

51 **Article III**

52 **Membership**

53 **Section 1: Composition**

54 The membership shall consist of local volunteer leaders, men and women, adults and youth, sponsors and
55 other community leaders. All enrolled members of 4-H and their immediate guardians are considered
56 members of Council. Membership is nondiscriminatory.
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58 **Section 2: Role of the 4-H Professionals**

59 The 4-H professionals shall be ex-officio members of the council and the executive committee, without
60 the privilege of voting or holding office. The 4-H professional shall interpret local program needs,
61 University and Extension policies and state-wide programs and schedules and shall have final oversight of
62 all council decision/policies. Additionally, the 4-H professional shall have signature oversight authority
63 on all Council financial and investment accounts.
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66 **Article IV**

67 **Officers**

68 **Section 1: Officers**

69 The current officers of the Council shall be the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and
70 executive chair. Adults and teens aged 15 -18 may serve as Council Officers. Incoming officers should be
71 familiar with the expectations of their roles or seek clarification before commencing duties.
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73 **Section 2: Term of office**

74 The officers shall be elected at a predetermined annual meeting for a term of one year. Officers may be
75 elected, but will not be eligible to serve more than four consecutive years in the same office.
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77 **Article V**

78 **Executive Committee**

79 The current officers of the Council shall make up the executive committee.
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81 **Article VI**

82 **Meetings**

83 Six annual meetings of the Council shall be held as established by the executive committee.
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85 **Article VII**

86 **Committees**

87 Committees deemed necessary by the council shall be appointed by their chairs, chairs are appointed by
88 the Executive Committee and overseen by the Vice President. The members of all standing committees
89 shall serve for a period of one year, such period to be concurrent with the fiscal year of the Council. Ad
90 hoc committee members shall serve in accordance with the charge to that committee.
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102 **Article VIII**
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104 **Quorum**
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106 Five members, two of whom are officers present at any regular or special meeting, will constitute a
107 quorum.
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109 **Article IX**
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111 **Special Decisions**

112 Because Council only meets every other month, and instances arise that require immediate discussion and
113 vote, the Executive Committee may call for a special decision.

- 114 A. The question put to the Executive Committee must first be determined as time sensitive (i.e.
115 needing resolution before the next council meeting)
116 B. The Executive Committee should attend to Special Decision promptly, usually via electronic
117 correspondence
118 C. A quorum of Executive members must be responding for a decision to be made
119 D. Special Decisions should be reported at the following Council Meeting and added to the
120 minutes
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122 **Article X**
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124 **Amendments**
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126 Amendments to the constitution may be made at any regular or special meeting by a two thirds majority
127 of the members present, providing:

- 128 A. A notice of the pending amendments was sent to all members of the Council at least two weeks
129 and not more than four weeks prior to the meeting and
130 B. A quorum of the council is present at the meeting.
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133 **Article XI**
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135 **Parliamentary Authority**
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137 *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern the proceedings of the Council, not otherwise specified in the
138 Constitution, and at the discretion of the acting President.
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