

North Carolina Association of  
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc.

# Bylaws



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Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is incorporated as a nonprofit national career and technical student organization for young women and men in Family and Consumer Sciences education, as determined by the state department of education, in public and private schools through grade 12. It is open to students of all races and religious beliefs.

**CREED**  
We are the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.  
We face the future with warm courage and high hope.

For we have the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious values.  
For we are the builders of homes,  
Homes for America's future,  
Homes where living will be the expression of everything that is good and fair,  
Homes where truth and love and security and faith will be realities, not dreams.

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## ARTICLE I

### Name - Sponsors - Purposes

#### Section 1. Name

The organization shall be known as the North Carolina Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

The North Carolina association is a chartered group of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Incorporated. It is composed of affiliated chapters in North Carolina schools offering a Career and Technical Education program in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

#### Section 2. Sponsors

The sponsor of the North Carolina association shall be Family and Consumer Sciences Education, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh. The state office shall function as a part of the Career and Technical Division, Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

#### Section 3. Mission and Purposes

The general objective of the organization shall be to help individuals improve personal, family, and community living through organized group and individual activities as a part of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education program in the schools.

The mission of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner, and community leader, members develop skills for life through:

- Character Development,
- Creative and Critical Thinking,
- Interpersonal Communications,
- Practical knowledge, and
- Career preparation.

Organized instruction relating to the mission is a part of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education program

in the schools. The purposes of the organization shall be as follows:

- To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
- To strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society.
- To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.
- To promote greater understanding between youth and adults.
- To provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities.
- To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society.
- To promote Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education Careers, and related occupations.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Membership**

#### **Section 1. North Carolina Association**

##### **A. Active Membership.**

NC FCCLA shall consist of the affiliated chapters, within the boundary of the state, which in turn shall be composed of students possessing the qualifications for membership. Any student who is taking or has taken a course in Family and Consumer Sciences Education through grade 12 shall be eligible for active membership in an organized chapter within the school.

##### **B. Advisers**

Chapter advisers shall be the Family and Consumer Sciences education teacher(s) for the school in which they are teacher of record, or other individuals as chosen by the DPI Family and Consumer Sciences Education Consultant(s) or by the state Executive Director.

##### **C. Alumni and Associates Membership**

Former chapter members or other adults who share the goals and purposes of this organization and its programs who wish to support the continuing development of FCCLA youth shall be eligible for Alumni and Associates membership. Alumni and Associates members may not hold office, make motions, or vote.

##### **D. Honorary Membership.**

The State Executive Council of the North Carolina FCCLA shall determine the number of state honorary memberships to be awarded, and the procedure for selecting nominees for this award. Honorary members shall be selected by a majority vote by the State Executive Council. Honorary members shall have the privilege of attending all meetings of the organization. They shall not be eligible to make motions, vote, hold office, or serve on committees.

#### **Section 2. Chapters**

A chapter may be formed wherever a group of students enrolled in Family and Consumer Sciences Education through grade 12, or previously enrolled, shall meet together under the guidance of the Family and Consumer Sciences Education teacher or teachers, and with the approval of the school administrators, draw up bylaws, adopt a program of work, elect officers, and affiliate with the state and national organization.

##### **A. Chapters in Good Standing**

Chapters in good standing are those which maintain policies consistent with those of the North Carolina FCCLA and otherwise fulfill the requirements for affiliation.

##### **B. The Types of Membership at the Chapter Level**

- 1. Active Membership:** A student enrolled in a Family and Consumer Sciences Education class (first or second semester), or previously enrolled, shall be eligible for membership in any affiliated chapter of the North Carolina FCCLA. Such members may retain active membership during the time they are enrolled in school. Active members shall be eligible to participate in chapter programs and projects, to hold office, to make motions, and to be a voting member in all business sessions.
- 2. Alumni and Associates Membership:** Former chapter members or other adults who share goals and purposes of this organization and its programs who wish to support the continuing development of North Carolina FCCLA youth shall be eligible for Alumni and Associates membership. Alumni and Associates members may not hold office, make motions, or vote.
- 3. Honorary Membership:** Honorary membership shall be awarded to individuals who have contributed to the advancement of Family and Consumer Sciences Education and

the North Carolina FCCLA. The chapter may determine the number of honorary memberships to be awarded each year and the procedure for selecting nominees for receiving this award.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **District**

#### **Section 1. Membership**

The chapters composing the North Carolina FCCLA may be organized into groups known as districts.

