

# Orleans County Farm Bureau News



## Orleans County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 2018

at

Tillman's Village Inn

14369 Ridge Rd.

Albion, NY 14411

6:30 p.m. Cash Bar \* 7 p.m. Buffet Dinner

\$25 per person

*Orleans County Farm Bureau invites you to join us for stimulating discussion as we develop policy from our resolutions, hold our annual elections and enjoy dinner.*

Please RSVP by Oct. 8 by calling Orleans County Farm Bureau toll free at 1-877-383-7663 or 585-343-3489.

### 2018 Orleans County Farm Bureau Proposed By-Law Amendments

The Orleans County Farm Bureau by-laws were originally established on May 11, 1955. Periodically we review these by-laws and make adjustments. There is new language that has been adopted by New York Farm Bureau at the state level and it has been suggested that each county Farm Bureau adopt these adjustments as well.

Below you will find proposed by-law additions. We encourage you to read through them and to attend the Orleans County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Oct. 11 to discuss and vote on these proposed changes.

#### Proposed by-law changes adding language as follows:

##### ARTICLE I

Section 3. Supporting Members. Persons not directly associated with farming or agriculture may make application to become a supporting member and if accepted shall upon acceptance be entitled only to a limited set of benefits as annually established by the Board of Directors. Supporting members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 4. Agricultural Alliance Members. Agriculturally-related associations, both incorporated and unincorporated, and agriculturally-related cooperatives interested in the preservation, advancement and profitability of agriculture may make application to become an agricultural alliance member, and, if accepted, shall upon execution of a membership agreement, be entitled to all the rights and privileges of an agricultural alliance membership. Agricultural alliance members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

Section 5. Student Members. Youth who are interested in agriculture, are in the age range of 16-21 years, and are enrolled in a *bona fide* educational program may apply for a student membership. Student members shall not have the right to vote or hold office.

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***Proposed by-Law changes [cont'd]:***

**ARTICLE III**

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Notice of meetings of the Board shall be deemed to be duly given if notice thereof has been either mailed or sent electronically to each director, at the email address they have supplied for such purpose, at least 10 days prior to such meeting. Directors may waive such notice either before or after such meeting. Such waiver can be written or electronic.

Section 5. Electronic Participation. The Board, any committee of the Board, and any committee of the corporation may participate in the meeting by means of conference, telephone, electronic video screen, or similar communications equipment allowing persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time and participate without limitation in all matters before the Board. Participation in the meeting by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 6. Action without Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board, any committee of the Board, or any committee of the corporation may be taken without a meeting if all persons entitled to vote at such meeting consent thereto. Such consent may be written, or electronic, and such consent is filed with the minutes documenting such action.

**ARTICLE VII**

Section 9. Conflicts of Interest. The Board of Directors of this corporation shall maintain and abide by a conflict of interest policy, which fully complies with both state and federal law. Such conflict of interest policy shall be reviewed at least annually by the Board of Directors.