

# **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

## **ARTICLE I NAME:**

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the North Carolina Agriculture Teachers Association (NCATA).

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSES:**

SECTION 1. To assume and maintain active leadership.

SECTION 2. To promote cooperative efforts.

SECTION 3. To promote professional improvement.

SECTION 4. To encourage the adherence to the National Code of Ethics.

SECTION 5. To cooperate with all professional organizations in developing and promoting legislation favorable to agricultural education.

## **ARTICLE III ORGANIZATION:**

SECTION 1. The eligible membership and geographical boundary of this organization shall be:

- a. Teachers of Agriculture and related professional personnel as set forth in this organization.
- b. This organization shall be confined to a statewide organization, and shall have no subdivisions except those herein provided.
- c. This association shall be divided into areas to coincide with the educational regions as set forth by the NC FFA Association.

SECTION 2. The North Carolina Agriculture Teachers Association shall be affiliated with the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE).

## ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP:

SECTION 1. Membership in this Association shall be of five types: Active, Associate,

Honorary, Student, and Affiliated.

- a. Active membership shall consist of individuals teaching Agriculture in the public schools  
In North Carolina, the state staff members of Agricultural Education, and teacher trainers of Agricultural Education.
- b. Associate membership shall be confined to persons who were active members when retired or disabled and who are covered under the N. C. Teachers Retirement System. Associate members are eligible to vote hold office, and participate in meetings and other activities. Associate members shall only be required to join the North Carolina Agriculture Teachers Association.
- c. Honorary membership shall be presented to any person not eligible for active membership whom the Association shall elect to such by a majority vote of members in a meeting assembly. Honorary members shall not have the right to vote, serve on committees, or hold elective or appointive office.
- d. Student membership is open to college students preparing to teach Agriculture. Student members shall not have the right to vote, serve on committees, or hold elective or appointive office.
- e. Affiliated membership is open to any person or business with an interest in Agricultural Education that is not eligible to have Active, Associate, or Student membership. Affiliated members shall not have the right to vote, serve on committees, or hold elective or appointive office.

SECTION 2. Voting privileges and the right to hold office shall be confined to active and associate members.

SECTION 3. Membership year shall extend from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

SECTION 4. The appointment and election of all committee members shall consist of representations from all recognized ethnic groups and geographical regions.

SECTION 5. Any person who has been a member of the NCATA and are continuing in Education in North Carolina, shall be allowed to continue membership in the state association and take part in the Wayne Proffitt Memorial Benevolence Fund.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS:

SECTION 1. Officers of this Association shall be President and President-Elect; immediate Past President; with one Vice-President, from each Region as provided by ARTICLE III, SECTION 1, Item c.; Secretary-Treasurer of NCATA; Secretary-Treasurer and alternate Secretary-Treasurer of Wayne Proffitt Memorial Benevolence Fund; Representative of Retired Agriculture Teachers: and three ex-officio members, who shall be the State Agricultural Education Coordinator, and head Teacher Trainers at N. C. A. and T. State University and N. C. State University.

SECTION 2. Each federation shall elect a person to be a contact person between the regional vice-president and the local NCATA membership of that federation.

ARTICLE VI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

SECTION 1. The executive committee will consist of the officers as provided by Article V, Section 1.

SECTION 2. Meetings of the executive committee may be called by the president to attend to the business of the Association. Travel expenses may be paid from Association funds at the prevailing rate allowed State employees to members of the committee attending an executive committee meeting.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS:

SECTION 1. There shall be at least one annual meeting of this association. The time and place of the annual meeting shall be determined by the executive committee.

SECTION 2. All meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS:

SECTION 1. Amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the membership and may be adopted or rejected one day later of thereafter by 2/3 vote of members in the meeting assembly.

ARTICLE IX BYLAWS:

SECTION 1. Bylaws consistent with this constitution may be adopted by majority of members in meeting assembly.

