

read as follows: “GOVERNING COMMITTEE.—The board may designate the chairman of the board and two members of the chairman’s staff as a governing committee. When the board is not in session, the governing committee has the powers of the board subject to the board’s direction and may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers that require it.”

§ 70905. National officers

(a) COMPOSITION.—There shall be not less than 6 national student officers of the FFA, including a student president, 4 student vice presidents (each representing regions as provided in the constitution or bylaws of the corporation), and a student secretary.

(b) ELECTION.—The national officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in the annual national convention from among qualified members of the corporation.

(c) VOTE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.—Each qualified delegate has one vote at the annual national convention.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1357; Pub. L. 116–7, § 6, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 480.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70905	36:277.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 7, 64 Stat. 565.

In subsection (c), the words “Secretary of Education” and “Department of Education” are substituted for “Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Federal Security Agency” and “that service”, respectively, in section 7(c) of the Act of August 30, 1950 (ch. 823, 64 Stat. 565), because of sections 5 and 8 of Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953 (5 App. U.S.C.) and 20:3441 and 3507. In clause (3), the reference to the Vocational Education Act of 1946 (ch. 541, 49 Stat. 1488) is omitted because that Act was repealed by section 103 of the Act of October 16, 1968 (Public Law 90–576, 82 Stat. 1091).

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116–7, § 6(1), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The national officers of the corporation are a student president, four student vice presidents (one from each of four regions of the United States established in the bylaws for purposes of administration of the corporation), a student secretary, an executive secretary, a treasurer, and a national advisor.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116–7, § 6(4), struck out “, except that—” in introductory provisions and pars. (1) to (3) which related to the national advisor, executive secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

Pub. L. 116–7, § 6(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which read as follows: “BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS.—The national student officers of the corporation comprise a board of student officers. The board of student officers shall advise and make recommendations to the board of directors about the activities and business of the corporation.”

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 116–7, § 6(3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (b).

§ 70906. Powers

The FFA may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the

regulation of its affairs, including the establishment and maintenance of local chapters and State associations of chapters;

(2) adopt and alter a seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the FFA require;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the FFA;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) use FFA funds to give prizes, awards, loans, and grants to deserving members, local FFA chapters, and State FFA associations to carry out the purposes of the FFA;

(9) produce publications, websites, and other media;

(10) make available to State associations, local chapters, and members all official FFA supplies and equipment;

(11) sue and be sued; and

(12) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the FFA.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1357; Pub. L. 116–7, § 7, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 481.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70906	36:274. 36:289.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §§ 4, 19, 64 Stat. 564, 567.

In this section, the text of 36:289 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the word “amend” is substituted for “alter” for consistency in the revised title. The words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which such corporation is to operate” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the word “use” is omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (5), the words “make contracts” are substituted for “contract and be contracted with” to eliminate unnecessary words.

Clause (6) is substituted for “to take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest any property, real or personal, necessary for attaining the objects and accomplishing the purposes of the corporation” and “to transfer and convey real or personal property” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “subject to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of real and personal property by, a corporation operating in such State” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (7), the words “for the purposes of the corporation” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property” are substituted for “issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage” for consistency in the revised title. The words “subject to all applicable provisions of Federal or State law” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (8), the words “to carry out the purposes of the corporation” are substituted for “for the purposes set forth in section 273 of this title” for consistency in the revised title.

In clause (11), the words “complain, and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (12), the words “any other act” are substituted for “any and all acts and things” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The word “objects” is omitted as included in “purposes”.

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-7, §7(1), substituted “FFA” for “corporation” in introductory provisions.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 116-7, §7(2), struck out “corporate” before “seal”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 116-7, §7(3), substituted “FFA” for “corporation”.

Par. (6). Pub. L. 116-7, §7(4), substituted “FFA” for “corporation”.

Par. (8). Pub. L. 116-7, §7(5), amended par. (8) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (8) read as follows: “use corporate funds to give prizes, awards, loans, and grants to deserving students and young farmers to carry out the purposes of the corporation;”.

Par. (9). Pub. L. 116-7, §7(6), amended par. (9) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (9) read as follows: “publish a magazine and other publications;”.

Par. (10). Pub. L. 116-7, §7(7), substituted “make available to State” for “procure for and distribute to State” and “FFA” for “Future Farmers of America”.

Par. (12). Pub. L. 116-7, §7(8), substituted “FFA” for “corporation”.

§ 70907. Exclusive right to name,¹ seals, emblems, and badges

The FFA and its authorized chapters and associations of chapters have the exclusive right to use the names “Future Farmers of America” and “National FFA Organization,”² and the initials FFA as representing an agricultural education membership organization and seals, emblems, and badges the FFA adopts.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1358; Pub. L. 116-7, § 8, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 481.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70907	36:286.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §16, 64 Stat. 566.

The words “duly”, “sole”, and “lawfully” are omitted as unnecessary.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-7 substituted “FFA” for “corporation” in two places, “names” for “name”, and “Future Farmers of America” and “National FFA Organization,” for “Future Farmers of America” and inserted “education” before “membership”.

§ 70908. Restrictions

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The FFA may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The FFA or a director, officer, or member acting on behalf of the

FFA may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the FFA may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member, except on dissolution or final liquidation of the FFA.

(d) LOANS.—The FFA may not make a loan to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

(e) PRIZES, AWARDS, GRANTS, OR LOANS TO STUDENT OFFICERS AND MEMBERS MEETING CRITERIA.—This section does not preclude prizes, awards, grants, or loans to student officers and members meeting the criteria established by the board of directors for selecting recipients of those benefits.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1358; Pub. L. 116-7, §9, Feb. 21, 2019, 133 Stat. 481.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70908(a)	36:282.	Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §§9, 10, 12, 64 Stat. 566.
70908(b)	36:280.	
70908(c)	36:279(a).	
70908(d)	36:279(b).	
70908(e)	36:279(c).	

In subsection (a), the words “any shares or” and “its objects and purposes being solely educational” are omitted as unnecessary and for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (c), the words “inure to the benefit of” are substituted for “inure to” for consistency in the revised title. The words “as provided in section 285 of this title” are omitted as unnecessary.

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-7, §9(1), substituted “FFA” for “corporation”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-7, §9(2), substituted “FFA or a director, officer, or member acting on behalf of the FFA” for “corporation or a director, officer, or member as such”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-7, §9(3), substituted “FFA” for “corporation” in two places.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-7, §9(4), substituted “FFA” for “corporation” in first sentence.

§ 70909. Relationship to Federal agencies

(a) IN GENERAL.—On request of the board of directors, the FFA may collaborate with Federal agencies, including the Department of Education and the Department of Agriculture on matters of mutual interest and benefit.

(b) AGENCY ASSISTANCE.—Those Federal agencies may make personnel, services, and facilities available to administer or assist in the administration of the activities of the FFA.

(c) AGENCY COMPENSATION.—Personnel of the Federal agencies may not receive compensation from the FFA for their services, except that travel and other legitimate expenses as defined by the Federal agencies and approved by the board may be paid.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “names”.

² So in original. The comma preceding the closing quotation marks probably should not appear.