#### **Section 2. Organization**

There are eight designated districts within the state. Membership and activities within those districts shall be approved by the respective school divisions and their local supervisors and advisers.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Officers**

#### **Section 1. Officers**

The North Carolina FCCLA shall have a president and eight vice presidents for a total of nine officer positions. Of these officers, at least one will represent members in the middle school level. There shall be an additional vice president if a national officer candidate is not elected to national office.

##### **A. General Qualifications**

All candidates shall have the following qualifications:

- In the process of completing an active membership in an affiliated chapter, for at least a year,
- Enrollment in Family and Consumer Sciences course(s), including a FCS exploratory course for middle school candidates, while holding office is preferred for all those elected, but not mandated.
- Classification as a rising 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grader.

##### **B. High School Candidates**

High School candidates shall also have the following qualifications:

- Classification as a student in good standing, with an overall unweighted scholastic average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or above

(transcript must be submitted with officer candidate's application).

- High school candidates are eligible for all state officer positions, with the exception of the vice president of middle schools position.

### **C. Middle School Candidates**

Middle school candidates shall also have the following qualifications:

- Classification as a student in good standing, with an overall unweighted scholastic average of 85 or above (transcript must be submitted with officer candidate's application).
- Middle school candidates are eligible for the vice president of middle schools position only. The state Executive Director, in consultation with the State Selection Committee, and/or State Executive Council will have the ability to promote a middle school candidate to any other state officer position in the event a position is vacant.

## **Section 2. Duties**

### **1. President**

The state president shall preside over all business meetings of the North Carolina Association and the State Executive Council, and serve as the official spokesperson for the association. They shall provide leadership to the State Executive Council, members and advisers of North Carolina FCCLA, and to all program activities. The president shall present a report forwarded by the state Executive Director of the financial status of North Carolina FCCLA to the delegates assembled at the State Leadership conference. They will serve on the Board of Directors Executive Committee. The state president shall also serve two years on the Board of Directors and as a chair of the State Selection Committee in the year following their year of service.

### **2. Vice Presidents**

Each vice president shall assist with State Executive Council meetings by

presiding on a Board of Directors committee. If applicable, a vice president may serve as chair of a State Executive Council committee.

The First Vice President shall assume the responsibility of the president in the event of their absence, serve on the Board of Directors Operating Policy Committee, keep a written record of meetings of the State Executive Council and of North Carolina FCCLA, shall collect all records pertaining to the work of the state committees, if applicable, and present these to the state Executive Director for the permanent records of North Carolina FCCLA, and serve for one year on the Board of Directors.

The vice president of programs shall implement and publicize the state and national programs, serve on the Board of Directors Program Committee, and coordinate recognition pertaining to state and national programs.

The vice president of public relations shall serve on the Board of Directors Communications Committee, develop a statewide public relations plan, be responsible for the publicity of the association, and coordinate educational partnerships for the association.

The vice president of community outreach shall implement and publicize all state and national programs related to service learning, serve on the Board of Directors Program Committee, and coordinate recognition activities related to those programs.

The vice president of parliamentary law shall sustain parliamentary procedure throughout all meetings of the State Executive Council and the State Leadership Conference, coordinate the process for election and installation of officers, coordinate the State Selection Committee, serve on the Board of Directors Operating Policy Committee, and provide training in parliamentary procedure.

The vice president of competitive events shall work with the Competitive Events

Advisory Team to assist in the organization and implementation of competitive events at the state level and be responsible for the publicity of the competitive events, and serve on the Board of Directors Competitive Events Committee.

The vice president of membership shall promote membership in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. and in North Carolina FCCLA, serve on the Board of Directors Membership Committee, and coordinate recognition activities related to membership.

