THE CASCADE FFA CHAPTER CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section A: The name of the chapter shall be the Cascade Chapter of the Iowa FFA Association

Section B: Purpose

1. To develop competent, aggressive, rural, and Agricultural leadership.
2. To strengthen confidence of members in themselves and their work.
3. To develop the ability to work together in the cooperative spirit.
4. To encourage worthwhile social and recreational activities.
5. To encourage scholarship improvement.
6. To better the well being of the local community and agriculture in particular.
7. To cooperate with other organizations and FFA Chapters.

Article II: Acceptance of State Constitution

Section A: This organization accepts in full the provisions of the constitution and bylaws of the Iowa FFA Association and its provisions for membership.

Article III: Membership

Section A: Membership to this chapter will be required to all students enrolled in Agriculture. Membership is optional to graduates of the Agriculture program from Cascade High School.

Section B: Membership in this chapter shall be active, alumni, and honorary as defined by the National Constitution.

Article IV: Officers

Section A: The officers shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, and Parliamentarian. These seven and the instructor of the Agriculture instructor shall serve as an ex-official member to the executive committee.

Section B: Candidates for office will submit an application of the membership at least one month before the election. A nomination committee shall study the qualifications of all member under consideration and make a report to the membership.

Section C: All officers shall be elected from active membership in good standing who are attending high school.

Section D: Officers shall be elected by ballot annually at a regular meeting of the chapter from the active membership. To be elected, a member must receive a majority of the votes cast. The chapter advisor shall act as teller and if no majority is reached on the first ballot, the person receiving the least amount of voters will be dropped from the ballot.

Section E: Officers shall begin their duties with the closing ceremonies of the Parent Member Banquet. Officers will be installed at the Parent Member Banquet.

Section F: The duties of these officers shall be those common to their respective offices.

Section G: Any officer may be retired by a two-thirds vote of the active membership.

Section H: Any officer missing two consecutive meetings, unless advance approval is secured shall be retired from office.

Section I: All vacancies in office occurring during the period between elections shall be filled by the executive committee in meeting or by a special election if they so direct.

Section J: The executive committee shall have all authority to conduct necessary business for the chapter between meetings.

Section K: Any officer planning to graduate at semester must still attend chapter non-executive meetings after graduate requirements are completed.

Article V: Annual Program of Work

Section A: At the opening of the school year, there shall be ready for use a plan of work for the following twelve months which has been worked out by the executive committee and approved by the chapter and the state executive secretary.

Section B: The annual plan shall indicate the projects and activities to be undertaken by the chapter during the year and the ways and means of reaching the objectives.

Article VI: Determining Admission and Rank of Members

Section A: All prospective members shall file an application form in use with the chapter. This form shall then be reviewed by the executive and recommentdations made to the membership. During the first few weeks of school in the fall, these prospective members shall be admitted to meetings on a trial basis.

Section B: Advancement in rank: All members must meet the minimum standards of the State and National Constitutions to be eligible for advancement, which shall be reviewed by the executive committee with recommendations made to the membership. In the case of State FFA Degree Applicants the executive committee shall determine with member will be recommended to the State Association.

Article VII: Meetings

Section A: Business meetings of the chapter will be held every third Wednesday of the month during the school year. Meetings will be scheduled by the executive committee during the months of June, July, and August.

Section B: Additional or special meetings may be called by the president of the executive committee as the need arises.

Section C: Recreational and social meetings will be scheduled to fit the event being planned. Members who do not attend business meetings will not be eligible to attend recreational and social meetings.

Section D: Joint meetings with other chapters may be scheduled as a regular meeting.

Section E: Parliamentary procedure shall be used at all meetings.

Section F: Committee meetings will be held once a month or as scheduled by the committee chairman. At this time a committee report will be written up a presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting. A copy of this report will then be given to chapter secretary.

Article VIII: Finances

Section A: Dues shall be set annually by the action of the chapter and shall be at least sufficient to pay state and national dues.

Section B: Other costs for the chapter shall be covered by fund raising projects, each member being expected to contribute his share to the activity. If these fail to raise the needed funs special assessments may be made.

Article IX: Amendments

Section A: Amendments to this constitution should be submitted in writing to the secretary at least one meeting in advance of a meeting where the amendment is to be considered. The executive committee after a study of the proposed amendment will bring to the chapter for a vote with the recommended passage or rejection.

I/ Committees of three of more members bylaw shall be appointed by the Vice-President with the approval of the executive committee. The Committees will be as follows: a) Supervised Agricultural Occupational Experience, b) Recruitment-Cooperation, c) Service, d) Leadership, e) Earnings, Savings, and Investments, f) Scholarship, g) Recreation, h) Public Relations, i) State, National Activities, j) Alumni, k) Membership Development. Two additional committees will be formed, those being test plot and safety.

2. Use fo the FFA emblem. Members are entitle to wear official FFA clothing and dress during active membership in accordance with proper use. When a member has the list of active membership he/she will lose the privilege of the emblems official items.

3. A majority of the active members shall constitute a quorum for business.

4. Additional bylaws may be added or any revised at a reular meeting by any members present, provided that a quorum exists.