

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

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2018-2019 Georgia FCCLA Board of Directors
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To the chapters of the Georgia Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc.:

Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 2 of the bylaws of this association, you are hereby notified that the following resolution to amend the existing bylaws will be considered at the next annual meeting, to wit:

AMENDMENT #1:

ARTICLE VII – Region Officers, Section One. Region Officers.

To Amend Article VIII, Section 2B by removing region officers from the State Executive Council and creating Region Officer Teams.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
The state association shall have a region officer for each region, who shall serve as a non-voting member on the state executive council.	The state association shall have a region officer <i>up to three region officers for each region who shall serve as a non-voting member on the state executive council to serve on a region officer team. Region officer teams will report directly to the Region Adviser for that region.</i>	The state association shall have up to three region officers for each region to serve on a region officer team. Region officer teams will report directly to the Region Adviser for that region.

Rationale: *Region officers currently serve on the State Executive Council as non-voting members, and this incurs a substantial expense for the state association. By eliminating region officers from the State Executive Council and placing them on a Region Officer Team, this will allow more opportunities for members to serve in a leadership role within our organization.*

AMENDMENT #2:

ARTICLE VIII – Nomination and Selection of Region Officers, Section Two. Procedures for Selection of Region Officers. B.

To Amend Article VIII, Section 2B by adding a minimum score requirement.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
B. A region officer selection committee, shall score the application of qualified nominees using a rubric approved by the state board of directors. The region officer selection committee shall be composed of members of the state board of directors who do not have region officer	B. A region officer selection committee, shall score the application of qualified nominees using a rubric approved by the state board of directors. The region officer selection committee shall be composed of members of the state board of directors who do not have region officer	B. A region officer selection committee, shall score the application of qualified nominees using a rubric approved by the state board of directors. The region officer selection committee shall be composed of members of the state board of directors who do not have region officer

<p>applicants and others appointed by the state board of directors. Scores from all selection committee members shall be averaged. The applicant within each region with the top averaged score shall be selected to serve as a region officer.</p>	<p>applicants and others appointed by the state board of directors. Scores from all selection committee members shall be averaged. <i>The Georgia FCCLA Board of Directors will determine a minimum score that candidates must have in order to become a Region Officer.</i> The applicant within each region with the top averaged score shall be selected to serve as a region officer. <i>If there are no candidates that meet the qualifying score, then another applicant from another region can be considered for that region by the region officer selection committee.</i></p>	<p>applicants and others appointed by the state board of directors. Scores from all selection committee members shall be averaged. The Georgia FCCLA Board of Directors will determine a minimum score that candidates must have in order to become a Region Officer. The applicant within each region with the top averaged score shall be selected to serve as a region officer. If there are no candidates that meet the qualifying score, then another applicant from another region can be considered for that region by the region officer selection committee.</p>
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Rationale: *Region Officer Candidates should be qualified to serve as a Region Officer. Instituting a minimum score will ensure that only qualified candidates receive a region office.*

AMENDMENT #3:

ARTICLE IX – Nominee for National Officer and Appointment of National Liaison. Section Three, Appointment of National Liaison.

To Amend Article IX, Section 3 by eliminating the automatic appointment of National Officer Candidates as the National Liaison.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>In years when there are two national officer candidates, the defeated candidate at the national level will become the national liaison. In the event that both candidates are defeated on the national level, they will then share the office of national liaison. National liaisons shall be voting members of the state executive council.</p>	<p>In years when there are two national officer candidates, the defeated candidate at the national level will become the national liaison. In the event that both candidates are defeated on the national level, they will then share the office of national liaison. <i>National Officer Candidates will serve as National Liaison on the State Executive Council only if elected to the National Executive Council.</i> National liaisons shall be voting members of the state executive council.</p>	<p>National Officer Candidates will serve as National Liaison on the State Executive Council only if elected to the National Executive Council. National liaisons shall be voting members of the state executive council.</p>

Rationale: In previous years, defeated National Officer Candidates have not been utilized by the National Office or National Executive Council to be a link between the state and national organizations. The link only exists when National Officer Candidates are elected and serve on the National Executive Council.

AMENDMENT #4:

ARTICLE V – State Officers. Section Four – Term of Office.

To Amend Article V, by adding term limits for state officers.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
The state officers’ term of office shall be for one year. The term shall begin at the conclusion of the state leadership conference.	The state officers’ term of office shall be for one year. The term shall begin at the conclusion of the state leadership conference. <i>State officers may be re-elected for a second term. At least one year must have elapsed before any candidate having served two consecutive terms may be elected for a third term in a state office position.</i>	The state officers’ term of office shall be for one year. The term shall begin at the conclusion of the state leadership conference. <i>State officers may be re-elected for a second term. At least one year must have elapsed before any candidate having served two consecutive terms may be elected for a third term in a state office position.</i>

Rationale: By adding term limits for state officers, this will allow for more opportunities for other members to be able to experience leadership on the state level. Members who have already served their two terms can apply to serve as a Region Officer or apply to be a National Officer Candidate.

Additional Voting – State Dues Increase:

As per the bylaws – Article XIV Finance, Section One Dues, B - individual state membership dues shall be determined by the state executive council, upon recommendation of the executive director and the state board of directors, subject to approval of the voting delegates at the annual meeting.

The Georgia State Board of Directors and the Executive Director is recommending raising state dues by \$1.00.

Current State Dues Amount	Proposed Dues Amount
\$3.00 per member	\$4.00 per member

Rationale: The Department of Education will require all CTSOs to undergo a full financial audit starting in the 2019-2020 school year. Our current budget cannot sustain the cost of a full financial audit. The Georgia FCCLA Board of Directors and Executive Director are recommending raising dues by \$1.00 instead of significantly raising conference dues and/or cutting the quality of conferences and programs.