

Greetings Agricultural Educators,

I hope this letter finds you all well as we are quickly approaching the 99th NYS FFA Convention next week and will soon gather for our annual June Conference. As many of you are aware, we, the members of the FFA Governing Board and the NYAAE Executive Council have been working to fulfill the resolution presented and approved at the June 2022 NYAAE Business Session to restructure the adult representation of our two respective Boards. The Joint Constitution and ByLaws Committees of both adults and FFA Officers have been working on this perspective change since it has been brought forth to our Organization and we thank them for their time and dedication.

On April 8th, the FFA Governing Board voted to approve the changes to the FFA ByLaws effective June 16, 2024. The proposed changes only required modification of the FFA ByLaws and therefore did not require a vote of the Delegates at the FFA Business Meeting at State Convention. However, the proposed modification does require changes to both the NYAAE Constitution and ByLaws, therefore, the approval of the [NYAAE Constitution and ByLaw](#) changes would require this vote to take place at our June Conference during the Business Session.

Should this Constitutional change be approved, we will then immediately move to electing numerous different representatives on both the NYAAE and FFA Boards. One of the opportunities of this Constitutional change will allow for more Agricultural Educators to become a part of our leadership team of NY Agriculture Education.

Proposed Leadership (NYAAE & FFA)
President, President Elect, Past President, Secretary, Finance Chair

FFA Board

10 Trustees (2 year term, 3 consecutive term max)

- 1 from each of the 10 FFA Districts
- Must be employed as an ag teacher and serve as an FFA advisor throughout service
- Elections will alternate years with odd numbered districts elected on odd years

Exofficio, non-voting members

- State FFA Advisor
- State FFA Director
- Executive Director
- Agricultural Education Outreach Specialists

NYAAE Board

Chairs (2 year term, 3 consecutive term max)
Open to secondary and postsecondary membership

- Advocacy Committee Chair
- Member Experience Committee Chair
- Professional Development Committee Chair
- Teacher Recruitment, Retention and Recognition Committee Chair

Representatives (open to secondary and post-secondary membership)

- Eastern Region (FFA Districts 1, 2, 3, 4)
- Central Region (FFA Districts 5, 6, 7)
- Western Region (FFA Districts 8, 9, 10)

Group Representation (with voting privileges)

- State Education Department Representative
- Collegiate Faculty Representative
- RAENY (Retired Agricultural Educators of New York)
- Pre-Service Teacher Representative
- FFA Foundation Representative
- FFA Alumni Representative

Exofficio, non-voting members

- State FFA Advisor
- State FFA Director
- Executive Director
- Agricultural Education Outreach Specialists
- NYSACTE Board Representative
- Cornell University Representative
- SUNY Oswego Representative
- SUNY Morrisville
- SUNY Cobleskill
- SUNY Alfred
- Collegiate Institutions approved by the board

If you would be interested in serving our organization on the new leadership team, I encourage you to fill out the attached [Google Form](#). Aside from the interest form, you will also need to submit a MOU by June 1, 2024. I will send out the MOU as I receive intent from the attached. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the following people below.

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