

Constitution and By-Laws  
Of the  
New Mexico Agricultural Education Teachers Association

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ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be New Mexico Agricultural Education Teachers Association.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Persons eligible for active membership in this organization are the teachers engaged in teaching agricultural education in Secondary, Post-Secondary, and Adult Education in New Mexico.

Section 2 Members of the state supervisory and teacher-training staffs of agricultural education in New Mexico, teachers of agriculture not working in departments, retired teachers, supervisors and Teacher Educators, others interested in maintaining office with NMAETA, industry teachers, are eligible for associated membership.

Section 3 To be in good standing, a member must have paid NMAETA dues assessed. Per article V.

Section 4 Only active members who are in good standing shall be eligible to hold office or serve on the New Mexico FFA Association Board of Trustees and/or any committee, and be privileged to vote, hold office or be nominated for awards.

Section 5 Student membership is open to undergraduates and full-time graduate student training for careers related to agriculture education.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

Section 1 The elected officers of the association shall be past president, president, president elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer.

Section 2 The officers shall be elected during the annual summer meetings of the Association by the assembled active members.

Section 3 Each year the secretary/treasurer shall be elected from the assembly at large. The president shall have been last year's president elect. The president elect shall be last year's vice president, and the vice president shall be last year's secretary/treasurer.

Section 4 The term of each office shall be one year.

Section 5 In the event the president elect is no longer associated with NMAETA, the president will be last year's vice president, the president elect will be last year's

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secretary, the vice president will be last years treasurer, and the secretary/treasurer will be elected from the assembly at large.

Section 6 An executive secretary may be appointed by the New Mexico FFA Association Board of Trustees to serve at the discretion of the Board.

Section 7 An Executive chairman for legislative changes may be appointed by the president.

Section 8 The ex-officio advisors of the association shall be the state director of agriculture education and the state staff of agriculture education.

### ARTICLE IV: PURPOSE

Section 1: The Mission of the NMAETA is: To increase comradery among and professional success of New Mexico Agriculture Teachers through networking, professional development and mentorship.

Section 2: To unify the efforts of the individual teachers for professional development.

Section 3: To provide and direct services for the members of the association.

Section 4: To cooperate with and assist the state department of agriculture education and make recommendations concerning the welfare of agriculture education.

Section 5: To encourage the members to adhere to the code of ethics of the association.

Section 6: To promote agriculture education and work towards positive legislation in favor of agriculture education.

Section 7: To cooperate with the NAAE in developing programs for the welfare of agriculture education and its teachers.

### ARTICLE V. DUES

Section 1 Dues of active members shall be determined annually by the assembled members to include dues in the NAAE, dues in the NMAETA, and the following at each member's option:

Regional Conference Fee/NM Conference

Section 2 Persons who have not paid their dues by the time of the Winter Conference the New Mexico Agricultural Education Association, and will have forfeited the privileges of active membership.

Section 3 Dues of associate members shall include dues in the National Association of Agriculture Education Association one-half of the New Mexico Agricultural Education Teachers Association, and the following at each member's option:

Regional Conference Fee/NM Conference

Section 4: Dues of student membership shall be set by the NAAE and the same price duplicated for student membership in the NMAETA and the following at each member's option:

Regional Conference Fee/NM Conference

## ARTICLE VI. DELEGATES TO NATIONAL MEETINGS

Section 1 The president, respectively, shall have the first chance to serve as the representatives of this organization at the meetings of the National Association of Agriculture Education Association, and the Association of Career and Technical Educators.

Amendment 1.04: Representatives from the NMAETA officers will serve as representatives to the Region II and national NAAE conference.

Section 2 If it is impossible for the president to attend these meetings, the chance shall be offered in turn to the president elect, secretary, treasurer, or any member of the association.

Amendment 1.04 Representatives from the NMAETA officers will serve as representatives to the Region II and national NAAE conference.

## ARTICLE VII. SERVICE AWARDS

Section 1 This association will award nationally designated service keys of appropriate awards to its members when they have completed their first year and every fifth year block there after and upon retirement be presented with appropriate plaques.

Section 2 A members' work in another state, or states, in agriculture shall be counted when determining their eligibility for these awards.

## ARTICLE VIII. BUSINESS MEETINGS

Section 1 For the purpose of conducting business, a quorum will be any number over 51% of the active members.

Section 2 Where there is more than one nominee for an office, the election for that office shall be conducted by secret ballot.

## ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1 This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by two-thirds vote of active members present.

Section 2 By-laws to fit the needs of the association may be added at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present.

## ARTICLE X. NMAETA AWARDS

Section 1 The NMAETA annual awards program shall mimic the NAAE annual awards program.

Section 2 To be eligible all candidates must be an active member of the NMAETA. Nominees will be voted on by the active membership at the Winter Conference and one winner per category will be awarded.

Qualifications for the awards shall be.

*Rookie of the Year or NAAE equivalent*

1. Completed 1<sup>st</sup> school calendar year teaching
2. All eligible candidates are automatically nominated

*Young Ag Teacher or NAAE equivalent*

1. Must have completed a minimum of 3 years and no more than 5 years of teaching agriculture education.
2. Each District of the New Mexico FFA Association shall select on eligible candidate and nominate said candidate on the first day of the NMAETA Winter Conference.

*Outstanding Ag Teacher or NAAE equivalent*

1. Completed 6<sup>th</sup> year of teaching agriculture
2. Each District of the New Mexico FFA Association shall select on eligible candidate and nominate said candidate on the first day of the NMAETA Winter Conference.

Section 3:

### **New Mexico Agriculture Teachers Association of New Mexico Hall of Fame**

The Agriculture Teachers Association of New Mexico Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor agricultural science teachers whose careers, achievements, and contributions stand exemplary. Inductees are known as well-rounded professionals that have proven their success with FFA activities, in the classroom, as well as community involvement. They have proven their desire to provide students with opportunities for premier leadership, personal growth and career success over a significant period.

### **Criteria for Selection**

Nominees must be retired from teaching for at least one year to be eligible for induction. (The Committee reserves the right to look over all applications and to make exceptions to this rule under extreme circumstances).

Nominees are not eligible for induction in the same year that they retire from teaching.

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Nominations must be accompanied by a \$1,000 donation to the Agriculture Teachers Association Scholarship Fund (NMAETA).

Nominee must have taught at least 10 years in New Mexico to be eligible.

### **Nomination Process**

Nominations may be made by any person(s) who ever had contact with the nominee.

Nominations must include a complete application.

Nominations must include a formal letter of nomination outlining the reasons for this teacher being considered. Please limit submissions to a length of one page.

The Nomination deadline will be May 1st. Recognition and induction will take place each year at the annual State FFA Convention. (Late fee of \$2500 if not turned in by deadline.)