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AMENDED BYLAWS OF THE FARMERS EDUCATIONAL AND COOPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA, MONTANA DIVISION

Preamble

Be it known that we, citizens and residents of the State of Montana have voluntarily associated ourselves together as an educational and cooperative association for our mutual benefit under the name and title of *the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Montana Division* (hereinafter "Montana Farmers Union"), and do declare the following to be our aims and purpose:

To strive for harmony, good will and understanding among all people by promoting and advancing the great truth that there is a unity of all mankind;

To establish economic and political justice and secure an equitable distribution of the national income for agriculture related groups;

To educate members of this Union in the science of producing, classifying, marketing and distributing agricultural products cooperatively;

To teach the principles and philosophy of cooperation and encourage and promote the practice in the lives of all people;

To pursue its purposes and attain its objectives by orderly processes and efficient methods, and through a system of local and county units with affiliated business institutions, culminating in a state organization headquartered in Great Falls, Montana, and chartered by the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America;

To educate the members of this organization in better business methods for agricultural producers, in the principles and practices of cooperative business associations in handling purchases and sales for members;

To give every member a chance to exercise his/her natural right to control the production and marketing of the products of his/her own labor;

To encourage and support cooperative ventures of agricultural products and service institutions consistent with Montana Farmers Union policies;

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To encourage Montana cooperative enterprises to pay five percent (5%) of annual net income to the Montana Farmers Union; and

To meet its purposes, the Montana Farmers Union shall remain politically nonpartisan, shall not endorse candidates for partisan political office, and no director, officer or employee the Montana Farmers Union, a County Union, County-Wide Union or Local Union use the name Montana Farmers Union or his or her position in endorsing any candidates for partisan political office.

ARTICLE 1 - Organization

1.1 The Montana Farmers Union is organized as follows:

- (a) The Montana Farmers Union, the state organization serving all of Montana;
- (b) County Unions, a subdivision of the Montana Farmers Union serving one or more counties in Montana;
- (c) County-Wide Local Unions, a subdivision of the Montana Farmers Union serving one or more cities, towns or municipalities in any one county in Montana; and
- (d) Local Unions, a subdivision of the Montana Farmers Union serving one or more cities, towns or municipalities in Montana.

1.2 To the extent feasible, there shall be a County Union in each county in Montana.

1.3 To the extent feasible and desired, there may be Local Unions in any Montana city, town or municipality.

1.4 Montana shall be divided into Districts as follows:

- District 1: Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Fergus, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lewis & Clark, Meagher, Petroleum and Powell counties.
- District 2: Blaine, Glacier, Hill, Liberty, Pondera, Teton and Toole counties.
- District 3: Daniels, Phillips, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, and Valley counties.

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District 4: Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud and Wibaux counties.

District 5: Beaverhead, Big Horn, Carbon, Gallatin, Golden Valley, Madison, Musselshell, Park, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Wheatland and Yellowstone counties.

District 6: Deer Lodge, Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, Sanders, and Silver Bow counties.

1.5 Redistricting shall be reviewed by the Montana Farmers Union Board of Directors (hereinafter "Board of Directors") every five years, beginning in 2018.

1.6 The Montana Farmers Union shall purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and maintain a place of business within Montana, to be known as "the State Office," where the organization's principal place of business will be located.

ARTICLE 2 - Distributions

2.1. Montana Cooperative Enterprises are encouraged to pay 5% of annual net savings to the Montana Farmers Union. The Montana Farmers Union shall distribute 40% of the funds earmarked for education received from each county area to the active County Union(s) serving the areas in which the funds originated.

2.2 Each County Union shall distribute one-half (1/2) of the funds received from the Montana Farmers Union equally to the active Local Unions in that county. In the event there is no active County Union serving a county but one or more Local Unions exist in the county, then the Montana Farmers Union will retain the funds that would otherwise be distributed to that county's County Union and distribute them in accordance with the direction of the Montana Farmers Union Board of Directors.

2.3 A report shall be filed at fiscal years end indicating how the funds were utilized, as part of the minutes.

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ARTICLE 3 - Elections / Nominations

3.1 The Directors and Officers of the State Union, except the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected and installed at the annual meeting of the State Union. The annual meeting may be referred to as the "Convention".

