

Proposed Bylaw Change #1

Origin: Grant County

Title: Eliminate Second Vice President Position

Proposed Amendment:

Under Article IV Section 1. Strike 2nd Vice President

The officers of this association shall be a president, 1st vice president, ~~2nd vice president~~, and secretary/treasurer.

Article V Section 1. Strike 2nd Vice President

Shall preside at all meetings of its members and at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, the president shall have general charge of the business of Farm Bureau.

In the absence of the president, the next officer in due order who may be present shall preside. For the purpose of these bylaws, the order of officers shall be as follows: president, 1st vice president, ~~2nd vice president~~.

The president, with the advice and approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint all standing and special committees, with the exception of Young Farmers and Ranchers and Women's Leadership Committee.

The president shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

Article V Section 3. Strike all of Section 3

~~The 2nd vice president shall, in the absence of the president and 1st vice president, exercise the powers and perform the duties of the president; otherwise he/she shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the president, or by the Board of Directors.~~

Article VIII Section 2. Strike 2nd Vice President

The Executive Committee shall consist of the president, 1st vice president, ~~2nd vice president~~, and one representative from each district, all of whom have voting privileges. At the annual meeting, in alternating years consistent with the election of directors, each district caucus shall nominate one person to represent their district on the Executive Committee. The nominees will be approved by the House of Delegates to be seated by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII Section 5. Strike the second line and insert “This committee chair is determined by the President and approved by The Board annually.”

The Audit Committee is a standing committee of the Board of Directors. ~~This committee is chaired by the 2nd vice president unless otherwise determined by the president and approved by the Board.~~ This committee chair is determined by the President and approved by The Board annually. Other committee members are nominated by the President and approved by the Board annually.

Article VIII Section 7. Strike 2nd Vice President

Prior to the Annual Meeting, the President may appoint a nominating committee to consider eligible candidates for the offices of president, 1st vice president and ~~2nd vice president~~. The Nominating Committee shall recommend candidates for nomination to the House of Delegates.

Background:

New Mexico is one of the few states that elect a second Vice President which was in our original bylaws. The purpose of this position is no longer warranted. The position of the audit chairman can easily be appointed. With the current president not running for the Presidents position, this is the perfect time to enact a bylaw change of this nature. Also, this will give the Executive Committee an odd number which is recommended in Robert’s Rules of Order.

Proposed Bylaw Change #2

Origin: Guadalupe and De Baca Counties

Title: District Representation Amendments

Proposed Amendment:

Article VI- Board of Directors

Section 2 District Representation

District I – Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding, and San Miguel ~~and Guadalupe~~ Counties

District II - Quay, Curry, Roosevelt, De Baca, and Guadalupe Counties

Background:

Guadalupe and De Baca Counties are both low in population and NMFLB membership. We believe a merger of the two counties would be beneficial to both so we can share resources and finances. Staff has done the research and moving Guadalupe to a different district will not change the number of state board representatives in each district.

Because Guadalupe County is in District I and De Baca County is in District II, we are proposing a By-Laws change that would move Guadalupe County from District I to District II.

Proposed Bylaw Change #3

Origin: Colfax County

Title: Officers

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV- Officers

Section 1. Officers

The Officers of this Association shall be a president, 1st vice president, 2nd vice president and secretary/treasurer.

The president and vice presidents shall be bona fide farmers or ranchers as set forth by AFBF and NMFLB guidelines and definitions and is a full-time resident of the State of New Mexico. The President and Vice President and shall serve without salary, except such compensation as is deemed advisable by the Board of Directors.

[The president and vice presidents shall be bona fide farmers and ranchers as set forth by **AFBF and NMFLB guidelines and definitions and is a full-time resident of the State of New Mexico.** The president and vice presidents shall serve without salary, except such compensation as is deemed advisable by the Board of Directors.]

Proposed Bylaw Change #4

Origin: Colfax County

Title: Board of Directors Qualifications

Proposed Amendment:

Article VI- Board of Directors

Section 5. Qualifications

The members of the Board of Directors must be bona fide farmers and ranchers as set forth by AFBF and NMFLB guidelines and definitions, a full-time resident of the state of New Mexico, and a regular member of Farm Bureau in good standing. Except for the chief executive officer, no director may be a regular salaried employee of Farm Bureau, or a regular salaried employee or an independent contractor of an affiliated or subsidiary company.

[The members of the Board of Directors must be **Bona fide farmers and ranchers as set forth by the AFBF and NMFLB guidelines and definitions, a full-time resident of the State of New Mexico**, and a regular Farm Bureau member in good standing. Except for the chief executive officer, no director may be a regular salaried employee of Farm Bureau or a regular salaried employee or an independent contractor of an affiliated or subsidiary company.]

Proposed Bylaw Change #5

Origin: Colfax County

Title: Officers, Qualifications, & Nominating Committee

Proposed Amendment:

Article VIII- Committees

Section 7. Nominating Committee

Prior to the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee to consider eligible candidates for the offices of president, 1st vice president and 2nd vice president. The Nominating Committee will consist of at least one member from each of the five representation districts. No member may serve on the nominating committee more that one consecutive appointment.

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