

## **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**September 20, 2022**

### **Virtual**

Topic: FFA Board - September

Time: Sep 20, 2022 03:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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### **3:30 p.m. FFA Board**

Those in attendance: Rachel Hood, Derek Sample, Levi Maierhofer, Haley Bode, Kate Colgan, Wyatt McGrew, Molly Griffey, Blake Twenhafel, Riley Kessler, John Edgar, Maci, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Trent Taber, Jason Perry, Ben Bremmer, [Jacalyn Meisner](#), [Jennifer Ehrhart](#),  
Joining later: Dr. Baker, Andrew Klein,

- 3:58 Opening Ceremonies - after all officers and state advisor were present.
- Minutes of previous meeting - [click here](#)
  - Derek Moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting Levi seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
  - Perry moved to sustain. Meisner second. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- Financial Reports - [click here](#)
  - Edgar added there is a sub item of business - we did receive the \$550,000 from the Department of Agriculture.
  - Affiliation CD - 3% (would have to transfer to Foundation Trust Account) - bank does not offer any short term CD with any decent interest. They did state we could put it into the Foundation Trust, but then it is not in an FFA account. He would recommend this option, as it could bring in \$6000 in interest.
  - Twenhafel moves to place the financial report on file for review. Second by Kessler. No discussion. Motion passed.
  - Taber moved to sustain. Ehrhart second No discussion. Motion passed.
  - Sample Moved to approve \$500,000 to the Foundation trust account. Bremmer seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

- Meisner moved to sustain. Taber seconded. No discussion. Motion sustained.
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- District Concerns
  - 1 Student - David Ramirez joined the meeting. When he was in HS, he helped Mr. Kilburn translate a lot of the events into Spanish for his chapter. He would like to see Illinois have a Spanish speaking Creed competition as a state-wide invitational. To start there to see where our numbers are and see what we have for a turnout. The first year would be exploratory. Mindy said that we would need to also seek out judges that are qualified, example: Spanish teachers or industry friends who speak Spanish. Then based on numbers where would it be held. Perry asked if the students translated that? David said he found it on the TX FFA website, already translated and ready to go. Taber asked if it would be for students that English is their second language. David said that he had discussed it with Mindy, they felt they can choose whichever language you would prefer it in. But, it would be a board decision. Levi asked if a chapter could have multiple students participating in both events. Mindy thought with it being an invitational we could allow more than one entry per chapter for the Spanish speaking event. For the first year, we could allow multiple and if it grows, then we can have qualifying events. David would also like to see it grow to all the speaking events, then job interview, etc.
  - McGrew said that he is in favor. But do we need to have a committee to set up rules. Mindy said that we probably just need to clarify the number of participants and need to specify that we need to have judges that are Spanish speaking. John asked about what is the recognition at convention and awards. Mindy thought yes, we would think of it sort of like scrapbook recognition. Rachel said that if we limited it by chapter, then we may be limiting students, because some sections may have multiple students participating while some may not have any students. John also asked if it would be better to do a preliminary and a final all at state convention or at a state level, just for the sake of finding judges for everyone. Mindy thought if the numbers were big, we could have preliminary may take place with Parli-Pro and then finals at state. Mindy said that she would like to see it both at convention, but we would need to have a sign up by say January 15th. What are everyone's thoughts? Mindy asked if an intent by Feb 1 and a final sign up May 1? McGrew stated that he liked that idea. Do we need a motion from the student reps? David stated that he feels that one student should only be able to compete in either the English speaking or Spanish speaking Creed competition.
  - **Bremmer moved to have a Spanish speaking Creed competition at the state level with no limit of participants from each chapter. An FFA member can only enter the State Spanish Creed Speaking LDE or the Section Creed Speaking LDE. With an intent sign up February 1 and actual sign up May 1.**
  - **Second by Kessler. No discussion. Motion passed.**

- **Meisner Motion to sustain. Perry seconded motion. No discussion. Motion passed.**
- 1 Student - Bremmer - no concerns
- 1 Adult - Taber - No concerns
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- 2 Student - Griffey - has none
- 2 Adult - Perry - district member just received an invoice for state public speaking. What LDE's do we charge for? John stated that we do charge for all of the events. We just realized that since it was a qualifying event and not a registration through ilaged, that we did not have invoices created for them at the time.
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- 3 Student - Kessler - none.
- 3 Adult - McGrew - Need to please set a deadline/share with all sections for state degrees & star application uploads. - I'm not sure all sections will use the star applications at the section level, so we just need to have that clear deadline for submissions in AET. Mindy said that she will update those documents and then usually shares with the section chairs in January. She said that she will try to get those updated as soon as she can and then submit them on a listserv. Mindy asked if there were any concerns about the star app being the same time as the districts? No.
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- 4 Student - Kingren - None.
- 4 Adult - Meisner:
  - Deadline for Star Application - just covered.
  - [Middle School Committee Star Discovery Degree Applications Suggestions](#). Just curious if there is a way to have that Discovery Star application that is just on the rubric. Trent asked if there is a reason the HS star application could not be used for Discovery Star? Jacalyn said that the Discovery STar is not based on the record books. Mindy said that she does not want to incur any expense because there are so few applications. Maybe we just specify that they can just use an FFA emblem in for any blank areas. Just to fill in the application consistently. Perry said that D2 has maybe had 5 Discovery Star applications in six years. Meisner said that she can have the MS committee come up with what they would like. Mindy says that she has guidance in the Steps of the App, and then she will come up with some policy language to run by the committee, then the board can vote on it.
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- 5 Student - Blake- none
- 5 Adult - Ehrhart - none.
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Chapter Visits - [Schedule](#)

- Evaluation results

## Old Business

- [Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee Update](#) - Bunselmeyer - submitted grant in August from National FFA. Awarded \$5,000 grant to continue our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Mindy, Luke, Dr. Amy Leman, Josh Berg are adult representatives. Liz Harris is alternate. There will be monthly meetings, some in person, some virtual. For September, Mindy, Dr. Leman, and Luke attended a meeting in Indianapolis, did a self assessment of where we feel that we are. Our Diversity/Inclusion task force has two sub-committees. Barriers and Education -chair Mindy /Advocacy committees - chair Luke. One of the misconceptions is that it is only for schools/chapters that may have a diverse population, larger schools, etc. We need to have the voice of all students, especially those who may not come from a school where there is a large diverse population. Goal is to provide update on this committee at the November CREW meetings. Mindy will share the assessment that was done. Once a budget is put in place, she will share that with both FFA and IAVAT boards.
- SAE Committee - Perry
- 100th Anniversary State FFA Convention - Bunselmeyer- Previous board members would like to be on the committee, she will take any volunteers from this current board (adult) members, as well.
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- Advisors Guide - Perry, Meisner, Bunselmeyer
  - [Google doc](#) that is compiling the thoughts and suggestions so far. Meeting set next week with Perry, Meisner, Bunselmeyer. So please review it and any suggestions. Mindy would like to also suggest a name change other than Advisors Guide. No action needed today. Perry said would like to see the document have more links to the pages, so that you can easily just update one place. If there is anything else that anyone can think of for the document, please let them know.
- AET - SOE app update - Bunselmeyer - will be with the other proficiency applications, but will be noted that it will be for Illinois only.
  - What questions are you getting?
  - Jennifer is getting where is the money coming from? Awards/AET? Mindy said no additional costs with AET, that is why it is in that proficiency area. Award wise, Mindy stated that there are six areas, two plaques each, so current costs would be \$32 for each plaque.
  - Taber asked if a separate application would be needed or just a box to check for the area in which the student is applying. McGrew said we were initially with a different application, just trying to keep it different from SAE, so that they know it is not state degree worthy/SAE. As long as everyone realizes

that it is not state degree/SAE worthy. That is where the thought of offering a different application.

- Mindy said that she made the assumption that there would not be a check \$200 awarded to the SOE area winners. Like is given to the SAE state winners. What is everyone else thinking. Perry said he would agree to not awarding money at this time until we see what the interest is. Meisner also agreed. Mindy asked if she should address the costs in a listserv. She will add it to a listserv.
- Jason asked if we had discussed with Roger (AET) that the SOE application does not pull into a state degree at a later time. Mindy said she needs to follow up with Roger with that to make sure. Jason said that if AET cannot make that happen, we need to put emphasis on making sure it is known it is a separate award area. SAE committee's thought was that any student who would be applying for a state degree would not have records for an SOE. Mindy will be adding language in the advisors guide about not having both. Jason feels best option is that AET is able to sort those records out.
- AET will have it be a choice with other proficiency applications this year. Making them Illinois ONLY areas.
- Wyatt asked if we had heard any additional information about the Wyndham's proposal to be moved to apartments instead of a hotel. Mindy stated we have not heard anything from the hotel. We have a contract with them through convention 2027.
- Perry asked about start date for records as July 1 or August 1. He said that Luke was telling everyone to set up their classes start date on August 1.
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- CREW Updates - **Officers**
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## **New Business**

- COVID 19 - waiver - Mindy thinks there is a waiver in the folder that was created for BUILD, but what are the school's policies for this year. What do we need to do for covering for COVID. Do we need it, does it need any updates? John said as time goes on we get more push back on the form, some were a little more aggressive prior to the vaccines. Perry said he has not seen where anyone can specifically trace where someone came in to contact with someone who was positive. Mindy asked if we could just remove the language in the waiver form. John said anymore it is more of a PR thing than a liability issue. If no one has any opposition, then we will move forward with removing the language from the waiver form.
- WLC - FFA Center Staff

- Caseelynn is not able to be the coordinator for next year.
- Mindy said the main reason we put it on the agenda is do we want to still try to do a state trip and try to find a coordinator for the trip. Or do we just let the chapters take their students on their own. Alumni will continue to do a scholarship for the students. Perry asked what is the numbers in the past. John said we have been consistent around the 80 mark for several years, this past year with COVID we had 36 sign up. We took a lost on the flights. Mindy said that her opinion is that a state trip is not always in our best interest. But need some guidance. Perry asked for student input. None of the current student reps have attended. Meisner said she does not know what the pushback from the state would be. Taber said his students enjoyed the bus trip, but he could figure out how to still get his students there. Mindy said that when we did the bus trip, it was cost effective. Now, with the costs of flights, there are not group break so you can send someone individually just as cheap if not cheaper. McGrew said that he does send students on the state trip, but he is torn many ways. Taber asked what the status of the Premier Chapter trip to DC with Farm Bureau. John said that it is Farm Bureau's intention to do another trip to DC this coming year. Mindy will put together a survey to send out with some other numbers.
- BUILD registration fee - Edgar said we originally set the fee at \$125, as we are working with the Bone Student Center and it being an overnight event, with two lunches and two snack breaks, we may need to drop it down to \$120. Question for the group, is it in our best interest to drop it \$5 or do we just keep it level, as next year we will most likely need to up it to \$125. Perry stated that anytime we can cut costs and pass it along to chapters is a good thing, but he also feels like it is not like state convention, it is a conference that we know may change from year to year. McGrew's opinion is just to leave it alone, to help give us a little cushion in case of an unexpected expense. Maierhofer asked if people would want to know why it would go back up next year. Mindy said that we get push back every year regardless of what we do.
- Twenhafel moves to BUILD registration at \$125. Bremmer second. No discussion. Motion passes.
- Taber moved to sustain. Meisner seconded. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- Corrective Action [Form](#) - Bunselmeyer- does not need to be acted upon today, but we will need to act on it next month. Review it and send any questions/comments to Mindy.
  - The above link is what I started with, but looking forward to feedback and discussion, as well viewitn the incident protocol from National FFA.
  - National FFA - [Biased Incident Protocol](#) - a reference point and something to review and discuss

- Creed Speaking LDE - Spanish Invitational at the State Level - David Ramirez, Section 4 President/Bremmer/Bunselmeyer
- Convention Brainstorming - Break into 5 groups to discuss evaluations and brainstorm suggestions for 2023 Convention.
  - Potential form a sub committee for Convention brainstorming.
  - Volunteers
  - Scrapbook traditional and electronic competition. Value in continuing?
  - We will discuss later.

### **Review District/Section Concerns**

- All previously addressed.

### **5:12 p.m. Adjourn**

## **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Monday, August 1, 2022**

### **Illinois Department of Agriculture - FFA Conference Room**

Rachel called meeting to order 11:45. Those in attendance: Blake, Riley, Maci, Ben, Levi, Dr. Baker, Peter, Derek, Wyatt, Rachel, Jennifer Ehrhart, Casey Bolin, Kate, Jason Perry, Tammy, Haley, John Heiser, Trent Taber, Jacalyn Meisner, Dean Dittmar, Mindy.

Wyatt McGrew, acting chair, opened the meeting with the adult board needing to vote on a chair. Taber nominated McGrew seconded by Meisner.

Perry moved to close nominations for adult board chair to have Wyatt McGrew serve as chairman. Seconded by Jacalyn. No further discussions. Motion passed. Wyatt will serve as chair.

### **TBA FFA Board**

- Opening Ceremonies
- Minutes of previous meeting - [click here](#) - Moved by Derek, Second by Peter. Motion to sustain Taber, Ehrhart seconded.
- McGrew and Bunselmeyer discussed how the board meetings run. Where the ideas come from the student directors first and must be sustained by the adult board.
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- Financial Reports - [click here](#)
  - Kate moved to approve to place the financial reports on file for review. Seconded by Derek. No discussion. Motion passes.
  - Meisner moved to sustain. Second by Dr. Baker. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- District Concerns
  - 1 Student - No Concerns
  - 1 Adult - Suggesting coming from camp, if you committed to be a camp staff, their chapter is guaranteed to have a second camper registration. There are not any objections from the board. We will be sure to share that information in the registration.
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  - 2 Student -
  - 2 Adult - Student [issue](#) at FFA camp, Teachers' [issue](#) regarding racism at FFA events over the past year.
    - Bunselmeyer discussed the situation and how it was handled at the time at camp. Mindy believes that moving forward, she and Mr. Edgar will need to address the groups of members that are attending conferences of what our expectations are for their behavior. We will increase the training for the state officer team to be able to help recognize someone that may be in distress.



- Mindy mentioned having a corrective action form. Something in place ahead of time that may be in violation of the CARE document.
- Tabor discussed that if we do this, then we need to have the form collected at the FFA Center. Currently it is in the hands of the advisor to discuss with the students. Mindy's concern is that we do not have the ability to collect them all for events. Then it just becomes another hoop to jump through to have them completed for the advisor. It may be feasible for events like camp and Ground Zero, Build, but may not be for convention.
- Taber asked what could have been done to keep the camper? Perry suggested that possibly changing the students group.
- Perry suggested that we have a form for the advisor that guarantees the students in the chapter have submitted the form.
- McGrew suggested that it is a part of their profile on-line very similar to the courses being added.
- Mindy will work on a corrective action document
- What do we put into the Care document
  - Taber asked if the officers could work it into their chapter visits. Mindy also stated that chapter visits are a lot of members first impression of FFA and the officers. Suggested that it may be the first page in the learn books at the conferences.
  - Riley moved that each chapter be required to review the CARE document among all chapter members and that signed documentation from the FFA Advisor and School Administrator be uploaded to ilaged.org by October 1 for a chapter to remain in good standing. Furthermore, that student copies of the CARE document shall be provided at all state leadership conferences and conventions.
  - Second by Ben. Discussion Blake asked if it would be a paper copy? Convention - can be added to either the program or convention folders.
  - Haley moves to strike the first half of the motion, so the new motion is: That student copies of the CARE document shall be provided at all state leadership conferences and conventions. Seconded by Kate. No further discussion. Motion passed.
  - Motion to sustain Perry. Second Meisner. No discussion. Motion passed.

Roger Hannigrif - AET - reviewed the state degree application.

