## FAMILY, CAREER and COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA District 10 By-Laws

1. An alphabetical rotation system will be used to determine the place in which the annual District Convention is to be held (host). If for some reason the chapter that is to host the District Convention is unable to, it will go on to the next alphabetical chapter on the list.

Chapters by alphabetical listing are: Absarokee; Belfry; Big Timber (inactive at this time); Bridger, Columbus; Harlowton; Laurel (inactive at this time); Park City; Red Lodge; and Reed Point.

- 2. A person may not hold the same District officer more than one consecutive year; however any member may be a district officer for more than one year provided a higher elected office is held.
- 3. Each chapter can submit any number of candidates for each office. It is recommended that each chapter send a candidate to run for each district office for which that chapter is eligible.
- 4. Two members and one advisor are to attend the planning meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to plan the district convention. The planning meeting is to be held (location) at the discretion of the District President, each year with the District President's chapter paying for the refreshment expenses. Early notification must be given to all advisors so that each chapter is able to attend. Materials for officer candidates should be sent out as soon as they become available to the District President.
- 5. Campaigning has been *out-ruled* by the state and the districts are to abide by this. Each candidate may have one poster illustrating the qualifications of that candidate. This is the limit for campaigning.
- 6. District officers should attend all district meetings as well as perform the officer duties including:

*President:* Organize district convention and workshops with the host chapter; give tests to candidates; set up installation of officers; and delegate duties as needed.

*1st Vice President:* Helps the President with arranging speakers, and assist president as needed.

 $2^{nd}$  Vice President: Helps the president with all state and district projects, as well as helps oversee other offices.

Secretary: Takes minutes at all meetings and after checking for accuracy, is to send a copy of the minutes of the planning meeting and of the district convention to each chapter in the district.

*Treasurer:* In charge of collecting roll call and keeping the treasurers report of expenses in the District.

*Recreation Leader:* Prepares activities for the members of the District during lax times of conventions.

*Parliamentarian:* Be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order, state constitution, and district by-laws.

District Officer of Community Service: Will assist the current President in presenting the State Community Outreach Project, and preparing any community service activities within the district.

- 7. Officer candidates running for the office of president and vice president must have completed one year of FCCLA. It is highly recommended that the other candidates also have this.
- 8. Any chapter may run four candidates for the four higher offices if that chapter is eligible: President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Not more than two members from one chapter may hold these district offices during one year. If no one runs for these district offices they may be designated to an eligible member.

The presidential candidate who has the second most votes will be designated the 1<sup>st</sup> vice president. In the event that only one member runs for President, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will be promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and so on. If no one runs for any of the other offices, the candidates who are not elected will have first option to fill the open position. If all candidates refuse, then nominations are taken from the floor.

Offices such as Recreation Leader, Parliamentarian, Historian, and District Officer of Community Service will be open to any FCCLA member in the District. If no one runs for these district offices they may be designated to a member who ran for a higher office, but did not receive a higher office.

9. Election will be done with ballots being given to the two voting delegates. After candidates have given their speeches and answered questions to the delegates; the

voting delegates will meet with chapter members and decide who to cast their votes for. The ballots will be handed to the two designated chapter advisors who will have been previously appointed at the planning meeting.

- 10. If the district president cannot fulfill their presidential duties then the district 1<sup>st</sup> vice president will assume the role of district president.
  - In the case an elected district offer cannot fulfill their office, the position will be filled by the person appointed by a consensus of all district advisors.
- 11. Each chapter is to contribute \$2.00 for each enrolled member in their chapter, by check made to the current chapter of the district president. These funds will be accounted for separately from the registration and will be sent to help the newly elected district president for travel to the National Leadership Meeting.
- 12. Before the by-laws can be changed and/or amendments added each chapter must be notified of the proposed changes and/or amendments before the convention at which the voting on proposals is to take place.