

**Bylaws  
of the  
Idaho Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association**

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the organization shall be the Idaho Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of the organization shall be to bring together all agricultural science and technology instructors to promote and improve professional-technical education in agriculture and to work in cooperation with the National Association for Agricultural Educators (NAAE), the Career Technical Educators of Idaho (CTEI), the Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) and to further the cause of professional-technical education.

ARTICLE III

Members

- Section 1. Active members shall consist of agricultural science and technology instructors, staff members of the Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education, teacher educators in agricultural education, and area professional-technical educators who are engaged in agricultural education in the State of Idaho and who have paid their dues.
- Section 2. Associate members shall consist of retired IVATA members and other persons interested in agricultural education and who have paid their dues.
- Section 3. Life membership shall consist of those individuals who at any time pay their active or associate lifetime dues.
- Section 4. Honorary membership shall consist of persons who have made outstanding contribution to the IVATA and agricultural education. Honorary membership shall be granted by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- Section 5. Student membership shall consist of students majoring in agricultural education and preparing to become agricultural science and technology instructors.

- Section 6. New members shall be installed during the IVATA annual meeting. Instructions on privileges, responsibilities, Code of Ethics, Creed, and other information will be provided to new members.
- Section 7. Only active members who are in good standing and have paid annual dues may vote on IVATA business and be eligible to hold an office in the IVATA.
- Section 8. The annual dues for all classes of membership of the IVATA shall be determined by the Executive Committee prior to the annual meeting.
- Section 9. Special assessments and additional dues may be levied at any time by a majority vote of the active membership.
- Section 10. Dues for all active members shall be equal to the total of the dues charged by the IVATA and its affiliated organizations which are the NAAE and the Career-Technical Educators of Idaho (CTEI). The remainder of the dues monies from the affiliated organizations not selected will be retained by the IVATA
- Section 11. IVATA members may select which of the affiliated organizations they wish to join.
- Section 12. First year Agricultural Education teachers who have not yet taught a full school year will be allowed the option of paying a reduced rate.

#### ARTICLE IV Officers

- Section 1. The officers of the IVATA shall be a President, Secretary, Executive Treasurer, President-Elect, Secretary-Elect, Legislative Liaison, CTEI Representative, and Past-President.
- Section 2. The President-Elect and Secretary-Elect positions shall be elected annually at the IVATA annual meeting.
- Section 3. The President-Elect and Secretary-Elect shall automatically assume the duties of the President and Secretary (respectively) at the end of the annual meeting one year after their election.
- Section 4. The Executive Treasurer and Legislative Liaison shall be appointed by, and serve at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

- Section 5. The District Directors shall be elected by the members in their respective districts and shall serve three-year terms. Three District Director positions are elected each year.
- Section 6. The candidates for office shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor prior to the election. A majority vote of those active members casting ballots shall be required for election.
- Section 7. The President-Elect and Secretary-Elect have a minimum of 3 years of active membership in IVATA.
- Section 8. In the event that an officer leaves the profession before their term is fulfilled, the Executive Committee has the power to fill the vacancy. If the President or Secretary resign during their term, the President-Elect or Secretary-Elect will fill the vacancy.

## ARTICLE V Meetings

- Section 1. Annual Meeting
- (a) The IVATA shall meet at least once per year as determined by the Executive Committee.
  - (b) The date and place of the annual meeting shall be approved by the Program Manager for Agricultural and Natural Resources in the Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education.
  - (c) The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to conduct IVATA business, receive reports from officers and committees, elect officers, participate in professional development activities and handle any other items which may come before the association.
- Section 2. Quorum
- (a) A majority of the IVATA active members shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI  
Executive Committee

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the regularly elected officers, appointed officers, Past-President, and the nine District Directors.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall direct the policies outlined in the bylaws and have the power to act for the IVATA on all matters deemed advisable.
- Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per year to perform necessary business of the IVATA. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or upon the written request of three committee members.
- Section 4. A quorum, consisting of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Executive Committee shall meet to review cases of unethical actions of IVATA members with the power of rescinding continued membership or refusing membership in the IVATA.
- Section 5. The State Administrator of Professional-Technical Education, the Program Manager for Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Teacher Educators in Agricultural Education shall act in advisory capacity to the Executive Committee.
- Section 6. The Executive Committee, or a designated subcommittee, will conduct an annual review of the organization's Bylaws and make recommendations for proposed amendments.

ARTICLE VII  
Committees

- Section 1. Audit and Budget
- (a) The Audit and Budget Committee will review the finances of the association at least once per year.
- Section 2. Awards Committee
- (a) The Awards Committee will announce IVATA awards, establish award policies, and select award winners.
- Section 3. Career Development Events
- (a) The CDE Committee shall be composed of a member from each of the FFA districts. Each district will select their own representative to the committee.
- (b) The CDE Committee will review the policy, procedures, and rules of the Idaho

FFA Career Development Events and make recommendations for changes to the Idaho FFA Association Board of Directors.

Section 4. Curriculum Committee

- (a) The Curriculum Committee will review the Idaho approved curriculum for agricultural science and technology and make recommendations on curriculum development and adoption to the Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education.

Section 5. FFA Relations

- (a) The FFA Relations Committee will review the policies and procedures of the Idaho FFA Association and make recommendations to the Idaho FFA Association Board of Directors.

Section 6. Membership Committee

- (a) The Membership Committee will review membership rosters and promote membership among Idaho agricultural science and technology instructors.
- (b) The Membership Committee will work with the Executive Treasurer to determine amount of dues and make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Section 7. Nominating Committee

- (a) The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the nine District Directors and the Past-President.
- (b) The IVATA President shall appoint the chairman.
- (c) The Nominating Committee will develop a slate of nominees for the IVATA President-Elect and Secretary-Elect positions.

Section 8. Professional Development

- (a) The Professional Development Committee will identify topics for professional development workshops, seminars, webinars, and university courses and make recommendations to the Division of Professional-Technical Education and the University of Idaho Department of Agricultural Education & 4-H Youth Development.

Section 9. Public Relations/Legislative Action

- (a) The Public Relations/Legislative Action Committee will promote the discipline of

agricultural education and the agricultural science and technology teaching profession.

- (b) The committee will advise the Legislative Liaison on all matters related to legislative action affecting agricultural education or professional-technical education in Idaho.

Section 10. Postsecondary Agricultural Education

- (a) The Postsecondary Agricultural Education committee will review the agriculture programs at the College of Southern Idaho and the College of Western Idaho and make recommendations to faculty and administration.

ARTICLE VIII  
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the IVATA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

ARTICLE IX  
Amendment of Bylaws

- Section 1. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Executive Committee at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee will send all proposed amendments to the membership at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
- Section 3. Proposed amendments must receive a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the IVATA active members present and voting to be approved.