- 3 Student - None
- 3 Adult - None
- 4 Student -
- 4 Adult - Meisner - issue with the August 1 date for the account balances.
  - Applause at elections. They would like the applause to be held after each candidates speech. Mindy stated that we did not hold applause

- anymore because when we asked them to hold applause, it still did not work, students still applauded after each candidate.
      - Clickers - some of the advisors would rather have the clickers come back vs using cell phones. Too many delegates in snap chat or on text messages.
      - Possibility of keeping a virtual option. That means not being able to use clickers.
      - Middle School committee - questions about MS, SAE's. Having their records be used when moved into high school.
    - 5 Student -
    - 5 Adult - Reiterating - concerns of moving the LDE/CDE's back to another date with parli-pro does not give all students the opportunity to participate.
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- 2022 - 2023 Calendar of Events
  - Ground Zero- Hotels and lodging
  - Chapter Visits - [Schedule](#)
    - Will schools be allowing visitors in for chapter visits?
    - School policies this Fall for COVID?
  - LTS
    - Host sites - will schools allow for the high schools to be hosts of this event?
    - School policies this Fall for COVID?
  - STAR Conferences
    - Letters have been sent, start times are 8:30 a.m. registration, 9:00 a.m. start,
  - Greenhand Conferences
    - SIUC -
    - WIU -
    - Lincoln Land -
    - UIUC -

## **Old Business**

- Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee Update - Bunselmeyer
- AET Connection/Zoom call with Roger & Clay at 1:00 p.m.
  - Join Zoom Meeting
  - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83929695376?pwd=aTUya2RLdTFIZFE0Wm93dIYwNjRtUT09>
  - Meeting ID: 839 2969 5376

- Passcode: 636694
- SAE Committee - Perry
  - Supervised Occupational Experiences - **Action**
  - State FFA Degree Application - **Action**
    - Derek moves to adopt the state degree application and the star application as proposed by AET. Seconded by Blake. No discussion. Motion passed.
    - Motion to sustain by Perry. Second by Ehrhart. No discussion. Motion sustained.
  - Star Application - **Action**
  - State Degree [Checklist](#) - Perry - went through some of the proposed changes to the checklist.
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## **New Business**

- Cissna Park request to represent Illinois FFA at the World Dairy Expo for the Dairy Products, they placed 3rd in the State contest. - **Action required**
- Committee Updates - **Officers**
  - Advisor Retention
  - Agricultural Literacy
  - Foundation Support
  - Leadership Development
  - Member Engagement
- CDE Committee Recommendations - [click here](#) - **Action required**
- Public Speaking LDE - date and location for 2023 - Bunselmeyer
- 2021-2022 - Officer Team Report/Recommendations - 2:00 p.m.
  - Adam - debrief - great year all worked out fine. They just have recommendations that can be positive changes for state officers.
    - Add a position of a social media manager. Either adding those duties to an existing employee or student worker. They are the one responsible for all the social media for all of the entities. We have a lot of potential.

Lauren - budget - maybe adding \$50 for the females for panty hose for the clothing budget.

Gracie - hoping to see more of a mentorship dynamic between student board and our adult rep boards.

Kara - working back at the FFA Center. Need better storage area for the state officers so they can access their materials better.

#### Board Recommendations

- Storage Unit for just state officers' stuff and move it out of the garage. Smaller than the one we have would work.
- Better pairing of student and adult reps during the first meeting so students can get better read. Adult board like a mentor.
- Adding \$50 to the ladies clothing budget for nylons
- Adding the position of a social media manager all year when it comes to scheduling posts, editing videos, and taking photos. They would also manage newsletter deadlines and editing.

Haley moved that we add \$100 to the female major state officer clothing allowance. Seconded by Maci. No discussion. Motion passed.

Taber moved to sustain. Meisner seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

- Convention Brainstorming - Break into 5 groups to discuss evaluations and brainstorm suggestions for the 2023 Convention.
  - Potential form a sub committee for Convention brainstorming.

#### **Review District/Section Concerns**

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#### **4:45 p.m. DEPART the Illinois Department of Agriculture**

#### **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

Topic: FFA Board - May 2022

Time: May 24, 2022 03:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Expected attendance:** Adam Loker, President; Jatou Shaffer, Vice President; Lauren Mohr, Reporter; Gracie Murphy, Secretary; Kara Freebairn, Treasurer; Dr. Lucas Maxwell, ISU; Dean Dittmar, FCAE; Morgan Wirt, D1 Director; Trent Taber, D1 Adult Director; Allyson Aves, D2

Director; Jason Perry, D2 Adult Director; Rachel Hood, D3 Director; Wyatt McGrew, D3 Adult Director; Maxwell Berry, D4 Director; Jacalyn Meisner, D4 Adult Director; Derek Sample, D5 Director; Jennifer Ehrhart, D5 Adult Director, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Ex Secretary; Tammy Yard, guest

### **3:30 p.m. - Students and Adult Board Reps**

- Opening Ceremonies
- Minutes of previous meeting - [click here](#)
- Financial Reports - [click here](#)
- Horner Case Update - Bunselmeyer
  - Looking for dates in June for the deposition for Bunselmeyer.
- Shout outs - Bunselmeyer
  - State Officers for doing great work getting prepared for Convention!
  - FFA Center Staff - convention prep and work - lots of long hours.
  - The Family of Ed Curry - what an honor to present the first two Ed Curry Camp Scholarships.
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- District Concerns
  - 1 Student -
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  - 1 Adult -
    - **None**
  - 2 Student -
  - 2 Adult -
    - Conduct Rules-mid-year changes
  - 3 Student -
  - 3 Adult -
  - 4 Student -
  - 4 Adult -
    - Video- State Parli and Conduct
  - 5 Student -
  - 5 Adult -
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### **Old Business**

- Constitutional Amendment - voted on June 16, 2022
  - Due the proposal of Constitutional Changes for IAVAT to change the name of Section to Regions, Illinois FFA will have one Constitutional Proposal as well, that will be up for a vote on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at the 94th Annual Illinois FFA State Convention business session.
  - Proposed Constitutional Change: Illinois Association FFA rename the current 25 sections to 25 regions.

- Bunselmeyer asked if there were any concerns that anyone has or has heard of for the proposed amendment. None.
- [National FFA Hall of States Competition](#) - Freebairn - We did not get any submissions for the Hall of States video. She would like to work with the new state officer team to submit a video to National convention over the summer.

## **New Business**

- National Livestock CDE Representation [requests](#) - ***action required*** -
  - Bunselmeyer stated - Taylorville requested to represent us at National FFA. The other requests are all listed in the linked documents. Action today is to approve Taylorville, Byron, Newton, and Farmington. Taber asked if it is our responsibility to let the first and second place meats teams. Bunselmeyer stated that it is in our rules to just do the requests for livestock. Other judging events, it is up to the chapter to make the request in 10 days. Taber thought that it is pretty well communicated by the state office. He does not think we need to do any other.
  - Mohr moved, Aves seconded. Motion passed. Motion to sustain by Meisner. Second by Taber. Motion sustained.
- Maroa Forsyth FFA [request](#) for National Food Science - ***action required***
  - Freebairn moved. Seconded by Berry. Any discussion? Motion passed.
  - Moved to sustain by Perry. Second by Meisner. Motion sustained.
- WLC Costs - Edgar - we will unfortunately take a hit due to increased costs in the fights from budgeted until the prices were locked in. We will take a \$75 loss per person. We usually have a little cushion, we will be eating away at that this year.
- State Wide affiliation - Bunselmeyer stated that it is in Dept of Ag budget as well as ISBE budget that we will do state-wide affiliation. She needs more information from the Department of Ag on how they may want to announce it and how it works. McGrew asked if the affiliation costs, is it coming from one of the budgets or which one. Bunselmeyer - It will come from Ag's budget. ISBE money will just need to be redesignated. McGrew asked if we will have Dept of Ag representation at convention. Yes, Director Costello will be there for Stars over Illinois. Bunselmeyer will be working with them to see if they want to announce it at convention.
- Convention Duties
  - Business Session - June 1, 2022 - District Directors to assist with the zoom link to admit their district into the meeting. Currently have about 217 chapters signed up, so that is a good number. We admit them in and then tell them to directly chat with Adam if a question during the session, but if a

zoom issue, to chat with the directors. Meisner said to remind the students to identify themselves with their zoom ID.

- McGrew said even if their delegates are not participating on June 1, they need to register if they are going to be at convention.
- Public Speaking LDE - Taber - Bunselmeyer - asked if there were any questions that he may have. Do we need any of Cambridge students? Bunselmeyer said, yes, if he has a few members available, that would be great to bring them.
- Cultivating Conversations Room - Erhardt- Bunselmeyer has secured Laura Rhoem. Had an hour long conversation with her and feel really good. She is also going to spend some time at Camp each night to speak with the Camp staff and let the students know when she will be there if needed.
- Elections - ALL - Bunselmeyer - as board reps we ask that you check out the workshops, exhibit hall, the sessions. The boards presence at convention is very important. We no longer have the section presidents do roll call at the microphone. Everyone will check in by district. We will have the adult board as Delegate ushers if there is an issue with the phone and wifi. There will be special seating for our board. Their roll will just be to help if a student is having a technical issue.
  - Delegate usher roles -
- Presence throughout the convention - check in on meal functions, workshops, exhibit hall, sessions, have a good feel for all things convention
- What questions can we answer? McGrew asked if the BoS Center has good wifi. Bunselmeyer said we specifically asked that and they assured us we will not have any issues.
- How do we handle a disruption similar to National FFA Convention? If someone/a group were to begin chanting “Let’s Go Bandon”?
  - Do we have the officers prepared to make a statement that while everyone is entitled to Freedom of Speech, this convention is not the time or the place?
  - Let’s discuss a plan and have a response prepared.
  - Bunselmeyer said that we want to have a response in place for our officers. Perry said he would be an advocate for very plain language. He would say we find that chant to be inappropriate for this venue. We are gathered to celebrate our successes. Please leave your personal beliefs at the door. McGrew said at ballgames, they try to do preventative measures. So could a tip of the day be something like to hold your students accountable and at the highest levels of standards. If Bunselmeyer would just reference with what happened at National Convention without actually stated, most advisors will know what the issue is. Bunselmeyer asked how

many read the panhandler email? Will send out one for convention and will refer to the CARES document.

- Bunselmeyer said that if we have a chant or something during say the state degree ceremony or whatever, if the officer makes a statement the next time that they are at the microphone we do not allow it. We will give the generic statement and ask the officer to also add a little of their own flair. She asked when to send the email? Meisner suggested by the end of this week, as most schools wrap up this week. Perry stated that there is a lot of free time with finals that they have time to read email this week.

Bunselmeyer will keep everyone posted if she learns anything from Dept of Ag.

Aves to adjourn. Second by sample. Motion passed.

Motion to sustain. Perry. Meisner second. McGrew said that this is our last official board meeting before convention, to the majors and district directors, it has been a pleasure working with all of you and you have all done a wonderful job of representing the state and your districts. Best of luck to all of you, it will go by really really really fast. Motion sustained.

### **Review District/Section Concerns**

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### **4:45 p.m. Adjournment**



## Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting

April 19, 2022 with a 9:30 a.m. start time

In Person at the Illinois FFA Center, 3221 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702

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**Attendance:** Adam Loker, President; Jaton Shaffer, Vice President; Lauren Mohr, Reporter; Gracie Murphy, Secretary; Kara Freebairn, Treasurer; Dr. Lucas Maxwell, ISU; Dean Dittmar, FCAE(virtual); Morgan Wirt, D1 Director, virtual; Trent Taber, D1 Adult Director; Allyson Aves, D2 Director; Jason Perry, D2 Adult Director; Rachel Hood, D3 Director; Wyatt McGrew, D3 Adult Director; Maxwell Berry, D4 Director; Jacalyn Meisner, D4 Adult Director; Derek Sample, D5 Director; Jennifer Ehrhart, D5 Adult Director, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Ex Secretary; Tammy Yard, guest

**9:30 a.m.** - Loker called the meeting to order.

- Opening Ceremonies - Morgan Wirt sentinel
- Minutes of previous meeting - [click here](#)
- Freebairn moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Hood. No discussion. Motion passed.
- Motion to sustain by McGrew, Meisner seconded. No discussion. Motion to sustain passed.
- Financial Reports - [click here](#)
- Aves Moved to approve the financial report on file for review. Seconded by Berry. No discussion. Motion Passed.
- Motion to sustain by Taber. Second by Meisner. McGrew asked if there is an update on the possibility of affiliation money coming from Dept. of Ag. Edgar said that we are working on getting affiliation for the state beginning July 1, 2022. Motion sustained.
- Horner Case Update - Bunselmeyer
  - There is a folder in the April folder with the two most recent letters.
  - Bunselmeyer updated the board on the case. Process is moving very slowly.
- Adding Shout outs - Bunselmeyer
  - Eisenhower and MacArthur FFA members for their great work at State Awards Day
  - SAE Committee and FFA Bd State Degree sub committee for dedicating a Saturday to lots of discussion and brainstorming for all FFA members.

- Phelps Barry & Associates for all of their hard work on behalf of Illinois agricultural education.
- FFA Chapters who conducted Local Collection Drives and donated dollars to the Illinois Foundation FFA and surpassed the goal of \$325,000.00!! Also big shout out to Riley Duckworth for a great job with the collection drive.
- McGrew - shout out to the state staff - all of them - for the proficiency process this year.
- Loker - shout out to Gehrig and Emery Bunselmeyer for their help on state awards day.
- McGrew - shout out to Patti for all the registration assistance with all the events.
- McGrew - shout out for the ease of state degrees
- Ehrhart - shout out to fellow adult reps as she was new on the board.
- McGrew - shout out to the five majors for representing us very well.
- District Concerns
  - 1 Student - Wirt - no concerns
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  - 1 Adult - Taber - no concerns
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  - 2 Student - Aves - no concerns
  - 2 Adult - Perry - Section public speaking winners declining to advance to district-reasoning behind allowable causes? This is on the form they complete to decline advancing. Bunselmeyer is not sure why it specifies an allowable cause. We would ask for it in writing, just to make sure that it is the students decision. Perry said it does specify allowable reason, so maybe we just need to take out the “allowable”. Is it just plaques?
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  - 3 Student - Hood asked how are we handling in person events that are going to be done on-line. They had a team for Parli-Pro. McGrew said They did everything live via Zoom. The decision to do virtual due to weather conditions predicted that date. They had two chapters that competed that way. Taber asked if this is something that we will continue to allow moving forward. May add the discussion of a policy on this for a future agenda.
  - 3 Adult - McGrew - no concerns
  - 4 Student - Berry - no concerns
  - 4 Adult - Meisner
    - Registration concerns - dealing with the first come-first serve when the registration is early, example for camp. No action items.
    - What makes a chapter - concerns in section 16 - for chapters that share resources and a new building. Bunselmeyer stated that they are two separate schools so have two separate chapters. Similar to Normal and Normal West. They share facilities and resources, but each have their own students doing their own things. Meisner said that the big concern is the competition aspect where they are working together.

