

**BYLAWS OF THE
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTORS (IACCAI)**

Article I. Name

- Sec. 1. This Association shall be known as the Illinois Association of Community College Agriculture Instructors.
- Sec. 2. This Association shall be affiliated with the Illinois Association Vocational Agriculture Teachers (IAVAT), Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education (IACTE), National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE), and Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE).

Article II. Object

- Sec. 1. The object of this Association is to promote the interest of education in agriculture in the State of Illinois.
- Sec. 2. This Association will encourage mutual helpfulness among its members; uphold high standards for teaching of agriculture; and study the challenges of teachers of agriculture. This Association will aim to help its members contribute more to their communities, their state, and their nation.
- Sec. 3. This Association will cooperate with the Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers, Agriculture Education Division of State Universities, Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education (IACTE), National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE), and Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), and National Association of College Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA).

Article III. Members

- Sec. 1. Membership shall be active, associate and honorary.
- Sec. 2. Active membership – Active membership shall be confined to the teachers, technicians, and/or administrative personnel of agriculture in community colleges of the State of Illinois. Voting shall be confirmed to active membership.
- Sec. 3. Associate membership – Members of the staffs of the Divisions of Agricultural Education of the University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Illinois State University, Western Illinois University, Vocational Agriculture Service Staff at the University of Illinois, the Agricultural Occupations Consultant Staff of the State Board of Education, and the Executive and Associative Executive Director

of the IAVAT shall be eligible to be associate members of this association. Associate membership shall be open to anyone else interested in agricultural education upon his/her acceptance by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of this Association. Associate members have the right to attend all meetings and participate in all discussions.

Sec. 4. Honorary membership – Anyone may become an honorary member of this Association by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of this Association. Honorary members have the right to attend all meetings and participate in all discussions.

Sec. 5. Chartered Members – All individuals considered members during 1967 and 1968 shall be considered chartered members.

Sec. 6. Resignations – Any member may resign by submitting to the President or the Secretary a written resignation, which shall become effective upon its receipt by such officer or at any later time specified therein; and, unless specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. A resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay dues or other accrued or unpaid charges to IACCAI.

Article IV. **Dues**

Sec. 1. The Board of Directors may recommend changes in the IACCAI dues to be paid by the membership. Recommendations for changes in dues shall be made 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting. A majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting is required to change the dues.

Sec. 2. Dues shall be payable at the first day of the Annual Meeting.

Article V. **Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of this Association shall be July 1 through June 30.

Article VI. **Official Emblem**

The official emblem of this Association shall include the letters IACCAI in a banner form running across the center of a shield that includes symbols representing the program areas of this Association.

Article VII. **Organizational Structure**

Sec. 1. Organizational and Program Area committees shall be approved each year by the Board of Directors. Members serving on the committees must be active members in good standing with this Association.

Article VIII. **Officers/Board of Directors**

- Sec. 1. The Officers of this Association shall be President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President.
- Sec. 2. The duties of each officer shall be those that usually pertain to the office, including those described in this set of Bylaws.
- Sec. 3. The President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate Past President plus Chairs of the Organizational and Program Area committees and current IAVAT President shall constitute the Board of Directors of this Association.
- Sec. 4. Only active members who are in good standing will be eligible for election to office or to serve as chairs of the Organizational and Program Area committees.

Article IX. **Election of Officers**

- Sec. 1. The President, the President-Elect, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected by the members present at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office until the close of the next Annual Meeting.
- Sec. 2. The President, President-Elect, Secretary and the immediate Past-President shall serve no more than one consecutive year in the same office.
- Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall serve no more than three consecutive years in the office.
- Sec. 4. No more than two of the five major elected state officers shall be from the same community college in a given year.
- Sec. 5. The nominating committee shall consist of the three immediate past presidents, and the past president currently serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

Article X. **Vacancies on the Board of Directors**

In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, that same body shall fill the vacancy by appointment. The individual appointed shall hold that position until the next Annual Meeting of this Association.

Article XI. **Privileges and Penalties**

- Sec. 1. All members of this Association who are in good standing shall have the privilege of taking part in all association activities provided by this set of Bylaws.

- Sec. 2. The membership year of this Association shall be July 1 through June 30.
- Sec. 3. Any member whose dues are unpaid, either in whole or in part, after January 1, shall not be in good standing until such dues are paid. Such membership shall be described as delinquent.
- Sec. 4. Admission to all association meetings and activities except the Annual Meeting shall be allowed only upon presentation of a membership card or receipt from the Treasurer showing good standing.
- Sec. 5. Any teacher, technician and/or administrative personnel of agriculture who was employed but was not an active member the previous year may attend the Annual Meeting as a non-voting member.

Article XIII. Special Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors

- Sec. 1. The Board of Directors shall from time to time recommend to the Association programs or activities that will promote education in agriculture or the interests of the Association.
- Sec. 2. The Board of Directors shall approve all Organizational Committees and appoint membership to these committees as necessary.
- Sec. 3. The Board of Directors must approve all members of all sponsored Advisory Committees.
- Sec. 4. The Board of Directors shall approve a yearly budget prior to payment of bills by the Treasurer or fiscal agent designated by the Board of Directors.
- Sec. 5. The Board of Directors shall attend to any matters of state or national legislation which affect the welfare of this Association or of education.
- Sec. 6. If there is a disagreement regarding the meaning of this set of Bylaws, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to make an interpretation which will stand until an amendment can be considered, as provided in Article XVII.

Article XIV. Transaction of Business

- Sec. 1. The Board of Directors shall prepare the agenda for the Annual Meeting.
- Sec. 2. Members can suggest additional items which may be added to the agenda.
- Sec. 3. At any Board of Directors Meeting called by the President, a majority of the voting members will constitute a quorum.

Article XV. Dissolution Clause

Upon the dissolution of this Association, the Board of Directors shall, after Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the Association exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such matter, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purpose as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or to corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article IVI. Amendments

This set of Bylaws may be amended, revised, or repealed by two-thirds vote of all active members present at the Annual Meeting, provided a written notice giving the exact wording of the intended change is sent to each member at least thirty days (30) prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Article XVII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern this Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order this Association may adopt.

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