3.2 All nominations shall be made at least 45 days prior to the Convention Nomination Deadline pursuant to a nominating petition with at least five (5) signatures from voting members within the represented district. The candidates for State Union President and Vice-President must announce their candidacy no later than the Nomination Deadline and shall list their qualifications to serve. All applications and nominations to the state office and must be dated with date of receipt and published in the State Newsletter.

A member may be presented as a candidate for office and is eligible to be voted into office if:

- i. The member has been nominated in accordance with this section;
- ii. The member is in attendance at the convention or by majority vote taken at convention by voting members to allow the non-attending nominee to continue as a candidate.

In addition to the nomination procedure set forth above, in the event there is no nominated candidate for a position present at Convention or otherwise permitted to continue as a candidate in accordance with Section 3.2 (ii), a candidate may be nominated by supermajority vote taken at the convention.

Each nominee shall be required to answer pertinent questions from the floor.

3.3 All elections shall be by secret ballot. Election to office shall be by majority of all votes cast.

3.4 Eligible voting member may vote as follows:

- i. In person during the time designated during the Convention for voting; or
- ii. By requesting a mail-in ballot.

A member is eligible to receive a mail-in ballot if the member is a voting member as defined in Section 7.3 and meets either of the following:

- a. The member has voted in at least one (1) election in

185 the immediately preceding five (5) years or
186 b. The member has attended at least one (1) Montana
187 Farmers Union sponsored event or County meeting in the
188 year prior to the election.
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190 **Mail-in ballot deadlines:**

- 191 i. Ballots may be requested as soon as 90 days before but no
192 later than 30 days before the Convention
193 ii. Requested ballots will be mailed to eligible voters thirty (30)
194 days prior to Convention
195 iii. Ballots must be postmarked at least seven (7) days prior to
196 the Convention or may be personally delivered no later
197 than the time for in-person voting at the Convention.
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199 3.5 As soon as the official count of votes in the election is
200 made by the election committee, the results shall be posted in the
201 convention hall and such results shall be officially announced at the next
202 convening session of the Convention.
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204 3.6 Ballots shall be retained and secured until the
205 adjournment of that Convention. Sign-in paperwork shall be secured
206 and retained for at least (5) years following the convention.
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208 3.7 The Election Committee shall set aside and not count
209 in any election any ballot that does not include the proper eligible
210 voter certification or mail-in voter certification, as required by these
211 Bylaws. In the event the Election Committee or Credentials
212 Committee becomes aware of any reason why a voter who has
213 certified their eligibility may not be eligible to vote, the Credentials
214 Committee shall attempt to contact such voter to discuss eligibility
215 requirements and shall thereafter make a ruling in the sole
216 discretion of the Credentials Committee as to members eligibility to
217 vote. The ruling of the Credentials Committee shall be final.
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219 3.8 The number of directors shall be eleven (11), nominated
220 as follows:
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222 (a) Six directors shall be nominated by the members in
223 each of the six districts within Montana;

224 (b) One director shall be nominated by the members in
225 Districts 1 and 2;

226 (c) One director shall be nominated by the members in
227 Districts 3 and 4;

228 (d) One director shall be nominated by the members in
229 Districts 5 and 6; and

230 (e) Two directors will be the State President and Vice
231 President, nominated by all voting eligible members.

