

New Mexico State 4-H Leader's Association

Purpose:

- Promote and support the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Support and enhance 4-H adult leader development opportunities in New Mexico and the western region of the U.S.
- Serve as advocates and spokespersons for the volunteer and paid staff of the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Advertise statewide opportunities for volunteering.

Membership:

All adult leaders enrolled in the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program are eligible for membership in the New Mexico State 4-H Leaders' Association.

Annual Meeting and Voting:

The annual meeting will be held during the State 4-H Leaders' Forum or at a time designated by the Executive Board. Each member shall be entitled to cast one vote on any matter referred to the membership by the Executive Board.

Quorum:

The members present will constitute a quorum for all duly authorized meetings.

Executive Board Membership:

Three 4-H leaders from each of the four Extension 4-H districts will be selected by an application process (application may be submitted by the applicant or by the county agent with permission of the applicant) to serve on the Executive Board of the New Mexico State 4-H Leaders' Association. The tenure of the Executive Board members will be three years. One third of the membership will be replaced each year. Executive Board members will begin their term at the meeting held during the annual 4-H Leaders' Forum.

The Executive Board shall consist of twelve members. Therefore, if a vacancy exists in any district after the board member application deadline, a leader residing in a different district may apply for a 1-year term. In subsequent years the remainder of the district term will be advertised for those residing within the district to maintain the three-year board member position cycle. If there are still no in-district applicants the process will be repeated.

Executive Board Duties:

- Plan the annual New Mexico 4-H Leaders' Forum.
- Communicate with county 4-H Leader Associations in their district for the expansion, improvement and promotion of 4-H youth and leaders educational programs.

- Advise the State 4-H Program Leader on matters of program policy and future directions in providing 4 representatives to the State 4-H Advisory Committee.
- Provide a representative to the New Mexico 4-H Foundation, so the volunteer leader perspective is included.
- Transact necessary business of the Association. A written report of actions will be provided at the annual meeting.

Executive Board Officers:

The officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Officers will serve one-year terms and may be re-elected.

Standing Committees:

Standing committees of the Executive Board will include Nominating, State 4-H Forum, Marketing, and any other committees that may be appointed in the future.

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