The Proposal:  
Classification of Chartered Constituent Networks and Affinity Networks

In 2003, The Association of Former Students revised their bylaws to allow the creation of Constituent Networks, a common interest group of Aggies that do not fall into the category of traditional A&M Clubs or Classes. Since this inclusion, 11 volunteer-ran, former student networks have been officially recognized as a chartered Constituent Network of The Association of Former Students.

With over 800 student organizations on the campus of Texas A&M, it is impossible for The Association’s staff to effectively support a Constituent Network for each former student organization. It is our hope that you will see the opportunity that we have as an organization to not only better serve our current chartered Constituent Networks, but also support those former student groups who give back to Texas A&M and their related student organization. The Association of Former Students proposes that the current configuration of Constituent Networks be restructured into two classifications of Constituent Networks: Chartered Constituent Networks and Affinity Networks.

**Proposed: Chartered Constituent Networks** will consist of 10 currently chartered Constituent Networks as well as future networks that The Association and the university identifies to meet the needs of a large group of former students. The ten chartered Constituent Networks are as follows:

1. Aggie Educator Network
2. Aggie Real Estate Network
3. Black Former Student Network
4. Bush School Former Student Network
5. Greek Former Student Network
6. Sea Aggie Former Student Network
7. The Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers’ Clubs
8. Texas A&M Hispanic Network
9. Texas Aggie Bar Association
10. Women Former Students’ Network

Each of the 10 listed Constituent Networks supports the University and its mission to recruit targeted student groups to Texas A&M and/or is endorsed by a College on campus to provide professional development and learning opportunities related to a specific field or profession.

**Affinity Networks** will include existing, volunteer-run groups of former students who have organized to serve a desired need. Examples of this type of network include groups such as Aggie Private Equity Network, Exxon Aggies, GLBTQ Former Student Network, Alcon Aggies, Buck Weirus Former Student Network, Wall Street Aggies.

*We are also proposing that we reclassify one of our currently chartered Constituent Networks to this category: the Association of Former Singing Cadets.*

**How The Association Will Identify/Classify Constituent Networks Moving Forward**

The Association of Former Students and the University (specifically, the Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs) will work closely together to identify specific groups to fill a need for professional development opportunities, philanthropic endeavors and/or a largely-identified constituent base of former students. New Constituent Networks will be considered based on this new criteria.