MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2019

TO: All FFA Associations (Advisors and Executive Secretaries)

FROM: Steve A. Brown, National FFA Advisor
       Sherene Donaldson, National FFA Executive Secretary

RE: Proposed Constitutional Amendments for consideration by the Delegates at the 92nd National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 2019

Proposed Amendments to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws (UPDATED)

The National FFA Advisor is to submit all proposed constitutional and bylaw amendments to the FFA state associations by March 1. (National FFA Constitution, Article XVII. Amendments) Likewise, as per Article XVII, amendments must be submitted by January 1 for review by the National FFA Board of Directors.

The constitutional provisions have been met and the board is asking the delegates to consider the following three constitutional amendments at the 92nd National FFA Convention in October.

ENCLOSURES:

State Proposals:

- Proposal A – New York FFA submitted a proposed change to the State FFA Degree Requirements.

National FFA Board of Directors, 2017-18 and 2018-19 National FFA Officer Proposals:

- Proposal B – Modifications of the National FFA Constitution as related to congressional modifications of Public Law 105-225 otherwise known as the National FFA Federal Charter.

- Proposal C – Modifications of the National FFA Bylaws as related to congressional modifications of Public Law 105-225 otherwise known as the National FFA Federal Charter.

Questions regarding the constitutional and bylaws amendments may be directed to sbrown@ffa.org
PROPOSAL A
2019 National FFA Constitutional Amendment
For consideration by the delegates at the 92nd National FFA Convention

NOTE:  “An amendment to the National FFA Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates at the national FFA convention.” (National FFA Constitution Article XVII. AMENDMENTS - Section B)

Submitted by: New York State FFA Association and 2018-19 New York State FFA Officer Team

Subject: Changing the State FFA Degree Requirements

Motion: Move to amend the National FFA Constitution: Article VI. Degrees and Privileges of Membership, Section E, 2. by striking out, “(24 months)” and insert the words, “and paid dues for two years”.

Rationale:
● 20 percent of FFA chapters in New York are Career and Technical Centers.
● Most Career and Technical Center agriculture/FFA programs are two-year programs. As a result, even though these students have paid their dues for two years and are extremely active members they will not meet the 24-month requirement by state convention. This restricts members that have met all other requirements from achieving this recognition while still in high school.
● This change does not alter the integrity of the current state degree requirements; it keeps the requirements just as rigorous while allowing FFA members the opportunity to fully participate in our organization.
● The current 24-month requirement conflicts with when membership begins and when many state conventions are held across the nation.

Effect: The proposal would cause Article VI. Degrees and Privileges of Membership, Section E, 2. of the constitution to read: Have been a student FFA member and paid membership dues for two years (24 months) at the time of receiving the State FFA Degree.
PROPOSAL B

2019 National FFA Constitutional Amendment
For consideration by the delegates at the 92nd National FFA Convention

NOTE: “An amendment to the National FFA Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates at the national FFA convention.” (National FFA Constitution Article XVII. AMENDMENTS - Section B)

Submitted by: 2017-18 National FFA Officers,
2018-19 National FFA Officers and
the National FFA Board of Directors

Subject: Replacing the language in the National FFA Constitution as related to congressional modification of Public Law 105-225 otherwise known as the National FFA Federal Charter.

Motion: Move to amend the National FFA Constitution: Article II. Objectives of the Organization by striking out the current wording and replacing it with the text noted in Constitutional Item 1 (Attached),
Delete National FFA Constitution: Article X. National Advisor, Executive Secretary and Treasurer identified in Constitutional Item 2 (Attached) and renumber the subsequent Articles,
Amend the National FFA Constitution: Article XIII. Committees by striking out the current wording and replacing it with the text noted in Constitutional Item 3 (Attached), AND
Amend the National FFA Constitution: Article XIV. NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Section A by striking out the current wording and replacing it with the text noted in Constitutional Item 4 (Attached).

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE:
A National FFA Constitutional and Bylaws Taskforce (See Below) convened by the National FFA Board of Directors met August 2018 to provide input on the language and wording of changes to the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws based upon congressional approval of a modified Federal Charter.