- Not a concern- Opportunity for Discovery/Middle School Conference? - Registration on Ground Zero specified grades 9 & 10. Should have been for 8, 9, & 10. Would possibly like a day conference for 7 & 8 graders.
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  - 5 Student - Sample - no concerns
  - 5 Adult - Ehrhart - ag teacher reached out to her where section presidents have more access for contest registrations.
  - Can section Presidents have more access for contest registration?
    - **Example:** This can be quite troublesome for the section president who is supposed to submit the results to state. If teacher(s) do not register or need to correct the registration, the section president cannot edit their teams or names. This involves reaching out to the teacher and getting them to add it. Many times, this is multiple schools and takes a lot of time to get it entered so the section president can submit the cde results to state. This also frustrates the already busy teacher.
      - Taber said that for section 3, Heiser does not close their registrations until June 1. Meisner said that their section stays open longer as well.
      - Aves has had a lot of calls with Luke Allen helping her to get it all wrapped up for events.
      - McGrew said that we (as advisors) need to use the website for pulling the numbers and names for contests.
      - Bunselmeyer said that we probably need to work with the section chairs on to start with.
  - Lots of positive feedback from District Proficiency and time.
    - Can room chairs have access to view scores for the room? Bunselmeyer does not know for certain. Perry said that is why we had the paper form this year. McGrew asked how many used sheets? All other districts did. McGrew used a zoom link and asked for the rooms to call in and then he “met” with all of them to review the results. Bunselmeyer said AET access is not going to work.
  - Will we be receiving plaques at District next year? Bunselmeyer said that she can’t answer that right now. The snag was there is not enough time between section and district. We would have to move up the deadline with section proficiencies or move districts a week later. Bunselmeyer may ask advisors when they want plaques so we know how to move forward.
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- 2021 - 2022 [Listserv Calendar of Events](#)
  - Dates for District Parliamentary Procedure, Conduct of Chapter Meeting and Public Speaking
    - D1 - PP & CCM is April 6, Public Speaking is April 27
      - PP =
        - 1- Williamsfield
        - 2- Amboy
      - CCM
        - 1- Amboy

- 2- Williamsfield
- D2 - we have PP & CCM results, Public speaking is May 4
  - PP =
    - 1- Prairie Central
    - 2- Marengo
  - CCM
    - 1- Streator
    - 2- Genoa-Kingston
- D3 - CCM & PP is April 13
  - PP =
    - 1- Rushville-Industry
    - 2- Brown County
  - CCM
    - 1- Illini West
    - 2- Jerseyville
- D4 - we have PP & CCM results, Public Speaking is April 27
  - PP =
    - 1- Neoga
    - 2- Decatur MacArthur
  - CCM
    - 1- Blue Ridge
    - 2- Neoga
- D5 - March 15 - CCM, March 22 - Parli Pro, Public Speaking is April 19
  - PP =
    - 1- Cisne
    - 2- Olney
  - CCM
    - 1-
    - 2-
- Reminder to put this on your District calendars via [www.ilaged.org](http://www.ilaged.org)

## **Old Business**

- Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee Update - Bunselmeyer
  - Standing committee members from the Board for the Task Force
  - This committee has been meeting about having a presence at convention in the We are FFA room, which is now being called the Cultivating Conversations. Want the room to be fun and engaging, but will also have some structure and prompts in the room for diversity and inclusion. Chapter exchange. Conversation corner - will have prompts for a jenga game. DEI downlow - goal to have industry friend to discuss diversity, equity, inclusion at their companies. Last station - taking a pledge - on acceptance. Google folder link:
    - [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GtYqWclzlw2BVTaejITryf9JC3ok\\_dMb](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GtYqWclzlw2BVTaejITryf9JC3ok_dMb)

- Bunselmeyer shared that this group requested to have a counselor on hand, contracted, much like our nurse, in the event that a member is not feeling comfortable, targeted, included, etc. Has contacted with MacArthur, but is going to check with Eisenhower school and Springfield schools. Meisner has a contact that is from Tri-County that is a counselor. Ehrhart volunteered to work in that room.
- SAE Committee - Perry - good conversation at meeting. Trying to start with the need to clean up state degree language.
  - [Minutes](#) from the meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2022
  - State Degree language - action required - clearing up the verbage for the number of dates/months, etc. that are needed.

- Recommendations - Proposed Constitution changes for the 2023 State FFA Convention:

Section E State FFA Degree

- 2) Have been an active FFA member for at least two consecutive years  
at the time of applying for the State FFA Degree.
- 3) While in school, have completed the equivalent of at least two years  
(24 months) of school instruction in agriculture education at or above  
the ninth-grade level at the time of applying.
- 4) The applicant must have records that show completion of at least two consecutive years of SAE, ending on December 31st prior to  
Applying

Perry said it does not change any of the requirements, it just helps to clear up any of the confusion or questions. Bunselmeyer said the action item is just to accept the recommendation, then we will have a proposal for the 2023 convention.

Freebairn Moves to accept the recommendations from the SAE committee to clarify the state degree requirements. Sample seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Motion to sustain from McGrew. Seconded by Perry. Discussion, feel that advisors may ask for examples about a quality record

book. Bunselmeyer said that it may be cleared up in the advisors guide. Motion sustained.

Perry - community service discussed at length. Feel that if Mindy discusses at conference, that should help.

Perry will be forming a committee to work on the check list. Bunselmeyer said that some sections still use it to make sure that all the qualifications are met. Will also depend on if things are adopted later on for some SAE's will help provide procedure on removing information (discovery records) to see if a student is still qualified for their state degree.

- Food Service into 2 areas - we have students that have bakery and others that are just working in an industry company. Need to split into entrepreneurship and placement area. Perry said that the food service entries are high and he sees a benefit for splitting it. Berry said that as a Food Service student, he has gone against both and the winner was an entrep student because they have made more of the decisions for themselves instead of just doing what they have been told to do.
- Freebairn moves that we have two food service proficiency area into entrepreneurship and placement. Berry seconded. No discussion. Motion passes.
- Motion to sustain by Perry. Meisner seconded. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- Quasi-Ag - Bunselmeyer said that we have been discussing this for many years. Example a student works at a radio station, but there is not an ag broadcaster there, but the student is learning the skills to be an ag broadcaster. Same with banking, etc. Would have to state how the job would prepare them to go into an agriculture career in the future. So decision made to check and see if we would allow them an area that would follow the educational pathways.
  - Quasi Ag Award Areas
  - Recommend adoption of all 6 CTE categories (Arts & Communication,  
Finance and Business Services, Health Services and Technology, Human and Public Services, Information Technology, Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology and Trades).
  - Question to be answered for all areas; How has this supervised experience  
prepared you for a career in Ag?

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- Addition of 6 Illinois ONLY Proficiency Award areas - action required
  - McGrew said that in advisors guide it states that a discovery records would not be included in high school. He said that some records were still included with the application, even though they were not to be allowed. Bunselmeyer said that we asked the judges not to review those records. But she knows that it would be really hard not to be swayed by those records. This board may need to decide if there is to be some disqualification of a student that includes those unallowable records, something to think about.
  - Taber voiced concerns about opening up six new areas. Maybe have an occupational area and see how many are there and then see if there are more specific areas that have more participation so you could then open up additional areas. Sample asked if you could do a follow up with the students in five years to see what/where they are at currently.
  - McGrew stated he likes the CTE area categories. Does not think that this should have any sort of name that includes the word proficiency. Should run with proficiency but when you call it that, then teachers think proficiency awards and those are ag related. What counts towards what for the degrees, so brings in Food Service and Safety. Since we have had problems with both of these in the past. Safety could dissolve into the other categories. But could also make a statement for food service area, as well. He feels that there has to be space between this and proficiencies.
  - Jatton said term SOE - Supervised Occupational Experience - was discussed.
  - Freebairn voiced concern that opening these areas and that they move more towards proficiency, but the student does not ever intend to find an ag related connection.
  - Discussion by the board:
    - These projects would not qualify for the state degree. So if they want a state degree, then they would need to be in a proficiency area.
    - State winner only plaque and it would not be in the shape of Illinois.

Short recess for lunch. Berry moved. Shaffer seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

McGrew moved to sustain. Seconded by Meisner. No discussion. Motion passed.

Meeting called to order at 12:40 p.m. - Topic is the SOE recommendation:

Shaffer moves to GRACIE HAS THIS recommend to the SAE committee that we adopt the six current categories with the understanding that they develop descriptions of the areas to be named Supervised Occupational Experience with state plaques only. Seconded by Aves. Discussion, not to adopt the six areas until they are

Motion passes.

McGrew moved to Sustain. Meisner moved to second. Discussion - would like to be sure to pass along our notes of the discussion back to the SAE committee. Motion passed.

Bunselmeyer said that we will send out the motion via listserv that we will be sending it back to the SAE committee. Will be specified it is a separate award area from proficiencies, much like Agriscience Fair.

- CDE General Rules - National Contest representation - how would we like to proceed? Clarification on the general rules that indicate that a school can only attend one National Contest. - put on April meeting agenda. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/13c18CSodVaru5eY946mXihJUqxKAuOTZ79tHsRAwMko/edit>
  - McGrew - if everyone would use the rules and idea that we are not out to get each other. Tried to clarify a few things.
    - Three things to catch/clarify:
      - One contest per school at the National level.
      - Kept at 10 days for the initial contact to sign up
      - After 10 days, it is open for first come-first serve for others.

Freebairn moves to accept the clarifications recommended by the CDE committee. Seconded by Aves. Discussion - asked if you were a team that won in horse and livestock, do you get to compete one time at each event? That is correct. Motion passes.

Meisner moved to sustain. Ehrhart seconded. No discussion. Motion passes.

- Selection Committee - number of years between serving on it discussion and potential proposal - Loker
  - [Committee Proposal](#)
  - Loker went through the committee thoughts. Bunselmeyer asked if they were planning on a new explanation video each year or will it last longer than that? The committee discussed having each area being updated at different times/dates.

Hood moves to approve the Selection Committee recommendations. SEconded by Sample. No discussion. Motion passes.



Sustained by Perry. Seconded by Meisner. No discussion. Motion passes.

- [American FFA Degree Retired Teacher requests](#) - Bunselmeyer
  - Make all interviews moving forward virtual
    - Have 12 to 15 Retired teachers assist
    - Interview the candidates in teams of 2 retired teachers
    - Make the intent mandatory so you can set an interview schedule that has a better chance of not having to be constantly rescheduled, once that schedule is made, then retired teachers are assigned those applications of who they will interview.
    - If you have 10 to 12 teachers interviewing, you can split things up more and get the interviewing days down to 2 instead of 3.
    - All suggestions from newly retired teachers who joined the process.
    - If we make the intent due January 1, 2023, I can make a schedule and anyone who doesn't turn in an app on January 15 just gets removed from the schedule.
      - Per Taber, maybe make the Intent due December 15.
    - Then the judges can get started on app review right away and then be telling them in their interviews what to correct.

Sample moves to make the intent mandatory and that it is due January 6th. Second by Aves. No discussion. Motion passed.

Sustain by GRACIE HAS

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- CREW Meeting/Committee Plans for the future - **Officers**
  - [Folder of Committee Reports](#)
  - Advisor Retention
  - Production Agriculture
  - Foundation Support
    - [Committee Resolution](#)
  - Promotional Media
  - Member Engagement Media

Just a sharing of the committee reports that will be printed in the convention program. No additional discussion about the CREW reports.

### **New Business**

- Foundation Incentives for parking and such - use FFA affiliation funds for incentives
  - Top 10 Foundation chapters offer free parking and preferred parking spot.
  - Edgar - discussed the Our Share proposal with the Local Collection Drive. As we received affiliate fees funds, can we pull some of those funds to help with some of the registration costs to help make the incentive program work.
- [Budget](#)
  - Edgar went through the budget with the possible changes for the affiliation for the state. McGrew asked how do we or which budget do we approve if there is a possibility of not getting money approved by ISBE if we get state affiliation, they may not give us the portion of CTSO money. Edgar discussed that in IL we are behind in having endowments with their investments. Some states, their endowments cover the costs of the staff expenses. Edgar said they increased the stipends for camp director, WLC coordinator, etc.

Freebairn approves the proposed budget with moving about half of the amount of the overage to the endowment fund and half to help with the Foundation incentive programs. Seconded by Hood. No discussion. Motion passed.

McGrew to sustain. Meisner seconded. No discussion. Motion sustained.

- 2022 Honorary State FFA Degree [Nominees](#) - action required
  - [2022 Illinois FFA Honorary State FFA Degree Nominees](#)

Freebairn moves to accept the 2022 Illinois FFA honorary state degrees. Sample seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Maxwell recused himself from asking for the sustainment. McGrew asked for a motion to sustain, provided by Taber. Meisner seconded. No discussion. Motion sustained.

- I am an FFA member behavior commitment [form](#)
  - Ground Zero Student Concern
  - Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee - educating all leadership more about the Task Force and the roles of those on the committee

- Convention/Camp/Conference Counselor
- Bunselmeyer discussed the thoughts behind these statements. Perry would like to add that if they see something they need to say something. Aves asked if there could be consequences for misconduct. Bunselmeyer said we really do not have the authority to do that.

Freebairn moves that we approve and implement the Illinois FFA behavior form for all conventions, conferences, and contests. Seconded by Aves. No discussion. Motion passes.

Perry moves to sustain. Seconded by Meisner. No discussion. Motion sustains.

- FFA Creed Questions - Can the same member compete in Creed more than one year. So for example I have 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will they will be able compete at district more than one year? Discussion is that they can win at the state multiple years, as long as you did not participate at National FFA.
- Student and Adult standing appointments to the SAE and CDE committee - action needed. Need to sit down with IAVAT Board to see what other committees they may want involvement of the FFA Board with.
- Bunselmeyer discussed also adding a student and adult member of the FFA board to the Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity committee. Would like to come up with some volunteers so that we can give some definite structure to the committee. Currently it is set up as a task force that was appointed by both the IAVAT Board and FFA Board.
- Motion that Gracie has in her notes.
- Committee formed: Taber, Ehrhart, Aves, Freebairn, Loker, Bunselmeyer for assisting with the diversity, inclusion, equity.
- National Officer Candidate Process [Report](#) - Miriam Hoffman
- Freebairn moves to accept the proposal from Miriam hoffman to move the National Officer Candidate selection process to a June/July date after convention. Seconded by Berry. No discussion. Motion passes.
- Motion to sustain by Taber. Second by Meisner. No discussion. Motion passes.

### **Review District/Section Concerns**

All have been addressed.

Shout Outs from Loker - appreciation to the adult board members. We appreciate all the hard work of the adults.

Berry also shout out to Murphy and Yard for work in taking the minutes.

Freebairn moved to adjourn. Second by Aves. No discussion. Motion passes.

Motion to sustain by Ehrhart. Second by Meisner. No discussion. Motions passes.

**3:30 p.m. Adjournment**

## Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

Join Zoom Meeting

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### **3:30 p.m. - Adult Board Reps and Alternates join the call at this time for training and review of AET judging system for District Proficiency Awards.**

Those on the call for the AET process review: Rich McCabe, Tammy Yard, Jennifer Ehrhart, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Trent Taber, Jacalyn Meisner, Wyatt McGrew, Dean Dittmar, John Edgar, Roger Hanagriff, Clay (AET), Lucas Maxwell, Jason Perry, Aaron Heartt,

Roger is sharing his screen. He plans to just go over the judging process for the applications for proficiencies and stars.

When you log into your district, you will see Judge Accounts. Process is the same for the district proficiencies and district stars. Go to the list you want (ex. Proficiency) then choose Category. Then to add a judge, choose edit, then start typing the name. If they are teachers, it will bring up the teachers that you can select. If you have judges not in the teacher directory, then you can just add the name and email address for that judge.

Someone asked if they have five judges, there is only room for four. Clay added for the state and each of the districts to have room for five judges.

Make sure that you are in the correct area, example Proficiency. Roger suggested emailing all the judges through your own email, once you have them all set up and let them know that they will be getting information from AET.

If you have one judge for two areas, they will get two invitations from AET.

When you look for what a judge sees, click on their access link.

When the judge clicks on the rubric icon, it will open the rubric on the left side and the application on the right. On the right side, you see the application first, but if you scroll down, it includes part of the records that are needed for that area in the rubric. It can be open with a split top/bottom vs. left/right screen.

Go back to degree manager, you can go to the award area, there is a link that lets you monitor the judging process. When an area has been scored (all rubrics are done) then click on the left to shut off the access.

- [District Star Winners Letter](#)
- 3/10/2022 - [State Awards Day listserv](#)
- 3/26/2022 [Illinois Proficiency Winners listserv](#)

## **THIS INFORMATION is for District Representatives:**

Once Section judging has taken place

### **Prior to the Event**

1. Review the "[Illinois FFA Advisor's Guide](#)" for any further clarifications on proficiency awards.
2. Confirm event location, times or links to online meetings with the host and teachers in the section.
3. Review the District Submission list to view via AET all of the students entered in your District Proficiency Awards.
  - a. Using your District Rep login information - provided by AET
  - b. Go to Reports
  - c. Degree Application Manager
  - d. District Submission list
4. Assign judges to areas and designate individuals to serve as the chair of the areas being judged.