232 3.9 A person must be a voting member of the Montana Farmers
233 Union in order to be eligible to serve as a director.
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235 3.10 The office of President and Vice-President shall be for a
236 term of two (2) years. All other directors shall serve terms of three (3)
237 years. The staggered terms of the President and Vice-President in effect
238 on adoption of these Amended Bylaws shall continue. There is no limit
239 on the number of terms a person may serve.
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241 3.11 A majority of the Montana Farmers Union Board of
242 Directors shall constitute a quorum and all Board of Directors actions
243 shall require a majority vote. Upon demand of three members of the
244 Board of Directors, any matter that has been approved or rejected by the
245 Board of Directors must be referred to the Eligible Voting Members for
246 decision at the next regular Convention.
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248 3.12 Voting by Eligible Voting Members shall be cumulative,
249 with each member to have one vote for each director position subject to
250 election.
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252 3.13 The Board of Directors shall select, by majority vote, one
253 of its members (who has not been elected to serve as President or Vice
254 President) to serve as Secretary-Treasurer.
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256 3.14 A delegate or delegates to the National Farmers Union
257 Convention shall be elected on the basis of representation as provided in
258 the National Constitution. Previous attendance at a National Convention
259 shall be made known by the delegate nominee at the time of
260 nomination.
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262 3.15 One percent of the Eligible Voting Members present
263 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any State
264 meeting.
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266 **ARTICLE 4 - Directors**
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268 4.1 All powers, business and affairs of the Montana Farmers
269 Union shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board of
270 Directors.
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272 4.2 The Board of Directors of The Montana Farmers Union
273 shall have those powers and duties provided by law.
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276 4.3 Absent resignation, death, or removal, each director
277 shall hold office until the next **Convention** of members. In the event of
278 the **vacancy**, resignation, death, or removal of a director, the remaining
279 members of the Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, appoint a
280 successor to serve until the next **Convention** of members.
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282 4.4 The **Convention** of the members shall be held each year
283 at a time and date set by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may
284 be called by the board or as provided by Montana law. **An annual**
285 **Convention may be held all or in part utilizing a virtual platform**
286 **pursuant to procedures determined by the Board of Directors.**
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288 4.5 The Board of Directors shall examine the books of the
289 Secretary-Treasurer and shall provide for an audit of the same by a
290 certified accountant and report their condition at the **Convention** of the
291 State Union or at such times as may be necessary.
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293 4.6 Members of the Board of Directors shall receive a
294 stipend and necessary expenses while in performance of their official
295 duties.

296 4.7 **Any director engaged in conduct detrimental to the**
297 **best interest of Montana Farmers Union, shall, upon two-thirds vote**
298 **of the Board of Directors (excluding the Director subject to the vote),**
299 **be expelled from the position of Director as per the vote. A Director**
300 **who is removed from his or her position shall remain a member and**
301 **may run for election in the next election cycle unless removed in**
302 **accordance with Section 7.12).**
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304 **ARTICLE 5 - The State Union**

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306 5.1 The Montana Farmers Union shall have as officers a
307 President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Conductor, and
308 Doorkeeper. No person may be an officer of the Montana Farmers Union
309 unless he or she shall have been an Eligible Voting Member for not less
310 than three (3) years preceding the election. Excepting the President and
311 Vice-President, officers shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
312 Officers and Committees shall have such duties as proscribed by law and
313 the Board of Directors.
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315 5.2 Duties of Officers

316 (a) President:
317 (i) Shall preside over all meetings of the
318 State Union and the Montana Farmers Union Board and in his/her actions
319 will be accountable to the Board.

320 (ii) Shall decide all questions of order and
321 have general supervision over all business of the State Union under the
322 direction of the Montana Farmers Union Board.

323 (iii) Shall represent, **designate an**
324 **individual to represent**, the State Union in all business pertaining to
325 the State Union or its interest where representation is necessary.

326 (iv) Shall perform such other duties which
327 in the judgment of the Montana
328 Farmers Union Board promote the best
329 interests of the State Union.

330 (v) Shall have the authority to discharge
331 any employee.

332 (vi) Shall vote on the Board of Directors only
333 in case of a tie vote.
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335 (b) Vice President:

336 (i) Shall assist the President in the
337 performance of his/her duties, and in his/her absence preside.

338 (ii) Shall succeed to the office of President
339 and fill out the unexpired term in case of vacancy.

340 (ii) Shall function as a voting member of
341 the Board of Directors.
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343 (c) Secretary-Treasurer:

344 (i) Shall perform all duties assigned by the
345 President and the Montana Farmers Union Board.

346 (ii) Shall make or cause to be made a
347 record of proceedings of all meetings of the Montana Farmers Union
348 Board and the State Union.

349 (iii) Shall receive and acknowledge all
350 monies paid to the State Union, and shall pay out the same as
351 determined by the Montana Farmers Union Board.

352 (iv) Shall make, or cause to be made, all
353 statistical and financial reports.

354 (v) Shall consult and meet with the
355 Montana Farmers Union Board and act as Secretary for meetings of the
356 Board.

