



**Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association
Mid-Winter Conference New Business Items
Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

Proposed Amendment Changes

Constitution Article IV Section 2

Active memberships shall be confined to teachers engaged in teaching Agricultural Education in the public schools of Georgia and to the members of Supervisory Staff and the Teacher Training Staff of Agricultural Education in Georgia upon payment of GVATA and NAAE dues.

*This section would be modified to read: Active memberships shall be confined to teachers engaged in teaching Agricultural Education in the public ***and private*** schools of Georgia and to the members of Supervisory Staff and the Teacher Training Staff of Agricultural Education in Georgia upon payment of GVATA and NAAE dues.

Constitution Article IV Section 5

Student membership shall be limited to students who are in their final year of study at the University of Georgia or Fort Valley State University.

*This section would be modified to read: Student membership shall be limited to students who are in their final year of study at the University of Georgia, Fort Valley State University or ***Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College***.

Constitution Article V Section 3

The Advisors of this Association shall be the Program Manager of Agricultural Education and the supervisory staff.

*This section would be modified to read: The Advisors of this Association shall be the Program Manager of Agricultural Education and the supervisory staff ***of Agricultural Education***.

Constitution Article V Section 5

The President and President-Elect shall be elected to serve a one-year term

*This section would be modified to read: ***The President-Elect shall be elected to serve for three years: first year as President-Elect, second year as President, and third year as Past-President.***

Constitution Article VI Section 4

The President, President-Elect, three directors, and the Executive Secretary should represent the Association at the Region Leadership Conference of the National Association. Directors should attend the Region Leadership Conference during the first year in office. The President, President-Elect, three directors and the Executive Secretary should attend the annual convention of the NAAE. Directors should attend the NAAE Annual Convention during the second year in office. Should funds be available, the GVATA will extend additional delegate travel for up to the number of people to fill remaining voting delegate seats, per the decision of the current GVATA President. First priority will go to the three directors not currently in the attendance rotation. Second priority will go to the Past-President. Third priority will go to individual GVATA members. In the event that funds are not available to fund additional delegates, the GVATA President can use his/her discretion to supplement delegates from a pool of available award winners, individual attendees and other NAAE Region V members.

*This section would be modified to read: ***The President, President-Elect, Area Directors, and the Executive Secretary shall represent the Association at the Region Leadership Conference of the National Association and the annual convention of the NAAE. The GVATA President shall use his/her discretion to supplement voting delegates from a pool of available GVATA or NAAE Region V members in attendance. Should funds be available, the GVATA will extend additional delegate travel for up to the number of people to fill remaining voting delegate seats, per the decision of the current GVATA President. First priority will go to the Past-President. In the event that funds are not available to fund additional delegates, the GVATA President can use his/her discretion to supplement delegates from a pool of available award winners, individual attendees and other NAAE Region V members.***

GVATA Membership Dues Proposed Increase

Proposal –

Increase the annual GVATA membership dues from \$40 to \$60 per member. This would make for a combined total of \$120 for state and national dues.

Rationale –

As GVATA membership continues to grow, there is a need to increase the operational budget for our organization. Cost to operate the organization is on the rise. At the current level of projected expenditures, the GVATA budget surplus of \$8,700 will be absorbed within a year of operations. We currently collect about \$20,000 per year in membership dues and need about \$30,000 to keep a positive balance in the operational account.

Help to cover the cost to send the GVATA delegation to the Region V NAAE Conference and to the National NAAE Convention. The Region V conference recently doubled the registration fee to attend from \$75 to \$150 per member. It is important that GVATA be represented at these conferences as a leading state in Agricultural Education.

Increase number of student NAAE memberships for the Ag Ed student teachers. The number of student teachers continues to rise as the demand for agriculture teachers rises in Georgia and the surrounding states. GVATA paid for 50 student memberships for this fiscal year and their conference registration cost to attend Mid-Winter Conference.

Boost our presence throughout the state by sponsoring activities and events related to Agricultural Education. Sponsorships may include FFA Alumni events, student NAAE membership recruitment events at the college and university level, increasing support for the FFA Foundation, and/or hosting Teach Ag Day events and activities in our state to recruit and promote Agricultural Education.