**CONSTITUTION OF THE MONTANA FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**Adopted: APRIL 2013**

**ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSES**

Section A. The name of the organization shall be Montana FFA Alumni Association.

Section B. The purposes of this organization shall be:

1. To support and promote the FFA organization, FFA activities and

agricultural education.

2. To provide a tie to the FFA and to assist FFA and agricultural education personnel and to involve interested persons in worthy activities.

3. To promote greater knowledge of the agricultural industry and support education in agriculture.

4. To cooperate with the Montana FFA Association, Montana FFA Foundation and the National FFA Alumni Association.

5. To promote and maintain an appreciation of the American free enterprise system.

6. To promote the personal development aspect of the FFA.

**ARTICLE II: ORGANIZATION**

Section A: The Montana FFA Alumni Association is to be a chartered affiliate of the National FFA Alumni Association.

Section B: The Montana FFA Alumni Association accepts in full the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of the National FFA Alumni Association.

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Section A: Membership shall be open to any citizens interested in advancing the principles of the FFA and this association.

Section B: The annual dues shall be recommended by the Alumni Executive Committee (four main officers) and fixed by majority vote of members present at the annual meeting. State and national dues must be paid on a calendar membership year basis for all active FFA Alumni members. Annual State dues starting in 2013-14 membership year are $10.

**ARTICLE IV: EMBLEM AND INSIGNIA**

Section A: The gold FFA emblem with the word “Alumni” below it shall serve as the emblem of the Montana FFA Alumni Association.

**ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BODY**

Section A: The executive body of the Montana FFA Alumni Association shall be the Montana FFA Alumni Council.

Section B**:** The Montana FFA Alumni Council shall consist of 6 (six) to twelve (12) members, as follows:

1. Four officers: (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer) hereafter known as the Executive Committee.

2. Up to 4 (four) directors

3. Alumni Leadership Camp Director

4. Current State FFA Officer

5. FFA Foundation Board Representative

6. Past President (Ex-Officio)

Nominations for any Executive Committee office or Director shall be made in writing and submitted to the association Secretary one week in advance of the annual meeting or from the membership present during the annual meeting so long as nominee meets requirements in Section C.

Section C: All members of the Montana FFA Alumni Association Executive Council must be active members of the Montana and National FFA Alumni Association; with the exception of the Montana State FFA Association President.

Section D: Terms of Office: The President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and directors shall serve two (2) year terms unless otherwise specified. Beginning in 2013, the Executive Council and Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership present during the annual meeting as follows: in odd numbered years President, Secretary, and two directors. In even numbered years Vice President, Treasurer and two directors shall be elected. State FFA Officer and FFA Foundation representatives shall be selected annually by their respective membership bodies.

Section E: Duties of the officers shall be consistent with those usually appertaining to these positions and as assigned by the council.

Section F: There shall be an annual audit of the Montana FFA Alumni Association by two qualified individuals other than current officers.

**ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS**

Section A: The Montana FFA Alumni Association and FFA Alumni Council shall meet at least once per year. Additional meetings may be called the President or by a majority of the general membership or Council membership upon petition to the Secretary. Said annual meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Montana FFA Association state convention.

 **ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS**

Section A: The constitution or by-laws of the Montana FFA Alumni Association may be amended or changed at any regular meeting be a two-thirds vote of the active members present at said meeting, providing it is not in conflict with the National FFA Alumni Association constitution.

Section B: Proposed amendments to the Constitution or by-laws of this association may be submitted by any active member in writing and received by the Secretary at least one week prior to either the annual meeting or any specially called meetings. At least three members of the Executive Council must approve such amendments before they are submitted to the membership for consideration. Or, in the alternative, they may be submitted to the annual meeting with the approval of a majority of the Alumni Council members.

**MONTANA FFA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**BY-LAWS**

**Adopted APRIL 2013**

**ARTICLE I:**

Section A: These by-laws shall be considered a part of the Constitution of the Montana FFA Alumni Association.

**ARTICLE II: LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Section A: The principal office of the Montana FFA Alumni Association shall be located at the home of the current president or such other location as he or she designates.

**ARTICLE III: EMERGENCY SUCCESSION**

Section A: The state advisor of the Montana FFA Association at his discretion shall serve as an ex-officio and non-voting member of the Alumni Council.

Section B: In the event the president dies or is unable to perform his/her duties, the vice-president shall assume these duties. If neither the president nor vice-president is able to perform his/her duties, the secretary shall fulfill these functions until a special election can be held to elect successors to the president or vice-president, who shall be elected only for the unfulfilled terms. If necessary for expediency, the Alumni Council by not less than a seventy-five percent (75%) vote may elect a president or vice-president to fulfill the unexpired terms of these officers.

**ARTICLE IV: LOCAL AFFILIATES**

Section A. Local affiliates of the Montana FFA Alumni Association shall be accepted upon receipt of an application for local charter from ten (10) or more members in good standing.

Section B: Such local affiliates shall be required to hold at least one (1) annual meeting. More may be called at any interval at the discretion of the local president.

Section C: Local affiliates shall be governed by at least three (3) persons consisting of a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer and/or any other such persons as the local membership shall deem appropriate.

Section D: Financial records shall be kept by all local affiliates and shall be available upon demand to any member of the Executive Committee or Alumni Council for inspection. Annual audits of local affiliates shall be performed at the discretion of the Executive Council or if requested in writing by a member of the local affiliate or Chapter Advisor.

Section E: Local affiliates shall not engage in any activity in conflict with the aims, purposes and/or goals of either the Montana FFA Alumni Association or the National FFA Alumni Association.

**ARTICLE V: CONFLICT OF PURPOSES**

Section A: The Montana FFA Alumni Association shall not engage in any activity at cross-purposes with the National FFA Alumni Association.

**ARTICLE VI: FISCAL YEAR**

Section A: The fiscal year of the Montana FFA Alumni Association shall commence on the first (1st) day of September and end on the last day of August.

Section B: All books or records of the Montana FFA Alumni Association may be inspected by any member or his attorney at any time upon reasonable advance notice.

**ARTICLE VII: REPORTS**

Section A: The Montana FFA Alumni Association shall submit a written report to the National Association at least once every calendar year and each local affiliate , in turn, shall submit a written report to the Montana FFA Alumni Association at least once every fiscal year.

Section B: The annual budget will be the responsibility of the treasurer to prepare and submit to the entire executive council. This shall be done prior to commencement of each new fiscal year. The council shall then adopt a formal budget for the upcoming year.