357 (vi) Shall at least 45 days prior to the
358 **Convention**, notify all Local and County Secretaries of the time and
359 place of such meeting.

360 (vii) Shall function as a member of the Board
361 of Directors.
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363 (d) Doorkeeper

364 (i) Shall act as a welcoming committee and
365 shall welcome visitors and members.

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367 (e) Conductor
368 (i) Shall assist in the installation ceremony
369 of officers.
370 (ii) Shall endeavor in every way to facilitate
371 the conducting of State Union meeting.
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373 5.3 The Board of Directors shall create a Credentials
374 Committee, an **Election Committee**, a Resolutions and Legislative
375 Committee, a Bylaws and Rules Committee and an Education Committee.
376 Other committees may be created by resolution of the Board of
377 Directors.
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379 5.4 The Board of Directors may hire an Executive Director.
380 (i) Shall perform all duties assigned by the
381 President and the Board Directors.
382 (ii) Shall consult and meet with the Board of
383 Directors and furnish such reports of activities as may be required.
384 (iii) Shall oversee day-to-day operations and
385 supervise staff at the direction of the President.
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388 **ARTICLE 6 - County, County-Wide and Local Unions**

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391 6.1 A County, County-Wide or a Local Union is a chartered
392 subdivision of the Montana Farmers Union comprised of its members in
393 good standing.
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395 6.2 A Charter shall be issued by the Montana Farmers Union
396 for a County Union or a County-Wide Union when there are less than
397 three (3) chartered Local Unions in the county and the Eligible Voting
398 Members of each by majority vote elect to become a chartered County
399 Union or County-Wide Union. The fiscal year of a County Union, County-
400 Wide or a Local Union shall end March 31.
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402 6.3 In order for a County, County-Wide or a Local Union to
403 receive funds from the Montana Farmers Union, it must be active,
404 holding not less than four (4) business meetings during the preceding
405 fiscal year ending March 31 of each year. Minutes of each meeting shall
406 be submitted to the Montana Farmers Union within 30 days following
407 each meeting.
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409 6.4 The officers of a County Union, County-Wide or a Local
410 Union shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

411 Officers shall be elected annually by the members of the union by
412 majority vote by secret ballot. Voting will be cumulative.
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414 6.5 A County Union, County-Wide or a Local Union may
415 adopt bylaws provided they are not inconsistent with the provisions of
416 these Amended Bylaws.
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418 6.6 Division or consolidation of County, County-Wide or a
419 Local Unions may be permitted by the Montana Farmers Union upon
420 terms and conditions adopted by its Board of Directors.
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422 6.7 Each County, County-Wide or Local Union is encouraged
423 to participate in a minimum of one educational activity annually on
424 either the adult or youth level.
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426 **ARTICLE 7 - Members**

427 7.1 The Montana Farmers Union shall be composed of
428 members, who shall organize themselves into County Unions, County-
429 Wide Local Unions, and Local Unions, or who may participate in the
430 activities of the Montana Farmers Union as further provided in these
431 Bylaws.
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434 7.2. Members are classified as Eligible Voting Member,
435 Associate Non-Voting Member, and Affiliate Member.
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437 7.3 An Eligible Voting Member is a member who has paid all
438 required dues and meets one or more of the following requirements:
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- 440 (a) Is a Montana resident sixteen (16) years of age
441 or older and **who produces an agricultural**
442 **commodity used for food, feed, fuel or fiber.**
- 443 (b) Is a Montana Torchbearer;
- 444 (c) Is a Montana resident retired from **producing**
445 **agricultural commodity used for food, feed,**
446 **fuel, or fiber.**
- 447 (d) **is the spouse of an eligible voting member.**
- 448 (e) Is a Montana resident between the ages of 16
449 and 25 whose parents are, or either parent is,
450 an eligible voting member;
- 451 (f) Is a Montana resident employed full-time by the
452 Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of
453 America, commonly known as the "National
454 Farmers Union", or any of its affiliated
455 businesses;

