

Included here are pieces and part of the By Laws to help with the discussions for the meeting.

Notes from Minutes – April 23, 2005

- By-Laws – Voting by officers

Discussion on representation and voting to State Council

--By-Laws state executive officers are not allowed to vote

Discussion:

--Allow emergency alternates from the executive board?

--Will this let group shrink?

6 votes per section

--Are 6 votes enough?

--Would like to see more leaders here.

--How to bring more leaders in?

\*\*A committee was to be established

## **By-Laws**

### **California State and Section**

#### **4-H Leaders' Council**

#### **Article I**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Section 1 – Categories**

Membership shall be active, ex-officio and honorary, and open to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, economic status or age.

##### **Section 2 – Qualifications**

- A. All volunteers who are serving in administrative, assistant, project or active capacities as recognized 4-H volunteers in the promotion and operation of the 4-H youth program and specified 4-H members are eligible to be active members of State and Section 4-H Leaders' Councils.
- B. 4-H senior members (age 14 and older) shall be eligible to be active members of the State and Section 4-H Leaders' Councils. All 4-H members who are elected shall participate as Council members with full voting rights, but shall not serve as adult 4-H volunteer agents of the University of California. Active membership of youth in the Council shall continue in force until the term expires, resignation by the member, or removal by the State or Section 4-H Leaders' Council.

2. Representatives to Section and State 4-H Leaders' Council, including alternates, shall vacate their representative position upon election to statewide office.

**A. Category 2 - Ex-Officio Membership**

Volunteers who are members of California 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees and the past presidents of the State 4-H Leaders' Council shall be ex-officio members of the State 4-H Leaders' Council.

**B. Category 3 - Honorary Membership**

Any person who is not an active or ex-officio member of the Leaders' Council, and who has made an outstanding contribution to the 4-H Youth Development Program, may be an honorary member at the discretion of the Leaders' Council. Honorary membership shall be designated by the issuance of a certificate by the State 4-H Leaders' Council.

## **Article II**

### **OFFICERS**

**Section 1 – Members**

The officers of the State 4-H Leaders' Council and Section 4-H Leaders' Councils shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Policy Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers, as the Leaders' Council deems necessary.

**Section 2 - Eligibility and Term of Office**

- A. Only active volunteer leaders shall be eligible to hold office in the respective Leaders' Councils. Officers shall not succeed themselves in the same office more than once, except those who fill an unexpired term; they shall be eligible for election to two additional consecutive terms.
- B. The officers of the State 4-H Leaders' Council and Section 4-H Leaders' Council shall be elected for a term of two (2) years by the Leaders' Council at the first meeting of each year as follows: President and Secretary in even numbered years, Vice President, Policy Secretary and Treasurer in odd numbered years. Each officer shall hold office until resignation or removal, or until a successor is duly elected, by presidential appointment or special election.