

To: NIFA Member Schools
From: NIFA Bylaws Committee
RE: 2016 Bylaw Proposals

Proposals #1, #2, and #3 were made by the Bylaws Committee and approved unanimously by the NIFA Council on February 21, 2016.

Proposal #4 was made by the Student Representative and approved unanimously by the NIFA Council on February 21, 2016.

Proposal #1

DELETE Entirely: 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPLACE with:

1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS/NIFA COUNCIL

1.1 Authority

- A. NIFA, acting through the NIFA Board of Directors/NIFA COUNCIL, shall have all powers now or may hereafter be granted by applicable state statutes.
- B. The NIFA Board of Directors/NIFA COUNCIL shall have and retain full authority to manage the business and legal affairs of NIFA, including but not limited to the authority to amend the articles of incorporation, and shall have and retain full authority to direct the activities of NIFA except as otherwise specifically set forth in these bylaws.
- C. All official meetings of the NIFA Board of Directors/NIFA COUNCIL will be conducted in accordance with the rules the board adopts.
- D. The NIFA Council shall administer sanctioned competitions either through the executive committee in the case of a national SAFECON, or its regional representatives and host schools for regional competitions.

RATIONALE: NIFA has been unable to find members for the Board of Directors since the concept was first proposed. Therefore it is suggested that we revert to the actual practice, which has functioned in the past.

Proposal #2

DELETE:

~~12.5 Invitations to NIFA regional members to participate in the National Intercollegiate SAFECON shall be extended in the following order:~~

- ~~A. The sponsor of the National Intercollegiate SAFECON for that year shall automatically be invited.~~

REPLACE with:

12.5:

Change Paragraph B to Paragraph A.

Change Paragraph C to Paragraph B.

Add Paragraph C:

- C. In the event that the host school of the National SAFECON does not receive an invitation as per paragraphs A and B, an additional invitation shall be extended to the host school.

RATIONALE: To allow for a more equitable distribution of invitations to SAFECON, when the host school is ALREADY eligible for an invitation due to placing first or second in the Regional Competition.

Proposal #3

DELETE: 14. ANNUAL MEETING

~~14.1 An annual meeting shall be called during the National Intercollegiate SAFECON and shall be presided over by the NIFA President. Matters of general interest to the entire organization shall be considered at this meeting.~~

~~14.2~~

REPLACE WITH: 14. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

14.1 An annual business meeting shall be called during the National Intercollegiate SAFECON and shall be presided over by the NIFA Council Chairman or his/her designee and the NIFA Council Student Representative. Matters of general interest to the entire organization shall be considered at this meeting.

RATIONALE: To better define the annual meeting held at SAFECON and expand the leadership of this meeting to include elected NIFA Council members, rather than the appointed SAFECON student president who may or may not be involved in the business practices/bylaws of the corporation.

Proposal #4

(February 21, 2016 Council Meeting, Motion #7)

I move that the NIFA Bylaws be changed to allow for the election of two student representatives to the NIFA Council, each of them serving for a two-year term beginning on alternate years and that both student representatives not be from the same NIFA member school.

Maker: Dennis Morgan Second: Erich Hess

Motion Approved Unanimously

Current Language: One Student Representative on NIFA Council

3.7 NIFA Council Student Representative

- A. There shall be a student representative elected to the NIFA Council annually.
- B. The NIFA Council Student Representative shall have full voting powers on the NIFA Council
- C. The NIFA Council Student Representative position shall be included in the limitation established for the number of NIFA Council members.

3.8 Eligibility Requirements for NIFA Council Student Representative

- A. Must be a member of a member institution's team.
- B. Must be returning to school for at least one (1) full school year after election.
- C. Must have competed in at least one (1) national SAFECON.
- D. May be re-elected for a second year if the above criteria are met.

3.9 Election of the NIFA Council Student Representative

- A. The NIFA Council Student Representative shall be elected by a simple majority vote at the annual business meeting by those member institutions in-good- standing in attendance
- B. Each member institution shall have an equal number of votes to cast.
- C. The first runner-up will be designated as the NIFA Council Student Representative if the student elected cannot serve

New Language: Two Student Representatives on NIFA Council

3.7 NIFA Council Student Representatives

- D. There shall be a student representative elected to the NIFA Council annually **for a term of two years.**
- E. **A second representative will be elected in the following year for a term of two years, alternating with the person elected in the previous year.**
- F. The NIFA Council Student Representatives shall have full voting powers on the NIFA Council
- G. The NIFA Council Student Representatives position ~~shall be~~ **shall not be included** in the limitation established for the number of NIFA Council members.

3.8 Eligibility Requirements for NIFA Council Student Representatives

- E. Must be a members of a **different** member institution's teams.
- F. Must be returning to school for at least ~~one (1)~~ **two (2)** full school years after election. **This may include a graduate program.**
- G. Must have competed in at least one (1) national SAFECON.
- H. ~~May be re-elected for a second year if the above criteria are met.~~

3.9 Election of the NIFA Council Student Representatives

- D. The NIFA Council Student Representatives **s** shall be elected by a simple majority vote at the annual business meeting by those member institutions in-good-standing in attendance
- E. Each member institution shall have an equal number of votes to cast.
- F. The first runner-up will be designated as the NIFA Council Student Representative if the student elected cannot serve.

RATIONALE: To involve more students on a continuing basis, with the operations of the NIFA Council which acts as the Board of Directors. Two students attending Council meetings may have a financial impact as well as present difficulties in finding students with two years remaining in college.