456 (g) Any person not eligible for voting membership
457 under the above rules may become a voting
458 member by paying dues and by being accepted
459 as a member through an active local or county
460 organization under criteria approved by the
461 State Board of Directors.
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463 Only Eligible Voting Members are eligible to hold office in the
464 Montana Farmers Union, a County Union, a County-Wide Union or a Local
465 Union. Any voting member whose membership has been valid for at
466 least 45 days prior to the start of the state Convention shall represent
467 one vote at the Convention.
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469 7.4 An Associate Non-Voting Member is a Montana resident
470 primarily engaged in an agricultural business or activity who supports
471 the goals and principles of the Montana Farmers Union and who has paid
472 all required dues but does not qualify as an Eligible Voting Member.
473 Associate Non-Voting Members may participate in all social activities but
474 have no voting privileges and may not hold elective office in the
475 organization.
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477 7.5 An Affiliate Member is a Montana resident who is not
478 qualified to be an Eligible Voting Member or an Associate Non-Voting
479 Member but is a policyholder of the National Farmers Union Insurance
480 Companies. Affiliate members are not assessed dues but may not hold
481 elective office in the organization, have voting privileges, or participate
482 in the organization's social activities.
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484 7.6 The Board of Directors may establish other categories of
485 membership for persons who are not otherwise qualified for
486 membership but have an interest in the organization through an
487 affiliated entity. The Board of Directors may establish separate benefits
488 and dues levels for each category of membership.
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490 7.7 When possible, members shall also become members of
491 the most convenient County Union, County-Wide Union or Local Union,
492 and have such membership therein for which they are eligible.
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494 7.8 Each member shall be issued a membership card, which
495 will designate his or her membership status.
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497 7.9 Dues for the Montana Farmers Union shall be
498 established annually by the Board of Directors of the Montana Farmers
499 Union for Eligible Voting and Non-Voting Associate Members and paid to
500 the Montana Farmers Union. Dues shall include National Farmers
501 Union dues, which shall be remitted to the National Farmers Union

502 by the State Secretary-Treasurer for each dues-paying member. Any
503 member failing to timely pay dues shall lose any voting and other
504 rights of membership. Any Eligible Voting Member or Non-Voting
505 Associate Member who is 65 years of age or older and who has paid
506 dues consecutively for 25 or more years shall be assessed dues at one-
507 half (½) the established rate.
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509 7.10 Each active County Union, County-Wide Union and Local
510 Union shall annually receive \$5.00 per eligible voting member from the
511 Montana Farmers Union's general funds.
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513 7.11 Assessment of County Union, County-Wide Union and
514 Local Union dues shall be left to the discretion of each such
515 organization.
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517 7.12 Any member engaged in conduct detrimental to the best
518 interest of a Montana Farmers Union, shall, upon decision of the
519 Executive Board, be expelled as per the vote. An expelled member shall
520 have the right to appeal in writing within 10 days to the Board of
521 Directors of the Montana Farmers Union, whose vote on a two-thirds
522 basis to affirm or overturn the lower Union's decision shall be final. The
523 applicable union secretary shall report the names of members expelled
524 to the County, County-Wide and Local secretaries, as well as the grounds
525 therefore. A member who has been expelled may not apply for
526 reinstatement for a period of one year from the date his or her expulsion
527 was final.
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529 7.13 Any member in good standing who wishes to transfer
530 membership from a Local Union to another Local Union shall notify the
531 Montana Farmers Union in writing of the request, which must be granted
532 by the proposed Local Union to be joined. The Local Union secretary
533 shall notify the Montana Farmers Union.
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535 ARTICLE 8 - Property

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537 8.1 The Montana Farmers Union may purchase, lease or
538 otherwise acquire any and all property which it is legally authorized to
539 own or lease, and sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any or all of such
540 property, in the manner provided by law and these Amended Bylaws.
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542 8.2 All property, real or personal, acquired for the use of the
543 Montana Farmers Union, whether obtained with dues, educational funds,
544 unrestricted donations, services rendered or from a Farmers Union
545 organizational fundraising activity, shall be held in the name of the
546 Montana Farmers Union. In the event that MFU ceases to have an
547 organizational subdivision in a county, the dues, educational funds,

548 unrestricted donations, services rendered of from a Farmers Union
549 organizational fundraising activity shall pass in trust to the MFU.

