

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Prepared by:

GATFACS Board of Directors

To the members of the Georgia Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences:

Pursuant to Article XIV of the bylaws of this association, you are hereby notified that the following resolution to amend the existing bylaws will be considered at the next annual meeting, to wit:

AMENDMENT #1:

ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors

To Amend Article VI, by adding “Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
The Board of Directors shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary, treasurer, the GACTE vice president, and the vice presidents representing the regions. The program specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.	The Board of Directors shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary, treasurer, the GACTE vice president, and the vice presidents representing the regions. The program specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs and Executive Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.	The Board of Directors shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary, treasurer, the GACTE vice president, and the vice presidents representing the regions. The program specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs and Executive Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.

Rationale: Consistency with the GATFACS Policies and Procedures Manual and Article IV, Section 2 – Executive Committee of the GATFACS Bylaws. Both areas include the Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA as a member of the Board and an ex officio non-voting member.

AMENDMENT #2:

ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors

To Amend Article VI, by adding a statement for Emergency Authorization

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
No current wording	C. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to temporarily suspend any bylaws for the purpose of carrying on the business of the organization during an emergency situation.	C. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to temporarily suspend any bylaws for the purpose of carrying on the business of the organization during an emergency situation.

Rationale: The Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education (GACTE) has included this statement in their bylaws and GATFACS bylaws should be consistent with Georgia ACTE. This would also provide decision-making capabilities for our Executive Committee during times of emergency like COVID-19 pandemic.

AMENDMENT #3:

ARTICLE VII – Board of Directors, Section 3 – Advisory Committee

To Amend Article VII, Section 3 by removing “Program Specialist” and “determined by the Board of Directors” and adding “Executive Board. This Advisory Board will include representatives from”

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A. There shall be an Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the Family and Consumer Sciences Programs established by the Program Specialist, the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia and business and industry related to Family and Consumer Sciences Programs to be determined by the Board of Directors. These members will serve in a nonvoting capacity.	A. "There shall be an Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the Family and Consumer Sciences Programs established by the Program Specialist Executive Board. The Advisory Board will include representatives from the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia and business and industry related to Family and Consumer Sciences Programs to be determined by the Board of Directors. These members will serve in a nonvoting capacity."	A. There shall be an Advisory Committee composed of representatives from the Family and Consumer Sciences Programs established by the Executive Board. This Advisory Board will include representatives from the Technical College System of Georgia, the University System of Georgia and business and industry related to Family and Consumer Sciences Programs. These members will serve in a nonvoting capacity.

Rationale: Removal of the responsibilities of the Program Specialist and direct the responsibilities of the Advisory Committee on the Executive Board. Remove the redundancy of the establishment/determination of the Advisory Board members. Clearly recognize what representation will serve on the Advisory Board.

AMENDMENT #4:

ARTICLE VIII – Executive Committee

To Amend Article VIII, by adding “Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary and treasurer. The Program Specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.	The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary and treasurer. The Program Specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs and Executive Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.	The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, president-elect, immediate past president, secretary and treasurer. The Program Specialist for Family and Consumer Sciences Programs and Executive Director for Georgia FCCLA will serve as an ex-officio non-voting member.

Rationale: Consistency with the GATFACS Policies and Procedures Manual and Article IV, Section 2 – Executive Committee of the GATFACS Bylaws. Both areas include the Executive Director of Georgia FCCLA as a member of the Board and an ex officio non-voting member.