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I OFFICERS:

- SECTION 1. To hold office in the Association, a candidate must have been a member of the N. C. Agriculture Teachers Association for at least three years.
- SECTION 2. The president shall be elected for a one-year term. The president may be re-elected to serve one second term, four or more years after serving as past president.
- SECTION 3. The president-elect shall be elected at each annual meeting to take the office of president.
- SECTION 4. The president and president-elect shall attend the annual convention of the National Association of Agricultural Educators. The president shall represent the Association at the Annual Regional Planning Meeting of the NAAE.
- SECTION 5. A retiring officer shall; at the annual meeting; turn over all records, correspondence, and other materials related to that office to the person that succeeds them in office.
- SECTION 6. The secretary-treasurer shall be elected to serve four years. The vice-presidents, alternate vice-presidents and retired teacher representative shall be elected to serve two years.
- SECTION 7. Vacated office of the president shall be filled by the president-elect. The executive committee shall select a member to fill a vacated office.
- SECTION 8. All officers shall be installed in office by the incumbent president during the annual meeting in which they were elected.
- SECTION 9. The Association may pay from Association funds; travel for convention expenses per voting delegate to attend the annual NAAE convention as selected by the executive committee of the NCATA as prescribed below:
1. Full registration for ACTE and NAAE.
  2. ½ of the room rate.

3. Travel to and from conventions shall not to exceed coach fare for air travel, or state mileage rate up to 600 miles.  
NOTE: Association compensation is to follow LEA compensation where applicable.
- a. The ACTE delegates shall come from the NAAE delegates.
- b. The ACTE and NAAE delegates shall come from the NCATA Executive Committee, if possible, or shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the NCATA.

SECTION 10. At no time shall the Executive Committee of the Association authorize the expenditure of funds exceeding assets of the NCATA.

SECTION 11. When the office of president is vacated during the year, the president-elect shall assume the responsibility of president for the remainder of that year, then, that person shall serve as president for the year that they were elected.

SECTION 12. When the office of president is vacated and the president-elect assumes the office of president, the new president-elect in accordance with ARTICLE I, SECTION 7, of the BYLAWS, shall serve the time remaining for that term only.

SECTION 13. When the office of vice-president has been vacated during the term, the alternate vice-president shall assume the duties of vice-president. They are to assume the duties for this term and for the term for which they were elected.

SECTION 14. A candidate for president or president-elect must have served as a regional vice-president.

## ARTICLE II DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

SECTION 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee. They shall appoint all committee chairpersons except that of the nominating committee, sign all contracts, and approve all expenditures authorized by the Association and the Executive committee.

SECTION 2. Chairpersons of the various committees to carry out the program of the Association shall be appointed from the vice-presidents. Each vice-president shall appoint one member from their region to serve on the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall elect a chairperson from their number.

SECTION 3. The president-elect shall preside in the absence of the president.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to record proceedings of all official meetings of the Association, conduct all necessary correspondence, submit an annual report of receipts and expenditures, receive money for dues, make receipts for same and deposit such funds to the credit of the Association, pay dues to the National Association, pay bills on approval of the president, have their books and accounts audited, and be bonded. After each constitution and bylaws revision, the secretary-treasurer shall have copies distributed to the membership.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer of the Wayne Proffitt Memorial Benevolence Fund to receive and dispose all funds and keep records of all business transacted by the Widow's Fund of the NCATA.

SECTION 6. Alternate vice-presidents assist the vice-presidents in the performance of their duties.

#### ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

SECTION 1. The government of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. The presence of two-thirds of the members of this committee shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3. The Executive Committee shall:

- a. manage the business of the Association,
- b. fill such vacancies in office as may occur between annual meetings,

- c. be allowed to transact business by correspondence between annual meetings,
- d. appoint delegates to officially represent the Association at the annual convention of the National Association of Agricultural Educators,
- e. create and regulate services for members,
- f. provide for auditing the books and accounts of the secretary-treasurer, and meet at least twice a year.

SECTION 4. The president shall, with the permission from the two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee, act for the Association during an emergency arising between meetings of the committee. The president shall report his action at the first Association meeting following the emergency.

ARTICLE IV DUES:

SECTION 1. Annual dues for the Association shall be set as:

Active Membership:	\$100.00
Associate Membership:	\$15.00
Student Membership:	\$5.00
Affiliated Membership:	\$50.00

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS:

SECTION 1. These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of members in a meeting assembly.

THE ABOVE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS WERE REVISED AT THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.