The 2017-18 National FFA Officers, the 2018-19 National FFA Officers and the National FFA Board of Directors have reviewed and thoughtfully considered the taskforce recommendations and developed the revised wording to the National FFA Constitution.

National FFA Constitution and Bylaws Task Force:
American Association of Agricultural Educators (AAAE)
Dr. Travis Parks, AAAE Member, North Carolina
Dr. Kattlyn Wolf, AAAE Member, Idaho

At-Large Representatives
Keith Dietzschold, State FFA Executive Secretary, Missouri
Ryan Best, Agricultural Education Instructor, Texas
Greg Brammer, FFA Parent, Pennsylvania

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National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE)
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Jason Kemp, NAAE National President, Tennessee

National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education (NASAE)
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Dean Dittmar, Eastern Region Vice President, Illinois

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Matthew Eddy, U.S. Department of Education Teacher Representative, Iowa
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ITEM 1
National FFA Constitution

Article II. Objectives of the Organization would read as follows:

Article II. Objectives of the Organization

The objectives of the organization shall be consistent with the organization’s federal charter, Public Law 116-7 (formerly Public Laws 105-225 and 81-740). The organization shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials in career and technical education to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To be an integral component of instruction in agricultural education, including without limitation, agriculture, food, and natural resources. As such, the corporation shall be intracurricular to the agricultural education program, and will work with contextual classroom/laboratory instruction and work-based experiential learning in furtherance of a complete and comprehensive agricultural education program;
2. To be an integral component in agricultural education, to prepare students for successful entry into productive careers in agriculture, food and natural resources, or connect students to relevant postsecondary educational pathways, focusing on the complete delivery of classroom and laboratory instruction, work-based experiential learning and leadership development;
3. To be a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise state association, local chapter or individual member activities. The corporation will develop educational materials, programs, services and events as a service to state and local agricultural education agencies;
4. To seek and promote inclusion and diversity in its membership, leadership and staff to reflect the corporation’s belief in the value of all human beings;
5. To create, foster and assist subsidiary chapters in state-or territory-approved agricultural educational programs and associations of those chapters in the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;
6. To build character and develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership;
7. To increase awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture, food and natural resources and its contribution to our well-being;
8. To promote the intelligent choice and establishment of a career in agriculture, food and natural resources;
9. To make available to state associations, local chapters and members, all official supplies, equipment, programs and services of the corporation;
10. To cooperate with others, including state boards and officials for career and technical education, in accomplishing the foregoing purposes; and
11. To engage in other activities, consistent with these purposes, determined by the governing body to be for the best interests of the corporation.

Rationale:
Modifies the language in support of the National FFA Federal Charter.

(See Next Page for Current Wording)
CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL WORDING TO BE REPLACED:

Article II. Objectives of the Organization

The objectives of the organization shall be consistent with Section 3 of the organization’s federal charter, Public Law 105-225 (formerly Public Law 81-740). The organization shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials in vocational education to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To be an integral part of the organized instructional programs in agricultural education which prepare students for a wide range of careers in agriculture, agribusiness and other agriculture-related occupations.

2. To strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective usage of their time; by learning to assume responsibility; and by developing competencies in communications, human relations and other social abilities leading to the intelligent choice of a career and successful employment or entrepreneurship in the agricultural industry.

3. To provide agriculture-related programs and activities, which will develop pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism and thrift; and which will improve the economic, environmental, recreational and human resources of the community.

4. To encourage and recognize achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership and other individual and group activities by providing awards to deserving members and chapters.
ITEM 2
National FFA Constitution

CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL WORDING TO BE DELETED AND THE SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES RENUMBERED.

Article X. The National Advisor, Executive Secretary and Treasurer

The national advisor shall be the senior program specialist for agriculture, agribusiness and natural resources, United States Department of Education, successor in office to the chief of the Agricultural Education Service. The executive secretary shall be a member of the agricultural education staff at the United States Department of Education. The national treasurer shall be an employee or member of a state agency that directs or supervises a state program of agricultural education under the provisions of federal vocational education legislation and shall be designated by the National FFA Board of Directors.

