

1. NAAE LEADERSHIP MANUAL – INTRODUCTION

This manual has been developed to provide guidelines to the NAAE Board of Directors, full-time staff, and state agricultural education association regarding the general operation and management of NAAE. This manual is the implementation guide for bringing the NAAE goals and mission to life. Questions about this document should be directed to the NAAE office by calling (859) 257-2224 or (800) 509-0204. This manual is a set of guidelines only, is not all-inclusive, can be changed unilaterally at any time, and this version of the policy supersedes any previous or contemporaneous ones.

1.1 The NAAE Mission

NAAE is . . . "Professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service."

1.2 The NAAE Core Business Goals

- Promote quality education at all levels of instruction.
- Recruit, develop and recognize effective agricultural educators.
- Provide visionary leadership and responsive customer service.
- Sustain a communication system that encourages grassroots input and national dissemination.
- Ensure legislative advocacy.
- Maintain and nurture a positive relationship within the agricultural education community.
- Develop and maintain a secure financial base.

1.3 NAAE Organizational History

The National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association (NVATA) was founded in 1948 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The NVATA was created to serve as a national voice and unifying force for agriculture teachers across the United States. The organization has grown over the years from having a part-time executive secretary to a full-time professional staff. In the late 1970s, NVATA moved its office from Lincoln, Nebraska to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. At the 49th national convention of the NVATA in Las Vegas, the voting delegates changed the name of the organization to the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). In the summer of 2003, the NAAE office moved to Lexington, Kentucky. The NAAE office is located on the campus of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture to take advantage of cost savings and professional benefits of being co-located with a university teacher preparation program in agricultural education. The organization continues to position itself as a strong advocate and monitoring agent for advocacy and professional issues in the agricultural education profession.

1.4 NAAE Today

Today the NAAE represents the needs and concerns of over 12,000 agriculture teachers at the middle school, high school, postsecondary and adult levels of instruction. NAAE offers professional development opportunities,

legislative advocacy, leadership development education, technical inservice and many more services and opportunities. In recent years, the NAAE has begun to offer membership and participation to all individuals interested in supporting agricultural education including elementary teachers, business supporters and others. Furthermore, the NAAE attempts to serve the total agricultural education community by working closely with other agricultural education organizations including, but not limited, to statewide coordinators of agricultural education and university faculty who are involved with preservice teacher education in agricultural education. With a rich heritage and tradition to build upon, the NAAE is poised for future growth and success in the years ahead.

1.5 NAAE/Ag Ed/ACTE Organizational Structure

1.5.1 NAAE Regions

The states and territories in the United States are divided into six NAAE regions as follows:

Region I

Alaska	Arizona	California	Idaho
Hawaii	Montana	Nevada	Oregon
Utah	Washington	Wyoming	

Region II

Arkansas	Colorado	Kansas	Louisiana
New Mexico	Oklahoma	Texas	

Region III

Iowa	Minnesota	Nebraska	North Dakota
South Dakota	Wisconsin		

Region IV

Illinois	Indiana	Kentucky	Michigan
Missouri	Ohio		

Region V

Alabama	Florida	Georgia	Mississippi
North Carolina	Puerto Rico	South Carolina	Tennessee
Virgin Islands			

Region VI

Connecticut	Delaware	Maine	Maryland
Massachusetts	New Hampshire	New Jersey	New York
Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	Vermont	Virginia
West Virginia			