The vice president of middle schools shall serve on the Board of Directors Membership Committee, assist the vice president of membership in the promotion of membership in North Carolina FCCLA to middle school members, assist the vice president of parliamentary law with the coordination of officer elections and installation, and any additional duties as assigned by the state president, in consultation with the state Executive Director.

### **3. Consultant(s)**

At the discretion of the state Executive Director, consultants may be appointed to the State Executive Council. The consultant(s) shall be responsible for providing leadership to the State Executive Council, and to chapters throughout the state, and other responsibilities as assigned by the State Executive Council, in consultation with the state Executive Director. A consultant shall be a voting member of the State Executive Council.

### **4. Vice President of Development**

In the event a national officer candidate does not become a national officer, they shall be titled vice president of development. The vice president of development shall be responsible for providing leadership to the State Executive Council and will work directly with the state staff to develop partnership, secure grants, and raise funds. The vice president of

development shall be a voting member of the State Executive Council.

### **5. National Officers**

National officers from North Carolina serve as liaisons between the state and the national associations and shall be voting members of the State Executive Council.

#### **Section 3. Terms of Office**

The terms of each officer shall be one year, or until such time as successors are elected, with the exception of a national officer. Officers may not serve two consecutive terms.

#### **Section 4. Vacancies**

The first vice president shall fill a vacancy in the office of president. In the event another office becomes vacant, the State Executive Council will name a replacement, or the other officers will assume the duties of the unoccupied office.

#### **Section 5. Dismissal of Officer**

Should an officer fail to fulfill their duties as stipulated in the Bylaws (Article IV, Section 2) and/or is found in violation of the Officer Pledge and Code of Conduct agreement signed upon election, the officer may be subject to dismissal.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Nomination and Election of Officers**

#### **Section 1. Selection of Nominations**

Each North Carolina FCCLA chapter shall have the privilege of presenting one nominee for office on the State Executive Council of North Carolina FCCLA. In order to nominate, chapters and members must be appropriately affiliated with the state and national organizations.

#### **Section 2. Preparation of Slate of Officers**

Officer candidate applications, transcripts, and other required documents shall be submitted to the state Executive Director by the postmark date. Candidates may be solicited prior to the application deadline to increase the likelihood that each district is represented.

The state Executive Director shall prepare summaries on which the qualifications of the nominees for each officer are stated. A ballot shall be prepared for use by voting delegates at the State Leadership Conference.

#### **Section 3. Election of Officers**

Each chapter in attendance at the State Leadership Conference shall receive a copy of the resume for each of the state officer candidates. Voting will take place during a designated session at the meeting.

Balloting shall take place according to the following procedures:

1. Each chapter shall cast one vote per affiliated chapters for the officer candidate in each district, and one vote for one candidate as vice president of middle schools.
2. The following positions will be filled based on the ballot results:
  - a. The vice president of middle schools candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected a state officer.
  - b. The candidate with the highest number of votes from each district shall be elected a state officer.
  - c. Once each of the positions have been filled, the candidates with the highest number of votes shall fill the remaining state officer positions.
3. State Officers, consultants, and national officers shall be entitled to vote on all officer candidates.
4. In the event of a tie, the state president's vote shall cast the tie-breaking vote.
5. The newly elected state officers shall be announced to the membership at a time determined by the State Executive Council. The State Selection Committee shall interview all newly elected state officers in order to establish a designated officer position.

#### **Section 4. State Selection Committee**

### **A. Definition**

The State Selection Committee shall be chosen each year to determine the office to be held by each elected officer. This committee shall function at the State Leadership Conference and shall be composed of:

- Chair: Immediate Past President
- Adviser to the State Executive Council, appointed by the state Executive Director
- One other adviser, rotating annually, representing the eight districts.
- Three current/former student members.

### **B. Procedure**

The committee shall interview all newly elected state officers for a designated position. The state officers shall be named president, first vice president, vice president of programs, vice president of public relations, vice president of community outreach, vice president of parliamentary law, vice president of competitive events, vice president of membership, with the middle school candidate given the office of vice president of middle schools.

In the event there are vacant state officer positions, the state Executive Director, in consultation with the State Selection Committee, shall appoint the middle school candidate in another vice president position.