NOTE: The National Advisor, Executive Secretary and Treasurer will be addressed in the proposed National FFA Bylaws.

Rationale:
Modifies the language in support of the National FFA Federal Charter as revised by the 116th Congress.
ITEM 3
National FFA Constitution

Article XIII. Committees would read as follows:

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Section A
Governors Committee - The National FFA Board Chair and National Advisor, National FFA Executive Secretary, and National FFA Treasurer shall constitute the Governors Committee and shall have the power to deal with items of business of the national organization between the meetings of the National FFA Board of Directors. The National FFA Board of Directors may appoint additional individuals to the Governors Committee, so long as such individuals are members of the National FFA Board of Directors. Additionally, the National FFA President and National FFA Chief Executive Officer may be extended an invitation by the National FFA Board Chair to serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Governors Committee. All official actions of the Governors Committee shall be reported and ratified to the National FFA Board of Directors at the next regular board meeting.

Section B
Standing Committees - In addition to the Governors Committee, there shall be three additional standing committees for the National FFA Organization:

(1) The National FFA Officer Nominating Committee, appointed by the National FFA President, shall place in nomination the candidates for the Board of Student Officers;

(2) The Finance Committee shall review FFA’s financial statements and the auditors’ report(s) on all FFA financial accounts. The Finance Committee shall consist of the National FFA Treasurer, who shall serve as the Committee Chair, and two additional voting board members, as determined by the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee shall work collaboratively with the Finance Committee of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. The National FFA Chief Financial Officer (CFO) shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member on the Finance Committee.

(3) Board Nominating Committee - The National FFA Board Chair, three voting board members appointed by the National FFA Board, and one National FFA Student Officer appointed by the Board of Student Officers, shall serve on the Board Nominating Committee. The Board Nominating Committee, as appropriate, shall evaluate and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding individuals to serve on the Board of Directors and as Officers of FFA.

The Board of Directors may authorize additional committees for the National FFA Organization, as the Board deems necessary and appropriate.

Rationale:
Modifies the language in support of the National FFA Federal Charter as revised by the 116th Congress.

NOTE: The National FFA Officer Nominating Committee is identified in Article IX below and no changes are being proposed, thus the wording would remain the same.

Article IX. National Officers and Procedures for Election

A nominating committee consisting of nine official national convention delegates — one chairperson selected at large and two from each of the four regions — shall study and review the qualifications of each eligible candidate. This committee shall submit its nominations to the delegates assembled at the national convention.
CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL WORDING TO BE REPLACED:

Article XIII. Committees

The president of the National FFA Organization shall appoint three regular committees annually: the Nominating Committee, which shall place in nomination the candidates for the board of student officers; the Auditing Committee, which shall review the auditors’ report(s) on all FFA financial accounts; and the National Program of Activities Committee, which shall establish the annual goals and objectives of the national organization. Other committees may be appointed as deemed necessary.
ITEM 4
National FFA Constitution

Article XIV. National Board of Directors would read as follows:

Article XIV. National Board of Directors

Section A

1. The National FFA Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the organization. The Board of Directors shall consist of:

   a. The United States Secretary of Education, or the Secretary’s designee who has experience in agricultural education, the FFA, or career and technical education;
   b. One (1) National Council for Agricultural Education Representative;
   c. Four (4) Agricultural Education State Staff;
   d. Two (2) Agricultural Education Teacher Educators;
   e. Two (2) Agricultural Education Teachers/Chapter FFA Advisors;
   f. One (1) Agricultural business and industry representative;
   g. The National FFA Executive Secretary; and
   h. The National FFA Treasurer.

2. Board member qualifications, terms of office, and method of selection shall be prescribed in the National FFA Bylaws.

3. The National FFA Board of Directors shall meet at least once per year at such time and place as prescribed by the Board.