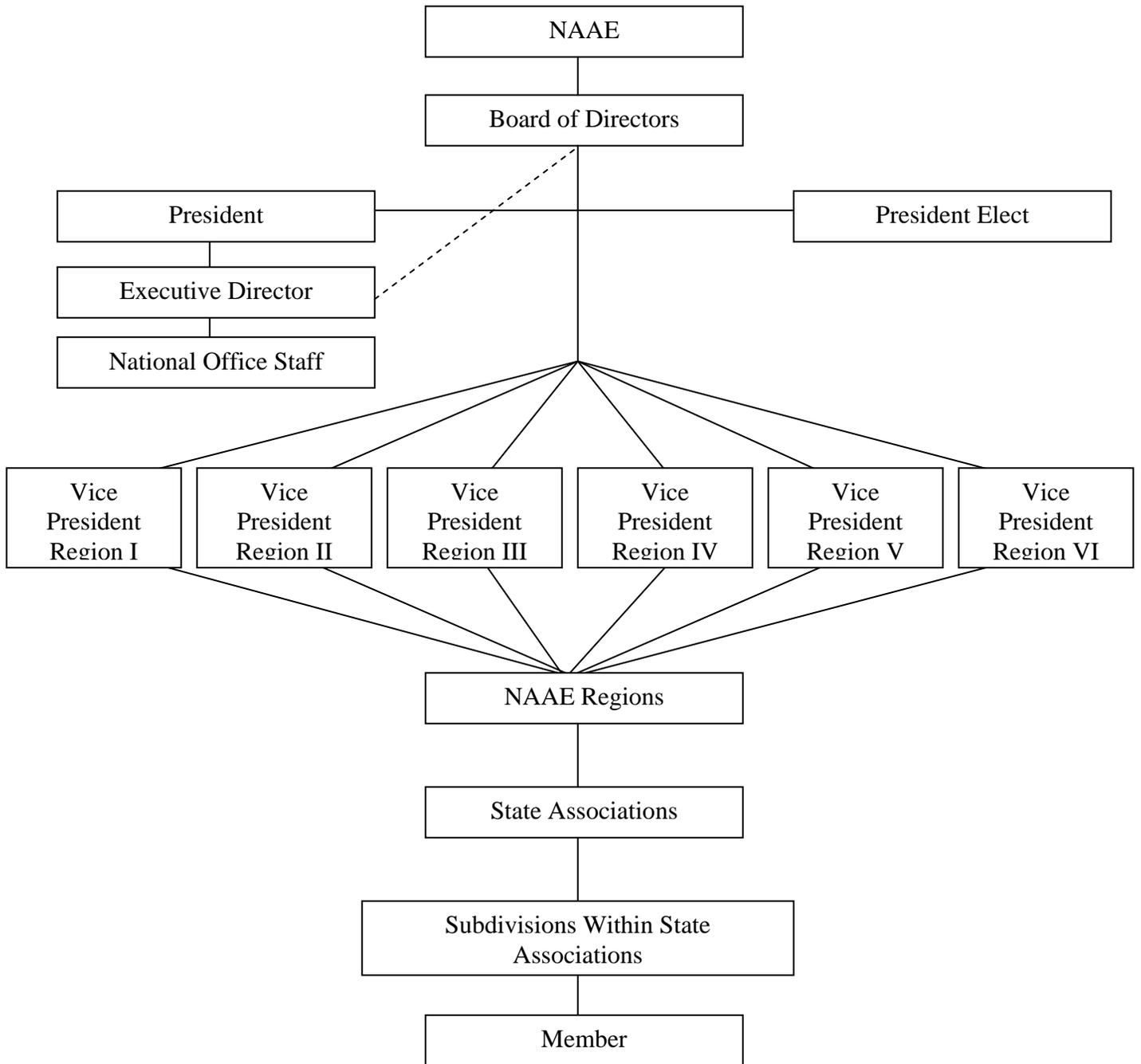
1.5.2 NAAE and ACTE Organizational Charts

Please refer to the organizational charts on the following pages.

