



AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS OFFICER

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas is a professional organization for agriculture educators at all levels of instruction and leadership. Membership includes classroom teachers, teacher educators of agriculture educations, state agriculture education staff, collegiate agriculture education students and former agriculture teachers. Priorities include agricultural education program development and improvement, governmental relations and state legislation, professional/agriculture/agribusiness relations and member services/recognition.

An elected board of directors governs the Agriculture Teachers Association. Members of the board must be classroom instructors from middle school or high schools. Board members are elected to three-year terms by the membership of one of the 12 areas of the state of Texas they represent. The board elects officers of the association from the membership of the board of directors. An officer of the VATAT will serve for five years, serving first as secretary/treasurer, then vice-president, president, past president/chairman of Livestock Show Advisory Committee, and the fifth year as chairman of the FFA board of directors.

Serving as an officer of the Agriculture Teachers Association requires the understanding, support, cooperation and commitment of the school administration, board of education, parents, students and the community. Service as an officer requires time away from the school and community to represent the interests of Texas agriculture educators on the state and national level. The Agriculture Teachers Association will pay costs for those times the officer is representing the association in accordance with the operating policies. The Agriculture Teachers Association will strive to keep time away from school to a minimum by scheduling travel and meetings on Saturdays and Sundays whenever possible and scheduling meetings in June, July, and August whenever feasible. Serving, as a Agriculture Teachers Association Office officer is more than an "honor," it requires leadership, representation and commitment. It gives the local school and community visibility statewide and enhances the opportunity for professional growth for the local teacher, agricultural education department, school and community. We have read the Memorandum of Understanding, support the concept and pledge our cooperation during the term of office of:

Name of candidate/officer

Date

Site Administrator

Date

Chief Administrator

Date

School board President

Date