

Bylaws of Alaska 4-H Youth Development Programs, Inc.

Article I – Purpose

Section 1: Alaska 4-H Youth Development Programs, Inc. is organized exclusively for educational, charitable and scientific purposes in support of UAF Cooperative Extension 4-H clubs, affiliates and related activities, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2: Previously, all 4-H clubs and affiliated 4-H organizations under the control of the Extension Service of the USDA fell under the IRS General Exemption Number (GEN) 2704 (original IRS ruling dated April 24, 1946). Pursuant to communication from USDA NIFA National 4-H Headquarters in 2010 that the existing USDA 4-H GEN would sunset, each land grant university was instructed to begin the process of identifying the appropriate pathway for maintaining tax exemption of its respective 4-H clubs and affiliates. Based upon a list of options developed by USDA NIFA and National 4-H Headquarters, in consultation with the IRS, the University of Alaska Fairbanks and its respective Cooperative Extension Service 4-H, decided the most appropriate route was to establish a separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity to serve as an umbrella organization, for tax purposes only, for the University's recognized 4-H clubs and affiliates.

Section 3: This organization shall not be used in any way for political purposes nor shall it actively participate in the political candidacy of any person or cause.

Article II - Membership

Section 1: There will be no membership in this organization other than the Board of Directors as defined in Article IV.

Article III - Officers

Section 1: The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The President shall be the State 4-H Program Leader of UAF CES. The Vice President shall be the Vice Provost for Outreach/Director of Cooperative Extension Service, UAF. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be a faculty member of the State 4-H office as determined by the State 4-H Program Leader.

Section 2: The President shall serve as the executive officer of the organization, preside at all meetings, exercise general supervision over affairs of the organization, perform such other duties as are ordinarily incumbent upon a President and report to the Board of Directors.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall perform such duties that are ordinarily incumbent upon the Vice President and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the

Board of Directors.

Section 4: The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep and maintain the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and business meetings, and shall conduct all correspondence as may be required by the President or Board of Directors and shall generally perform such duties that are ordinarily incumbent upon a Secretary. He/She shall keep and maintain records of all financial actions of the organization shall prepare annual statements for the organization and generally perform such duties that are ordinarily incumbent upon a Treasurer.

Section 5: In the case of a temporary vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall temporarily fill the office. In the case of a temporary vacancy in the office of the Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer, the Board of Directors shall fill the temporary vacancy.

Article IV - Directors

Section 1: Alaska 4-H Youth Development Programs Inc. shall be governed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the Vice President, and the Secretary/Treasurer, all of whom shall have the right to vote.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the organization's activities and generally supervise the affairs of the organization.

Section 4: The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year on a day selected by the President. Meetings may be conducted by any electronic means available to all directors. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote of those present shall be necessary to give effect to any action of the Board. A tie vote will result in no passage of the motion.

Article V - Dissolution

Section 1: This organization can be dissolved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Upon dissolution, assets shall be distributed to the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Foundation exclusively for use in 4-H youth development programs. Said UAF Foundation shall be exempt under section 501(c)(3) at the time of dissolution. Should it be the case that the Foundation is no longer in existence or is no longer exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corporate assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article VI - Amendments

Section 1: Any amendment of these bylaws may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

Section 2: Notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given the members at least one (1) week prior to the meeting.

This is to certify that the above bylaws were adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting on _____ day of _____, 2012.

President

Vice President

Secretary/Treasurer