



NAYC Alumni Chapter By-laws

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ARTICLE I: Mission Statement

Fostering relationships, sharing resources and creating opportunities for current and past Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council members.

ARTICLE II: Object

The object of Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council Alumni is to combine developed resources to help further the network between current and past NAYC members. NAYC is based upon promoting the agricultural industry within the State of Nebraska through its various events. The NAYC Alumni is to help support these efforts of the current council members by networking, financial support, and sharing the impact of the NAYC on Nebraska's agricultural industry.

ARTICLE III: Leadership – Board of Directors

Section 1: Number of Directors: The business and affairs of the chapter shall be managed by a Board of Directors comprised of persons selected in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of this Article. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amending these by-laws, but no decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director.

Section 2: Composition of Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following persons:

- (a) The acting Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council Advisor;
- (b) The acting Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council Head Counselor(s);
- (c) The acting Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council Vice President of Alumni Relations;
- (d) Five (5) to seven (7) persons who have been elected to serve on the Board by the Chapter's Board of Directors as At-Large Directors.

All of the Chapter's directors shall be voting members of the Board, except for the acting Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council Advisor, the Head Counselor(s) and the Vice President of Alumni Relations who shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the Board.

Section 3: Term of Directors: The At-Large Directors shall serve staggered terms with approximately one-third of the At-Large Directors coming up for election each year. Once elected or appointed as provided herein, the At-Large Directors shall each serve for a term of three (3 years), except as otherwise required to accomplish the staggering of terms of the At-Large Directors as provided herein. The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council Advisor, Head Counselor(s) and Vice President of Alumni Relations shall each serve on the Board as long as they hold such positions. Each director may be re-elected or reappointed at the conclusion of his or her term. However, no director may serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms unless otherwise determined by the Board. Partial terms shall be disregarded for purposes of applying the above referenced term limits. Elections will take place every September.

ARTICLE IV: Officers

Section 1: Number, Qualification and Term: The officers of the chapter shall be a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2: Election and Tenure: Unless otherwise determined by the Chapter, the officers shall be elected every year by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Duties and Authority of Officers:

- (a) President: The President shall have general supervisory power over the affairs of the NAYC Alumni Chapter. The president should preside at all meetings, membership and leadership teams, and pursue the purposes of the organization, overseeing the work of the NAYC Alumni Chapter.
- (b) 1st Vice President: The 1st vice president shall assist the president in fulfilling the obligations of office by performing duties requested by the president. In the absence of the president, the 1st vice president shall execute the duties of the president.
- (c) 2nd Vice President: The 2nd vice president shall send out and collect scholarship applications for review. The 2nd vice president shall coordinate the work of the scholarship committee, and the treasurer to ensure that there are enough funds to distribute scholarship(s). If funds are not adequate, the 2nd vice president will lead fundraising efforts.
- (d) Secretary: The secretary shall maintain the contact information for any alumni members, in coordination with the NAYC Advisor and NAYC Head Counselor(s). The secretary is also responsible for assisting the head counselors with contact information of alumni who would be adequate speakers at NAYI. At meetings the secretary will record the minutes for the meetings and report them back to the chapter in a timely fashion.

- (e) Treasurer: The treasurer shall be responsible for budgeting and funds of the NAYC Alumni. The NAYC Advisor shall deposit all financial contributions and keep financial records. The treasurer will also be responsible for collecting all membership dues in a timely manner.

ARTICLE V: Membership

Section 1: Definition of Membership: All former members of the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council are to be considered NAYC alumni and shall be granted such status.

Section 2: NAYC Alumni Membership Dues: Membership dues are to be paid yearly, with payment due in September of each year.

- (a) NAYC Alumni Dues – Alumni must pay a minimum of \$25 each calendar year to be considered an active member of the NAYC Alumni Chapter.
- (b) NAYC Scholarship Sponsor – Any donation from a NAYC Alumni Member in addition to the NAYC Alumni Dues will be contributed toward the NAYC Scholarship and NAYI Sponsorship Fund.
- i. The first \$1,000 of monies donated to this level of sponsorship will be used to provide financial support in the form of a scholarship offered to a member of the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council.
 - ii. Any monies in excess of the first \$1,000 will be donated to the current NAYI sponsorship drive on behalf of the NAYC Alumni Chapter to assist in paying for the yearly NAYI.

ARTICLE VI: Scholarship: A scholarship program will be offered to members of the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council. Emphasis will be placed on involvement in the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council, leadership activities, and advocacy for the agriculture industry. The scholarship amount will be determined by the leadership team each year, and the application process and selection process will be led by a committee of the 2nd Vice President's choosing.

ARTICLE VII: Meetings: Quarterly meetings of the NAYC Alumni Chapter should be held at a place and date established by the President. The leadership team shall meet in conjunction with meetings of the membership or at the call of the president or any three Committee members.

ARTICLE VIII: Amendments: When determined necessary, the leadership team shall propose changes to the by-laws which may be voted on by the membership, provided that notice is given to all voting and non-voting members thirty (30) days prior to the vote. The changes must be approved by the two-thirds of the eligible voting members of the Chapter.