



## **Bylaws of the Idaho Agriculture Teachers Association**

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of the organization shall be the Idaho 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 career and 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 career and technical education.

### ARTICLE III

#### Members

- Section 1. Active members shall consist of agricultural science and technology instructors, staff members of the Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education, teacher educators in agricultural education, and area career and 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 IATA 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 IATA and agricultural education. Honorary membership shall be granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

- 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 IATA 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 IATA business and be eligible to hold an office in the IATA.
- Section 8. The annual dues for all classes of membership of the IATA shall be determined by the Board of Directors 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 IATA 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 IATA
- Section 11. IATA 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 IATA 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 IATA annual meeting.
- Section 3. The President-Elect and Secretary-Elect have a minimum of 3 years of active membership in IATA.
- Section 4. 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 5. The Executive Treasurer shall be elected and serve a 5 year term of office.
- Section 6. The Legislative Liaison shall be appointed by, and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Legislative Liaison shall serve a 2 year term of office.
- Section 7. The Website Coordinator shall be appointed by, and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Website Coordinator shall serve a 5 year term of office.
- Section 8. The Professional Development Coordinator shall be appointed by, and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Professional Development Coordinator shall serve a 2 year term of office.
- Section 9. The Mentorship Coordinator shall be appointed by, and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Mentorship Coordinator shall serve a 2 year term of office.
- Section 10. The Parliamentarian shall be appointed annually by the President.
- Section 11. 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 12. 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 13. In the event that an officer leaves the profession before their term is fulfilled, the Board of Directors 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 IATA shall meet at least once per year as determined by the Board of Directors. The IATA general membership meetings may take place at the Mid-Winter Planning Meeting, Idaho FFA State Leadership Conference, IATA Summer In-Service Workshop, Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education Summer Conference. The IATA Summer In-Service Workshop shall be considered the IATA Annual Membership Meeting.

- (b) The date and place of the annual meeting shall be approved by the Program Quality Manager for Agricultural and Natural Resources in the Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education.
- (c) The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to conduct IATA 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 IATA active members shall constitute a quorum for the annual meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings

- (a) Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Board of Directors and shall be called upon written request of 10 IATA members. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent to all members at least three days before the meeting. Special meetings may be held using conference call or internet based meeting technology.

ARTICLE VI  
Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the regularly elected officers, appointed officers, Past-President, and the 10 District Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall direct the policies outlined in the bylaws and have the power to act for the IATA on all matters deemed advisable.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once per year to perform necessary business of the IATA. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or upon the written request of three board members.

Section 4. A quorum, consisting of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Board of Directors shall meet to review cases of unethical actions of IATA members with the power of rescinding continued membership or refusing membership in the IATA.

Section 5. The State Administrator of Career and Technical Education, the Program Quality Manager for Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Teacher Educators in Agricultural Education shall act in advisory capacity to the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Board of Directors, or a designated subcommittee, will conduct an annual review of the organization's Bylaws and make recommendations for proposed amendments.

Section 7. The Executive Committee of the IATA Board of Directors will include the President, Past President, President-Elect, Secretary, Secretary-Elect, and Executive Treasurer. The Executive Committee will have the power to act on behalf of the Board of Directors between IATA Board of Directors meetings, IATA membership meetings, or the IATA Annual Meeting.

## 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 IATA awards, establish award policies, and select award winners.

Section 3. Leadership and Career Development Events (LDE/CDE) Committee

- (a) The LDE/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 LDE/CDE Committee will review the policies, procedures, and rules of the Idaho FFA Leadership and 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 Career and 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 Board of Directors.

Section 7. Nominating Committee

- (a) The Nominating Committee shall be composed of the 10 District Directors and the Past-President.
- (b) The IATA President shall appoint the chairman.
- (c) The Nominating Committee will develop a slate of nominees for the IATA 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 Career and Technical Education and the University of Idaho Department of Agricultural and Extension Education.

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 career and 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.

Section 11. Mentoring Committee

- (a) The Mentoring Committee will organize the IATA Mentorship program and match experienced IATA members with new secondary agriculture instructors.

- (b) The committee will work with the University of Idaho Department of Agricultural and Extension Education to offer professional development credit for mentorship activities.

ARTICLE VIII  
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the IATA 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 Board of Directors at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors 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 IATA active members present and voting to be approved.

Amended: 2018 IATA Summer Conference  
Lewiston, ID  
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