



**Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Inc.
Summary of the May 2021 Board of Directors Meeting**

Dear Constituents,

The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Board of Directors recently held a meeting in May 2021. Discussion was held on new and pending matters.

At this meeting, the National Board of Directors reviewed and approved to move forward a bylaw amendment proposed by the Indiana state association. The amendment will be voted on by the Voting Delegates at the Virtual Business Meeting on Thursday, June 24 at 3:00 PM CT in conjunction with the 2021 Hybrid National Leadership Conference. The amendment is presented as below:

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Amendment – Submitted by the Indiana Association of FCCLA

That Article VII, National Board of Directors, Section 2, Membership, paragraph A – Members Elected by Related Organizations and Groups, and paragraph B – Members Ex Officio, be amended to allow for the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences to appoint a representative other than the executive director to serve on the National Board of Directors. This change would also require conforming amendments in paragraphs E – Terms of Directors, and G – Vacancies, to include the appointed members for consistency. This amendment also includes adding Arabic numerals when numbers are spelled out for consistency throughout.

Current wording of 2020 Bylaws

**ARTICLE VII – National Board of Directors
Section 2 – Membership**

Paragraph A – Members Elected by Related Organizations and Groups

There shall be seven directors elected by related organizations and groups (according to their election procedures) as follows: Family and Consumer Sciences teacher educator who shall be elected by the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Association; two (2) state administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences who shall be elected by the LEAD FCS Education; two (2) state advisers of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America who shall be elected at the State Advisers Management

Proposed changes to current wording

**ARTICLE VII – National Board of Directors
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Paragraph A – Members Elected **or Appointed by Related Organizations and Groups**

There shall be ~~seven~~ **eight (8)** directors elected **or appointed** by related organizations and groups (according to their election **or appointment** procedures) as follows: Family and Consumer Sciences teacher educator who shall be elected by the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Association; **a representative of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences who shall be appointed by their Board;** two (2) state administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences who shall be

How the Bylaws would read if adopted

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Current wording

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Proposed changes

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Reading if adopted

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Paragraph B – Members Ex Officio

Members Ex Officio. There shall be six ex officio members of the board as follows: a United States Department of Education representative from the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education who is the Family and Consumer Sciences education program specialist with primary responsibility for Family and Consumer Sciences education programs; vice-president of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education; executive director of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; the National

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Paragraph C – Youth Members

In addition to the current president of the National Executive Council, there shall be three youth members as follows: the most recent past president of the National Executive Council, the current National Executive Council vice-president of finance and the most recent past National Executive Council vice-president of finance.

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Current wording

Paragraph E – Terms of Directors

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Rationale:

- This proposed amendment seeks to change the way that the representative from one related organization is selected.
- If approved, the position on the National Board of Directors from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) would no longer be limited to the executive director of that organization, and thus no longer be an ex-officio position.
- If adopted, the new bylaw would allow the Board of the AAFCS to appoint any designee to fill this spot on the National Board of Directors for the FCCLA.
- The rationale for this change is to provide the AAFCS Board to decide who will represent AAFCS on the board and to allow for transition of representation rather than one person who serves more terms than any other allowed position.
- To effect this change, there are several paragraphs of Article VII of the Bylaws that would need minor adjustment. These are all conforming amendments which would be necessary to adopt as a package for consistency.

Notes of additional changes to provide consistency:

Other minor changes to Article VII include adding Arabic numerals where number values are currently spelled out, something that is done inconsistently in the current version of Article VII. While these are technically not conforming amendments, that is, they are not required by the basic idea that is being proposed, they do clean up the text and could be enacted at the same time, since they do not make substantive change to the Bylaws.

Additional items the Board of Directors reviewed and discussed at the meeting:

- The 2021-2022 proposed budget was reviewed. The Board of Directors will vote on the proposed budget at their next meeting.
- The Inclusion, Access, Equity, and Diversity Committee nominations have been reviewed and National Staff is scheduling interviews.
- An update on the 2021 Hybrid National Leadership Conference was presented.
- The Board of Directors will vote on the 2021-2022 officer slate at their next meeting.

The Board of Directors will meet on June 25, 2021, in conjunction with the 2021 Hybrid National Leadership Conference.

Sincerely,



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