Bylaws of the

***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FFA Alumni***

As amended \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ #, 20##

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

**Section I.** The name of this society shall be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ FFA Alumni. It is a chartered local affiliate of the Washington FFA Alumni Association that in turn is chartered by the National FFA Alumni Association.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

**Section I.** The object of this society shall be to support and promote FFA, FFA activities, and agricultural education on local, state and national levels; to provide engagement opportunities to former FFA members and supporters of FFA and agricultural education; to promote greater knowledge of the agriculture industry and support education in agriculture; to link with, train, and otherwise support local FFA alumni chapters, FFA alumni members, and agriculture education professionals; and to promote personal and leadership development of FFA and FFA Alumni members.

1. The society affirms its apolitical nature and prohibits endorsements or contributions to any political candidate or campaign in the name of
the society.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

**Section I.** Membership shall be open to all who support agricultural education and FFA. Membership in the Washington FFA Alumni includes many rights, benefits, and privileges, however, no level of membership entitles any member to act for or on behalf of any local alumni chapter, or the Washington FFA Alumni regarding any policy or position unless granted by and through these bylaws or is otherwise granted specifically, in writing, by the Washington FFA Alumni.

**Section II.** Types of Membership

1. Affiliate Membership
2. The affiliate membership program enables local FFA alumni chapters to register an unlimited number of volunteers as alumni members.
3. Affiliate membership is for a 12-month period beginning September 1 and ending August 31 each year.
4. A chapter is considered in good standing if their affiliation dues are paid in full based on the fiscal year of the society.
5. Annual Membership
6. In addition to its annual affiliation membership dues, a chapter may elect to charge its members an annual fee. Annual local dues shall be recommended by the Executive Board and fixed by the membership. A member is considered in good standing with full voting privileges if their dues are paid in full based on the fiscal year of the society.

**ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

**Section I.** The officers of the society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the society.

**Section II.** Any member of the society in good standing is eligible to be nominated for office in the society; except members who are currently employed as agricultural education instructors.

**Section III.** Nominations and election of officers shall occur at the annual meeting. The officers shall be elected by the membership to serve for three (3) years or until their successor is elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. No member shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in office.

**Section IV.** An officer who engages in conduct, activities, or takes action that is contrary to these bylaws or the purposes of the association; reflects negatively on the association, FFA or FFA Alumni; or creates a threat of liability to the association may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE V. MEETINGS**

**Section I.** Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the society shall be held on the (first) (Thursday) of each month unless otherwise ordered by the society.

**Section II.** Annual Meetings.The regular meeting in (May) shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees and for any other business that may arise.

**Section III.** Special Meetings.Special meetings may be called by the President, the Executive Board, or a quorum of the members with two weeks’ notice. No business should be conducted except those items stated in the call of the special meeting.

**Section IV.** Quorum.A quorum shall consist of a majority of dues paying members of the society in good standing.

**ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section 1.** Board Composition. The officers of the society, an ex officio current student representative from the FFA chapter, and an ex officio local chapter advisor shall constitute the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** Board Duties and Powers. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the society between its business meetings, fix the hours and place of meetings, make recommendations to the society, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the society, and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the society.

**Section 3.** Board Meetings. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular and special meetings of the Executive Board shall be held immediately preceding regular and special meetings of the society. Additional special meetings of the Board may be called by the President.

**ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES**

Standing or special committees shall be appointed by the President as the society or Executive Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry on the work of the organization. The President shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

**ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE**

Members of the society, the Executive Board, or any committee designated by the Executive Board may participate in a meeting of the society, the council, or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

**ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the society 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 society may adopt.

**ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the society by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

**ARTICLE XII. DISSOLUTION**

**Section I.** With previous notice to the membership at least ninety (90) days prior to the motion for dissolution and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the alumni members at the time of the vote, the association may be dissolved. Motion for dissolution may be presented at the annual meeting or a special meeting of the membership.

**Section II.** Upon the dissolution of the association, assets remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities will be distributed evenly to all society members who were in good standing during the year of dissolution.