### **C. Adjustment in Election of Officers**

In the event an emergency prevents the election of officers according to the plan outlined in this article, the state Executive Director, DPI Family and Consumer Sciences Education Consultant(s), and State Executive Council shall decide upon a substitute plan.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Advisers**

#### **Section 1. State Executive Director**

The state Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of North Carolina FCCLA and shall serve as an ex-officio member of the state Board of Directors and of all committees on the

board, without a vote. The responsibilities of the state Executive Director shall be determined by the state Board of Directors as outlined in the board's Operating Policy Manual. Election or removal of the state Executive Director shall be by a majority vote on the state Board of Directors, after consultation with the State Executive Council. The terms and conditions of employment shall be determined by the board.

### Section 2. **Duties of an Adviser to a State Officer**

An adviser to a state officer shall: (1) directly supervise all activities and assignments of the officer relating North Carolina FCCLA; (2) be responsible for the state officer while attending and participating in functions sponsored by North Carolina FCCLA; and (3) apprise the local school administration, and state Executive Director of the activities, responsibilities, and progress of the state officer. An adviser shall be the adviser to the local chapter of which the officer is a member. With approval of the school system and state Executive Director, officer candidates who are rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders have the option of choosing either their middle school adviser or high school adviser as their state officer adviser.

### Section 3. **Duties of the Adviser to a National Officer Candidate/National Officer**

The adviser to a national officer candidate/national officer shall: (1) directly supervise all activities and assignment of the national officer candidate/national officer relating to the North Carolina FCCLA and the national association; (2) be responsible for national officer candidate/national officer while attending and participating in functions sponsored by North Carolina FCCLA and national associations; and (3) apprise the local school administration, and state FCCLA Executive Director of the activities, responsibilities, and progress of the national officer candidate/national officer.

## **ARTICLE VII Leadership**

Section 1. **State Executive Council**  
The elected state officers and consultant(s) shall compose the State Executive Council.

The national officer(s) from North Carolina, and any appointed consultant(s) shall serve as a voting member(s) of the State Executive Council.

The FCCLA state Executive Director and chapter advisers to the state officers shall serve as official advisers to the council.

The State Executive Council shall:

- Be responsible for planning ways of facilitating the state program of work.
- Approve the work of all state committees.
- Make decisions regarding the expenditure of funds.
- Determine the program of the state meeting and the business to be brought before the delegates.
- Conduct such other business shall facilitate the progress of the state associations.
- Give leadership to chapters in the state.
- Promote membership recruitment and chapter development.
- Establish partnerships between North Carolina FCCLA and business/industry.

### Section 2. **Board of Directors**

#### **A. Governance and Powers**

The legal governing body of the North Carolina Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. shall be the state Board of Directors. The primary functions of the board shall be to set policy relating to program fiscal matters and to be responsible for sound management. The state Executive Director shall be the administrator of the organization. The board receives and acts upon the recommendations of the state Executive

Director, in consultation with DPI Family and Consumer Sciences Education Consultant(s), relative to the management of program and fiscal matters.

#### **B. Duties, Responsibilities, and Authority**

Board members shall agree to commit the time to serve a term of one, two, or three years on the Board of Directors of North Carolina FCCLA, based on the seat they hold on the board. A board member shall not be reappointed for a third term of service without one or more years elapsing between them.

Board members shall be expected to attend all regular and special meetings of the board and agree to serve on committees as assigned. Board members shall demonstrate an active interest in Family and Consumer Sciences and in FCCLA's mission, goals, programs and activities. They shall abide by and support all decisions, policies, and programs adopted by the board and not act independently on matters that should be decided by the entire board, keeping the mission statement of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, Inc. as the focal point.

Board members shall promote interest and active participation in the organization on the part of the membership and representative groups. Board members shall agree to represent North Carolina FCCLA when called on by the board chair or the state Executive Director. Board members shall review suggested amendments, formulate proposed amendments to the bylaws, and review and vote on the proposed budget.

#### **C. Membership**

The Board of Directors shall consist of members elected by related organizations and groups, members ex-officio, youth members and members elected by the board. The total number of which shall be limited to no less than ten (10) members and not to exceed twenty-four (24).

