

**ESSEX AGGIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS**

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ARTICLE I - NAME

This association shall be known as the Essex Aggie Alumni Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. To support the school in every way possible.

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Section 3. To objectively forge a steadfast union of past, present and future students and faculty of Essex Aggie to ensure sharing of experience, knowledge and goodwill.

Section 4. The Association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all alumnus and faculty of all divisions of Essex County Agricultural School, Essex County Home Making School, Essex Agricultural & Technical Institute, and Essex Agricultural & Technical High School.

Section 2. Any alumnus or faculty member shall be eligible for membership and to hold office in the Association, provided they are paid members.

Section 3. Honorary membership may be conferred on those individuals recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by a majority vote of the Association membership.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of four Officers, Decade Directors, a College Division Director, a school faculty member and two (2) At-large Directors. In addition there shall be one current student who shall have voting rights and shall be exempt from the requirement to pay dues.

Section 2. The Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3. The Decade Directors of the Association shall consist of one Director from each decade for which there are living alumni. (1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, etc.)

Section 4. At Large Directors shall consist of 2 members to be elected every two years.

Section 5. Officers and Directors shall be elected every two years.

Section 6. Nominations shall be made the first week in December.

Section 7. Elections shall be by ballot, and shall be held in the month of December. Voting shall be by paid members only.

Section 8. Vacancies which occur on the board between elections shall be filled by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be a member of all committees, ex-officio. The Presidents vote shall be considered the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote of the Board.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to assist and support the President and in his/her absence, to take his/her place.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep records of all class rosters, membership lists, meetings, activities and documents related to the Alumni Association.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all money received and shall pay all bills, and shall keep a true record of all accounts. A current membership list of all paid members shall be provided to the Secretary whenever necessary. A quarterly accounting summary shall be presented to the Officers and Directors. The President shall be a second authorized signature on all financial accounts of the Association.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The president, with the approval of the officers and directors shall appoint any standing or special committees.

Section 2. The committees shall appoint their own chairman.

Section 3. The chairman of each committee shall provide reports of their activities to the secretary for the Association records.

Section 4. Standing Committees shall include: Membership, Newsletter, Website, Reunions, Scholarship and Nominating.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. An annual meeting of the Association shall be held during each spring at a location to be decided by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors and standing committees shall meet as Association business requires.

Section 2. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or three or more members of the Board.

Section 3. In lieu of regularly scheduled Directors meetings, voting on any issue may be accomplished by way of teleconferencing, mail and/or e-mail correspondence exclusive of the annual meeting.

Section 4. Directors may vote at any meeting in person, by proxy, by e-mail or by conference telephone. A quorum shall consist of one half of the Board members plus one.

ARTICLE VIII - DUES

Section 1. Dues, as established by the Board of Directors, shall be payable to the Treasurer annually to cover the period from January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE IX – FINANCIAL and ADMINISTRATIVE

Section 1. Accounting Period. The fiscal year for financial accounting shall commence on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.

Section 2. Bank Accounts. The funds of the association shall be deposited in one or more banks or other depositories as authorized by the board. All documents, including but not limited to, checks, drafts and other instruments necessary to operate any accounts or other deposits shall be signed by such officers of the association as the board may authorize by resolution.

Section 3. Indebtedness. Any indebtedness of the association for money borrowed may only be incurred pursuant to approval by a two thirds (2/3) majority of the entire board which resolution shall also establish which officers are empowered to sign notes, drafts, mortgages and other instruments evidencing indebtedness or security interests to secure such indebtedness.

Section 4. Execution of Documents. Unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws, all agreements, deeds, leases, easements, contracts and other instruments issued by the association shall be executed by the President on behalf of the association.

Section 5. Net Earnings Distribution. No part of the net earnings of the association shall go to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose clause hereof.

Section 6. Political Activity. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the association shall not participate in or intervene in, including the publishing or distribution of any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 502 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE X – Dissolution

Section 1. Upon dissolution of the association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas 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 XI – BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by written petition sponsored by 10 members, submitted to the general membership and approved by a majority vote of those voting or by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board.