

Currently in the Constitution:

Article III

Section 1 – Officers & Directors

The officers of this Society shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and the board of directors consisting of 18 or more members.

Proposed Amendment (to comply with ORC 1711.07 Board of directors of county or independent agricultural society)

Article III

Section 1 – Officers & Directors

The officers of this Society shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and the board of directors consisting of 8 or more members.

Currently in the Constitution:

Article IV

Section 1 – Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held the 1st Saturday of November each year. The Society shall hold its elections at such time of the Annual Meeting with the Polls to open at 10:00 am and remain open until 3:00 pm on the fairgrounds.

Proposed Amendment:

Article IV

Section 1 – Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held the third Thursday in October each year.

Currently in the Constitution

Article V

Section 1 – The Board

One third (1/3) of twenty-six (26) potential directors shall be elected annually from in Williams County as listed below, on the date of the Elections. One member shall be chosen from each township in Williams County, one from within the corporation limits of the City of Bryan, villages of Montpelier, Edon, Edgerton, Stryker, Pioneer and West Unity, Ohio; four members-at-large from any District of the County; and (woman/man) at-large from each of the three (3) Districts as flows; District #1 Northwest, Bridgewater, Madison, and Millcreek; District #2 Florence, Superior, Jefferson and Brady; District #3 St. Joe, Center, Pulaski and Springfield. Only members of the Williams County Agricultural Society are eligible to become directors and only directors can hold office. The County Agriculture Society members shall have a right to vote at the annual election of Directors of the Society. **The Board of Directors shall fix the membership fee of \$1.00. The Polls shall open at 10:00 am and close at 3:00 pm the day of election at the Annual Meeting.** Voting will be by ballot furnished by the Society. The President shall appoint clerks and judges from its membership.

Proposed Amendment:

Article V

Section 1 – The Board

One third (1/3) of twenty-six (26) potential directors shall be elected annually from in Williams County as listed below, on or after the second day of the fair to be held each year on the Fairgrounds of the Society in the town of Montpelier, County of Williams. One member shall be chosen from each township in Williams County, one from within the corporation limits of the City of Bryan, villages of Montpelier, Edon, Edgerton, Stryker, Pioneer and West Unity, Ohio; four members-at-large from any District of the County; and (woman/man) at-large from each of the three (3) Districts as flows; District #1 Northwest, Bridgewater, Madison, and Millcreek; District #2 Florence, Superior, Jefferson and Brady; District #3 St. Joe, Center, Pulaski and Springfield. Only members of the Williams County Agricultural Society are eligible to become directors and only directors can hold office. The County Agriculture Society members shall have a right to vote at the annual election of Directors of the Society. **The Board of Directors shall fix the membership fee. The Polls shall open at 1:00 pm and close at 7:00 pm the day of election at the Annual Elections.** Voting will be by ballot furnished by the Society. The President shall appoint clerks and judges from its membership.

Article V

Currently in the Constitution:

Section 4 – Oath of Office

At the Annual meeting following the certification of votes, directors elected to the Board shall be administered the oath of office. The oath shall be administered by a competent authority (designated by law) or any official in the Society, given authority to administer oaths in the constitution. Newly elected directors shall raise their right hand and repeat after the authority; I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Ohio, Laws of Ohio and rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture of Ohio pertaining to Agriculture Societies and to the best of my ability perform the duties of director of the Williams County Agricultural Society, so help me God. The term of office of the retiring director shall expire and that of the director elect shall begin on the day of the annual meeting upon adjournment.

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Article VI

New Addition to Constitution:

Section 2 – Annual Elections:

Annual elections of the membership shall be held on Monday during the annual fair with the polls open from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Currently in the Constitution:

Article IX

Section 1 – Constitution Amendments

The Constitution of a Society shall not be amended except by a majority vote of the membership voting at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by; a majority of the Board of Directors at a scheduled meeting voting in favor of placing an amendment on the ballot for the annual elections. If an amendment is proposed as set forth above, it shall be submitted to the membership of the Society at the annual meeting. Said amendment shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county or district concerned no less than three but not more than 10 days before it is to be voted on. When there is more than one amendment, it shall be submitted in a manner that the members may vote on each amendment separately.

Proposed Amendment:

Article IX

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Article V

Section 6 – Suspension of a Director or Officer

A member of the Board of Directors or an Officer of the Society who absents himself from three (3) consecutive regular meetings or a total of four (4) for the year, without notifying the Secretary, or who neglects or refuses to perform duties assigned to him/her may be temporarily suspended by the Executive Committee. Notice shall be mailed to the suspended Director or Officer within three (3) days of such action, and he/she shall be given an opportunity to defend himself/herself at the next meeting of the Board and if the suspension is confirmed by a two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the members present and voting, the office shall be declared vacant after a period of thirty (30) days and the vacancy filled in the prescribed manner. A Director or Officer whose suspension is confirmed by the Board may appeal the suspension by submitting to the executive committee a letter requesting time to speak in front of the Board at the next regular meeting. If the Board by a vote of two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) declines the appeal, the Director or Officer is then banned from the Board and the fairgrounds for a period of three (3) terms or nine (9) years.

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