### **Day of the Event**

1. Explain the Proficiency and/or Star score sheets and rubrics
2. Judges should have already received links to applications/reports and score sheets.
3. Remind the judges that if a student's project does not fit the Proficiency area description they cannot be considered for the award. **(Note:** Any disqualification from an area must come from the District Representative after consulting with the Illinois FFA Center. Be sure to look at the activities recorded in the student's record book to assure yourself the student is competing in the correct area.
4. Once Section judging has taken place the District FFA Board Rep will login to AET using the District Rep login:
  - a. Reports
  - b. Degree Application Manager
  - c. State Submission list
  - d. Then REMOVE those who DO NOT advance from District to State

- e. Those applications will be loaded into the State and ready for the FFA Center to assign judges to score.
  - f. Remind all teachers of the deadline to submit revised applications to the District to advance to state is March 14, 2022.
  - g. All District data transfers directly to the State list.
5. As District Rep, you are also the referee, if a committee cannot decide or a predetermined bias is apparent, it is recommended the final decision be made by an alternate committee.

**Questions - email or call Mindy Bunselmeyer - 217.412.5646 or [mbunselmeyer@illinoisffa.org](mailto:mbunselmeyer@illinoisffa.org)**

#### **4:00 p.m. - Students Join the Zoom meeting**

**Attendance:** Adam Loker, President; Jaton Shaffer, Vice President; Lauren Mohr, Reporter; Gracie Murphy, Secretary; Kara Freebairn, Treasurer; Dr. Lucas Maxwell, ISU; Dean Dittmar, FCAE; Morgan Wirt, D1 Director; Trent Taber, D1 Adult Director; Allyson Aves, D2 Director; Jason Perry, D2 Adult Director; Rachel Hood, D3 Director; Wyatt McGrew, D3 Adult Director; Maxwell Berry, D4 Director; Jacalyn Meisner, D4 Adult Director; Derek Sample, D5 Director; Jennifer Ehrhart, D5 Adult Director, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Ex Secretary; John Edgar, Associate Secretary; Tammy Yard, guest

4:13 p.m. - Loker called the meeting to order.

- Opening Ceremonies
- Murphy: Roll of members: 21 members and guests present.
- Minutes of previous meeting - [click here](#)
  - Freebairn Moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, February 8, 2022. Barry Seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion approved.
  - Meisner Moved to sustain the motion. Taber Seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- Financial Reports - [click here](#) Edgar reminded that FFA moved about \$200,000 into the investment account with Foundation, so that is why the numbers are different from last month. Reminder that we have paid more of the membership invoices to National FFA earlier, but will even out by the end of the year.
  - Freebairn Moved to place the financial reports on file for review. Barry Seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion approved
  - McGrew Moved to sustain the motion. Perry Seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- Horner Case Update - Bunselmeyer
  - March 23, 2022 is the date of the deposition for Bunselmeyer, to take place in Springfield.
- Adding Shout outs - Bunselmeyer
  - Section Chairs - did a great job of tackling proficiency awards and state FFA degrees at the Section level.
  - State Officers for a great FFA week - made adjustments as needed, due to weather.

- Eisenhower, MacArthur, Maroa-Forsyth, Taylorville, Grand Ridge, Streator and Pontiac FFA Chapters for hosting National FFA President, Cole Baerlocher
- Murphy: Blue Ridge (soda chugging and line dancing were my favorite activities), South Central (chapter officers were amazing facilitators), Mr. McGrew for not being mad at me for surprising him, Quincy (always a great welcome from section 11 - also there were puppies being sold!), Triopia (held a school wide leadership development day), and Astoria FFA for banquet - all were amazing hosts and made National FFA week so fun! *(from Gracie)*
- Dr. Maxwell - Loker and Murphy did a great job representing Illinois FFA at the SIU All Ag Banquet.
- District Concerns
  - 1 Student - None
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  - 1 Adult - None
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  - 2 Student - None
  - 2 Adult - None
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  - 3 Student - None
  - 3 Adult - None
  - 4 Student - None
  - 4 Adult - None concerns, except for on the sheets that talk about procedures for star discovery, needs clarification on which application is needed. Bunselmeyer said we are using a google application that was used at district. The Discovery kids it is the Generic Star application, it is different than last year. There is a separate document for the Discovery process.
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  - 5 Student - None
  - 5 Adult - Is it possible to add a Calendar of Events specific tab onto the ilaged.org website? Just for the convenience for teachers so they don't have to go back through the listservs. Edgar said they don't like the calendar that is already out there. He said we have it in the calendar and on the listserv, that is the best that we can do. If we create another one, that is us making a third or fourth calendar to make sure gets updated every time. Perry said that he likes the listserv events at the bottom of them. The calendar is on the main page of ilaged, just scroll down a little bit.
- Bunselmeyer added the Discovery star information to our meeting agenda. Meisner said she did not tell them to select the Generic Application. Listed under General Stars.
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- 2021 - 2022 Calendar of Events
  - February 19 - 26, 2022 - National FFA Week



- March 9, 2022 - District Proficiency Awards - District locations
  - D1 - Geneseo High School
  - D2 - JJC Weitendorf Ag Ed Center
  - D3 - Jacksonville High School
  - D4 - Mt. Zion High School
  - D5 - Mt. Vernon High School

Section plaques will be given out at State Awards Day, not delivered to the district locations. It was an issue for them not to be able to get them completed in time to meet those deadlines.

- March 26, 2022 - State Proficiency Awards Day, Eisenhower High School, 1200 S 16th St, Decatur, IL 62521 - you will be checking in judges and students. Will not need to collect books. Student leaders will come in the night before, will help with set up, will have maps of the school, etc. Adults, each will be in a Star area. Someone will need to be in a room with Bunselmeyer with the questions on the applications may come up. Cell phone will be the best way to reach her during district proficiency day.
- April 1, 2022 - National Chapter Award application DUE - online submission
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## **Old Business**

- SAE Committee - Perry - still have not met.
- Section 16 State FFA Degree concerns - Meisner
  - Constitution Change for clarification:
    - Section E. State FFA Degree **To be eligible to receive the State FFA Degree** from the Illinois Association, the member must meet the following minimum qualifications.
    - Would like to amend the highlighted part in the constitution by changing "receive" to "apply for" OR at the end of "minimum qualifications" include "by December 31st".
  - Increasing requirements for State Degrees
    - There has been discussion about increasing the requirements for State Degrees. Some have communicated an increase in money and hours but the largest component is to make it so students have to have an SAE each year of membership. One of the reasons presented to me included aligning with the American Degree and FFA membership. There is a lot of discussion about bringing back the needing an SAE for each year of membership.

- Meisner said D4 was split, they just said as long as it was clear, they did not care. Majority wanted to change receiving to applying. Meisner said it was in section E the first sentence.
- Perry said that as he sent it out to his district, he did have December 31, but there were some chapters that did not have the semester completed by December 31. And there are some with trimesters, so that throws a wrench into it, too. Then what do you do with other activities. Taber said the records are all by December 31, so activities should be in the same time frame.
- Bunselmeyer came up with a solution.
- Bunselmeyer asked about needing an SAE for every year of membership. Meisner said that her district is very much for this, especially when we are pushing for the three-circles model and the grant. Bunselmeyer said then we need to talk about a Foundational SAE count towards a state degree. Meisner said that it may not count towards hours/money, but just to qualify for them to have an SAE for that year. Bunselmeyer asked if we need to insert that as number 5 of the requirements or do we add it to number 4? Basically scratching the current 4 and replacing it with the every year of membership have an SAE.
- Perry said that he had a lot of advisors that were against having a requirement that you would have to have an SAE for each year. They do not want to keep it as is. Taber said D1 agrees with D2, but he also added that adding the Foundational SAE hours seems to muddy the waters to the SAE requirements. Taber said he thought the amendment made last year cleared it up and that this would go against that amendment.
- McGrew said that we did not count Foundational SAE dollar and hours, based on National FFA. Bigger fear on this is if you have a student that did records freshman year, no class/records sophomore year, but did again junior year. Biggest question is the 24 consecutive months of membership/records. Where do people stand on that? Perry said part of what we put into place last year was the 2 consecutive years. McGrew said he was good with it. Bunselmeyer said that the constitution does have 2 full years of records. Consecutive comes in to play with membership. What we cleared up last year was two calendar years. Perry would encourage us to look at the apply/receive for now and look at everything else more in depth next year for the application.
- Ehrhart said that it would depend on who you ask in D5. Some would like a record book for each year, but not a lot of discussion on the Foundational SAE inclusion.
- Edgar said that we may have to grandfather some of the members in, if they did not take a class their freshman year. Would that make it easier to swallow. Meisner said she had some that were concerned about grandfathering some of them in.

- Shaffer would like to see a two consecutive years vs every year have an SAE. He would like to have it clarified for at or above the 9th grade level, with the possible expansion of membership into 5th & 6th grade levels.
- Sample said that if there are students that change chapters from one that did not do SAE's to one that does SAE's it can be hard.
- Barry agrees with two consecutive years of SAE's.
- Maxwell asked if we should form a committee to address all the state degree concerns/requirements.
- Freebairn moves to form a committee to look into the state degree requirements. Barry seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.
- Meisner moved to sustained. Ehrhart seconded. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- Committee volunteers: Max Berry, Jacalyn Meisner, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Jason Perry, Jatton Shaffer.

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- [National FFA Hall of States Competition](#) - Freebairn - please see the linked proposal from the committee.
- Freebairn moves to adopt the Hall of States competition logistics. Hood seconded the motion. Edgar asked what was being used for voting. Freebairn said that she thought they may use a Google form, trying to keep it to one vote per person. Edgar said that with Google is that if you have multiple emails, you could vote multiple times. Barry said that with social media, there could be multiple accounts, as well. Wirt asked about delegate voting on it. Freebairn said the committee thought it was good to do by social media or google was so that parents, grandparents, etc. had the opportunity to vote. Bunselmeyer said that she likes the qualifications, but may need to amend the proposal to say maximum of three top videos instead of just top three videos. Motion passes.
- Meisner moved to sustain. McGrew seconded. No further discussion. Motion sustained.
- Ground Zero - locations, contracts for next year and how to handle registration for the adjusted date this year at UIUC. - Edgar - we closed registration last week on the original chapters that registered. We discussed potential to reopen for other chapters, we do not have the facilitators available, so we will not be reopening. We will be able to fully refund any chapter that had to drop members due to rescheduling. Barry asked what our numbers are now? Edgar stated 400 now, originally had 475.

- CREW Meeting/Committee Updates - **Officers** - meeting tomorrow - Bunselmeyer reminded them to be finalizing their reports. Can touch on how to write them tomorrow.
  - Advisor Retention
  - Production Agriculture
  - Foundation Support
  - Promotional Media
  - Member Engagement Media

**New Business -**

- No new business at this time.

**Review District/Section Concerns** - no additional concerns that need to be addressed.\_

Hood moved to adjourn. Sample seconded motion. No discussion.

Perry motion to sustain. Ehrhart seconded. No discussion. Motion sustained.

**5:27 p.m. Adjournment**

## Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

3:30 p.m.

### Zoom meeting

**Expected attendance:** Adam Loker, President; Jaton Shaffer, Vice President; Lauren Mohr, Reporter; Gracie Murphy, Secretary; Kara Freebairn, Treasurer; Dr. Lucas Maxwell, ISU; Dean Dittmar, FCAE; Morgan Wirt, D1 Director; Trent Taber, D1 Adult Director; Allyson Aves, D2 Director; Jason Perry, D2 Adult Director; Rachel Hood, D3 Director; Wyatt McGrew, D3 Adult Director; Maxwell Berry, D4 Director; Jacalyn Meisner, D4 Adult Director; Derek Sample, D5 Director; Jennifer Ehrhart, D5 Adult Director; Mindy Bunselmeyer, Ex Secretary; John Edgar, Associate Secretary; Tammy Yard, guest

3:33 Loker called the meeting to order.

- Opening Ceremonies
- Murphy called role - 18 members and guests present.
- Minutes of previous meeting - [click here](#) Freebairn moved to approve the minutes as presented. Sample seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed. Meisner moved to sustain the motion. McGrew (?) seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- Financial Reports - [click here](#) Freebairn moved to place the financial reports on file for review. Seconded by Hood. No discussion. Motion passed. Taber moved to sustain. Perry seconded. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- Horner Case Update - Bunselmeyer - Bunselmeyer will have a deposition for the suit on March 23, 2022. That is latest update.
- Adding Shout outs - Bunselmeyer - explained that at National In-Service, Dr. Woodard has implemented. It is a nice place to recognize those who have done something extra.
  - Bunselmeyer gave a Shout out to Edgar and Yard for holding down the fort for when she was out with foot injury and PT.
  - Bunselmeyer Shout out the the judges for the American Degrees last week.
  - Loker Shout out to Bunselmeyer for her foot injury recovery.
- District Concerns
  - 1 Student - None.
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  - 1 Adult -
    - Can snow removal be included in turf grass? Bunselmeyer had just addressed in an email she sent out, put it in Safety.
    - Consider adding various areas for foundational SAE and diversified Ag Business - Like PAS conference does for career

exploration. Taber has forwarded as recommendation to SAE committee.

- Parliamentary Procedure recommendations for CDE committee- [click here](#) Taber said there are some COVID rules are mixed in with in person rules. Just needs clean up. There may be some gray area with the removal of the secretary notes. Floor Members 1 - 5 need to be referred to as Floor members 1-5. Small clarifications. Do we need action on the Floor member 1 - 5? Taber said he believes it just need to be clarification.
- WLC vaccination requirements: will there be a religious/medical exemption form? Taber has already discussed with Bunselmeyer. National will have an exemption and we will put that out there when we get the language from National.
- 2 Student - No concerns
- 2 Adult -
  - Clarifying rules on tie-breakers for **stars, proficiencies**, public speaking areas, etc. # of 1st place rankings vs total points, etc. Perry said that if you have three judges, if someone has 2 first place votes, they should be the winner. He just does not believe it reads that way in the rules. Bunselmeyer said she thinks we need to clear things up. In AET last year, you had to adjust your scores so that whoever the judges wanted ranked first, had a high score. McGrew said it is in the overall ranking sheet. Bunselmeyer said that it is not clearly communicated now in AET, but it was on the paper copy that was submitted from the judges. Bunselmeyer will make sure it shows up in the procedures for now going paperless. She will get it updated.
  - GPA requirement for state degree-can they use end of school year instead of 12/31/21? Perry said he thinks the email Bunselmeyer sent out today, clarifies that. He had an advisor reach out to him due to COVID. He did not think the Board would want to discuss it, as it is pretty clear. Perry also mentioned 2 years completed of ag class. Can it be at the end of this school year. Bunselmeyer reiterated, no it needs to be 2 years; 4 full semesters of class at the time of the application.
- 3 Student - No concerns
- 3 Adult - No concerns
- 4 Student - No concerns
- 4 Adult -
  - State Degree Concerns/Clarifications - Meisner thanked Bunselmeyer for her email today about State Degrees.
    - Wording clarification (spelled out) on State Degree Checklist - Meisner said that the advisors want to have the check list updated prior to January 1 of the year.
    - Clarification in Constitution- receiving vs applying - Components of the State FFA Degree, confusion in the language in eligibility of receiving the state degree instead of applying for the state degree. There were questions from new

advisors, they thought that if they met the requirements prior to June, then they would be eligible. It was with the number of years of ag classes. The check list was not matching the constitution, the check list had that it was by convention while the constitution said that it had to be by December 31, with the recordbook year. Meisner said they would like the change in the constitution, Section E to be by the convention instead of by December 31. Bunselmeyer said that everyone needs to get feedback and see if this is a statewide concern that they want to change.

