

Bylaws and Resolutions 2024

For Presentation to 4-H Saskatchewan Membership 2024 Annual General Meeting | March 24, 2024

Resolutions are a way for 4-H members and leaders to voice concerns and share suggestions on policy and the direction of 4-H Saskatchewan.

Resolutions are presented to the membership and are voted on at the Annual General Meeting by voting delegates from each District 4-H Council.

District Voting delegates are reminded that they are present to vote on behalf of their District and should seek direction and guidance on how to vote, and what questions, suggestions or concerns they are to bring forward during discussion periods.

Sometimes, the Board of Directors will submit resolutions to the membership to gather feedback to consider when making policy changes. When the Board wishes to make a change to a Saskatchewan 4-H Council bylaws, they must submit the change to the membership for approval.

In 2024 there are nine bylaw resolutions and two policy resolutions. For additional information on these proposed changes please refer to the following documents and events:

- 2024- Regional and District Restructure Presentation
 - o Available here: https://www.4-h.sk.ca/board-and-council-business.html
- Organization Restructure Handbook
 - o Available here: https://www.4-h.sk.ca/board-and-council-business.html
- Information Webinars
 - o West Region (Districts 3/4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 30, 40)
 - Wednesday, March 6, 2024 @ 7pm
 - o East Region (Districts 1, 2, 5, 7, 12, 13, 14, 18/19, 20, 37, 39, 43)
 - Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 7pm
 - o North Region (Districts 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 42, 43)
 - Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 7pm

Proposed Resolutions – 2024 4-H Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting

Submitted by the Board of Directors, Saskatchewan 4-H Council

Resolution 1- Regarding Number of Regions

Be it resolved:

The Saskatchewan 4-H Council Bylaw 4.01 be amended to read:

4.01 Region Boundaries

The board shall group the Districts into three regions, based generally on the geographic locations of those Districts within Saskatchewan:

- a) North Region
- b) West Region
- c) East Region

Current Bylaw:

4.01 Region Boundaries

The board shall group the Districts into four Regions, based generally on the geographic locations of those Districts within Saskatchewan:

- (a) North East Region;
- (b) South East Region;
- (c) South West Region; and
- (d) North West Region.

Purpose:

This proposed bylaw change will reflect the change in regions from four to three.

Resolution 2- Removal of the Advisory Council from Region Delegates

Be it resolved:

The Saskatchewan 4-H Council Bylaw 4.02 be amended to read:

4.02 Region Council Functions

- (a) The District Council delegates, elected according to section 3.04 from each District in a Region, constitute the Region Council.
- (b) Each Region Council is entitled to:
- (i) elect, from among the 4-H leaders in their region, three individuals to be their Region 4-H Leader director nominees to the provincial council

Current Bylaw:

4.02 Region Council Functions

- (a) The District Council delegates, elected according to section 3.04 from each District in a Region, constitute the Region Council.
- (b) Each Region Council is entitled to:
- (i) elect, from among the 4-H Leaders in their Region, three individuals to be their Region 4-H Leader director nominees to the Provincial Council; and elect, from among the 4-H Members in their Region, one individual to represent that Region on the Advisory Council.

Purpose:

All bylaws regarding Advisory Council are proposed to reflect the merger of the Advisory Councial and the Ambassador Program.

Resolution 3- Removal of the Qualifications for Advisory Council

Be it Resolved:

The Saskatchewan 4-H Council Bylaw be amended to Remove 4.04 – Qualifications of Region 4-H Member Representatives to the Advisory Council

Resolution 4- Removal of Advisory Council from Provincial Council Membership

Be it resolved:

The Saskatchewan 4-H Council Bylaws be amended to remove 5.01- b – individuals who are on the Advisory Council

5. Provincial Council Membership 5.01 Provincial Council Members

The following individuals are Members of the Provincial Council:

- (a) directors; The Board will have one vote as a whole at Provincial Council Meetings. Each individual Region 4-H Leader director of the Board will have their vote at Regional Meetings
- (b) one 4-H Leader delegate from each District, elected in the manner described in subsection 3.04(a);
- (c) one 4-H Member delegate from each District, elected in the manner described in subsection 3.04(a); and (d) one or more individuals appointed by the board.

