

Vermont FBLA Bylaws

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Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Green Mountain State Chapter of the FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA_PHI BETA LAMBDA, INCORPORATED, hereinafter referred to as “the Chapter”.

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Article II PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1

The purpose of the Chapter shall be to further the goals of FBLA within the State of Vermont. The Chapter shall provide as an integral part of the instructional program additional opportunities for secondary students, grades 7-12, in business and/or business-related fields to develop vocational and career supportive competencies and to promote civic and personal responsibilities.

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Section 2

The specific goals of FBLA are to:

- a. Develop competent, aggressive business leadership
- b. Strengthen the confidence of young men and women in their work.
- c. Create more interest and understanding of American business enterprise
- d. Encourage members in the development of individual projects which contribute to the improvement of the home, business and community.
- e. Develop character, prepare for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
- f. Encourage and practice efficient money management.
- g. Encourage improvement in scholarship and promote school loyalty
- h. Assist students in the establishment of occupational goals
- i. Facilitate the transition from school to work.

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Section 3

The chapter shall not have any purpose, engage in any activity, which would be inconsistent with the status of an educational and charitable organization, as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any successive Provision there to. Provided that none of the said purposed shall at any time be deemed or be other than the public purpose and objectives consistent with such educational and charitable status. Nor shall the Chapter adopt goals nor engage in any activity inconsistent with the goals of policies of FBLA-PBL, Inc.

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Article III Membership

Section 1

The members of the state chapter shall be those members of FBLA-PBL, Inc. going to school within the State of Vermont.

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Section 2

The membership of FBLA-PBL shall be of three kinds: (1) Active (2) Professional (3) Honorary Life.

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Section 3

Active members shall be students who accept the purpose of FBLA-PBL, Inc., subscribe to its creed, demonstrate willingness to continue good school-community relations, and possess

qualities for employment. Active members shall pay dues as established by the FBLA-PBL, Inc. and may participate in state events, serve as voting delegates to the State Leadership Conference hold state offices in accordance with Article VI and represent their local chapter

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Section 4

Professional members shall be persons associated with or participation in the professional development of FBLA-PBL, Inc. as approved by local chapter. Such members may include local and state chapter advisor, business teachers, business teacher educators, state supervisors of cooperative work training students, advisory council members, businesspersons and other persons contributing to the growth and development of FBLA-PBL, Inc. Professional members shall pay dues as established by FBLA-PBL Inc. but shall not participate in events, serve as voting delegates or hold office.

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Section 5

Honorary Life members may be elected to the state or local chapter by a majority vote. They shall be persons who are assisting in the advancement of business and office education and/or who are rendering outstanding service to FBLA-PBL, Inc. Honorary Life members shall not vote or hold office or be required to pay dues.

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Article IV Dues and Finance

Section 1

The chapter of the FBLA-PBL, Inc. subscribes to Section 2 and 3 of the Uniform State Chapter Constitution.

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Section 2

The Chapter may assess dues from the members in addition to dues assessed by FBLA-PBL, Inc.. State dues are paid directly to the National Office according to their guidelines.

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Section 3

Only members in good standing, having paid both state and national dues, shall be permitted to compete in events at the State Leadership Conference.

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Section 4

Upon dissolutions, all the assets of the Chapter shall be and remain the assets of FBLA-PBL, Inc.

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Section 5

The fiscal year of FBLA-PBL, Inc. shall be July 1 to June 30.

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Article V OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1

State offices; State elected officers of FBLA-PBL, INC. shall be President, Northern Vice-President, Southern Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian and Parliamentarian. In the event no candidate runs for the Parliamentarian position, the Parliamentarian may be appointed (following National FBLA process) using the highest score from the Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure Competitive Event.

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Section 2

Qualifications

- A. Only those active members acknowledged by the state and national FBLA-PBL office may be elected to state office.
- B. Only those active members who are recommended by their local chapter advisor and endorsed by their local chapter may be elected to state officer.
- C. Only those active members who have appropriately applied for candidacy and signed the official pledge and contract may be elected to state office.
- D. Only those active members who follow the Vermont FBLA chapter Officer's Guidelines may be elected to state office.
- E. A maximum of three candidates from the same chapter can run for a state officer position.
- F. The voting delegates must attend a meeting that is designed to make them aware of the procedures and impact of their decisions. Voting delegates that fail to attend required meeting or arrive late for said meeting or for voting, forfeit their chapters right to vote.