- Increasing requirements - Meisner - advisor asked about having a year of record books for every year of membership. American Degree requirement. Three consecutive years, including the year prior to apply. Bunselmeyer said that we clearly need to communicate that information, that we follow the three circles model. She thinks we just need to clear up some language. We can ask the directors to get feedback prior to March meeting, so we would have the time to make a constitutional change for this year.
  - Proficiency Check- Section Chairs - Meisner - section chairs confused in AET, to see what was jiving. Said that it seems a little confusing. Bunselmeyer spoke with Roger at AET while at In-Service and she has an email back that he has everything shored up. She has not checked to see if it is completed yet. She will check in with some of the section chairs and see what are their specific issues. Taber said he has an email he used last year for his section chairs with instructions that he can share with everyone.
    - 5 Student - No concerns at this time.
    - 5 Adult - Nothing at this time.
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- 2021 - 2022 Calendar of Events
  - February 19 - 26, 2022 - National FFA Week
  - March 9, 2022 - District Proficiency Awards - District locations
  - March 26, 2022 - State Proficiency Awards Day, Eisenhower High School, 1200 S 16th St, Decatur, IL 62521
  - April 1, 2022 - National Chapter Award application DUE - online submission
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## **Old Business**

- Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee Update - **Nothing new to report** - Bunselmeyer
- SAE Committee - Perry - they have not met, so nothing new to report.
- CDE General Rules - National Contest representation - how would we like to proceed? Clarification on the general rules that indicate that a school can only

attend one National Contest. Bunselmeyer said that she thinks at the last meeting, we said the committee needs to go back to the drawing board. Has the committee met? McGrew said they have not had a chance to meet, so we will discuss at the May meeting. Edgar said we will probably want before Livestock judging. So we will need to have a recommendation from the committee by the April meeting.

- CREW Meeting/Committee Updates - **Officers** - No meetings since the last FFA board meeting.
  - Advisor Retention
  - Production Agriculture
  - Foundation Support
  - Promotional Media
  - Member Engagement Media

### New Business

- Approvable SAE area for State Degree/Proficiency ? - [click here](#) - Bunselmeyer - McGrew said he has had the same discussion last year. Unless they are taking clothing items out of a landfill, he does not buy it as being a good environmental item. Taber said his concerns were regarding using those hours/money towards the state degree requirements. Perry said that he feels they need to be taken into consideration on a case by case basis. Berry asked if there was other items within the record books. Bunselmeyer said that for state degrees it must fit in a proficiency area to count towards the degree. So must be agriculture related. McGrew does not think that working in a second hand thrift store can really be tied back to agriculture. Thinks it may be a great discussion for the non ag track. Bunselmeyer said no ruling today, will need to go back to the committee. Dittmar asked about National FFA's stand on clothing not being allowed. Perry said that it does not fall under the AFNR standards according to National FFA. Taber said that if we have a student that works as a restaurant. Because in IL we allow those restaurant kids to earn their state degree, because this student does not have an area that allows an area, then they are not allowed to earn their state degree. Bunselmeyer said you do have to pick a pathway. McGrew said that if they are in a restaurant that they are working with food and safety/sanitation. In clothing they are already using an already processed item that they are just putting it on a shelf or ringing them up in a sale. Bunselmeyer stated that we can allow the section decide if it can go through for the state degree, then the board can look at those records and make recommendations at that time.
- National FFA Hall of States Competition - Bunselmeyer - National FFA is doing a video competition, the state submit the Hall of States, do we want this to be something the state officer team can do or is it something we make a competition



by chapters, show them at convention to be voted on and the winner can then represent us at convention. Need to have an idea on what we may want to do and how. Freebairn likes the idea of a chapter competition, but feels we need to move on it now to give the chapters enough time. Edgar said that the next meeting is March 1, so not too much additional time if it is held until the next meeting.

- Freebairn likes the idea of chapters putting together videos and we could use the We are FFA room to have a station where the members can vote during convention.
- Freebairn moves that a committee be formed to review the National FFA Hall of States video competition. Aves seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. Taber sustained the motion. Dittmar seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.
- Committee is Freebairn, Aves, Barry, Dr Maxwell. If anyone else would like to join the committee, contact Kara.
- Selection Committee - number of years between serving on it discussion and potential proposal - Loker - discussed at a diversity, inclusion, committee meeting. How we have a hard time getting student volunteers to serve on the committee. We would like to change the every 4 year requirement to every 2 years for a representative from the school. Wirt agrees that it would be a good idea to cut it down to 2 years. Sample agrees that reducing the number of years is a good idea, but could we make it to where a student from the same schools could apply each year, but those with students would be second to students from schools that have not served during the prior year. Loker said that he feels that we do not want to take it out completely, that is why the recommendation for every 2 years. Berry said maybe reduce it to every other year, also putting language in for no member to serve twice on the committee. Loker would like to form a committee for this.
- Freebairn moves to form a committee to look into the number of years a student can have on the selection committee. Seconded by Sample. No discussion. Motion passed. Perry sustained. Meisner seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Committee members: Loker, Sample, Shaffer, Perry.

- American FFA Degree Retired Teacher requests - Bunselmeyer - can be moved to the April meeting. Biggest change, making the intent mandatory. So we had a schedule that works with the way the applications are reviewed by the judges that will be interviewing those members. Taber messaged Dec 15th deadline for intent. Meisner agreed.
  - Make all interviews moving forward virtual
  - Have 12 to 15 Retired teachers assist
  - Interview the candidates in teams of 2 retired teachers

- Make the intent mandatory so you can set an interview schedule that has a better chance of not having to be constantly rescheduled, once that schedule is made, then retired teachers are assigned those applications of who they will interview.
  - If you have 10 to 12 teachers interviewing, you can split things up more and get the interviewing days down to 2 instead of 3.
  - All suggestions from newly retired teachers who joined the process.
  - If we make the intent due January 1, 2023, I can make a schedule and anyone who doesn't turn in an app on January 15 just gets removed from the schedule.
  - Then the judges can get started on app review right away and then be telling them in their interviews what to correct.
- Ground Zero - locations, contracts for next year and how to handle registration for the adjusted date this year at UIUC. - Edgar - would like some feedback. We currently have contracts for IHotel and SIU for next year. WIU does not have a date of the last week in January 2023, but do for the first weekend in February. All were agreeable. Edgar will lock in that date for 2023. Do we want to offer the bids to the Universities or want to move back to hotels? We need to decide what it looks like for extended contracts moving forward. Edgar said we need feedback on how to handle the registration for the postponed event for this year. Do we keep everyone registered or do we make them reregister? Loker asked what is the easiest option for the office? Edgar said that probably starting with new registration, but it is not a big difference. Taber said we can open the old event and change the numbers? Edgar said yes, but then we need to decide to unsubmit all registrations, or do we automatically move them over unless they request us to unsubmit. Edgar is waiting for the hotel to let us know if there is additional space available. He said we may need to have two deadlines, one for the chapters that were already registered and then a second date is for new chapters. REopen the event, unsubmit all the registrations, the teacher needs to do in and resubmit by February 24 for those originally registered. Deadline of March 3 if there is extra space available for anyone who was not registered.

Freebairn moved to - John has the wording of the proposal. Seconded by Berry. Discussion - Yard asked about hotel rooms for the chapters. Edgar said Comfort suites has moved those, IHotel has even fewer rooms in March than they did in February, but it will be up to the chapters to deal with that. We will communicate that information to the advisors. Dittmar Sustained. Meisner seconded. No discussion. MOTion sustained.

- State Awards Day - sponsor, logistics - Bunselmeyer
  - Rural King is our sponsor this year - providing lunch for judges and students competing.

- Need FFA Board Reps or alternates there to check in their Districts as they arrive.
- Large Auditorium near the main entrance will have everyone gather there at this point. Bunselmeyer will have more information logistically as we get closer to the date. Any questions. Taber said there were suggestions for their districts to bring a printed copy of the paperbooks. Bunselmeyer said we are not going to have all that paper. But we do have the ranking sheets available for the judges, in case there is a glitch with iPads, laptops, etc. Taber said that he will make it specific that it is only the district to bring a printed copy.
- WLC - numbers are down - Edgar - This has changed recently. We originally reserved 100 spots. Registration has been really low, national FFA allowed us to reduce registration down to 40. At this point, not near as crucial but the numbers are far lower than we expected, but we should hit the 40 spaces that we are contracted to do. No discussion needed.

### **Review District/Section Concerns**

- Berry - said where do we stand on the mask issue. Bunselmeyer said we will let you know for the events. Edgar said we will continue to follow the host site guidelines. Meisner said that there is a request for the public speaking and parli pro events is it mask on or mask off. Bunselmeyer said that last year we allowed them to take the mask off while they were presenting. McGrew said that the chapter's school may have a different policy, like Macomb does require them still to all mask, regardless where they are.

McGrew thinks we may be muddying waters for new proficiency area if we allow the section to allow it. Perry asked if it can be justified as environmental, would be the only way he has any interest in it at all. He does not think we have any area that a thrift shop/clothing store would fit anywhere.

Loker asked McGrew if we need to reopen for more discussion. McGrew said if Bunselmeyer and Edgar are comfortable with it, then o.k., but he says it sounds like it has been denied in the past. WE do not change items in the middle of the process, so he is in favor if a section cannot find a way to put it in an environmental area. Loker asked if we need to say no now, or do we give sections a chance to approve. Bunselmeyer said that it is not approved as a state degree, but she would bring it to the board, which she has done. Perry agrees that we stand to benefit by making a decision tonight about it. McGrew

Aves moves to uphold the decision of the executive staff on the SAE decision of a thrift store being an environmental science. Seconded by Freebairn. Dittmar asked exactly what is the stance. Bunselmeyer said that we may be able to approve it for state degree, but it definitely will not pass at National FFA for an American Degree. McGrew says that it may work in a non-traditional SAE but that would be it. No further discussion. Motion passed. Meisner moved to sustain. Seconded by Ehrhart. No discussion. Motion sustained.

5:22 - Freebairn moved to adjourn the meeting. Berry seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed. Meisner moved to sustain. Perry seconded. No discussion. Motion sustained.

#### **4:45 p.m. Adjournment**

### **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

#### **Zoom meeting**

**Those in attendance:** Adam Loker, President; Jatton Shaffer, Vice President; Lauren Mohr, Reporter; Gracie Murphy, Secretary; Kara Freebairn, Treasurer; Dr. Lucas Maxwell, ISU; John Heiser, FCAE; Morgan Wirt, D1 Director; Trent Taber, D1 Adult Director; Jason Perry, D2 Adult Director; Rachel Hood, D3 Director; Wyatt McGrew, D3 Adult Director; Jacalyn Meisner, D4 Adult Director; Derek Sample, D5 Director; Jennifer Ehrhart, D5 Adult Director, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Ex Secretary; Tammy Yard, guest, Ben Meyer, National FFA, guest

#### **1:00 p.m. FFA Board**

Meyer gave report from National FFA. Wants to highlight four values that National board and officers have implemented. Thinks Illinois is doing well around those value statements. They need states on-board with them for what we are doing in our state to help them.

They are gearing up for the upcoming inservice. Reminder National board has set a goal for 2028 to be at 100% membership status, ie affiliation. They want to encourage it in states to begin it sooner rather than later. To give them the opportunity to see what they want their fee structure to look like.

Excited to be able to office WLC in 2022. Things are coming together nicely for that. Received information on Tuesday that DC has issued a vaccine mandate for the city. They are still processing that, but they know it in effect and will remain in effect for WLC for 2022 and beyond.

In the chapter profiles, but in a billing contact on the chapter profile. This is their way to know who they need to email bills to for items that chapters may have ordered or registered for. If the ag teacher is the one to get the bills, that is who that contact is. If it is an accounts payable person for the school, that is who it needs to be on the profile.

Hall of states will be moved to a complete virtual format beginning with 2022 National convention.

National FFA week coming up. We will have a National officer in Illinois for a few days. Bunselmeyer is working with them. Want chapters to be aware of the resources for them during the week on their website.

National scholarships due on Tuesday with endorsements due the following week. Look at the rubric. Look for points the students may be leaving on the table.

New Century Farmer experience will be offerer in 2022. Those in production agriculture age 18-24. Continuing one of their highest rated conferences. Fully paid for, competitive application process, it is due February 15th.

Bunselmeyer remarked that we may need to discuss the Hall of States and what we will do with the virtual format. Will continue to use their value statements for us to continue to focus on in Illinois.

1:13 p.m. Loker called the meeting to order.

- Opening Ceremonies
- Minutes of previous meeting - [click here](#)
- Freebairn moved to approve the notes from the previous meeting. Seconded byXXX. MOTion passed. Motion to sustain by Perry. Meisner seconded. Motion passed.
- Financial Reports - [click here](#)
- Freebairn moves to place the financial reports on file for review. Seconded by Wirt. No discussion. MOTion passed. Sustained by McGrew. Second by Ehrhart. Motion passed.
- District Concerns
  - 1 Student -
    - When would we look at resectioning again after we approve a new map? Bunselmeyer responded that according to LAVAT policy it is to be reviewed by the special projects committee every 5 years. If it is approved for this year it would be implemented for the 2023 2024 school year. Wirt asked if the five years would then begin after that time. Bunselmeyer said she did not have a definite answer on that.
    - Covid testing or vaccines required for Ground Zero? Bunselmeyer stated that at this time for U of I we do not have anything from them that states that, but we are at the iHotel, not the campus, so we will move forward with our policy of mask wearing.
  - 1 Adult - No concerns
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  - 2 Student - No concerns
  - 2 Adult - Question on general rules update - Perry - update we were reviewing for general rules he had someone contact him if we allow the state winning team at both the National convention and an additional contest that limits the opportunity for other students. Bunselmeyer said we have not voted on a policy yet, personally she does not think we need to make a change in the policy but we may just need to clarify that you are allowed to compete in one and then done. But that is her thoughts. She can add it to the new business to vote on if we would like. Bunselmeyer asked who else was on the committee. It was McGrew and Meisner. They both agree with clarification of the rules, specifying one contest only. McGrew asked if we need language if a chapter backs out when they have already specified one.
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  - 3 Student - No concerns

- 3 Adult - McGrew asked about a subcommittee meeting on camp, if a senior can attend for this year? Bunselmeyer will add. Taber is a hard no. Loker said that it died within the committee. McGrew was wondering if we need a policy stating that we do not allow graduating senior to allow. Bunselmeyer said there is already a policy that says that we do not need allow graduated seniors to attend. That was all McGrew needed to know.
- 4 Student - No concerns
- 4 Adult - Meisner
  - Determine what makes a chapter in good standing
  - Clarification on Proficiency Area with Grocery Stores (specifically Wal-Mart as a cashier, handling food)
  - Bunselmeyer will communicate about the grocery store jobs being in the Food Service proficiency area when handling food. She will clarify our information. Perry asked if we are going to add a statement that a Walmart cashier it is not related. Maxwell said that he was going to ask if a cashier of any sort does not count. Perry stated that he thinks the Walmart cashier is fuzzy because there are just as many non-ag products, if not more, that the cashier is handling. Ehrhart stated that if you are a garden center employee, you do still have to be a cashier at times, but a very small amount of time is as the cashier, it is mostly spent in the garden center. McGrew said he lets his kids know right off the bat that he lets those kids know that the cashiering time is not to even be included in their hours. Bunselmeyer stated again, that if they are making the journal entries and description of the food and produce handling, you should be covered. It should be going through judges at the section, district, and state level. Some people will slip through the cracks at district level, then we will deal with it at the state level. Those types of SAE's need to be in food service or horticulture if it is in the garden center area.
  - Parliamentary Procedure- District motions on Section level tests - do we need a clarification on it. Taber said that since it is a qualifying event, just say that it is determined by the section, then by the district. McGrew said the CDE committee had this discussion on whether they could be used. Taber said yes, it was discussed, but believes it died in committee. McGrew said you could utilize them as any motion, but would not be required on the card. Bunselmeyer said is there any action? Taber said no, he does not believe there is. Bunselmeyer asked if there is anything that is needed for clarification. Perry said we don't prohibit it, but it is up to the section to choose what they want on the section level.
  - Early Delegate day at Convention? - Are delegates going to have an early day this year? Or will it be like prior year's convention, when it takes place at convention. Bunselmeyer said at this time we have the first delegate meeting on June 1, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. via zoom. It was discussed at the CREW meetings to keep them on Wednesday afternoon.