#### **D. Membership Election**

Members shall be elected by related organizations and groups according to their election procedures as follows: three (3) youth members, one (1) Alumni & Associates member, two (2) business/industry representatives elected by the board, one (1) college/university educator elected by the board; the immediate past president of the board, at least four (4) active advisers, NCACTE Administration Division Representative, NCACTE FCS Division Representative and/or NCAFCS Representative, and DPI Family and Consumer Sciences Education Consultant(s). Members may serve in more than one capacity.

#### **E. Members Ex-Officio**

The state Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member of the board. State officers, with the exception of state president and the first vice president shall be ex-officio members of the board.

#### **F. Youth Members**

In addition to the current state president, there shall be two youth members as follows: the immediate past president and the first vice president.

#### **G. Terms of Directors**

Members shall serve terms as designated by operating policy. Directors may be re-elected for a second two or three-year term. At least 12 months must elapse before any such director having served two consecutive terms may be elected for another term. The board chair shall serve two years following his/her term of office. The state president shall serve one year following their term of office.

#### **H. Voting Privileges**

Each member of the board will have one vote on any issue to be determined by the board. The state president and first vice president have one vote. DPI Family and Consumer Sciences Education Consultant(s) shall share one vote.

#### **I. Vacancies**

The board may fill vacancies at any meeting. Any director elected for the balance of an unexpired term shall, in addition, be eligible for the maximum number of complete consecutive terms as director as provided by this document.

#### **J. Assumption of Office**

Persons elected to the board shall assume their seat as directors immediately following the CTE Summer Conference.

#### **K. Officers of the Board**

The officers of the board shall consist of the chair, chair-elect, treasurer, secretary, and immediate past chair. They shall fulfill their duties as designated by the operating policy.

#### **L. Regular Meetings**

There shall be regular meetings of the board each year.

#### **M. Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the board chair or shall be called upon the written request of five voting members of the Board of Directors. Written notices of any special meeting shall be sent to each member at least 14 days in advance, with a statement of time, place, and meeting agenda.

#### **N. Attendance by Non-Directors**

All Board of Directors meetings are open to interested persons. The Board of Directors always reserves the right to move into executive session.

#### **O. Minutes of Executive Session**

When the Board of Directors or Executive Committee goes into executive session, action taken will be noted and a summary of those will become a part of the minutes of the full meeting. There will be no minutes of executive sessions.

#### **P. State Leadership Conference**

The time and place of the state meeting shall be determined by the state Executive Director in consultation with the Board of Directors.

#### **Q. Committees of the Board**

There shall be an Executive Committee, standing committees, and ad-hoc committees of the board. Standing committees shall include: Communications, Finance and Budget, Membership, Nominating, Operating Policy, Programs, and Competitive Events. The board chair may appoint ad-hoc or advisory committees and task forces, and they shall report to the board through the appropriate standing committee.

#### **R. Quorum**

A majority of voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of voting members of the committee(s) should constitute a quorum for the committees. Proxy voting is not allowed.

#### **S. Channel to the Board**

Any official communication from individuals or groups shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors.

#### **T. Indemnification of Directors**

Any person made party to any action, suite, or proceeding by reason of the fact that the person is or was a member of the state Board of Directors shall be indemnified by North Carolina Association of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Inc., against expense actually incurred by the person in the defense of such action.

#### **U. Relationship of the state Board of Directors and the State Executive Council**

The State Executive Council and the state Board of Directors are interdependent in matters of program development, program implementation, and public relations. The State Executive Council and the Board of Directors are recognized in this document as the two decision-making bodies of the North Carolina Association of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America Inc. State officers shall have membership on the board and its committees as provided in this document.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Dues – Fiscal Year – Budget - Audit**

#### **Section 1. State Dues**

The individual membership dues for North Carolina FCCLA shall be determined by the Board of Directors, subject to approval of the delegates.

#### **Section 2. National Dues (As set forth in the current National Bylaws)**

A. The amount of national dues for active members shall be determined by the National Executive Council and the national Board of Directors subject to approval of the voting delegates at the national meeting.

B. The amount of dues for the alumni/associate member category shall be determined by the National Executive Council and national Board of Directors.

