

Constitution and By-Laws
District I Area XII Association
“Brazos Valley District”
Texas FFA Association

Article I – NAME

The name of the organization is the District I Area XII Association of the Texas FFA Association. It may be referred to as the District I Association, the District I FFA, Brazos Valley District or the District I Future Farmers of America.

Article II – PURPOSES

The purposes for which this organization is formed are as follows:

1. To develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership.
2. To develop an awareness of the global importance of agriculture science to students in themselves and their work.
3. To strengthen the confidence of students of agricultural science in themselves and their work.
4. To promote the intelligent choice and establishment of an agricultural career.
5. To stimulate development and encourage achievement in individual supervised agricultural experience programs.
6. To improve the economic, environmental, recreational, and human resources of the community.
7. To develop competencies in communications, human relations, and social abilities.
8. To develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
9. To build cooperative attitudes among agriculture students.
10. To encourage wise management of resources.
11. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
12. To provide organized recreational activities for agriculture students.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all members of chartered chapters in good standing with the Area, State, and National Associations of the FFA that lie within the boundaries of the District I Association. Upon receipt of dues payment, all paid members of each local chapter shall be considered members of the District I Association.

Article IV – OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the District I FFA shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Chaplain.
- B. District officer candidates must hold the following minimum qualifications:
 - 1. Be a member in good standing with the District I FFA.
 - 2. Be duly elected by the local chapter unit they represent.
 - 3. Must be in the 9th grade or above and will receive the Chapter FFA Degree. Greenhand members who are completing the 9th grade will be eligible to run for an office, provided that the advisor and school counselor or principal verify that the student currently has a minimal grade of a “B” in every class and should meet the requirements and qualify for the Chapter FFA Degree.
 - 4. All District officers must be in high school during their term of office.
 - 5. Prior to election, officer candidates must submit a signed agreement to fulfill the duties outlined in Article IV, Section C of this constitution.
 - 6. No District officers may hold office for more than two years, nor may he/she hold the same office for two years.
- C. Officers of the District I Association shall have the following duties:
 - 1. All officer duties listed in the Official FFA Manual.
 - 2. Attend all District I FFA functions:
 - a) District I Officer election and advanced officer nomination meetings.
 - b) District I Leadership Contest and Award meeting.
 - c) District I FFA Talent Contest.
 - d) District I FFA meetings.
 - e) Area XII Association Convention.
 - f) District I Executive Committee meetings.
 - g) Any additional meetings called by the Executive Committee.
 - h) District 1 Camp
 - i) Area XII Camp
- D. If an Officer does not fulfill his/her duties outlined on the agreement signed by the officer before elections, then the officer will be subject to removal from his/her office by the Executive Committee.
- E. Any officer who becomes ineligible during more than one six weeks period shall be asked to resign. A new officer shall be elected from the respective chapter to replace this officer.
- F. If an Officer is removed from chapter office for any reason they will also be removed from District office.

G. Election Process

1. The officers of the District I FFA shall be elected at a time prior to June 1 annually. The time and place shall be scheduled by the District I Ag Teachers.
2. Each local chapter may submit a maximum of 2 candidates.
3. Each candidate will take a written test that follows the guidelines of the Jr. FFA Quiz that will account for 30% of the election process. The candidate that scores the highest on the test will receive a 1 in the calculations. The candidates will be ranked accordingly. Any candidates that receive the same score on the test will be assigned the same number.
4. Each candidate will go through an interview lasting no longer than 5 minutes. The interview will count as 35% of the election process.
5. Each candidate will be allowed only one campaign speech not to exceed three minutes. Following the speeches, each delegate will vote for two candidates. The vote totals will account for 35% of the election process. The candidate that receives the most votes will receive a 1 in the calculations. The candidates will be ranked accordingly. Any candidates that receive the same number of votes will be assigned the same number.
6. Scores from each section will be added together. The candidate with the lowest score will be the District President, with the other offices being filled in a descending order as listed in Article IV section A.
7. Any ties in the election process will be broken first by the vote, followed by the test scores then the interview.

Article V – OFFICER CANDIDATES ABOVE DISTRICT

A. Area Candidate:

1. Each chapter may submit up to two candidates for Area office. All candidates must meet the qualifications set forth in the Area XII Constitution. The first and second ranked candidates will be the two representatives for the District at the Area level.
2. The first phase of the election process will be a written 50 question multiple choice exam over the current FFA manual and the Parliamentary Guide. The exam will account for 30% of the total process.
3. The second phase will involve an interview by a panel of teachers, not having a candidate. The panel will ask each candidate the same questions. The interview will account for 30% of the total process.
4. The final phase will be a speech given by each candidate that will last no more than 5 minutes. Time will be called at the end of five minutes. Each delegate will vote once for 2 candidates. The student vote will account for 40% of the total process.

5. The candidates will be ranked by assessing the lowest number to the highest-ranking individual in each category. For instance: the candidate ranked highest in the interview will receive a 1 for that category, which will correspond to a 1 or .3(30%) in the total tally. The student ranked highest on the exam will receive a 1 or .3 (30%). The student receiving the most votes will receive a 1 in that category or .4 (40%). The candidate with the lowest number of points will be our Area Candidate.
6. In the case of a tie in one of the categories, each candidate will be assessed the same score in that particular category.
7. Any ties in the election process will be broken first by the vote, followed by the interview, and then test scores.

B. State Candidate:

1. The district will follow the process set forth by the State FFA Association.

C. National Officer Candidate:

1. The District will follow the process set forth by the National FFA Association.

ARTICLE VI – ADVISORY COUNCIL

- A. The District I Advisory Council shall be composed of the advisors to the District officers, President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the District I Ag Teachers Association, District I Officer Coordinator, and the Area Officer from District I.
- B. The District Advisory Council shall assist with administrative direction of the organization and interpret the District Constitution of the FFA. The President of the District I Ag Teachers Association shall act as chairman of the Council.
- C. The District Advisory Council shall have the power to approve and disapprove the action of the District I FFA Officers.
- D. The District Advisory Council shall meet as needed.

ARTICLE VII – DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The District I FFA Officers and the District Advisory Council will comprise the District Executive Committee.
- B. A quorum shall consist of eight people representing at least four schools and their advisors.
- C. The President of the District I FFA shall serve as the chairman of the Executive Committee.
- D. An Executive Committee meeting may be called by the District I FFA President or the President of the District Ag Teachers Association.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

The constitution of this District may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the voting delegates present at any regular District meeting, providing that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at the preceding regular meeting or mailed to the President of each chapter 30 days prior to the meeting.

BY-LAWS

- A. Gray's Parliamentary Guide and Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedure of the District and on all points not covered by the constitution and by-laws of the district.
- B. Dues or affiliation fee will be paid by the individual chapter units to the National, State, and Area Associations. The District I Association Student Delegates shall determine the amount, if any, of the District dues.
- C. All applications, etc., must come through District I check before advancing to the Area and State level.
- D. This constitution and by-laws shall not, in any way, conflict with the constitution and by-laws of the National organization or State Association. If an article or section is in conflict, that article or section only shall be null and void. The remainder of this constitution and by-laws shall remain in effect.
- E. The fiscal year of the district shall begin on September 1st and end on August 31st