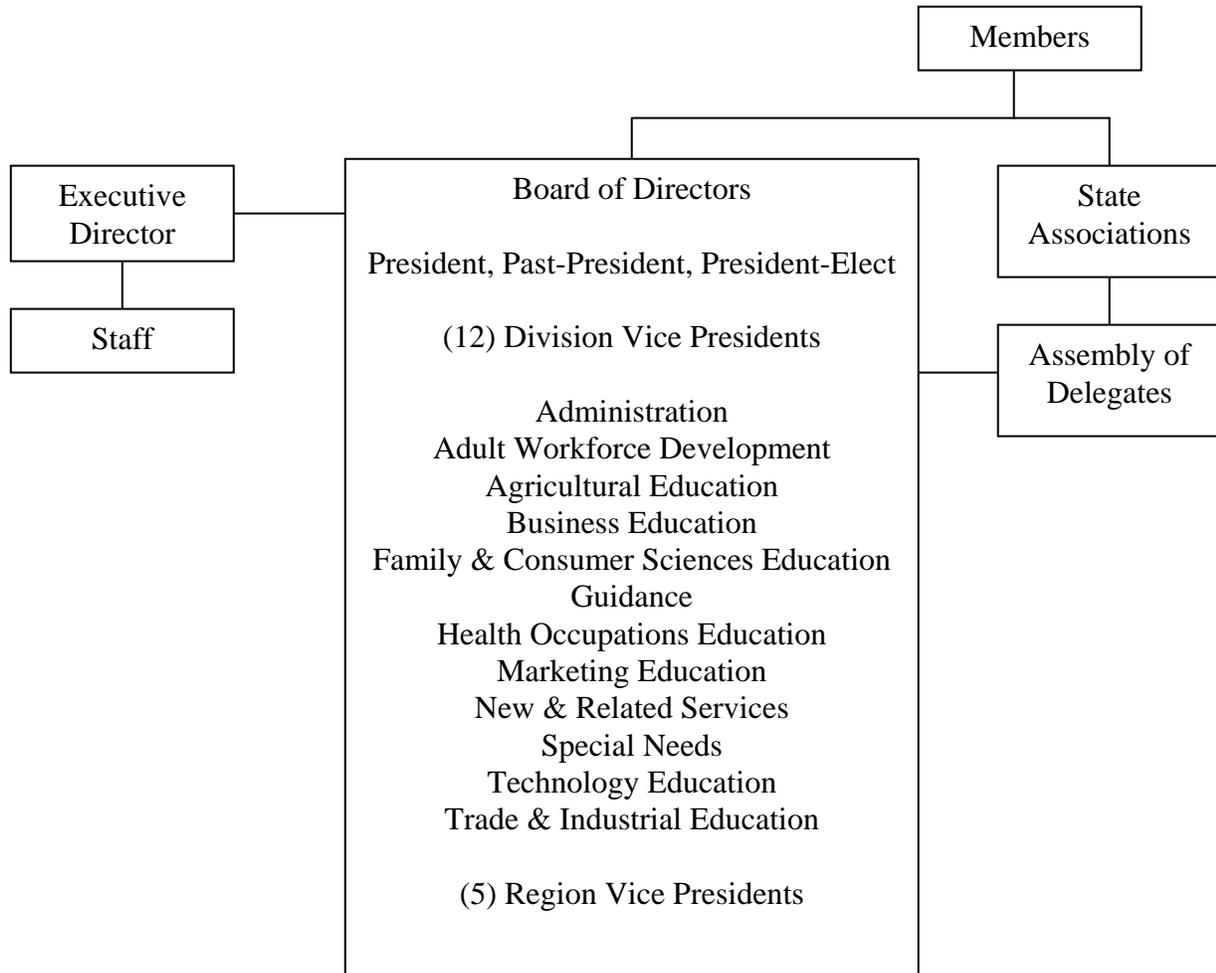
1.6 Promotional Items for NAAE

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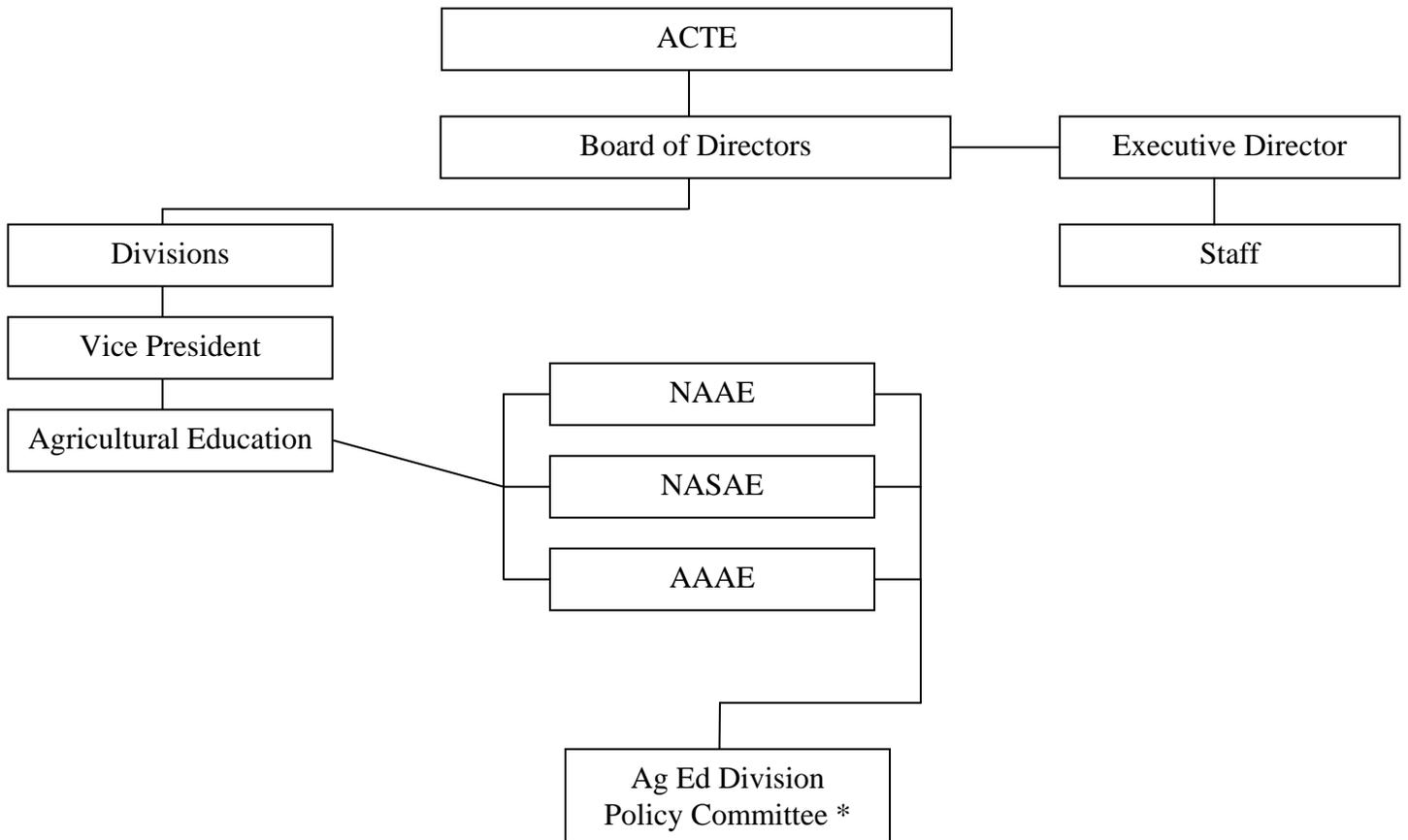
NAAE Organizational Structure



ACTE Organizational Structure #1



ACTE Organizational Structure #2



* Now merged with the National Council for Agricultural Education



National Association of Agricultural Educators

The Professional Choice

**“Professionals providing agricultural education
for the global community
through visionary leadership, advocacy and service.”**

Opportunities

...for professional development through workshops at the NAAE convention, national FFA convention, and during the summer.
...for you to receive awards and recognition designed to reward excellence in ag ed programs and in teaching.
...for you to network with your peers and to enjoy camaraderie and fellowship with others in the ag ed profession.

Service

...such as professional liability insurance coverage to help you be more secure in doing your job from day to day.
...to keep you updated on what's happening in ag ed through *News & Views*, our bi-monthly electronic newsletter.
...to supply you with instructional materials such as the Risk Management in American Agriculture modules.

Advocacy

...to protect your interests in ag ed
-through government relations
-U.S. Congress
-U.S. Dept. of Education
-U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
-through representation on other boards, such as
-National Council for Ag Ed
-National FFA Board of Directors
-ACTE Ag Ed Division Policy Committee

Membership Dues (July 1 - June 30)

Active Member	\$ 60.00	Active Life Member	\$ 720.00
Associate Member	\$ 35.00	Associate Life Member	\$ 420.00
Student Member	\$ 10.00	Retired Life Member	\$ 120.00
Retired Member	\$ 35.00	Organizational Member	\$ 750.00

NAAE History

In December 1948, in Milwaukee, about 100 agriculture teachers from 31 states agreed to create the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association (NVATA). In December 1997, in Las Vegas, a wide margin of the voting delegates at the 49th annual convention of NVATA voted to change the name of the organization to the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE). Although the name has changed, the organization holds true to the organizational purposes, which have remained constant advancing agricultural education and promoting the professional interests and growth of agricultural educators.

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