

Bylaws Changes to be Voted On at the Annual Meeting, March 1-2, 2012		
Article, Section 2008 Bylaws Current Statement	Proposed Statement 2012 Bylaws	Rationale for Change
1. Change the dates of the fiscal year.		
Article XI Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Association shall be from August 1 through July 31.	Article XI Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the Association shall be from May 1 through April 30.	Audits and financial records from the year 2000 to the present reveal that we have been operating on a May 1 through April 30 th fiscal year. Change reflects practice.
2. Change the date on which the Treasurer assumes office.		
Article V Officers and Elections, Section 7: A treasurer shall be elected in odd-numbered years for a term of two years and shall assume office on August 1 of the year elected.	Article V Officers and Elections, Section 7: A treasurer shall be elected in odd-numbered years for a term of two years and shall assume office on June 1 of the year elected.	Assumption of office on August 1 accommodated the fiscal year beginning on August 1. Treasurer has been assuming office on June 1 of the year elected, the same date as other elected officers. Change reflects practice.
3. Change the definition of a quorum for the Executive Committee and voting by the membership.		
Article VII Composition of the Governing Bodies: Functions, Section 4 (f): One-half of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.	Article VII Composition and Functions of the Governing Bodies, Section 3: Two-thirds of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.	The Executive Committee is composed of nine people. It is not possible mathematically to have one-half of nine people. Because the Executive Committee acts in place of the Board, it is more appropriate to have 6 people form the quorum rather than 3 people or one-third of the Executive Committee.
Article V Officers and Elections, Section 9: Elections shall be by majority of votes cast.	There are three places in the proposed Bylaws (Article V Officers and Elections, Section 8; Article VII Composition and Functioning of Governing Boards, Section 6; and Article IX Meetings) that require a statement of quorum for the purposes of voting by the membership. Five percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.	Because the Bylaws are accompanying the Form 1023 we are submitting to the IRS, our lawyer Mrs. Susan Doughton recommended we have a statement of quorum for voting by the membership.

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4. Change Executive Committee to Executive Board in ARTICLE XV Dissolution		
Article XV Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association.....as the Executive Committee shall determine.	Article XV Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Association.....as the Executive Board shall determine.	This paragraph is a part of the Articles of Incorporation that are filed with the Secretary of State. Board of Directors (our Executive Board) is noted as the decision maker in documents that are shared with government entities.

Other Actions Requiring a Vote of Membership		
Requirements to Bring Us Into Compliance with the IRS	Background Information	Actions Required of Membership on March 1, 2012
Provide evidence of the decision to change the name from Alabama Home Economics Association to Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences	In 2007, the IRS changed its regulations for income tax filing for non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations like us. When the newspapers reported that thousands of 501(c)(3) organizations had lost their exemption status because they did not comply with the new filing regulations, our current Board questioned our situation regarding income tax filing. We have not filed income tax forms as required and are out of compliance! We have until December 31, 2012 to get back into compliance or we forfeit our 501(c)(3) status.	1. Ratify the June 1994 automatic change of the association name from Alabama Home Economics Association to the Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

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Complete the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation to change the name, physical address, e-mail address, and contact person for our association	The IRS and the State of Alabama know us as the Alabama Home Economics Association. When AHEA changed the national name, our name was changed automatically because we are an affiliate of a national organization that changed its name. We began calling ourselves the Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. At the time, formal name change with the IRS, Jefferson County, and the State of Alabama was not pursued. These entities do not know who we are! We need to correct this. In order to do so, we need to change our name officially and correct our Articles of Incorporation with Jefferson County and the State of Alabama and inform the IRS of our name change.	2. Amend the Articles of Incorporation with Jefferson County to change our name to the Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and change our physical address, e-mail address, and contact person.