**AREA IX BENEVOLENT FUND
Originated AUGUST 2013**

1. Each teacher in Area IX shall be entitled to become a member and may remain so as long as he/she teaches agriculture in Area IX.
2. Enrollment will be by an annual fee of $10.00.
3. Each district will elect an officer benevolent fund representative .They will be chosen as needed at the Teacher’s Conference. One Area IX teacher will be elected for oversight and recordkeeping purposes, to be referred to as an Area IX Benevolent Fund Coordinator.
4. District officer benevolent fund representatives are to enroll members and collect fees during the month of August. Payments can be collected at the teacher’s conference.
5. Benevolent Fund assets are to be placed in a savings account with the Area IX Treasurer, Area IX President, and elected Area IX Benevolent Fund Coordinator, who will serve as trustees.
6. The sum of $1,000 is to be paid immediately to the beneficiary of a deceased member. If fund balance should be below $2,000 when a member passes on, their named beneficiary shall receive one-half the amount in the fund.
7. The Area Executive Committee will serve as the advisors to the Benevolent Fund Committee, will review the plan as necessary, and will make recommendations to the area at summer conference.
8. A record is to be kept by the Area IX Benevolent Fund Coordinator and District Representatives, and a copy is to be sent to the Area Treasurer before September 30th, along with any money collected.
9. If a member relocates to a teaching position outside of Area IX, he or she no longer retains membership and cannot be refunded any fees paid.
10. To enroll, each member must pay his/her fee and furnish the name of his/her beneficiary.
11. Beneficiary information may be changed at any time by notifying the Area IX Benevolent Fund Coordinator in writing.
12. An updated list of all paid members will be kept on the Area IX website and will be managed by the website manager.

**\*\*Please make checks payable to AREA IX \*\***

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