- Non-FFA Chapters representing as IL FFA at National Events
  - Received a text over lunch - from an anonymous person. There was a non-FFA member(s) representing Illinois FFA at a National competition. It was a group of students lead by an ag or retired ag teacher that registered a team of some FFA members/some non-FFA members, as Illinois FFA. The contest was at Keystone Livestock judging and was representing Illinois FFA. There was a parent of an FFA student that caught it and reached out and were not happy because it was a hodgepodge of kids. They know they are not at least all from the same chapter, not sure if all the participants were members or not. Taber said if we are to address it, names would have to be shared. Meisner has permission to share with Mindy, she will send her an email.
  - Chapter in good standing - mainly was an issue with resectioning. Bunselemeyer said not something we need to take action on but to be mindful in the resectioning.
  - 5 Student - No concerns
- 5 Adult -Are the plaques for state awards/district awards going to be consistent moving forward?My examples are District V Parli Pro plaque is different from what we have seen in years past. I've noticed that some of the plaques don't have years on them and they seem to be in a different shape than what we've seen in the past. My other example is the Section NCA Plaque. I have three different plaques hanging from the past 3-4 years.
- - Ehrhart received email this morning from advisor asking about plaques at state awards and district awards. Just wanting clarification if they are staying the same or if they are going to change. Bunselmeyer stated that one of the changes was due to the vendor, not us. The Premier Chapter plaque has changed because Illinois Farm Bureau sponsors, they did their own plaques instead of using A & M. The section ones changed in 2020 and 2021 has been consistent with the 2020 plaque. Bunselmeyer said for Parli-Pro we change on who gets plaques. The only plaques that go to proficiency and public speakers is at the district level. Section level is responsible for their own awards.
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- 2021 - 2022 Calendar of Events
  - January 11, 2022 - National FFA Scholarship application is DUE - [click here](#)
  - January 15, 2022 - American FFA Degree Applications DUE - [Illinois Procedures - American FFA Degree](#) Bunselemeyer asked for all Adult directors to please be sure to remind fellow advisors they need to go on and submit those applications.
  - January 21-22, 2022 - Illinois FFA Alumni and Supporters 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting and Auction, [President Abraham Lincoln Hotel](#), Springfield, Illinois. Hotel rooms are \$102 plus tax, please book your hotel room by January 4, 2022. Registration to be released soon.
  - January 28 - 29, 2022 - Ground Zero Conference, at two locations - SIUC & WIU
  - February 1 - 3, 2022 - American FFA Degree Interviews, Illinois FFA Center, 3221 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702
  - February 4 - 5, 2022 - Ground Zero Conference - UIUC

- February 19 - 26, 2022 - National FFA Week
- March 9, 2022 - District Proficiency Awards - District locations
- March 26, 2022 - State Proficiency Awards Day, Eisenhower High School, 1200 S 16th St, Decatur, IL 62521
- April 1, 2022 - National Chapter Award application DUE - online submission
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## **Old Business**

- Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee Update - Bunselmeyer -no additional information.
- SAE Committee - Perry - Bunselmeyer sent out star rubrics asking for revisions that may need to be made.
  - Star Rubric-[Final Revisions](#) - Perry will finish those up and will share them with Bunselmeyer.
  - [Sample FFA questions](#) for Star Interviews/State Degrees - Perry said these were drafted to assist the judges and making it easier to score. He came up with these to just give people something to go off of. Was produced as a resource not a policy that has to be adopted. Bunselmeyer said she likes them and thinks we can share with section chairs and can go out in listserv.
  - Google sheets for [section proficiencies](#) - Perry redid the forms from last year. Intended to be a resource for section proficiencies. Question on Discovery Star have we seen anything on rubric changes. Bunselmeyer said no she does not have it quite ready for section chairs tomorrow, but she might get it ready for tomorrow. We will use district and state rubrics accordingly. Perry said once he gets Star stuff done, he will get those created and drop them done as well.
- CREW Meeting/Committee Updates - **Officers**
  - Advisor Retention - Lauren - mainly been writing letters to teachers for different groups, 1st year, 5 year, 10 year, etc. We have also started a newsletter.
  - Production Agriculture - Kara - every weekend going to try and do a production ag social media takeover. Going to do a tractor talk once a week where members are speaking with producers in their communities.
  - Foundation Support - Adam - written letters to \$0 chapters for local collection drive. Next they are writing to American Degree recipients, we are not asking for a big donation, but just trying to get them into the habit of giving each year. A committee member brought up a I support Ag Ed t-shirt. Thought we should do that. Taber said that it was an LAVAT



fundraiser a few years ago. Adam said that one of the other things that all committees are looking for is convention.

- Promotional Media - Jatón - recapped things they have been working on, covering behind the scenes information about convention. Saw highest attendance this time in all the committees.
- Member Engagement Media - Gracie - social media posts, doing some inspirational, fun facts, officer spotlights. Look at officers and leaders outside of the blue jackets. Looking forward to convention.
- Adam said they really made an emphasis on making it fun and engaging for those members that were in attendance. It has been slow to get the ball rolling. What suggestions does the board have to make it more engaging and productive for continuing the CREW meetings. What can be done better. Meisner said that unless you are a section president or state officer, sometimes you feel like you are walking into the middle of an event that is always going on. Suggest sending out a link with the past minutes or what has been discussed in the past, a document of what is expected to take place during the meeting. Hood said that she agrees, she thinks that at the last meeting some of the Sec Pres were talking amongst themselves without realizing other students were one. Wirt agreed the games that they did this time, helped to get everyone pumped up and keep it rolling when they did break into the committees.

### **New Business**

- Agriscience format - Bunselmeyer - the question that we have is does the board want the Agriscience to be judged in advance like we have done the past two years and then be awarded at convention. Or do you want it judged at convention as well. Taber said that we do the work, so what is the consensus. Bunselmeyer said that Jennifer Waters, John, herself all are leaning towards doing it all in advance and doing it virtually. Much easier to get judges. Stated if we do go virtually, but then it becomes a concern that it was not done in person, we can go back. McGrew, Perry both good with virtual contest.

**Motion to complete all agriscience fair components virtually prior to convention. Made by Freebairn. Mohr seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.**

**Motion to sustain by Taber. Seconded by McGrew. No discussion. Motion sustained.**

- State & District Parli Pro, Conduct, Public Speaking, Proficiencies FFA Board roles - Bunselmeyer - Proficiencies first: Information that is for district representatives is on page 3 - there will be a practice day with AET with Roger for entering judges names. Perry asked that we record the workshop. March 1 meeting for organizing district judges and proficiencies. McGrew asked about parent judges, where did we land. He also asked how do we evaluate different areas of the state regarding in

person events. If we have a qualifying event that we have a school that is remote, do we do a hybrid event? Perry said it will depend on the host site, since we will already need to have electronic scoring we should be able to do some zoom interviews if necessary. Will need to be flexible. Question about the number of judges doing interviews does it have to be 3 or 5? It is up to the section, we can have as many as you want for each area, Bunselmeyer just needs to let AET know how many judges we will have for the sections. Taber asked if the host site is responsible for a 1 to 1, do the judges need to bring their own laptop. Bunselmeyer said that the judges really need to be able to review the applications prior so that part is done and it is just the interview in person. McGrew said that is what makes adult volunteers more difficult, the follow up with them and making sure they are getting their work done. Taber asked if you have a student who has requested a phone call or zoom, we will honor that, correct? Bunselmeyer said yes, in the past we have allowed things that were planned ahead of time they could do virtual if it was family event, missions trip, etc. But if it was a winning club volleyball team and they chose to go play we did not allow them to interview virtually. If anybody wants to be virtual it can be virtual. But it is the additional judges we need to make a determination today. We are going to have to trust when we send them an email to judge the books, that they judge them in advance. McGrew ask if we allow judges to join virtually. How do we want to handle those. Taber said that would be a no. Bunselmeyer does not want every room to have to be virtual. She feels that the judges need to be in person. McGrew said as the director finding judges, can we use our own discretion. Bunselmeyer said yes. But at the state level we will try to have at least one judge from each district per area. So, we will ask for every student entry you will need to provide a judge. District level, you are going to assign each of your judges to their area, enter them into their area. You will click one button that will send their judges the information to the books and scoring area. You will encourage the judging done by XX, then they come in person on the 9th, bring their own device, do their interviews and final rankings. It is all done electronically. At the State: State is happening at Eisenhower high school in Decatur. We are working on the rooms there. To the virtual piece, any student requesting a virtual interview, we work to make it happen for them. Taber said for district that there will not be a big gathering area, will we do that at state level? Buneslmeyer said that we were planning on having an auditorium, otherwise not sure how we announce winners, get pictures, data, etc. McGrew asked if we have the man power to do the videos throughout the day and not do it all at the end. Bunselmeyer said that we do start videoing as soon as we know the first winners. Meisner said that from last year some teachers really missed the feedback from judges, are we to print out comment sheets, Bunselmeyer said there is a feedback area, no printed sheets. The feedback area is something that we can push more, but we did get some good feedback from it last year. Taber asked about Star's, will they be printed. Bunselmeyer said no, everything is electronic. Can go to supporting records for journal entries. Taber asked for a universal due date. Results the 25th, judges by the 28th. If we know the results of District results by the 9th, need judges for state by the 14th. Hood asked what the student director role is. Bunselmeyer said she would let the adult director share what they need. D1 - help with check in of the judges. Bunselmeyer said they just

need to assist anyway the adults ask them to, may be announcing, showing members to rooms, etc. At state will go over it the night before, but it may be escorting to rooms, room hosts, etc. Bunselmeyer let everyone know that on March 9th she will be in New Orleans with Mark, but she will be available by phone and have her laptop with her, so she can still answer questions. Perry said judging the record books ahead of time last year, helped ahead of time, to get the kids in the right areas. McGrew said that if someone is having a device issue, how can we deal with that? Would we be able to go in as the director and enter those scores for the judge? Bunselmeyer will double check on that but believes it can be done. Meisner said she was going to have folders for each area with rubrics, just in case there is an internet issue or something else happening. Taber said in the past that they had their personal emails pulled up so they could be contacted.

Parli-Pro and Conduct district results due to state April 21. For the contest on May 5th, need adult reps there at ICC to help with the event. Meisner said that if her teams do not advance to state, she can help, both are competing at the district. McGrew will let us know. Perry asked what time during the day. It will be all day. Maxwell should be able to help and in theory he may have 5 student teachers that he can bring along. He will let us know their availability soon. Bunselmeyer said that for state public speaking, Cassie Crouch started bringing students and runs the event the day of at the hotel, she does not do any judge recruitment, etc. Does anyone have any issues with her continuing to do the event? Or if someone else wants to volunteer, they can. Majority said ask Cassie first, but if she cannot do it, will one of you help? Meisner said if she does not have anyone participating, she will help.

McGrew asked if there was any interest in creating a district director folder in google board folder for sharing tests with each other. No one commented, so he said he will just beg, borrow, and steal from others individually. He will be working on getting judges locked in for district events soon.

Bunselmeyer will offer to share the state topics for extemp public speaking, that will give them an idea at the district level.

Taber said for Dist 1 for every participant or team you have, you bring your own judge/volunteer. He usually does a month ahead of time, with the due date 2 weeks prior to the event.

Perry asked if there was enough diversity for people that judge for the teams. Taber said yes, there are only a few that have both a parli-pro or conduct, so they just judge the opposite event. If they have both, they are a timer or something like that.

Perry said last year was the first year for him as a district, he said Maierhofer had contest superintendents, so that has helped with D2. Asks for help from FCAE, as well.

Bunselmeyer asked if Edgar came over for the financials, since she was dropped from the call. Jatton had asked him, he did not have anything to go over. I Think we need to approve the amount to move to the Foundation fund.

**Shaffer moved to transfer \$200,000 from the FFA account to the Foundation joint investment fund. Second by Sample. No discussion. Motion passed.**

**Motion to sustain by McGrew. Second by Meisner. No discussion. Motion sustained.**

- FFA Convention - previously \$25 (suggested \$30) -
- Freebairn moves to increase convention registration from \$25 to \$30. Mohr seconded motion. Shaffer stated that we have seen the numbers and that we do understand the increases may be difficult for some chapters, especially since it may be harder to point at one thing specific but with the increase in labor costs and other not knowns right now, it would be good to be able to cover our expenses and registration not increase for a couple of years. We know that there will be increases in labor, printing, a/v costs, t-shirts, etc. McGrew asked if the \$5 increase would be enough. Bunselmeyer said she does believe that it is enough to cover what we may have in increased costs. Perry asked how long have we been at \$25 for convention? It was prior to COVID. Bunselmeyer said what we did last year was that we charged \$25 regardless of how many days you attended. Taber said but you could pass around the buttons last year. Asked if convention in the past was break-even or if we make a profit. Bunselmeyer said that we do make a profit, but Edgar could give a better idea of how much that would be.

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to sustain by Meisner. Seconded by McGrew. No discussion. Motion to sustain passed.**

- FFA Camp - previously \$200 (suggested \$215-225) Loker asked for any thoughts or concerns. Bunselmeyer said it was \$200, \$215 will cover the increase from Memorial camp to us this year. Taber said that he feels it is easier to justify the increase when we can show that our expense is going up by X amount of dollars. McGrew said that we can not just sit and wait for the additional money of the line item to come in when we do not know if it will or not. Bunselmeyer said that Memorial Camp is charging us \$7 more per camper. We asked for an additional \$15 to cover the camp increase plus the increase in materials and supply that we do not know the cost of, yet. Perry said that with camp, it is really not that expensive when you figure in it is camp, with room and board for the week.
- **Freebairn moves to increase the camp registration from \$200 to \$215 per student. Seconded by Sample. No discussion. Motion passed.**
- **Motion to sustain by Perry. Seconded by McGrew. No discussion. Motion is sustained.**
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- WLC - previously \$1,800 (tentatively suggested \$1,900) - Taber said that he believes that we have to pass along the increase for WLC.
- **Freebairn moves to increase registration for WLC from \$1800 to \$1900. Mohr seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.**

- **Motion to sustain by Taber. Seconded by Perry. No discussion. Motion is sustained.**
- FCAE update from Heiser. Reminder for advisors, there are GATA reports due. Amendment for FY22 due in the next month. Quality indicator form is out and a new three circles worksheet is out. Please be sure to use the new worksheet. Dittmar's report is available in the folder for anyone to read.
- CDE general rules. Taber said we referred it back to the committee. Loker asked if there was any action? Looks like none.
- Meisner said there was a letter sent to Bunselmeyer and herself, a letter of complaint, about how a section contest was ran in Section 16. Had to deal with state staff and their role in contests. Meisner knows we came up with the conflict statement, it was referenced in the letter. But a state staff (no one on the call) ran the contest, and the staff had students help with scoring. The letter is in the meeting folder. Bunselmeyer thinks our conflict of interest has addressed this. The advisor felt that there was a blatant disregard of the statement at the time. All parties involved have been made aware of the complaint. There is a lot of perception that there may have been favoritism. Bunselmeyer said she does not believe we need to take any board action now.
- Freebairn moved to adjourn the meeting. Mohr seconded the motion. Motion passes. Taber moved to sustain. Second by Meisner. Motion to sustain passed.
- No further business at this time.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:00.
- Bunselmeyer said we will have a February 8th at 3:30 virtual meeting. March 1 meeting with board education on the proficiency scoring/judging.

### **Review District/Section Concerns**

- Done as they were expressed.

