

## By-Laws Amendments

### Article I

Section 1. Members. Individual persons, partnerships, corporations and other entities registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State (Registered Entities) which are (1) organized for agricultural purposes, (2) actively engaged in the production of agricultural products, (3) whose principal occupation is farming, including lessees and tenants of land used for the production of agricultural products and including lessors and landlords who received as rent either in kind or cash, all or part of the crop raised on the leased or rented premises, or (4) engage in "agribusiness," as such term is defined in the SIC codes and by the Farm Bureau's health insurance provider, are eligible for a regular membership in this farm bureau. Regular members shall include any regular members who have retired in good standing from this farm bureau and also include the surviving spouse of a deceased regular member in good standing of this Farm Bureau.

Shall read:

Section 1. **Voting Membership Rights.** The membership rights of members are as follows: (a) The right to vote on any and all matters shall be restricted to voting members of this Farm Bureau in good standing. Each voting membership shall have one vote. The voting rights of any partnership or corporation member shall be exercised by any representative thereof duly authorized in writing. Friends of Farm Bureau shall have no voting rights.

(b) Rights and privileges of membership in the case of a partnership or corporation shall accrue and belong only to such named partnership or corporation or one individual authorized by the partnership or corporation who is a member, shareholder, officer, employee or agent thereof. (c) Any partnership, closely held corporation or unincorporated association not a named member of this Farm Bureau shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership, as determined by the Board, except the right to vote, if all the individual members of such partnership, closely held corporation or unincorporated association are members of this Farm Bureau in good standing in their individual capacities. (d) A dependent member of the family household of a natural person, who is a member of this Farm Bureau, shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of the respective membership except the right to vote or hold office. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time under what circumstances an individual may be deemed to be a dependent member of the household.

Section 2. Associate members. Other persons, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations interested in agriculture may make application to become an Associate Member of this Bureau and, if accepted, shall upon execution of the membership agreement and assumption of all obligations attached thereto, be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Associate Membership. Associate Members shall not be eligible to hold office in this Bureau and shall not be entitled to vote in the meetings or proceedings thereof.

Shall read:

Section 2. **Friends of Farm Bureau.** Other persons, partnerships, unincorporated associations and corporations interested in agriculture may make application to become a **Friend of Farm Bureau** and, if accepted, shall upon execution of the membership agreement and assumption of all obligations attached thereto, be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a **Friend of Farm Bureau**. **Friends of Farm Bureau** shall not be eligible to hold office in this Bureau and shall not be entitled to vote in the meetings or proceedings thereof.

Section 4: Dues: The annual dues in this bureau shall be \$13.50 per year plus such amounts this bureau is required to forward to Pennsylvania Farm Bureau for dues set by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation, along with the costs of the AD&D program and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau publications.

Shall read:

**Section 4: Dues: The total annual dues in this bureau shall be \$100 per year for Voting Members and \$50 for Friends of Farm Bureau Members to cover the required charges from Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation along with the costs of the AD&D program and**

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau publications. **Friends of Farm Bureau Members do not have any charges for AD&D.**

**Section 8. Voting. Members of this Bureau in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting of Members of this Bureau except as otherwise provided in Section 1 and 2 of this Article. At any such meeting, such Members may take part and vote in person or **by proxy**. Each Member shall have one vote and that vote can be made by either husband or wife, or in the case of a partnership, by either partner.**

**Shall read:**

**Section 8. Voting. Members of this Bureau in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting of Members of this Bureau except as otherwise provided in Section 1 and 2 of this Article. At any such meeting, such Members may take part and vote in person. Each Member shall have one vote and that vote can be made by either husband or wife, or in the case of a partnership, by either partner.**

**Section 2. Qualifications. The Members of the Board of Directors must be Voting Members of this Bureau in good standing.**

**Shall read:**

**Section 2. Qualifications. The Members of the Board of Directors including the President and Vice President, must be voting members of this Farm Bureau in good standing who: (1) are actively engaged in the production of agricultural products; (2) were actively engaged in the production of agricultural products; or (3) who provide support services vital to the agricultural industry. The term "were actively engaged in the production of agricultural products" shall mean a person who devoted a substantial portion of their life to farming. In no event may a person whose interest may be in conflict with the interest of the Farm Bureau by reason of their employment, representation or contractual relationship with it or an affiliated company or association be eligible to serve in such capacity.**

Article VII

Added back in from 2019:

**Section 3. Study Committee. To ensure the by-laws are relevant and effectual, the president shall appoint a by-laws study committee no less than every fifth year.**