.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- Section A: Membership in the San Diego Section Future Farmers of America shall be: Active and Honorary.
- Section B: Active Membership: Official Chapter delegates chosen by the chapter based upon chapter active membership and enrollment in vocational agriculture class.
- Section C: Honorary Membership: Instructors, school administrators, businessmen, farmers, and others who are helping to advance vocational agriculture in the section may be elected to degree of honorary membership by majority vote of the members at a regular chapter meeting.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP GRADES AND PRIVILEGES (FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS)

- Section A: There shall be four degrees of membership based upon achievement. These degrees are: Greenhand Degree, Chapter Degree, State Degree, and American Degree.
- Section B: Greenhand Degree
1. Must be regularly enrolled in a class of vocational agriculture.
 2. Have satisfactory knowledge of agriculture.
 3. Learn and explain the FFA Creed
 4. Be familiar with the purpose of the FFA and the program of work for the chapter.
- Section C: Chapter Degree
1. Must have held the degree of Greenhand the previous school year immediately preceding election to the degree of Chapter Degree and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the chapter.
 2. Must have completed at least one year of the instruction in the vocational agriculture class.
 3. Must be familiar with the constitution of the chapter.
 4. Must be familiar with the purpose of the state association and the national organization.
 5. Must be familiar with parliamentary procedure.
 6. Must lead a class or group discussion on an agriculture subject for at least fifteen minutes.

7. Must have earned from his own efforts from his supervised agriculture program and deposited it in a bank or otherwise productively reinvested at least \$100 or 100 hours of work experience.
8. Meet all the other qualifications outlined in Article VI, Section 6 of the National Constitution.

Section D: State Farmer Degree (SEE NATIONAL AND STATE CONSTITUTION)

Section E: American Farmer Degree (SEE NATIONAL AND STATE CONSTITUTION)

Section F: A record of all Greenhand and Chapter Degree initiations shall be kept by the local chapter.

Section G: Alumni and Honorary members shall not vote or hold any FFA office other than that of sectional advisor.

Section H: Any Member may hold any sectional office and the office may be held two years in a row with the exception of an advisor.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section A: The officers of the San Diego Section Future Farmers Of America shall be the President, Vice Present, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel. The Section advisor shall serve as an ex-officio member of the executive committee, which is comprised of the Section Officers. The executive committee shall have full control of the section, subject only to such regulations and by-laws adopted by the section. The elective offices shall be elected annually in May by a majority vote of the delegates present at the meeting, and shall take office at the installation, which will be held during elections. All interested in holding office must attend the Sectional Officer Screening in April. Running off the floor will not be permitted at the elections.

- Section B: The President shall be the Region Vice President representing San Diego Section. If there is no candidate representing the San Diego Section as region Vice President the nominating committee shall appoint two candidates for the office of section president.
- Section C: All elective officers shall hold their office for one year following installations, or until their successors are elected, unless removed from office for cause designated by the executive committee. All vacancies may be filled by the president until the next regular meeting, at which for that office is to take place. Other officers may designate if desirable or executive vote in emergency situations.
- Section D: The Section officers must have a 2.0(C) average during the last full semester preceding the elections to be elected. These officers must hold these grades throughout the term of office or be subject to suspension or expulsion from the office.
- Section E: All officers shall take an oath of office in which will include the Code of Ethics as adopted by the delegates at the 1952 National Convention.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

- Section A: The San Diego Section of the Future Farmers of America shall hold one regular meeting quarterly. The time and place shall be decided by the San Diego Section executive committee. The election of the officers shall be held during the month of May. Special meetings shall be called by the president as the need arises.

ARTICLE VII

INSIGNIA AND UNIFORM

- Section A: All Greenhands are entitled to wear the bronze emblem pin. All chapter Degrees are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin. All State Degrees are entitled to wear the gold emblem charm. All American Degrees are entitled to wear the gold emblem key. Honorary Chapter Degrees are entitled to wear the regulation silver emblem degree pin or a similar pin made of gold.
- Section B: Future Farmers Jacket: Only members are eligible to purchase and wear the official FFA jacket. The proper use of the official FFA jacket, as written in the official manual, is to be adhered to at all times.
- Section C: The official uniform is to be worn at all San Diego Section meetings and events unless otherwise stated by the executive committee will be: The

official jacket zipped to the top, white shirt, FFA scarf or tie, nude nylons, black shoes and long pants or skirt solid black in color.

ARTICLE VIII

PROCEDURE

- Section A: Parliamentary procedure shall be used to conduct all meetings, and shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section B: Opening and closing ceremonies as stated in the official FFA manual shall be used at all FFA meetings.
- Section C: Any article not covered in this constitution and by-laws shall be covered by the state FFA constitution.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

- Section A: Amendments to this constitution must be submitted to the executive committee for consideration for at least three weeks prior to the regular meeting. The executive committee shall make recommendations, prepare the amendment for voting, and send notice of business to the chapters two weeks prior to the regular meeting. Amendments to this constitution may be made by two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present at any regular San Diego Section meeting.
- Section B: This constitution and By-laws may be adapted to fit the needs of the San Diego Section FFA provided they are not in conflict with the State or National FFA Constitutions.