

Albany County Farm Bureau News September 2020



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President's Message:



County Annual Meeting is important—it gives members the opportunity to unite as a county and bring forth important issues to be addressed at the state level. Hosting this year will be different, but participation is just as important. I encourage you to join us for our business discussion.

Sincerely,

Ed Kleinke III, President



Dues Reminder

Just a friendly reminder to pay your 2021 NYFB dues before Nov. 1 for the discounted rate of \$99.

2021 New Proposed Bylaw Changes

Below is a list of some of the resolutions that will be discussed at the County Annual Meeting.

The Albany County Farm Bureau Board of Directors recommends the following changes to county Farm Bureau bylaws. The proposed changes will improve communication within the board of directors, both during and in between meetings.

Article III: Board of Directors
Section 4. 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, prior to such meeting.

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VIRTUAL COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

**Tuesday, Oct. 6
7 p.m.**

Albany County Farm Bureau will hold a virtual County Annual Meeting this year. Members can log into the meeting on their computer through Zoom technology or by calling in on the telephone.

Meeting information will be sent in an email prior to the meeting for you to pre-register.

If you wish to just call in that night, please call the ENY Regional Office at 1-866-995-7300 and we will provide you with the telephone number to access the meeting.

**Contact: ENY Regional Office at
1-866-995-7300 or eny@nyfb.org**



[Proposed Bylaws cont'd]:

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.

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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.

Sections will be renumbered accordingly.

Other potential items to consider and discuss at the County Annual Meeting:

- Reduction in agriculture assessment levels.
- Resolution regarding labor board termination date.
- Examination and revision of outdated NYFB policies.

**Albany County Farm Bureau
Board of Directors
Dial 1-518 first.**

Ed Kleinke III, President	466-5770
Michael Waldenmaier.....	439-4049
Deb Norris, Secretary & ProEd Chair	895-2814
Nancy Neff, Treasurer	478-7855
Gerard Boone	797-3021
Mike Zakens, Sr.....	767-2988
Ed Engel.....	874-1350
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