Current Bylaw:

4.04 Qualifications of Region 4-H Member Representatives to the Advisory Council

No individual is entitled to be elected or remain as a Region 4-H Member representative to the Advisory Council unless that individual is a 4-H Member in a 4-H Club in the Region that elected him or her.

Purpose:

All bylaws regarding Advisory Council are proposed to reflect the merger of the Advisory Councial and the Ambassador Program.

Current Bylaw:

5. Provincial Council Membership 5.01 Provincial Council Members

The following individuals are Members of the Provincial Council:

- (a) directors; The Board will have one vote as a whole at Provincial Council Meetings. Each individual Region 4-H Leader director of the Board will have their vote at Regional Meetings
- (b) individuals who are on the Advisory Council;
- (c) one 4-H Leader delegate from each District, elected in the manner described in subsection 3.04(a);
- (d) one 4-H Member delegate from each District, elected in the manner described in subsection 3.04(a); and (e) one or more individuals appointed by the board.

Purpose:

Pertains to the
Saskatchewan 4-H Council
Annual General Meeting –
change to the Advisory
Council as a voting entity as
it will be merged with the
Ambassador Program.

Resolution 5- Number of Directors

Be it resolved:

The Saskatchewan 4-H Council Bylaws 7.03 Number of Directors and 7.04 Past President be amended to read:

7.03 Number of Directors

Subject to section 7.04, the number of directors constituting a full board is 13, made up of:

- (a) nine 4-H leaders, three from each of the three regions
- (b) three 4-H members over the age of 18
- (c) one director appointed by and representing Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture

7.04 Past-President

If the individual who last occupied the position of President is willing and able to serve as Past-President, and has not been re-elected as a director, that individual is entitled to be appointed Past-President, and, if so appointed, the number of directors constituting a full board is 14.

The Past-President will be appointed for a one-year term and serve as an ex-officio member

Resolution 6- Elections at the Provincial Council Meeting

Be it resolved:

The Saskatchewan 4-H Council Bylaws 7.09 Elections be amended to read:

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Current Bylaw:

7.03 Number of Directors

Subject to section 7.04, the number of directors constituting a full board is 15, made up of:

- (a) twelve 4-H Leaders, three from each of the four Regions;
- (b) two 4-H Members; and
- (c) one director appointed by and representing Saskatchewan Agriculture.

7.04 Past-President

If the individual who last occupied the position of President is willing and able to serve as Past-President, and has not been re-elected as a director, that individual is entitled to be appointed Past-President, and, if so appointed, the number of directors constituting a full board is 16.

The Past-President will be appointed for a one-year term and serve as an ex-officio member

Purpose:

Change to represent 3 leader delegates per region, 3 member delegates over the age of 18, and the Ministry of Agriculture representative. This will result in the overall number of representatives on the board going from 15 to 13.

Current Bylaw:

7.09 Elections

At each annual Provincial Council meeting, the Members shall elect individuals to fill vacancies in the following board positions:

a) two 4-H Members from among the nominees named by the nominating committee

Purpose:

Changes to reflect the proposed region changes (add one member delegate, remove three leader delegates)