C. National honorary members pay no dues.

#### **Section 4. Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year shall be September 1 through August 31.

#### **Section 5. Budget**

The North Carolina FCCLA state Executive Director shall prepare the budget. It shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 6. Financial Review**

The financial statement of all income and expenditures prepared in the office of North Carolina FCCLA state Executive Director shall have a financial review performed by an independent Certified Public Accountant annually according to state policy. This report shall be presented to the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **State Executive Committees**

#### **Section 1. Appointments**

The state president shall appoint, after consultation with the state Executive Director, the chair of any State Executive Council committees.

#### **Section 2. Committees to be Appointed**

The need for committees shall be determined by the State Executive Council after reviewing the work of the committees of the previous year and considering a program of work for the current year.

#### **Section 3. Reports**

The State Executive Council shall decide if the committee's chair shall report to the members at the State Leadership Conference. Each committee chair shall submit a written report to the first vice president.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **State Meetings**

#### **Section 1. State Leadership Conference**

The State Leadership Conference shall be held in order to: (1) provide for the completion of the election of officers; (2) facilitate the sharing of information regarding work that has been done by North Carolina FCCLA members and chapters; (3) formulate new objectives or emphasis in the program of work; (4) transact all business coming before North Carolina FCCLA; and (5) foster leadership development.

The State Executive Council may determine that district meetings may be held in any one year in lieu of the State Leadership Conference.

#### **Section 2. Delegates**

##### **A. Voting Delegates**

When chapters are voting for other matters, except state officer election, each chapter shall be allowed the following number of voting delegates based on chapter affiliations on March 1st.

1-12 members = 1 voting delegates  
13-24 members = 2 voting delegates  
25-36 members = 3 voting delegates  
37-48 members = 4 voting delegates  
49+ members = 5 voting delegates

Each voting delegate may only vote once.

##### **B. Representatives**

Representatives may be designated, other than voting delegates, to attend meetings and conferences, as authorized by the State Executive Council.

#### **Section 3. Voting**

The privilege of making motions, discussing, and voting shall be limited to the voting delegates and the state officers. Delegates are entitled to vote only if they are present at the time of sign-in. The privilege of discussion may be extended to non-voting representatives upon the consent of the delegates.

#### **Section 4. Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the State Executive Council when the need arises.

#### **Section 5. Quorum**

Voting delegates in attendance at the State Leadership Conference shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **National Officers**

#### **Section 1. Selection of Candidate(s) for National Officer**

Applications shall be submitted to the North Carolina FCCLA state Executive Director by the postmark deadline. The approval of applications will be at the discretion of the state Executive Director, in consultation with the Board of Directors Executive Committee.

#### **Section 2. Qualifications of National Officers**

A national officer candidate shall meet the qualifications set forth in the current National Bylaws FCCLA.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Parliamentary Authority**

#### **Section 1 Parliamentary Authority**

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of state, districts, and chapter meetings of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Inc. in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with Bylaws.

**Section 2. Suspension of the Rules and/or Bylaws**

Rules and/or bylaws pertaining to specific procedures or articles may be temporarily suspended upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

**Section 3. Parliamentary Authority**

The elected state vice president of parliamentary authority shall sustain the parliamentary procedure during all meetings of the State Executive Council and the annual State Leadership Conference.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**Amendments**

**Section 1. Amendments**

These Bylaws may be amended at the State Leadership Conference by a two-thirds vote of the voting delegates present and voting. Amendments shall become effective immediately.

**Section 2. Proposal for Amendments**

A chapter or district may present an amendment to the Board of Directors for approval 90 days prior to the State Leadership Conference.

Proposed amendments must be approved by the Board of Directors before they are presented to the delegates.

A copy of the proposed amendments, properly approved as above, shall be sent to the chapters before the State Leadership Conference.

The Executive Committee, with Board of Directors approval, may make editorial changes as needed to the bylaws.

**Article XIV**

**Dissolution or Liquidation of Assets**

Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the state organization, after the discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets shall be used by the state Board of Directors in accordance with the purposes of the state organization or shall be transferred to any other organization organized and