Rationale:
Modifies the language in support of the National FFA Federal Charter as revised by the 116th Congress.

CURRENT CONSTITUTIONAL WORDING TO BE REPLACED:

Article XIV. National Board of Directors

Section A.

Governing Body

1. The governing body of the organization shall be the National FFA Board of Directors, which shall consist of: the national FFA advisor, who shall serve as chairperson; four state supervisors of agricultural education; and four staff members of the United States Department of Education with expertise and job duties in agricultural education. The national FFA executive secretary and treasurer shall serve as ex-officio members of the National FFA Board of Directors.

2. The terms of office of members of the National FFA Board of Directors and the method of selection of such members, other than the ex-officio members, shall be prescribed in the bylaws.

3. The National FFA Board of Directors shall meet at least once each year at such time and place as may be prescribed by the board and shall present an annual report.
PROPOSAL C

2019 National FFA Bylaws Amendment

For consideration by the delegates at the 92nd National FFA Convention

NOTE: “An amendment to the bylaws shall require a majority vote of the official delegates at the national FFA convention.” (National FFA Constitution Article XVII. AMENDMENTS - Section B)

Submitted by: 2017-18 National FFA Officers, 2018-19 National FFA Officers and the National FFA Board of Directors

Subject: Replacing the language in the National FFA Bylaws as related to congressional modification of Public Law 105-225 otherwise known as the National FFA Federal Charter.

Motion: Move to amend the National FFA Bylaws: ARTICLE II. LOCATION OF OFFICES by striking out the current wording and replacing it with the text noted in Bylaws Item 5 (Attached),

To amend the National FFA Bylaws: ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Section A, Section C and Section D by striking out the current wording and replacing it with the text noted in Bylaws Item 6 (Attached),

To amend the National FFA Bylaws: ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL FFA ADVISOR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TREASURER - Section A, Section B and Section C by striking out the current wording and replacing it with the text noted in Bylaws Item 7 (Attached),

To delete National FFA Bylaws: ARTICLE VIII. INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS identified in Bylaws Item 8 (Attached) and renumber all subsequent Articles, AND

To delete National FFA Bylaws: ARTICLE IX. REPORTS TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION identified in Bylaws Item 9 (Attached) and renumber all subsequent Articles.

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ITEM 5

National FFA Bylaws

Article II. LOCATION OF OFFICES would read as follows:

ARTICLE II. HEADQUARTERS and PRINCIPAL OFFICE
The headquarters and principal office of the National FFA Organization shall be the National FFA Center, 6060 FFA Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46278.

CURRENT BYLAWS WORDING TO BE REPLACED:

ARTICLE II. LOCATION OF OFFICES
The headquarters and principal office of the National FFA Organization shall be at the United States Department of Education in Washington, District of Columbia. The business offices shall be designated by the National FFA Board of Directors.

Rationale:
Modifies the language in support of the National FFA Federal Charter as revised by the 116th Congress.
ITEM 6
National FFA Bylaws

ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS would read as:

ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A
The Board of Directors, in accordance with the FFA Charter and Constitution, shall be made up of the following individuals:
1) The United States Secretary of Education, or the Secretary’s designee who has experience in agricultural education, the FFA, or career and technical education. Educational experience shall be defined as at least three years of teaching agricultural education and having served either (a) as an FFA Chapter and/or State FFA Advisor, and/or (b) as State FFA Executive Secretary or State Agricultural Education staff.
2) One individual shall be appointed by the National Council for Agricultural Education.
3) Four individuals shall be appointed by the National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education (“NASAE”), each of which shall be on the agricultural education state staff with expertise and job duties in agricultural education and/or FFA, and each individual shall be from a different FFA region (as defined in Section B below).
4) Two individuals that are agricultural education teacher educators shall be appointed by the American Association of Agricultural Educators (“AAAE”).
5) Two individuals that are active agricultural education teachers and chapter FFA advisors shall be appointed by the National Association of Agricultural Educators (“NAAE”).
6) One individual that represents agricultural business and industry, which shall be vetted by the Board Nominating Committee and approved by the National FFA Board of Directors.
7) The National FFA Executive Secretary. (See Bylaws Article VI. B regarding election.)
8) The National FFA Treasurer. (See Bylaws Article VI. C regarding election.)