### **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**November 1, 2021**

**Virtual**

### **3:30 p.m. FFA Board**

In attendance: Wyatt McGrew, D3 adult; Jacalyn Meisner, D4 adult; Kara Freebairn, Treasurer; Allyson Aves, D2 Director; Adam Loker, President; Derek Sample, D5 Director; Lauren Mohr, Reporter; Gracie Murphy, Secretary; Jaton Shaffer, Vice President; Max Berry, D4 Director; Andrew Klein, Advisor; Trenton Taber, D1 adult; Jason Perry D2 adult; Morgan Wirt, D1 Director; Mindy Bunselmeyer, Dean Dittmar FCAE; John Edgar; Jennifer Ehrhart, D5 adult; Rachel Hood, D3 Director;

- Opening Ceremonies
- Murphy reported 20 members and guests present
- Minutes of previous meeting - [click here](#)
- Aves moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as submitted. Seconded by Freebairn. No discussion. Motion carried.
- District Concerns
  - 1 Student - None
  - 1 Adult - Taaber - no concerns
    - No Concerns
  - 2 Student - None
  - 2 Adult -
    - Representation at next year's national convention-clarification- with some of the contests up in the air who would represent the state.
    - Edgar said at this point, there is nothing to decide, as all events sponsored by IAVAT are going to be in person if we can.
    - Perry said the concern is about Dairy foods and if U of I is not able to host things. Just to reaffirm if it is a virtual event that will be the team to represent us.
    - Bunselmeyer said that it is the mind set that we will move forward with the winner of our events, we will not do anything any differently. At this point, we cannot go back two years to a state team, we are just moving forward. Seems like there is worry where there is nothing to be worried about at this time.
  - 3 Student - None
  - 3 Adult - McGrew - proposed changes now or in new business. Buneselmeyer would like the IAVAT board and CDE committee to look at it before we vote on it. And even possibly run it by the teachers of the programs that it impacted this year for them to give input. McGrew is in favor of allowing those others to review. We will get back to it later in the meeting.
    - McGrew, we need to sustain the motion of the students for the approval of the meetings.
    - Meisner moved to sustain the meeting minutes. Taber seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion sustained.
  - 4 Student - None
  - 4 Adult -
    - Clarification of rules on National Events attendance - Meisner said that the committee will be reviewing it.
    - BUILD- going to continue to be a 1-day conference? - In the future will it continue as a 1-day or will it go back to a 2-day conference after the COVID concerns. Bunselmeyer said it is our intention to go back to a 2-day conference, but will see how the 1-day event goes.
    - Concerns with videoing Parliamentary Procedure/Conduct - Meisner said she knows we have discussed this, but she has received an email about it. Do we discuss now or later on, please hold until later in the meeting.

- Host site at D4 - do we need to come up with COVID policies in place for proficiency nights. She has a host site that is asking us to have something in place to use for the site. Bunselmeyer said that we have been following the guidelines from ISBE and IHSA, she does not want us to have anything contradictory to what either of those two entities have out. Bunselmeyer stated that it is important to say that we are following guidelines of the state. Edgar said we also need to say state and local guidelines, so we can be sure to catch anything a local place may have.
      - 5 Student - None.
      - 5 Adult - None.
- FFA Board Adult Reps REMINDER to attend Section Winter Meetings - if you cannot attend please see if you can connect virtually to provide an FFA Board report
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## **Old Business**

- [Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee Update](#) - Bunselmeyer - she does not have any updates at this time. They are setting the next meeting and hope to have that set up shortly. Funds for in person will come from the STAR grant.
- [SAE Committee](#) - Perry [Rubric Change Proposals](#) [Link to statewide middle school data](#) - he said they did come up with some rubric changes/proposals. Sharing his screen. Would like to go back to a 100 point rubric. Blue are changes, Orange are additions. Perry went through the proposals. Any discussion on that area before moving on? Taber asked if there was any language from the old rubric of hours/money? Perry said it has been discussed but not considered desirable at this time. Taber said that once you add in the scope line, it can give some kids an advantage.
- Perry said the next change is just a language change in the Journals area. And then just scaling everything back to a 100 point rubric. Taber said if he has a kid with a record book for two years with \$200; but a 1 year student with \$300 how would you rank them. Perry said to look at the book and determine about the variety of experiences and responsibilities. Further discussion about the weight of the scope and growth.
- Perry discussed STAR rubric. With scope listed below, thought that it is not needed in the opening area. Scaling back journals and financials to add in scope. Bunselmeyer asked what the philosophical thought for adding in Additional SAEs? Perry said that for STARS you have been allowed to have them but we have never included it in the application. Bunselmeyer said for what she understands, all projects are counted for your state degree, but for individual proficiency, others are not included. Perry did not think the advisors guide stated that. Bunselmeyer reviewed the advisors guide. Bunselmeyer said that to her when they are in the

Star Farmer area, it needs to just be production records included, not include agriscience. Freebairn said that she would agree with Mrs. Bunselmeyer. For someone who competed in Star Farmer with just a beef production and she could have gotten beaten out with someone who had some production but supplemented with agriscience, she would be very upset about it. Dittmar asked for some clarification. Perry said the primary focus of those on the committee were thinking it should include other project information as well. Edgar asked if our advisor's guide was looking at qualifications for American STAR. Perry stated the committee was adamant that clarification needed to happen. McGrew said the state FFA degree program is one program. But the STAR program is a separate program. Sometimes they get muddled as we look at both of them at the same time. State degree is a combined of all SAEs. Where STARS should just be records of that one project area. Bunselmeyer said it is clarified in the American Star area guidelines, page 30 of the American handbook. Is this language we need to add to the advisors guide? Dittmar suggested that if this is what the board would like to do, that Example statement needs to go from the Advisors guide. Bunselmeyer said to remove the However, statement as well. Freebairn asked if she can make a motion to do that.

Freebairn moves to amend the advisor guide under individual award Programs. 1. "However, the student's total program is under review and enterprises outside the Star area are also considered. Example... Through the end of that paragraph. Seconded by Mohr. No debate. Motion passed. Meisner moved to sustain. Ehrhart seconded. Taber asked if this can go back to the SAE committee. Perry said we could but if we do what National is doing, we would be pretty solid. Bunselmeyer said that we match to National very well on the rest of the advisors' guides vs. American Degree handbook. Dittmar asked if it is policy vs rules. Dittmar asked if Perry would then go back to the committee to remove that part of the rubric, we would change the advisors guide. Bunselmeyer said we can wait a week to communicate with the SAE committee, before putting it out in a listserv. Perry said that a former FFA board member is who was pushing the clean up of the language, so everyone was placing an emphasis on the area, but also to look at all the projects for that student. Taber asked if the American STAR has a separate application, yes there is a battery. Taber said the STAR rubric is based off of the SAE book, he said it has to separate out the books at some point. So not all of the areas would be checked, just those that are eligible for that STAR area. No further discussion. Motion is sustained.

Bunselmeyer asked if Perry was looking for motions from the FFA board so we can be in touch with AET for any changes needed. He said yes.

Dittmar asked what is the difference for a judge? Bunselmeyer asked if this is where we clarify how many FFA questions the judges should ask. Perry said he thought it was in the old rubric, but then there was concern about if people would remember how many questions they were to ask. He asked if we could just approve the changes for the proficiency rubrics and come back to the Star rubric. He thinks there could be more clean up. We do still have four rubrics, but at the state level, if a student only has an entrepreneurial book that is the only rubric used. Taber thought we used the combined rubric for all of the students. If they were in a combined area = fiber and/or oil, would have a combined rubric. They could be in the same area with all ent., combined, and placement. Perry said that is the way that National FFA does in their judging. Perry said we need to be sure to push that out to everyone that there could be any of



the three rubrics in one area. Bunselmeyer said that the rubric is assigned to them to use based on the SAE. She said we will be using AET at District and State again this year. Perry said if there is no additional feedback for the four rubrics, we can go

Freebairn moved accepted the proficiency rubrics as presented. Aves seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustained by Perry. Seconded by Dittar. No discussion. Motion sustained.

Edgar asked about the Star rubrics. Bunselmeyer said that we need to make sure the proposed change to the advisors guide and the FFA questions need additional guidance for changes. Edgar thinks we need to have a deadline for the SAE committee to allow time for AET to get the updates made in time for the spring judging. Bunselmeyer said that she can send proficiency changes now and feels that we can vote on it virtually to have it back by November 15th. Perry said that the next meeting is November 8th.

- BUILD - Updates - Bunselmeyer - basically she and Edgar are discussing the number of attendees that have signed up the virtual track if it is worth offering the virtual conference. Trying to make it worth the time. Taber suggested it be 50. Edgar said we are about 1/2 full on the in-person tracks, could offer a fourth track if the others fill. Currently we have none signed up for a virtual track at this time when we had over 300 said they would be interested in the fall survey. McGrew said a lot of travel has opened up a little more in the state. So he would be fine with setting a higher limit or not pursuing a virtual option at all.
- Berry moved to only offer the virtual track if there are a minimum of 50 students registered before the conference is offered virtually. Seconded by Sample. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustained by Dittmar. Seconded by McGrew. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- Edgar said that the conference is moving right along with the preparations for BUILD conference.
- Committee Updates & CREW Meeting Coming Up - **Officers**
  - Advisor Retention - no updates
  - Production Agriculture - no updates
  - Foundation Support - no updates
  - Promotional Media - no updates
  - Member Engagement Media - no updates
  - Bunselmeyer stated that CREW meeting information will go out directly to the students that responded. Berry asked for a time, it is 3:00 - 5:00. Bunselmeyer said that we can adjust the time and still be o.k. Loker asked that we bump it to 3:30. Edgar said we can get it done from 3:30 - 5:00.

## New Business

- Convention Brainstorming - Mindy did not get this committee organized to discuss ideas, if we have time, we will break out into smaller groups to brainstorm convention.
  - What did you like about the National FFA Convention? Hit those highlights!
    - Freebairn suggested that they liked the transitional video that they did for each of the officers, doing part of the intro video not in OD, just thought that could be explored.
    - Edgar asked how they liked the change in the agenda, where the award areas were split up amongst each session. Berry said his chapter liked it, so they could see which areas they wanted. Mohr said that it helped her stay focused. Klein said he thought it was good for administrators, sponsors, kids doing just a day trip, to get a full convention experience. He also liked the pre-session hype man. Loker said that it was DJ HasBeen. Aves suggested Mr. Klein, he declined and said maybe Joey Bieretier. Bunselmeyer said that she believes it would also translate into us doing the district awards.
    - Berry liked the mosh-pit style of dancing was fun, but did not necessarily like getting body-checked.
    - Mohr said that she enjoyed zooming in some of the chapters and award winners were able to be there if not in person.
    - Taber said the shorter state degree awards session is favorable.
    - Bunselmeyer said if there are thoughts on when to do Stars, elections, National Chapter be last session? Similar to what we did last year. Berry said that we should keep Stars during the last session with the NCA. Dittmar asked if we had more room for career show. Edgar said not really, we are doing the best that we can. Dittmar asked if we could reach out to some of our larger companies, like John Deere and ADM. Klein asked if we could possibly get a ballroom at one of the hotels. Bunselmeyer said we would have to move everything. Edgar said that some of the vendors already feel like they do not get the foot traffic with Alumni and Universities in the lobby. Klein also asked if we could use the mezzanine area for vendors. McGrew also said that with the vendors in the lower level, that helps push traffic to the workshops. Klein said that he would also like to do a FFA experience, too, but if we are already strapped for room that may not work. McGrew said the constant saying by the National officers of saying, back together, for all etc. thought it was a nice message. A good way to highlight different members with their different experiences. Maybe work with

the diversity, equity and inclusion committee to figure out a good tag line. Freebairn said the officers have that on their radar to discuss.

- Foundation Investments - Edgar - an item presented to the Foundation board and they are in support of. Is the short term CDs with some of the cash reserves. One thing we have looked into is the Foundation has a consolidated funds with the investment department. We could have a greater rate of return if we would invest the money that way instead of a short term CDs. The main thing it will effect is when you look at the balance sheet the funds will no longer show there as it is in an account on the Foundation accounts. There would be a MoU signed between Foundation and FFA. Perry stated his only question isn't there a mechanism that would show up that it would be owed to us in theory. Edgar said not really, since we are on a cash basis. We could create a separate report that would include that information, but it would not show up on the official

Approval to establish a memorandum of understanding between the Illinois Association FFA Board of Directors and the Illinois Foundation FFA Board of Directors to invest FFA short term cash reserves in the Foundation Consolidated FFA Funds Endowment.

Sample moved. Mohr seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustained by Perry Secconded by Dittmar. No discussion. Motion sustained.

Freebairn moved to accept the resignation by Seciton 10 seconded by Berry. Sustained by Taber. Secconded by Meisner. McGrew asked if the VP is available to step in. Bunselmeyer said no, she has been in touch with the chair, she needs to see where we are at. Today is the first date that we have been able to address. Aves offered to do what she can to help, since they are in her district. Motion to sustain passed.

Bunselmeyer was asked if a graduating senior can attend WLC or Camp. Her first reaction is no. But wanted to bring it to the board, because we have not offered either of those events the past two summers. Dr. Maxwell asked if there is any written policy on the age limit. Berry asked if we allow it for this year's camp only, due to circumstances for the past two years? Bunselmeyer stated that if we do, we are just allowing them to attend camp for a fun experience.

Klein stated that the WLC is open for members who immediately graduated. Bunselmeyer said we try to not take graduated seniors on the Illinois sponsored trip. Freebairn said she knows that there were graduated seniors when she went to WLC on the state trip. Loker said that it is still allowing for personal growth for the member. Freebairn said that she feels that would take away the space for a younger member who may not be able to attend later. Bunselmeyer feels that there is nothing to hold over the older member if they have already graduated, if they push the envelope. Loker asked what is the possibility of making that decision on a case by case basis. Maxwell asked if it has to be decided today, could a committee or someone from Camp staff and FFA staff draft a policy to present. Then we can make a decision at that time. Edgar said the first deadline would be the alumni WLC scholarship deadline. It is today, November 1.

Loker said with general consent a committee would be formed. Hood volunteered, Loker, Freebairn, Berry, Perry, McGrew, Matt Meyer (as camp director).

- CDE Committee recommendation - [click here](#) - Taber stated the majority of the committee is in favor of having videos posted on-line for parliamentary procedure, but having to log in to access it. Even those that were wary of posting the videos have used them in the past to help their current teams. There are a couple of people against it, but all the parli-pro teams from D1 are in favor and would like to see it passed. Dittmar asked what disadvantages mentioned. Bunselmeyer said if you go back to the August minutes to see what those are. McGrew said one of the conversations, the biggest controversy about subjectivity of rubrics. Depending on how it goes about, if videos are recorded and shared in parli-pro, those videos have to be used as an educational tool only, not for the advisors to look at the actions of other teams and make comparisons to their teams. Older videos or videos from finals hall, those do not always allow for it to be our teams so no comparisons on how they are currently being judged. Our state staff will have to specify the videos do not hold any accountability to the current contest. Taber thought that would be obvious. Edgar asked why the push for parli-pro and not asking for reasons for livestock or public speaking. Meisner also asked why are we not asking for the additional contests? Taber said he would argue because there is a lot of subjectivity to parli-pro judging. And it has been a tradition to do it in the past, maybe not recent past. Berry asked why looking for the state to provide the videos when they are available from National's final hall. Bunselmeyer said that we did video the event when it was at ISU, so the advisor could watch from the hallway. But when we moved locations, then it was not recorded. She also said the other concerns were what if a team chooses not to be recorded, would there be a penalty? Or if a family does not sign a consent for it to be videoed. Those were some concerns. Berry asked if advisors asked at our finals could the advisors watch in person. Bunselmeyer said that it has been a room size issue. Edgar said that this year it will be held at ICC. Meisner said that for Ag Issues she was asked if she wanted to be in the room. Her team did not want them in. Perry said that D2 would also be in favor of releasing the videos. He thinks we need to take time to release the videos and be sure to state it will not change any standings, etc. Maxwell said his question or concern is that he would like to have the CDE committee to make a proposal on how they are going to make the recommendations. Edgar would also like to know who is videoing and editing? If it is a volunteer or who is going to pay for it? Bunselmeyer said is it up to the host site, the state office? Taber said he would say the host site, similar to the secretary notes from the past. Dittmar asked if Parli-Pro was the only event brought up. Taber said it was only Parli-Pro. He thinks that we need to make a decision and not take it back to the CDE committee. He said when we did it virtually, we did post the public speaking events. Bunselmeyer said yes, as long as the participant agreed to it. And it was because we had those videos sent to the state office. Edgar said that maybe we just have the team responsible for recording their own team and share with us. Taber said that some of the districts may be at a disadvantage because of the host site.
- Freebairn moves at this time not to accept the recommendation provided by the CDE committee. Seconded by Berry. No discussion. Motion passed. Ehrhart moved to sustain. Meisner seconded. Taber said what do we use as the argument

of not having the recording. Maxwell said it is because there is no clarity in the recommendation. Freebairn said that from a student prospective there is not a lot of transparency in some of the other events, either, so where would it end. Dittmar asked if there would be too much difficulty to add all CDEs instead of just one into the recommendation. Bunselmeyer said it would be a logistical overload. Berry said for anything to get passed, he thinks the recommendation needs to be specific on what is wanted and who is responsible for it. Bunselmeyer asked if a demo can be created by a past team and an unbiased parliamentarian that could be shared? Would that help the situation? In the demo you make sure that everything gets done, not necessarily in a time limit. Maybe it would be multiple demos. Would that be a good solution that would work? Taber thought yes. Bunselmeyer said that could then open us up to all CDEs wanting a demo. Meisner said the biggest concern was why are we doing it for one and not the other, but also a big headache being made by pointing out differences after videos are posted. No further debate. Motion to sustain fails.