Remove Ministry of Agriculture from the

At each annual Provincial Council meeting, the members shall elect individuals to fill vacancies in the following board positions: (i) three 4-H members from among the nominees named by the nominating committee (ii) nine 4-H leader directors from among the nine 4-H leader director nominees named as described in subsection 4.02 (b)	 (b) twelve 4-H Leader directors from among the twelve 4-H Leader director nominees named as described in subsection 4.02(b); and (c) one director nominee named by Saskatchewan Agriculture. 	election bylaw as this is an appointed position
Resolution 7- Quorum of the Board of Directors	Current Bylaw:	Purpose:
Be it resolved: The Saskatchewan 4-H Council Bylaw 7.13 Quorum be amended to read: 7.13 Quorum A quorum of the board is 50% plus one.	7.13 Quorum A quorum of the board is eight.	Changed to reflect the proposed number of board members, and to create a long-standing bylaw.
Resolution 8- Removal of the Advisory Council Be it Resolved: The Saskatchewan 4-H Council bylaws be amended to Remove Bylaw Section 10: Advisory Council, including 10.01 Composition of the Advisory Council and 10.02 Advisory Council Role	Current Bylaw: 10. Advisory Council 10.01 Composition of the Advisory Council (a) The Advisory Council is composed of: (i) four 4-H Members, one elected by each of the four Regions; and (ii) one individual appointed or elected as the Youth Advisory Representative (YAC) to 4-H Canada; and (iii) one 4-H Leader director elected by the board. (iv) Two member delegates on Board of Directors (b) Directors, Members, the Executive Director of the Provincial Council and other employees of the Provincial Council may attend and be heard at Advisory	Purpose: All bylaws regarding Advisory Council are proposed to reflect the merger of the Advisory Councial and the Ambassador Program.

Council meetings if the Advisory Council invites them to do so, but they may not vote at the meetings. 10.02 Advisory Council Role	
(a) The Advisory Council shall seek input from the four Regions, the Alumni Organization, and other sources of information and guidance. (b) The Advisory Council shall provide input to the	
Strategic Planning Committee and to the board on matters relating to the Provincial Council.	

Resolution 9- Renumber Saskatchewan 4-H Council Bylaws:

Whereas: Various bylaw changes have been voted upon resulting in the remaining bylaws needing to be renumbered.

Be it resolved:

- Section 5, Subsection 5.01- Provincial Council Membership be renumbered to read 5.01 A) B) C) D)
- Section 11. Other Advisors and Advisory Groups, 11.01, 11.02 be renumbered to Section 10, 10.01, 10.02 respectively
- Section 12. Financial Disclosure, 12.01, 12.02, 12.03, 12.04, 12.05, 12.06 be renumbered to Section 11, 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, 11.04, 11.05 respectively
- Section 13. Bylaw Amendments, 13.01, 13.02, be renumbered to Section 12, 12.01, 12.02 respectively
- Section 14. Dissolution, 14.01 be renumbered to Section 13, 13.01 Respectively

Resolution 10- Policy Updates to Reflect Bylaw Changes

Whereas: Bylaw changes have been made to the organizational structure of the Saskatchewan 4-H Council

Whereas: These changes have direct implications for policies relating to governance and programs

Be it resolved:

All related policies and procedures will be updated according to the above changed bylaws, which include:

- GP-1: Organizational Structures
 - o 1.1 Board of Directors (1.1.2- Composition, 1.1.3- Meetings of the Board)
 - o 1.2 Advisory Council (Remove All- Merge with Ambassador Program)
 - o 1.3 District Council Structure (replace and update map)

- o 1.5 Regional Meetings (1.5.3 Regional Meeting Election Process, 1.5.4 Additional Information)
- GP-2: Board Operations
 - o 2.5.1 Recognition of Board & Advisory Council Members
 - o 2.6.1 Self-Evaluation of Board Members & Advisory Council Members
- GP-3 Terms of Reference
 - o 3.1 Governance Committee
 - o 3.2 Finance Committee
 - o 3.3 Selections Committee
 - o 3.4 Program Policy Committee
- PP-3 Saskatchewan 4-H Programs and Events
 - o 3.6 Public Speaking Guidelines (3.6.2 Advancing to the Next Level)
 - o 3.7 Curling (3.7.3 Advancing to the Next Level)

Resolution 11- District Amalgamation

Whereas: Due to the above proposed bylaws to decrease the number of regions, the Board of Directors is suggesting that smaller districts amalgamate to increase member participation, create equal representation amongst district and region events, and address membership needs.

Whereas: District boundaries are determined by the Board of Directors, as established by the bylaws below:

- 3.01 District boundaries
 - (a) The board shall divide into Districts the geographic area in Saskatchewan where 4-H members are located
 - (b) In determining the location of District boundaries, the board will consider the number of 4-H members in each District and other factors that it considers relevant

Be it Resolved:

District boundary changes will come into effect by September 1, 2024 with all district business being finalized December 31, 2024.