

District XI FCCLA Constitution

Article I Section A

The name of this association shall be the Montana Association of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. Members are here in referred to as Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. The letters **FCCLA** may be officially used to designate the association, its chapters, or members there of.

Section B

The purposes of this association shall be as follows:

- 1.) To provide opportunities for personal development and preparation for adult life.
- 2.) To strengthen the function of the family as a basic unit of society.
- 3.) To encourage democracy through cooperative action in the home and community.
- 4.) To encourage individual and group involvement in helping achieve global cooperation and harmony.
- 5.) To promote greater understanding between youth and adults.
- 6.) To provide opportunities for making decisions and for assuming responsibilities.
- 7.) To prepare for the multiple roles of men and women in today's society.
- 8.) To promote family and consumer sciences and related occupations.

Section C

The creed of this association shall be as follows:

We are the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America.
We face the future with warm courage and high hope.
For we have the clear consciousness of seeking
Old and precious values.
For we are the builders of homes,
Homes for America's future,
Homes where living will be the expression of everything
That is good and fair,
Homes where truth and love and security and faith
Will be realities, not dreams.

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We face the future with warm courage and high hope.

Section D

Our objective is: To help individuals improve personal, family, and community life

Article II
Section A

The district XI Association is the district association for the pupils studying Family and Consumer Sciences in schools which are affiliated with the State FCCLA in the following designated towns that are affiliated by the year 2000-2001.

Anaconda—Anaconda Jr. High
Butte—Abraham Lincoln Alternative School
Butte—Butte High School
Boulder—Jefferson High School
Dillon—Beaverhead County High School
Ennis—Ennis High School
Sheridan—Sheridan High School
Twin Bridges—Twin Bridges High School

Section B

Membership in this association shall be open to any student in good standing of the affiliated chapter.

Section C

Membership in this association shall be of two kinds: (1) Active (2) Honorary.

Section D

To be in good standing in FCCLA District XI: To be a Chapter in good standing of District XI of the Montana Association of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, the Chapter must contribute annually to the District President to help pay for his/her expenses at the National Leadership Meeting; and send the required number of voting delegates to the District Convention; and to be present at, at least ½ of the district meeting, either pre-planning, or business.

Article III
Section A

The officers of the District XI Montana Association of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America shall be: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President Secretary, Treasurer, Group Involvement Leader/Team, Reporter/Historian, and National Programs Director.

Section B

The District Adviser shall be the chapter adviser of the District President.

Section C

We recommend that each chapter send a candidate to run for district office. Campaigning has been ruled out by the State Association, so each candidate is allowed only to make his or her campaign poster. Any candidate that is found to be campaigning, other than with his/her poster, will be immediately disqualified. The District Election Process Statewide Implementation handout will be sent to the designated chapter postmarked no later than two weeks before the District Meeting.

Section D

(1) The District President will serve as a State Officer selected according to the Montana State FCCLA constitution. As all State officers are delegates to the National Leadership Meeting, it is a responsibility that each affiliated chapter contribute as much as they can toward his/her expenses.

(2) The District President shall not be from any one chapter more than two consecutive years. The District Presidents shall also be allowed to serve only one term.

Article IV

Section A

The duties of the president shall be: to conduct all pre-planning meetings, the District Convention, and all District Meetings. He/she should keep a copy of all minutes and correspondence. The president will have the option of holding the District Meeting in his/her home town. He/she will have authority to assign all committee duties and will automatically be an ex-officio member of each. He/she will be responsible for preparing ballots for the voting delegates and candidate testing, and for coordinating the keynote speaker. President duties will also include implementing any special state activities or programs as directed by the state FCCLA Adviser. As District President, he/she will automatically become a State officer and serve as a member of the State Executive Council, entitling him/her to attend the State Leadership Conference, and the National Leadership Conference.

Section B

The 1st Vice President will be the presidential candidate with the second most votes. The duties of the 1st Vice President shall be to take over in the absence of the District President. The Vice President will assist the President with all duties, and will serve as the master of ceremonies of the reading of qualifications of the officer candidates. He/She will serve as the workshop coordinator for the District meeting.

Section C

The duties of the 2nd Vice President shall be to be in charge of snack or breakfast at the district convention, and assist with all state and district projects. If the 1st Vice President takes over the duty of the President then the 2nd Vice President will become the 1st Vice President and no one will replace the 2nd Vice President.

Section D

The duties of the Secretary shall be: to take minutes and keep an accurate record of all Pre-planning meetings, District Conventions, and District Business Meetings. After each meeting a copy of the minutes will be sent to the State Association and to each affiliated chapter after checking with the District President for accuracy. The secretary will assist the president in printing all materials for the planning of meetings and conventions, and is responsible for printing programs for the District Convention.

Section E

The duties of the Treasurer shall be: to keep track of all registration fees for the District Convention. He/she shall collect all monies pertaining to the District meetings. He/she shall send a treasurer's report to the State Association and to each affiliated chapter immediately after any District meeting.

Section F

The duties of the Reporter/Historian shall be: to report all important incidents to local news media. He or she will also be responsible for organizing the installation ceremony of the District Convention.

Section G

The duties of the Group Involvement Team shall be: to lead the group at meetings and conventions in songs, relaxers, and mixers.

Section H

The duties of the National Programs Director shall be: to keep chapters informed of new national programs and activities. He or she will also be responsible for coordinating preparation of the backdrop to be used at the District Convention.

Article V

Section A

The District meeting of the Montana Association of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America shall be held annually each fall, except in cases of extreme emergency, when

it may be called off or canceled by the State Adviser of FCCLA and the state executive council. The date shall be set at the Fall District Pre-planning meeting if possible.

Section B

The place of the Annual District Convention shall be determined at the Fall District Pre-planning meeting if possible.

Section C

The pre-planning meetings for District XI shall be held in a town of central location, with a maximum of two voting delegates, not counting the Advisers and District Officers, from each chapter attending. Two pre-planning meetings will be held, one in the spring, and one in the fall. The date for the fall pre-planning meeting shall be determined at the District XI meeting, at the State Convention. The purpose of these meetings will be for the planning of the District XI Convention.

Section D

After checking with the District chairman for accuracy, the District secretary shall type a copy of the minutes of pre-planning meetings, District Meetings, and District Conventions and send them directly and promptly to every chapter in the District, after all meetings. A financial report should be sent to each chapter once a year.

Section E

The voting of District XI shall be based on a one vote counted per delegate. Each chapter shall send two voting delegates to the District Convention for the purpose of voting for officers of District XI, and any other business that calls for a vote. The counting of the votes will be done by the District Convention Adviser and two other chapter advisers appointed by the District President at the spring pre-planning meeting. In case of an officer not able to fulfill his/her duties, the next in line will take his/her place. The advisers shall place the record of the election in the district secretary's book—this shall be in a sealed envelope.

Article VI

Section A

Proposed amendments or by-laws to the District XI Constitution of the Montana Association of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America may be submitted to the District Officers at the annual convention. They must pass by a 2/3 vote of the voting delegates at the District Convention.

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