



California FCCLA
2019 Annual State Leadership Conference
PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

PROPOSAL:

Article IX Section 2 Qualifications

Insert (O. Have already received, or be currently receiving, their Chapter Degree at the State Leadership Conference of which they are running for office.)

Proposed by: The 2018–19 FCCLA State Executive Council

Proposing Rationale: To have State Officer Candidates be actively participating in California FCCLA recognition programs, as well as, to demonstrate the knowledge required to be a State Officer. By allowing State Officer Candidates to receive their Chapter Degree at the time they are running (both applications have the same due date), it would not prevent candidates from being qualified to run.

PROPOSAL:

Article IX Section 2 Qualifications

Delete: ~~F. Be enrolled in grades 10–11 at the time of nomination.~~

Proposed by: The Wilcox Chapter

Proposing Rationale: California is the only state association to have such a rule restricting the grade level of its state officer candidates, and no region in the state has any restriction regarding the grade level of its officer candidates. Striking item F permits a greater range of students to become involved at the state level, specifically members of middle school chapters. Doing so will create a larger pool of state officer candidates and more potential candidates to run for national office, as well as encourage middle school FCS students to become members

Opposed by: The 2018–19 FCCLA State Executive Council

Opposing Rationale: The State Executive Council does not support this amendment. The State Executive Council believes that 9th graders should not be able to run for state office as they are still learning to balance school, home, work, and their other responsibilities. They may have difficulty traveling alone (as State Officers are required to do), and they still need a few years to gain experience and develop their leadership skills.

PROPOSAL:

Article IX Section 3 Duties B. Vice President

Insert (8. Rule on questions of parliamentary procedures.)

Proposed by: The 2018–19 FCCLA State Executive Council

Proposing Rationale: This amendment would allow the Vice President to better assist the President to preside over meetings when questions of parliamentary procedures arise.

PROPOSAL:

Article X Section 1 Nomination

E. Candidates for state office shall be interviewed by a nominating committee comprised of one member from each region, the State Advisor, **insert (a past State Officer over the age of 21,)** and a member of the Board of Directors, who shall be chair of the committee.

Proposed by: The 2018–19 FCCLA State Executive Council

Proposing Rationale: This amendment would allow for a broader representation of the Nominating Committee. Having a past State Officer serve on this committee would help the committee see if a State Officer Candidate is qualified for the position, as they would have already served in the same position. Requiring that the past State Officer is over the age of 21 would reduce the risk of them knowing any of the State Officer Candidates and fully understand how the role of a State Officer impacts a student's life.

PROPOSAL:

Article X Section 3 Election of Officers

A. ~~Insert~~ (Each chapter shall have one election voting delegate who ~~The voting delegate of the chapters~~ shall vote by ballot for the officers. The state Vice President and tellers from each region will be appointed by the President to conduct elections and to tally ballots. The six candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected and shall assume office at the close of the Annual State Leadership Conference. The elected officers will meet with the State Advisor to determine their respective offices.

Proposed by: The 2018–19 FCCLA State Executive Council

Proposing Rationale: In order to better align with the election process at the regional level and at the national level, this amendment would create an equal representation for chapters in the election of State Officer Candidates.

The chapter designated Election Voting Delegate would cast one ballot representing their entire chapter in voting for the State Officer Candidates.

The Election Voting Delegate would also serve as one of the chapters voting delegate(s) and would still participate in the Business Meeting in voting on Bylaw Amendments. This would not affect how many voting delegates a chapter would have to participate in the Business Meeting, which is based on membership numbers per chapter.

PROPOSAL:

Article XI Section 3 State Executive Council

D. The State Officers, ~~insert~~ (excluding the State President,) shall each have one vote, ~~and~~ the region presidents shall each have one-half vote. In the event of a tie, the ~~State Advisor~~ State President has a voting privilege to break the tie.

Proposed by: The 2018–19 FCCLA State Executive Council

Proposing Rationale: In order to properly align with *Roberts Rules of Order*, this amendment would allow all student members of the State Executive Council to have equal say. Since the President, according to *Roberts Rules of Order*, does not have a vote initially as they serve in an ex-officio capacity, allowing them to break a tie would better represent the student membership.