Bylaws of the Oklahoma Agricultural Education Teachers Association, Inc.

Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be "The Oklahoma Agricultural Education Teachers Association, Inc."

Article II. Objectives

The objectives of this association are:

Section 1. To assume and maintain an active state leadership in the promotion and furtherance of agricultural education.

Section 2. To bring together all agricultural education teachers through membership in a state organization devoted exclusively to their interests.

Section 3. To provide an opportunity for agricultural teachers to discuss all problems affecting agricultural education on a state level.

Section 4. To serve state or local organizations of agricultural teachers in the solution of any problems which may arise.

Section 5. To have and possess all the rights, powers, and privileges given to corporations by common law.

Section 6. To affiliate and cooperate with the National Association of Agricultural Education Teachers Association, the ACTE, the OAETA, and the Oklahoma ACTE in furthering the cause of all career and technology education.

Article III. Membership

The objectives of this association are:

Section 1. Eligibility. All people interested in agricultural education shall be eligible for membership if they are members of the National Association of Agricultural Education Teachers Association, the ACTE, and the Oklahoma ACTE.

Section 2. Class of members. Qualifications and privileges of each type of membership shall be defined as follows:

a. *Active membership* — any agricultural education teacher in Oklahoma who is under contract to teach agricultural education.

b. *NAAE Associate membership* — shall include teacher education staff, state supervisory staff, and others engaged in the program of agricultural education who are not employed as teachers of agricultural education, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

c. *NAAE Student membership* — students in training to be teachers of agricultural education.

d. *NAAE Life membership* — those who at any time pay the NAAE life membership fee.

e. *Honorary membership* — persons who have made outstanding contributions to the OAETA and the program of CareerTech in agriculture may be considered for honorary membership at the Annual Summer Summit

Section 3. Voting and Holding Office. The privilege of voting and holding office shall be restricted to active dues paying members.

Section 4. Annual Dues

a. Active membership dues shall be set by the official membership at a regularly scheduled annual meeting.

b. NAAE Student membership dues shall be set by NAAE.

c. NAAE Life membership dues shall be set by NAAE.

d. NAAE Associate membership dues shall be set by NAAE.

Section 5. Membership Year. The membership year shall be July 1 to June 30.

Article IV. Officers and Directors

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be a president, president-elect, five area vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and the immediate past president.

Section 2. The executive committee shall consist of the president, president-elect, five area vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, the immediate past president, and the 10 area board members of the association.

Section 3. The president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and five area vice presidents shall be elected before the conclusion of the annual summer area meetings each year and shall serve for the fiscal year or until a successor is selected. The president-elect shall automatically become president at the termination of the president's year.

Section 4. Should a vacancy occur in any office except that of president, a successor shall be selected by the Executive Committee to serve until a successor can be elected. The president-elect shall become president for the remainder of the term if a vacancy occurs in the office of president.

Section 5. Nominations and election of officers.

State Executive Officers

a. State Executive Officers – Treasurer, Secretary, President-Elect, President, Past President

b. Eligibility – Any Active, Dues-Paying OAETA Member that has served on the Board of Directors within the last 5 years.

c. Election Procedure – Rotational elections by Area with each Area being represented on the Executive Officers board. The President-Elect automatically becomes President at the conclusion of SUMMIT each year. Once a member is elected as Treasurer they will begin a five-year rotation moving through each executive office. (Treasurer, Secretary, President elect, President, Past President.)

d. In the event an Executive Officer leaves the profession or moves to another Area, a replacement would need to be elected at the next possible meeting of the Area they represent.

Area Vice Presidents

e. Area Vice Presidents – One Vice President representing each of the 5 Areas.

f. Eligibility – Any Active Dues-Paying Member who has taught Agricultural Education for a combined 3 years, and is currently teaching in that respective Area.

g. Election Procedure – Elected or Re-Elected annually at Area meetings in May-June.

h. In the event an Area Vice President accepts a teaching position in another area or leaves the profession, a replacement will be selected by the OAETA dues-paying members at the next Area meeting.

Area Board Members

i. Area Board Members – One 1-Year Board Member, and one 2-Year Board Member representing each of the 5 Areas.

j. Eligibility – Any Active, Dues-Paying OAETA Member who has been under contract for a minimum of 6 months in the respective Area.

k. Election Procedure – Each Area will have a 1-year and a 2-year board member. A two-year board member is elected from each Area annually, and the previous 2-year board member becomes a 1-year member.

l. In the event an Area Board Member accepts a teaching position in another area or leaves the profession, a replacement will be selected by the OAETA dues-paying members at the next Area meeting.

Section 6. Duties of officers.

a. The president, or in his absence the president-elect, shall preside over all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee. The president shall perform the usual duties devolving upon an officer.

b. The president-elect shall perform such duties as assigned by the president and/or the Executive Committee.

c. The secretary shall keep full and accurate records of all business and proceedings in regular and special meetings and perform such additional duties as the Executive Committee may designate.

d. The treasurer shall receive, and under direction of the Executive committee, shall hold for safekeeping or expending any funds as ordered by the Executive Committee. This officer shall keep an exact account of receipts and expenditures, with vouchers for all expenditures. No bill or accounts shall be authorized for payment unless properly presented with vouchers. The treasurer shall be bonded and submit records for annual audit.

e. Each area vice president shall be responsible for conducting the business of his or her area. The vice president shall act as chairman of the two Board of Directors of his or her area.

f. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to consider and promote agricultural education within the state with special reference to informing the public and our legislature about the value and needs of the program; prepare an annual program of work; approve all expenditures deemed necessary for the welfare of the association from available funds, and have jurisdiction of the business of the organization between annual meetings, within limitations of the bylaws.

Article V. Executive Committee

Section 1. The president, president-elect, five area vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, and two directors from each area, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute the administrative body of the association and carry out all of the activities necessary for the successful operation of the association. It shall further be the duty of this Committee to provide for the safekeeping and proper management of all funds of the Association.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the annual summer Summit or at the call of the president or upon a written request of a majority of the Executive Committee.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at the time of the Annual Summer Summit of Oklahoma Agricultural Education teachers.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at any time or place as the president may direct upon vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. At least ten days prior to the Annual Summer Summit, notice of said meeting shall be given by the president or person designated by the president.

Section 4. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting delegates present at the meeting.

Section 5. A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

Article VII. Committees

Section 1.

a. Committees may be appointed as deemed necessary by the president or the Executive Committee.

b. Refer to the OAETA Operating Procedures for standing committees.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section 1. The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of delegates present and voting at the annual summer conference providing one of the following provisions are met:

a. Proposed amendments must be adopted by at least one area and/or recommended by the Executive Committee.

b. Proposed amendments must be sent to the secretary at least 60 days prior to the annual summer summit.

Article IX. Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rule of Order, Revised, shall govern all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or special policies.