

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ATA AT ASU

1. Who is this organization for?

Agricultural Education majors and members of the Agricultural Education Profession

2. What are the qualifications for membership?

- a. 45 or more hours at the end of this semester
- b. a GPA 2.5 or above
- c. a belief of present members that you are a person of character and integrity

3. What is the Alpha Tau Alpha?

A honorary professional organization for Agricultural Education majors and professionals

4. What is the ASU chapter called? The Alpha Gamma Chapter

5. When was it started?

November 9, 1964 with Jim L Fowler as President, J.B. Penn as Secretary, and Charles Collier as Treasurer. Dr. O.P. Nail and Dr. A. B. Rougeau served as the original advisors.

6. What do I have to do to become a member of this organization?

- a. Be invited
- b. Complete the application (return both to Dr. Agnew --Rm. 220)
- c. Complete the initiate test the day of the initiation
- d. Complete the initiation ceremony
- e. Pay the one-time membership fee of \$18.00. (\$15 goes to the national)

Note: Before the ceremony you must demonstrate an understanding of the organization, thus the need for the ATA initiate test. Review the attached information sheet and this letter and answer all questions on the test. If you have any questions contact Dr. Agnew, ATA advisor.

7. What if I don't choose to join when invited?

Unless your status changes, you will likely be invited to join at a later date. For more info see Dr. Agnew.

8. What are the benefits to me joins this organization?

The people in this organization all have a deep appreciation for the agricultural education profession. Your association with them and by participating in the various service and professional development activities will hopefully help you develop your leadership skills and help you find your place in this profession.

YEARLY ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ATA

FALL

1. Planning meeting with officers (just officers -- August/Sept)
Develop a proposed program of activities for the year, dates, cost, etc.
Submit names of new officers to the Student Activities office.
2. Someone to speak on behalf of ATA at the Annual Welcome back BBQ (Sept)
3. Selection of students to invite into the ATA, letter sent to each. (Sept)
4. Initiation of those new members and pictures for the Annual / Yearbook (Sept)
(should be done before student teachers go to student teach)
5. Deposit dues and other income/expenses
6. National Conclave -- National Debate Contest, National Essay Contest, Program of Excellence Contest. Attend, Participate in contests as appropriate (November)
7. ATA should have at least 2 group meeting. (Sept and Oct)
First meeting should be more focused on organizational business and POA, discuss national conclave, participation in the National Contests, etc., second more of a formal program, with a guest speaker. A third meeting may be held if desired by the group.
8. Contribute article to the national ATA newsletter.
9. Conduct a fund raiser for the organization (may carry over into Spring)
10. Have a summary of the meet minutes, and financial report
11. Have 3 members participate in the fall COA leadership Workshop
12. Have at least one Joint meeting of ATA and FFA
13. Submit dues to national organization

SPRING

1. Planning meeting with officers (just officers-- January)
2. Selection of students to invite into the ATA, letter sent to each. (Jan or Feb)
3. Initiation of those new members (either meeting--early is better)
4. Deposit dues and other income/expenses.
5. ATA should have at least 2 group meeting. (Jan or Feb and March or April)
First meeting should be more focused on organizational business, second more of a formal program, with a guest speaker. A third meeting may be held if desired by the group.
6. President to represent ATA by attending the FFA Foundation kick-off (Feb)
7. Submit application for Outstanding Student Organization (usually March or early April)
8. Selection of the Outstanding Member Award (usually March or early April)
9. Someone to announce outstanding member award at the Honors Banquet (usually April).
10. Contribute article to the National ATA newsletter. (Feb or March)
11. Have a summary of the meet minutes, and financial report (end of semester)
12. Submit dues to national organization (as soon as collected)
13. Elect officers for the coming school year (usually in April).
(President, VP, Sec/Tre, Reporter)
14. If possible have one officer meeting before everyone leaves for the summer.