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551 8.3 Members of a Montana Farmers Union County, Local, or
552 County-wide Local Union may independently purchase property if they
553 do not use funds directly derived from Farmers Union dues, cooperative
554 educational funds, services of such unit, or funds raised at or through a
555 fundraising activity sponsored by the State, County, Local, or
556 County-wide Local unit of the Montana Farmers Union, and take it in a
557 name other than Montana Farmers Union. In that event such property
558 shall belong to the persons or organizations which purchased the same
559 and, upon the County, Local or County-wide Local Union which used
560 such property becoming defunct, such property shall not as a matter of
561 course be transferred to the Montana Farmers Union, but shall be
562 disposed of by the record owners, as such owners see fit. The Montana
563 Farmers Union or any unit thereof shall not be responsible for such
564 property. Montana Farmers Union Locals may lease such property from
565 the owner for Farmers Union activities.
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567 **ARTICLE 9 - Indemnification of Directors, Officers and Employees**

570 9.1 The Montana Farmers Union shall not indemnify a
571 director unless:

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573 (i) A determination has been made in accordance
574 with the procedures set forth in the Montana
575 Corporation Act that the director met the
576 standard of conduct set forth below, and
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578 (ii) Payment has been authorized in accordance
579 with the procedures set forth in the Act based
580 on a conclusion that the expenses are
581 reasonable, the Montana Farmers Union has the
582 financial ability to make the payment, and the
583 financial resources of the Montana Farmers
584 Union should be devoted to this use rather than
585 some other use by the State Union.
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587 (iii) He or she conducted himself or herself in good
588 faith; and
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590 (iv) He or she reasonably believed:
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592 (a) In the case of conduct in his or
593 her official capacity with the

594 State Union that his or her
595 conduct was in its best
596 interests;
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598 (b) In all other cases, that his or her
599 conduct was at least not opposed to its
600 best interests; and
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602 The State Union shall not indemnify a director:

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604 (i) in connection with a proceeding by or in the
605 right of the State Union in which the director
606 was adjudged liable to it; or
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608 (ii) in connection with any other proceeding
609 charging improper personal benefit to him or
610 her, whether or not involving action in his or her
611 official capacity, in which he or she was
612 adjudged liable on the basis that personal
613 benefit was improperly received by him or her.
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615 9.2 If a determination is made, following the procedures of
616 the Montana Corporation Act, that the director has met the following
617 requirements; and if an authorization of payment is made, following the
618 procedures and standards set forth in the Montana Corporation Act, then
619 the State Union shall pay for or reimburse the reasonable expenses
620 incurred by a director who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final
621 disposition of the proceeding if:

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623 (i) The director furnished the State Union a written
624 affirmation of his or her good faith belief that he or she
625 has met the standard of conduct described in this
626 Article;
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628 (ii) The director furnishes the State Union a written
629 undertaking, executed personally or on his or her
630 behalf, to repay the advance if it is ultimately
631 determined that he or she did not meet the standard of
632 conduct (which undertaking must be an unlimited
633 general obligation of the director but need not be
634 secured and may be accepted without reference to
635 financial ability to make repayment); and
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637 (iii) A determination is made that the facts then known to
638 those making the determination would not preclude
639 indemnification under this Article or the provisions of
the Montana Corporation Act.

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9.3 The Board of Directors may indemnify and advance expenses to any officer, employee or agent of the State Union who is not a director of the State Union, to any extent consistent with public policy, as determined by the general or specific action of the Board of Directors.

9.4 Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Amended Bylaws, the State Union shall indemnify a director who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the director was a party because he or she is or was a director of the State Union against reasonable expenses incurred by the directors in connection with the proceeding.

ARTICLE 10 - Amendment

10.1 These bylaws may be amended at any State Union **Convention** by a majority vote of those Eligible Voting Members in attendance and voting. A written copy of any proposed amendment shall be presented at the State Union **Convention** and a copy thereof made available to each qualified member not less than 24 hours before the vote thereon is taken. In the event that written copies of proposed by-law changes are not presented to the **Convention** qualified members, a two-thirds majority vote will be required for passage.

10.2 The major legal document of the Montana Farmers Union is its Bylaws. The Local, County and State Organizations shall function under these Bylaws using the Revised Robert's Rules of Order.

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