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Section 3

Elections: Elections of all eight (8) state officers will be held at the State Leadership Conference by a roll call vote of the two local chapter delegates. A simple plurality shall be required for election. The Regional vice Presidents will be elected at regional meetings at the State Leadership Conference. If for some reason the election of officers is tied at the third ballot, the person receiving the lowest vote on the third ballot will be dropped from the election. The preceding procedure will be followed if there are more than three candidates.

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Section 4

In the event an office is vacant after the Spring Leadership Conference elections, any qualified candidate may send his or her state officer candidate application to the state advisor. All Chapters will be notified of the Executive Committee meeting and may send one voting delegate. Candidate may run for election to the open position at the Fall Leadership Conference.

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Section 4a

In the event that a position is not filled at the Spring Leadership Conference, Candidates who ran and were defeated for other positions may be offered the first right of refusal for said open position.

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Section 5

Term of office; Newly elected officers shall be elected for one year. They shall be elected at the State Leadership Conference with their term of office to being at the end of the National Leadership Conference and end at the subsequent National Leadership Conference or until their successor has been elected.

**While serving his/her term of office an officer transfers to a different school/chapter, in order to remain in his/her office the new school must have a state recognized FBLA chapter in good standing. Within 30 days of the officer's transfer, a determination will be made regarding the officer's eligibility to remain in office. If the office becomes vacant, the State Executive Committee will determine the need for filling the vacancy and state membership will be notified.

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Section 6

Vacancy in office; while at the Spring Leadership Conference, in the event of the office of president is not filled, the two vice presidents will run against each other at that time. Candidates will give speeches, members will caucus, voting delegates from each chapter will ask one question of each candidate and delegates will vote. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Regional Vice-President of the area of the President shall become President.

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Article VI Duties of Officers

Section 1

The President shall preside over all meetings of the Chapter, appoint all committees and serve as an ex-officio member of these committees, and promote the growth and development of FBLA-PBL, Inc.

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Section 2

The Vice-Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President, and assist the President in other ways as appropriate. The Regional Vice-Presidents shall preside over all regional meetings. The regions for the upcoming fiscal year in FBLA shall be announced 30 days prior the the State Leadership Conference.

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Section 3

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the chapter and executive committee meetings, and submit the required reports to the State Chapter and National Office.

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Section 4

The Treasurer shall act as custodian of the funds (with the State Advisor and State Chairman) of the organization, Collect dues, and give financial reports, and publish the local membership lists.

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Section 5

The Reporter shall act as public relations officer for the Chapter, see that news stories and photographs are delivered to the school paper, the local newspapers, and the state news bulletin and the national Tomorrow's Business Leader, and cooperate with school officials concerning assembly, radio and television programs.

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Section 6

The Historian shall maintain records of the Chapter, including an annual report of its activities, awards and publicity.

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Section 7

The Parliamentarian shall serve in any capacity as directed by the President and advise the President or presiding officer on points of parliamentary procedures.

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Article VII Meetings

Section 1

Vermont FBLA meetings will be held two times per year during the Fall and Spring Leadership Conference. The Regional Vice-Presidents may call regional meetings at various times throughout the year. Other meetings will be held as necessary.

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Section 2

The FBLA Pledge will be recited by the members at each state meeting.

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Section 3

Each local chapter in good standing shall be entitled to send two voting delegates from its active membership to the State Leadership Conference.

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Section 4

A quorum for all business meetings of the Chapter shall be a majority of the registered local chapters.

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Article VIII Executive Committee

Section 1

The elected State President of the Chapter, the Executive Director , the Assistant State Advisor(s) and the CTSO Coordinator shall constitute the Executive Committee.

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Section 2

The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the chapter between state meetings, leadership conferences, and performs other duties as directed by the delegates at state meetings. The Committee shall prepare a program of work for approval a the Annual State Leadership Conference.

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Section 3

The Executive Committee shall meet as necessary to plan for leadership conference, state meetings and to perform other duties. Executive Committee meetings may be called by the State Chairman, State Advisor, Assistant State Advisor(s) or on request of local advisors, state officers, and local delegates.

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Section 4

The Executive Director will oversee all conference and State function of Vermont FBLA in partnership with the Executive Committee.

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Article IX Committees

The Executive Director shall appoint all committees as authorized by the executive Committee.

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Article X Emblems & Insignia

The Chapter emblems shall be the emblems of the national organization. Only members in good standing may use the official emblems and insignia.

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Article XI Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order newly revised shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the rules of FBLA-PBL, Inc., these By-laws, or any special rules of order the Chapter may adopt.

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