

# CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSOURI STATE 4-H COUNCIL

- Article I. NAME:  
This organization shall be known as the Missouri State 4-H Council.
- Article II. PURPOSE:  
The purpose of this organization shall be:
- 1) To give the Missouri 4-H membership a voice in the overall 4-H program.
  - 2) To plan and implement 4-H programs at the state, regional, and local levels of 4-H.
  - 3) To provide youth input into 4-H program and policy issues.
  - 4) To provide qualified individuals to lead Missouri 4-H.
  - 5) To make elections a worthwhile citizenship experience.
- Article III. MEMBERSHIP:  
The State 4-H Council shall be made up of the Executive Committee and the Regional Representatives. (See Article IV and V below.) A 4-H member shall not be denied membership on the State 4-H Council because of race, creed, color, sex, or place of natural origin.
- Article IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:  
The Executive Committee will consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and four State Representatives. Officer candidates who run for an office but are not elected will be selected as State Representatives, for which all will remain until the next general election. (State Representatives will have specific duties; for these duties see Bylaws)
- Article V. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:  
The State 4-H Council shall consist of four persons selected from each University of Missouri Extension Region in the state and one person from each of the Lincoln University Extension Regions.

Article VI. ADVISORS:  
The 4-H Center for Youth Development shall select at least two of its members to serve as advisors to the State 4-H Council. At least one advisor should be from University of Missouri Extension and one from Lincoln University Extension. The advisory team shall consist of at least one man and one woman.

Article VII. MEETINGS:  
**Section1.**  
Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called at any time by the president, or when requested by at least five members of the Executive Committee.

**Section2.**  
An advisor, as outlined in Article VI, or a designated representative of University of Missouri Extension, shall be present at any meeting where official business is to be transacted.

Article VIII. VOTING:  
A simple majority of the members present will be required to pass any motion or resolution at the Executive Committee meetings or any meetings of the State 4-H Council.

Article IX. AMENDMENTS:  
This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members of the State Council present, or the Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Executive Committee providing that all representatives have been notified 60 days prior to the vote or by being brought up at the meeting prior to being voted on.

Article X. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:  
**Section1.**  
Matters of interpretation of the Articles and Bylaws and questions of procedure shall be referred to the vice-president whose decision shall be final, which can be overturned by two-thirds of the membership present.

**Section2.**  
The State 4-H Council and Executive Committee shall conduct business according to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Article XI. COLLEGIATE COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
All collegiate council members must be enrolled as a member or as a volunteer leader in their local counties.

Article XII. RATIFICATION:  
This Constitution will go into effect immediately following a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates to the 1967 State 4-H Weeks. (Approved

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