

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

2022 Annual Meeting Proposed Code Changes and Delegate/Nominations

1) Article I - DEFINITION - Section 1 - Definition:

Whenever the word Agriculturalist is used, it shall mean an individual who is directly impacted by the health of the agricultural industry.

This change would take effect on December 1, 2022.

2) Article III MEMBERSHIP - Section 1 - Membership Classes and Rights:

There is one class of membership in the Corporation which shall be open to anyone who supports the mission and vision of Farm Bureau.

The individual membership shall include membership for the individual's immediate family members living in the same household.

Only Agriculturalist, (i) may be voting delegates to the Federation; and (ii) may serve as a trustee of the Corporation.

This change would take effect on December 1, 2022.

3) Article III MEMBERSHIP - Section 3 - Annual Meeting Fee:

Each Member shall pay an annual membership fee One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00), payable annually on or before the anniversary date of the date the member first joined the Corporation.

Explanation:

Currently, Tuscarawas County Farm Bureau membership dues are \$80 per member. Of that amount, Ohio Farm Bureau receives \$60 and the county Farm Bureau keeps \$20 per membership.

As of December 1, 2022, the Ohio Farm Bureau dues will increase to \$77 per membership. The Tuscarawas County board of trustees are proposing the raising of your annual county dues from \$80 to \$120 per membership. This would allow the county to keep \$43 dollars per member.

The delegates at the 2021 OFBF annual meeting also approved that on December 1, 2025, all counties will have a county dues rate of \$120 per membership. Of that portion, Ohio Farm Bureau will receive \$90 and the County Farm Bureau will receive \$30.

By doing this one step dues increase, the code committee and board of trustees felt Tuscarawas County Farm Bureau would benefit by retaining more per membership and would prevent the county Farm Bureau from having to raise our dues amount again in 2025.

Ohio Farm Bureau currently has a Young Active Membership class in which anyone between the age of 18-24 may join at a rate of \$25.

As of December 1, the Young Active Membership class disappears, but there will still be a reduced membership rate for those ages 18-24 of \$40 per membership.

This change would take effect on December 1, 2022.

4) Article IV - OUR OHIO SUPPORTER will no longer exist, so this article will be deleted in its entirety, and subsequent articles will be renumbered as necessary.

This change would take effect on December 1, 2022.

5) Article V - MEETING OF MEMBERS - Section 6 - Voting - *Members of this Corporation shall have and exercise the entire voting power of the Corporation.*

This change would take effect on December 1, 2022.

6) Article VI - TRUSTEES - Section 3 - Qualifications - *Each Trustee must meet all the following qualifications (i) be a natural person, (ii) be a paid-up member (iii) be an Agriculturalist, and (iv) if a Trustee elected by District, be a resident of the district which said Trustee represents.*

It also states - In no event may an employee of this Corporation or his or her spouses, be eligible to serve as a Trustee. In no event may two spouses both serve as Trustees.

This change would take effect on December 1, 2022.

7) Under Article VIII, Section 1 - Adding the phrase "The President and the Vice President must be Trustees but no other officer need be a Trustee. One person may simultaneously hold the office of Secretary and Treasurer."

This change will take effect immediately concluding this meeting.

8) Any reference within the code to Active and Young Active Member(s) be changed to member(s).

This change would take effect on December 1, 2022.

****ACTIVE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBERS ONLY****

**ELECTION OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY FARM BUREAU
BOARD OF TRUSTEES & 2023 STATE ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATES**

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- (1) VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE IN EACH TOWNSHIP.
 - (2) HUSBAND AND WIFE MAY EACH VOTE.
 - (3) ONLY ACTIVE MEMBERS MAY VOTE.

“ AN ACTIVE MEMBER CLASS THAT CONSISTS SOLELY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THE HEALTH OF THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY” AND “YOUNG ACTIVE MEMBER CLASS THAT CONSISTS SOLELY OF INDIVIDUALS AGES 18-24 WHO MEET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF AN ACTIVE MEMBER, INCLUDING ANY STUDENTS STUDYING IN A FIELD RELATING TO FOOD OR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, RESEARCH, PROCESSING OR MARKETING.”
- ARTICLE III SECTION 1 A, B

HOW ELECTED: THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES SHALL BE BY BALLOT OF THE ENTIRE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING. THE NOMINEE IN EACH DISTRICT RECEIVING THE MOST VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED. THE TOP SEVEN (7) RECEIVING THE MOST VOTES FOR DELEGATE TO THE STATE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE ELECTED TO REPRESENT OUR COUNTY AT THE 2023 STATE ANNUAL MEETING.

NOMINEES

DISTRICT 1 (FRANKLIN - LAWRENCE)

- DAN DONATO
-

DISTRICT 7 (UNION, - WARWICK - MILL)

- DAVE STILES
-

DELEGATE TO 2023 STATE ANNUAL MEETING (VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 7)

- RON BOND
- MEGAN BRANNON
- FRAN LEMASTERS
- CAMERON MIZER
- HANNAH PEPPER
- SIENNA QUILLIN
- CHRIS SCOTT
- KAMERON STEEL