Section B
(NOTE: Remains the same. This Section identifies the four regions of the National FFA Organization.)

Section C
1) The term of service for the elected members of the National FFA Board of Directors shall begin on January 1 and continue for a three-year period.
2) Board terms shall expire in rotation with the total number of board members divided by 3. With approximately one third of the board members terms expiring each year. To the extent possible, two selected representatives from the same organization will be staggered so they will not expire the same year.
(NOTE: Upon the adoption of these Amended and Restated Bylaws, the terms of the voting board members shall be staggered by dividing the total number of voting board members into three (3) groups. The groups shall be as near equal in size as possible. The board members in one group shall have an initial term of one year, the second group shall have an initial term of two years, and the third group shall have a term of three years. Thereafter, all board members shall have a three-year term.)
Section D
Each organization that appoints an individual or individuals to the National FFA Board of Directors shall have another individual selected, identified and shared with the National FFA Advisor and Board Chair for each appointed Board seat (an “Alternate Director”). In the event a board member vacates a position on the National FFA Board of Directors, the Alternate Director shall fill the vacated seat for the remainder of the vacated term. To the extent that there is a vacancy for a board member that is elected by the National FFA Board of Directors, the vacancy shall by filled by an affirmative vote of the National FFA Board of Directors after having been vetted by the Board Nominating Committee.

CURRENT BYLAWS WORDING TO BE REPLACED:

ARTICLE III. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A
The four state supervisors of agricultural education on the National FFA Board of Directors shall be elected (one from each of the four regions of the United States) by the members of their professional organizations in the respective regions. In the event an elected member of the National FFA Board of Directors is unable to attend a scheduled meeting, the elected alternate or other representative selected by that board member shall serve at that meeting.

Section C
The term of service for the elected members of the National FFA Board of Directors shall begin on July 1 and continue for a three-year period.

Section D
In the event a state supervisor vacates a position on the National FFA Board of Directors, the elected alternate shall serve for the remainder of the term. In the event a representative of the United States Department of Education vacates a position on the National FFA Board of Directors, the national FFA advisor shall recommend a person to fill the vacated position.

Rationale:
Modifies the language in support of the National FFA Federal Charter as revised by the 116th Congress.
ITEM 7

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL FFA ADVISOR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TREASURER would read as follows:

ARTICLE VI. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD CHAIR, NATIONAL FFA ADVISOR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Section A
Board Chair and National FFA Advisor

Election. One individual shall serve as the Board Chair and the National FFA Advisor. The Board Chair and FFA Advisor shall be determined in the following manner:

1. The United States Secretary of Education, or the Secretary’s designee that serves on the Board of Directors, shall serve as the Board Chair and National FFA Advisor if such individual has at least three years of teaching agricultural education and has served either (a) as an FFA Chapter and/or State FFA Advisor, and/or (b) as State FFA Executive Secretary or State Agricultural Education staff.

2. If 1. is not satisfied or the individual otherwise chooses not to serve as the Board Chair and National FFA Advisor, then the individual that has been appointed by the National Council for Agricultural Education to serve on the Board of Directors shall serve as the Board Chair and National FFA Advisor.

3. To the extent that the Board Chair and National FFA Advisor is not otherwise filled, the National FFA Board of Directors shall elect an individual that is on the National FFA Board of Directors to serve in such a role, so long as the individual has agricultural education teaching and/or FFA programming experience.

Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board Chair and National FFA Advisor to:

1. Serve as chairperson of the National FFA Board of Directors.

2. Advise the national FFA officers, Board of Directors, delegates and committees on matters of policy and assist the officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs.

3. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

4. Provide for the review of all applications for the American FFA Degree and submit them in turn to the National FFA Board of Directors for approval.

