

The following items were discussed and voted on at the Mid-Year Executive Council meeting and voted on by the Governing Board. They will be brought up during the delegate voting session, to be voted on by the membership. If passed by membership they will go into effect for the 25/26 membership year.

**First Item:** Article 1, Section 1 of our by-laws discusses Professional Membership and Nationals no longer recognizes Professional Membership as an option. The council voted to amend our By-Laws to align with the National By-Laws.

#### **Current Arkansas By-Laws:**

**Section 1.** Membership of the Arkansas Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America shall consist of the total members of chartered local chapters and these members shall hold membership in their respective local chapters.

**Active Members** shall be secondary students who become members while enrolled or have been enrolled in business education, who accept the purpose of FBLA, subscribe to its creed, demonstrate willingness to contribute to good school-community relations, and possess qualities for employment. Active members shall pay dues as established by FBLA and may participate in state events in accordance with the guidelines of the State Awards Program, serve as voting delegates to the National Leadership Conferences, hold state office in accordance with Article IV, and otherwise represent their state and local chapters as approved by their respective state and local chapters. Active high school student membership shall be limited to students from Arkansas Activities Association member schools except as prohibited by Federal and State Law and/or State Board of Education requirements. (Adopted April 1977)

**Professional Members** shall be persons associated with or participating in the professional development of FBLA as approved by the state chapters. Such members may include local and state chapter advisers, business teachers, business teacher educators, state supervisors of business education, employers or supervisors of cooperative work-training students, advisory council members, businesspersons, and other persons contributing to the growth and development of FBLA. Professional members shall pay dues established by FBLA, but shall not participate in events, serve as voting delegates, or hold office. Honorary Life Members may be elected to a state or local chapter by a majority vote. They shall be persons who are assisting in the advancement of business education and/or who are rendering outstanding service to FBLA-PBL, Inc.

**Honorary Life Members** may be recommended by the membership and shall be accepted upon the approval of the Board of Directors. They shall not vote or hold office and shall not be required to pay dues.

**Approved Amendment to the Arkansas By-Laws on Membership (Deleting the section on Professional Membership):** This was approved by the Executive Council and Governing Board.

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**Second Item:** Motion to raise state dues from 3.00 to 5.00, this motion was approved by both the executive council and the governing board.

If approved by the voting delegates, it would change the current 13.00 membership dues (10.00 for nationals and 3.00 for state) to 15.00 (10.00 for nationals and 5.00 for state).

State dues have not changed in many years and with the cost of everything, conference supplies, conference space, and everything else involved with running the Arkansas FBLA rising, it was felt that a 2.00 increase in dues was needed to offset the inflation of cost across the board for Arkansas FBLAs yearly operating cost.