AMENDMENT #5:

ARTICLE X – Standing Committees

To Amend Article X, by removing “Legislative” and “Resolutions” and adding “Legislative and Resolutions”

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>The following standing committees shall exist: Awards, Budget, Bylaws, Legislative, Membership, Nominating, Public Relations and Resolutions. With the exception of the Budget Committee, the chairperson for each of the standing committees shall be a region vice president appointed by the president. Committee members shall come from the membership. If there is a lack of participants in committee members the Board will be empowered to appoint the necessary number to complete a standing committee. Each standing committee shall present a report at the business session of GATFACS annual winter in-service and GACTE summer conference and file an electronic copy with the Association.</p>	<p>The following standing committees shall exist: Awards, Budget, Bylaws, Legislative Legislative and Resolutions, Membership, Nominating, and Public Relations and Resolutions. With the exception of the Budget Committee, the chairperson for each of the standing committees shall be a region vice president appointed by the president. Committee members shall come from the membership. If there is a lack of participants in committee members the Board will be empowered to appoint the necessary number to complete a standing committee. Each standing committee shall present a report at the business session of GATFACS annual winter in-service and GACTE summer conference and file an electronic copy with the Association.</p>	<p>The following standing committees shall exist: Awards, Budget, Bylaws, Legislative and Resolutions, Membership, Nominating, and Public Relations. With the exception of the Budget Committee, the chairperson for each of the standing committees shall be a region vice president appointed by the president. Committee members shall come from the membership. If there is a lack of participants in committee members the Board will be empowered to appoint the necessary number to complete a standing committee. Each standing committee shall present a report at the business session of GATFACS annual winter in-service and GACTE summer conference and file an electronic copy with the Association.</p>

Rationale: Consistency with the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education Bylaws

AMENDMENT #6:

ARTICLE X – Standing Committees

To Amend Article X, Section 6, by removing “Legislative Committee” and its description and adding “Legislative and Resolutions Committee and its description.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<p>Section 6 - Legislative Committee</p> <p>The Legislative Committee shall consist of a minimum of three member with one being the chair. This committee is responsible for undertaking activities that position GATFACS as the voice of family and consumer sciences program cluster professionals and advocate for programs and funding that lead to a productive workforce.</p>	<p>Section 6—Legislative Committee</p> <p>The Legislative Committee shall consist of a minimum of three member with one being the chair. This committee is responsible for undertaking activities that position GATFACS as the voice of family and consumer sciences program cluster professionals and advocate for programs and funding that lead to a productive workforce.</p> <p>Section 6 – Legislative and Resolutions Committee</p> <p>The Legislative and Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members with one being chair. This committee is responsible for surveying the membership to determine what areas need strategic advocacy and drafting these resolutions to be presented to the membership for approval. Once resolutions have been made, this committee is responsible for creating a legislative agenda that positions GACTE as the voice of career and technical education professionals and advocate for programs and funding that lead to a productive workforce.</p>	<p>Section 6 – Legislative and Resolutions Committee</p> <p>The Legislative and Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members with one being chair. This committee is responsible for surveying the membership to determine what areas need strategic advocacy and drafting these resolutions to be presented to the membership for approval. Once resolutions have been made, this committee is responsible for creating a legislative agenda that positions GACTE as the voice of career and technical education professionals and advocate for programs and funding that lead to a productive workforce.</p>

Rationale: Consistency with the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education Bylaws

AMENDMENT #7:

ARTICLE X – Standing Committees

To Amend Article X, Section 8, by removing “Resolutions Committee” and its description.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Section 8 - Resolutions Committee The Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members with one being the chair. This committee is responsible for drafting resolutions to be presented to the membership for approval.	Section 8 – Resolutions Committee The Resolutions Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members with one being the chair. This committee is responsible for drafting resolutions to be presented to the membership for approval.	No wording

Rationale: Consistency with the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education Bylaws.

AMENDMENT #8:

ARTICLE XIII – Parliamentary Authority

To Amend Article XIII, by adding a statement that allows GATFACS to immediately adopt bylaw amendments from GACTE and ACTE.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
No current wording	Any amendment to the GACTE or ACTE bylaws which affects the purposes, mission or any other basic statute of the organization shall be immediately adopted into the GATFACS bylaws without vote of the membership.	Any amendment to the GACTE or ACTE bylaws which affects the purposes, mission or any other basic statute of the organization shall be immediately adopted into the GATFACS bylaws without vote of the membership.

Rationale: Allows for GATFACS Bylaws to be consistent with Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education and the Association of Career and Technical Education’s bylaws without proposing multiple bylaw amendments at annual meetings.