5. Perform such other duties as directed by the National FFA Board of Directors.

Section B
National Executive Secretary

Election. The National Executive Secretary shall be a member of NASAE, NAAE or AAAE, vetted by the Board Nominating Committee and approved by the National FFA Board of Directors.

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Duties. It shall be the duty of the National Executive Secretary to:

1. Issue charters to state associations when directed to do so by the National FFA Board of Directors.
2. Keep official records of members and the progress of the organization.
3. Review all reports from state associations and inform the National FFA Board of Directors of any proceedings which conflict with the provisions of the National FFA Constitution.
4. Provide for complete and accurate minutes of the meetings of the National FFA Board of Directors, the Governing Committee, and any other committee affecting the national organization, and furnish copies to members of the National FFA Board of Directors.
5. Keep a record of all officers of the national organization and their terms of office, and of all official national convention delegates.
6. Arrange for the annual national convention.
7. Perform such other duties as directed by the National FFA Board of Directors and/or the National Advisor.

Section C
National Treasurer

Election. The National Treasurer shall be an employee or member of a state agency that directs or supervises a state program of agricultural education under the provisions of federal career and technical education legislation, vetted by the Board Nominating Committee and approved by the National FFA Board of Directors.

Duties. It shall be the duty of the National Treasurer to:

1. Be responsible for the financial assets of the organization except as otherwise directed by the National FFA Board of Directors.
2. Present an annual financial report to the National FFA Board of Directors, National FFA officers, and official delegates at the national convention.
3. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the National FFA Board of Directors.

CURRENT BYLAWS WORDING TO BE REPLACED:

ARTICLE V. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD CHAIR, NATIONAL FFA ADVISOR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Section A

National Advisor—It shall be the duty of the national FFA advisor to:

1. Serve as chairperson of the National FFA Board of Directors.
Advise the national FFA officers, board of directors, delegates and committees on matters of policy and assist the officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs.

2. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

3. Provide for the review of all applications for the American FFA Degree and submit them in turn to the National FFA Board of Directors for approval.

Section B

National Executive Secretary—It shall be the duty of the national FFA executive secretary to:

1. Issue charters to state associations when directed to do so by the National FFA Board of Directors.

2. Keep official records of members and the progress of the organization.

3. Review all reports from state associations and inform the National FFA Board of Directors of any proceedings which conflict with the provisions of the National FFA Constitution.

4. Provide for complete and accurate minutes of the meetings of the National FFA Board of Directors, the Governing Committee, and any other committee affecting the national organization, and furnish copies to members of the National FFA Board of Directors.

5. Keep a record of all officers of the national organization and their terms of office, and of all official national convention delegates.

6. Arrange for the annual national convention.

7. Perform such other duties as directed by the National FFA Board of Directors and/or the national advisor.

Section C

National Treasurer—It shall be the duty of the national FFA treasurer to:

1. Be responsible for the financial assets of the organization except as otherwise directed by the National FFA Board of Directors.

2. Present an annual financial report to the National FFA Board of Directors, national FFA officers, and official delegates at the national convention.

3. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the National FFA Board of Directors.
ITEM 8

National FFA Bylaws

CURRENT BYLAWS WORDING TO BE DELETED AND THE SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES RENUMBERED.

ARTICLE VIII. INSPECTION OF BOOKS AND RECORDS

Books and records of the organization may be inspected by any member or member’s agent at any reasonable time. Arrangement for such inspection shall be made with the national FFA advisor.

Rationale:
Deletes language already included in the National FFA Federal Charter as revised by the 116th Congress.
ITEM 9
National FFA Bylaws

CURRENT BYLAWS WORDING TO BE DELETED AND THE SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES RENUMBERED.

ARTICLE IX. REPORTS TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Each state association shall submit the following information annually to the national organization:

1. A list of current state FFA association officers.
2. A report of any changes in, or amendments to, the state association constitution and bylaws.
3. A list of official delegates to the national convention at least four weeks prior to the convention.
4. An association annual report as may be requested by the National FFA Board of Directors.

Rationale:
Removes language so that reports from state and territorial associations may be requested on an as needed basis.