- Klein stated that there is a demand for the videos, they will be utilized by teams, do not need to be a big production. He just thinks it is a good educational enhancement. He would be willing to help with the video editing, if needed.
- McGrew said since the board did not sustain. Options for student directors:
  - Students take no action
  - Refer something to CDE committee
  - Accept CDE committees report and implement.

McGrew said there are several out there from when Mr. Niehouse recorded and sold them back when he was a student.

Berry moves to postpone indefinitely until the next board meeting. No second. Motion fails.

Bunselmeyer said that we need to recognize the videos are a valuable tool. The concern expressed by other teachers is just as valid, that when and where does it stop. Bunselmeyer said when students take action and the motion to sustain fails, but it leaves our students where they do not have the guidance and know where they need to go. She would encourage us to think about other options. Maybe we need to form a committee from this board to meet with the CDE committee. We also need to make sure that all sides are equally being heard. Taber stated that maybe we are adding bureaucracy to it, that the CDE committee is the governing body over these events. Mindy said that the FFA board did discuss it in August and the CDE committee did not take concerns into consideration with the same information being brought back up with no changes or clarifications to those concerns.

Freebairn stated the students are still for taking no action at this time.

Klein wanted to give a shout out to Mr. McGrew and his students at Macomb for advocating with the State Board of Education.

Bunselmeyer said the link to the proposed general rules updated. McGrew said he can give everyone a rundown to think about it. Rule three outlines the participation in National contest. Rule four added a section, not fully approved until state board approval. Board can also pull the recommendation for approval. Rule five opportunity to participate in no more than two National contests. National FFA being one of those events. Second contest regional/national contest of their choosing. If a winning school wins the state reasons, and they decline in participation of National FFA, they only have one additional contest they can represent us. Teams #2 - #10, they can only participate in one event only. Would it be possible to share a google spreadsheet on the website to see if there is an approved school for a specific contest? What would allow for some of this to happen without not taking up a lot of state staff time to manage. Working to get something in the middle of the road. If there is an open contest, a team could change the contest they were approved for, but would forgo the first competition they were initially signed up/approved for. He said that it is ready for review and comments being made. Bunselemeyer said she does not have any concerns at this point, but has a few questions, and she will ask those on the form. Thank you for your time on it, it is greatly appreciated. She would like IAVAT board to see it as well, and would like to see what Mr. Bane and Mrs. Schafer have to say about it as well. McGrew asked for state staff questions first and then will share with IAVAT board and once we have that (MB can share with IAVAT board) then once we have done that, then we can share with the teachers impacted. Meisner also helped tremendously with the document.

Mohr asked about #5, the first place team can go to National FFA plus a second national contest. She knows that Denver has a clause that the team cannot have attended another national competition. McGrew said they knew that there are some other events that only state teams can participate in one national invitational. It will be up to the school to make the decision on which they wanted to go. McGrew said to be sure to give rational comments/concerns on the document.

6:03 p.m. Berry moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Freebairn. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustained by Perry. Second by Meinser. No discussion. Motion sustained.

- CCM Rules Update
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### **Review District/Section Concerns**

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### **5:00 p.m. Adjourn**

## Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting

September 20, 2021

Virtual

### 3:30 p.m. FFA Board

In attendance: Andrew Klein, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Dr. Lucas Maxwell, Maxwell Berry - D4, Morgan Wirt - D1, Tammy Yard, Gracie Murphy, Adam Loker, Jatou Shaffer, Lauren Mohr, Kara Freebairn, John Edgar, Trent Taber - D1, Rachel Hood - D3, Dean Dittmar, Jennifer Ehrhart - D5, Jason Perry - D2, Wyatt McGrew - D3, Derek Sample - D5, Jacalyn Meisner - D4, Allyson Aves - D2

3:33 - Loker called the meeting to order

- Opening Ceremonies
- Murphy called the roll of members - there are 15 members and guests present.
- Financial Reports presented by Edgar. Possible opportunity to do some short-term investments. Berry asked if there were many big revenues that we are feeling a loss at from COVID last year. Edgar said that for the most part, we fared fairly well. Not any real lingering effects, however, we just held Horse CDE and participation was lower than in past years.
- Freebairn moved to place the financial report on file for review. Seconded by Mohr. Motion passed. Meisner sustained. McGrew seconded. Motion carried.
- Minutes of previous meeting - [click here](#)
- Freebairn moves to approve the meeting minutes of the August 4th meeting. Shaffer seconded. Berry just wanted to make sure we made a decision on the American Degree timeline. Motion passes. Sustained by Taber. Meisner seconded. Motion sustained.
- Financial Reports - [click here](#)
- District Concerns
  - 1 Student - None
  - 1 Adult - Mr. Taber
    - Parli-Pro: Can we advertise updated rules/policies?
    - 8th grade records: Where are we at on this?
  - 2 Student - None
  - 2 Adult - Same as Mr. Taber
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  - 3 Student - None
  - 3 Adult - Same as Mr. Taber
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  - 4 Student - None
  - 4 Adult - Website got confused because it just says event time, does that mean registration time or the actual event start time. This is on the event registration time.
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  - 5 Student - None

- 5 Adult - 8th grade adding records, with rural schools we don't always have the opportunity to get into the 8th grade level for record books.
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- CREW Meeting Update - Loker, two weeks ago we had the first ever CREW meeting. CREW - Chapter Representative Engagement Webinar. We had about 24 chapter represented. We currently are up to 33 members that have signed up for CREW. In Bunselmeyers opinion, not a resounding turnout. Any advice from board how to increase the attendance, please let the majors or state staff know.

## **Old Business**

- [Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee Update](#) - Bunselmeyer - opening the task force for additional members. Working with grad student with U of I, to explore ways to engage levels of belonging. Do not have next meeting date set, at this time.
- [SAE Committee](#) - Perry - After last board meeting, there was not a vote on the 8th grade records, but based on the survey results. It is SAE Committe's recommendation that the jr. high records not be allowed to be included at the high school level. Believe that the Discovery STAR is the best option currently for middle school. The Discovery STAR application is being reviewed. There is an area or two that is going to be dropped, but if there is an expense to get it updated, we may just need to publicize what is needed on the application. Nothing for Bunselmeyer to take to Roger with AET, yet. She is afraid that it may be too late for this year, to get changes made to the application and get that information out.
- Bunselmeyer - Parli Pro concern, there was a listserv that went out on August 10th. There is also a link in the LDE's of the changes. Is the concern that it is not showing up on the website, yet? Taber was talking specifically about adding the general effect rubric to the rules or the list of violations. Bunselmeyer said we may not have discussed those at the FFA board. Past recommendations - remove secretary notes - passed; Post videos - no action taken; "all of the above" and "none of the above" be removed - passed.
- Perry recapped releasing the videos in parli-pro - potential for why people may not want videos showed. Edgar also said that it was discussed that when do we stop, if we do videos of parli-pro then they want Horse reasons and livestock reasons. Taber said that there was a push from the CDE committee because National releases it and sometimes there are "unpublished" rules that are not commonly known. Taber said he would like to see action taken on the general effect rubric. McGrew said that it was not included in the email sent to the state office, but he knows it was the intention of the CDE committee to have it added.
- Freebairn - Motion to place the general effects scorecard in the parli-pro rules. Aves seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. Taber sustained. Ehrhart seconded. Motion sustained.
- McGrew asked if we would do a vote on allowing middle school records, would rather see a yes or no, not just a did not take action in the minutes. Bunselmeyer



asked if it would pass, would we want it to go into effect immediately or if it would be for next year. McGrew said for the 22-23 school year, to have an updated rubric. Dittmar asked if the committee thought the middle school student had an advantage if they included their middle school records. Edgar said the largest area impacted is the scope and growth. Meisner said she does not remember scope and growth being on the rubric currently. Bunselmeyer said it is still a part of the judging, but it is not a numeric number that is assigned to it. Scope and growth is still included in the rubric and judging. Dittmar expects there to be more Jr. High and Middle School programs in the future. Ehrhart said that so many rural schools in D5 do not have an opportunity to have a middle school program, that there can be an advantage to those students with an additional year of books. McGrew said we need to break down the stereotypes that the student with the most money, inventory, etc. with their project is not always the winner at National FFA.

- Shaffer's opinion is that our organization wants to let as many students/members to participate, then we should allow the middle school records to be included. Wants to encourage the younger students to participate.
- Edgar asked Klein, that in the past we have not allowed SAE course to be the first class taken as an FFA member. Could we make some sort of compromise that there be an SAE class for middle school without there being an Intro to Ag class. Klein said that the most likely scenario would be to have an exploratory course first. But ISBE is usually going along with what Ag Ed has recommended. Bunselmeyer says when we get into that, it is a constitutional change, so then we truly will see what the membership wants. Klein said for him, he thinks of FFA and SAE as the motivator to start an ag program. Will that prevent middle schools or Junior highs from having an approved ag program.
- Bunselmeyer said that currently the answer to allowing middle school records is no. We are still exploring it. Shaffer said that he would like to create a committee and see if it is really something that the majority of advisors want. Bunselmeyer said if we go back and look at the August minutes, it gives the stats of the survey results. This feeds some of the information that we want, need to dig deeper to see what are the barriers we can break down to help alleviate the concerns against it. Feels we do need to create a committee.
- Freebairn moved to form a committee to explore the 8th grade independent study. Aves seconded. Motion passed. Sustained by Perry. Second by Taber. Motion sustained.
- Committee formation - students: Shaffer, Freebairn, Sample, Aves. Adults: Klein, Ehrhart, Bolin (FCAE), Feltmeyer (nominated by Taber).

- BUILD - Edgar - out of survey, interest of 650 in-person; 380 virtual from 131 different chapters. Toured Bone Center at ISU today. Plan to coordinate two different sessions. In person on Monday. Tuesday in person and virtual, could also run a second in person on Tuesday, as well. Should be able to get some teacher PD at the Ropp Ag Center. Bunselmeyer said that she will include dates in the listserv tomorrow, but will state registration and fees will be forthcoming. Berry asked about section presidents attending in person. Yes, the state officer team would need to be assisting with the in person tracks. Bunselmeyer said that we need to work out the number of people at a table and most likely will be from the same school, will be assigned seating. Need to do for contact tracing. Still allowing for photos to take place, but backdrop will probably be outside, so it could be cold, just need to take a quick photo. We need to remember that we have to celebrate what we are able to do. Meisner said just something to think about, IDPH is not continuing contact tracing if you are three feet apart from mouth to mouth and you continue to mask. Asked about length of the day, it will be an all day event each day.
- Committee Updates - **Officers**
  - Advisor Retention - Mohr - working on advisor spotlights, have 36 responses so there will be posts up. Ideas pouring in hope to continue with those.
  - Production Agriculture - Freebairn - Farmer spotlights, working on details to send out to section presidents and working on ideas from CREW meeting.
  - Foundation Support - Loker - in August wrote to all chapters that are zero chapters in Foundation, giving resources and who to ask for help, tool kit, etc. Still have different ideas coming in and trying to get involved.
  - Promotional Media - Shaffer, starting with the promotion of the LTS's, fielding ideas from members, looking forward to next CREW meeting.
  - Member Engagement Media - Murphy - started posting on social media, Fun Fact Fridays, will start posting Way Back Wednesday. Each major will be taking turns taking over Snapchat. Started using Tik Tok. Just finding ways to reach out to members.

### **New Business**

- Administrative Council changes to the [Constitution and By Laws](#) - **Action**
- Edgar said these have been approved by the council, it updates with some of the structures of the other organizations and boards. They each need to be ratified by the boards, so that is what we need today.
- Freebairn moves to approve the changes in the constitution and bylaws of administrative council. Berry seconded. Motion passed. Sustained by Meisner. Seconded by Perry. Motion sustained.

- AET cost not all covered by FCAE next year  
 FY19,FY20,FY21 - \$250,115 or \$83,372 annually(Paid by FY18 unobligated funds from the Three Circle FFA & SAE funds)  
 FY22 (2021-22 school year) - \$79,705 annually + online award application management(\$12,000) = \$91,705(Paid by FY21 FCAE funds)  
 FY23 (2022-23 school year) - \$90,852 annually + online award application management(\$13,000) = \$103,852 (\$84,055 reserved in the FY22 FCAE budget - difference of \$19,797)
- Dittmar added the above AET items. He did not know if we needed an action item or explanation. The challenge will be for FY23, but there are other potential options for additional funding. Bunselmeyer was not looking for an action item. Edgar said that we have known all along that we may need to help cover the \$13,000, but we may have to work into future budgets from FFA if the line item does not cover the costs. Dittmar said the FY23 number is from AET. No action is needed at this time.
- Schools on probation policy - Bunselmeyer said how do we proceed if a school is not complying on a mask mandate. FFA and sports at times, are being used as a pawn. We are not going out and looking for a school that is on probation. Our biggest concern is if a student is not able to receive an approved transcript for the State Degree, then it could become an issue. Edgar said IAVAT board is just waiting to see if we have a problem. Klein asked if the concern comes for any of our events that are sanctioned by IHSA. No action needed at this time.
- Convention Brainstorming - Break into 5 groups to discuss evaluations and brainstorm suggestions for 2022 Convention.
  - Potential form a sub committee for Convention brainstorming.
  - Bunselmeyer would like volunteers to be on convention committee: Loker, Hood, Berry, Murphy, Meisner, Taber, Dittmar or FCAE rep, Edgar, Bunselmeyer.
- WLC - what do we want to do this next summer? Bunslemeyer said we need to decide if we want to do a group trip. In 2018, the group flew out. We need to determine if we were going to fly or bus? We just need to decide if we want to do a WLC week. Perry asked how many students to a room. Freebairn said she went on the last state trip, it was four students to a room from either their chapter or a neighboring chapter. Edgar said that we will need to have to rebudget with two students to a room. We will move forward with booking a week.
- 100th Anniversary State FFA Convention - **Action**
- Bunselmeyer would like to recommend that this committee be made of other people outside of this current board. Past State Officers, Past State Staff, Industry friends, these people will be who we put on the committee.

- Freebairn moves to create a committee for the convention planning and brainstorming. Sample seconded. Motion passed. Sustained by Meisner. Seconded by Ehrhart. Motion sustained.
- Aves moves to form a 100th anniversary state FFA planning committee. Mohr seconded. Motion carried. Motion to sustain Perry. Meisner seconded. Motion passed.
- 100th anniversary committee, Berry, Aves, Dr. Maxwell, Ehrhart.
- Do we need to have a motion to add the violations for Parli Pro addition to the rules? May just need to be an addition to the judging tool instead of the rules. Taber said he could see it as a part of the judging tool. Add it as a resource or a reference.
- Move to add the violations for Parli Pro as a resource on the website. Freebairn moved. Seconded by Berry. Motion passed. Ehrhard sustained. Seconded by Taber. Motion sustained.
- Taber asked if we have a state awards day date set yet? Edgar said that we have to get a host site to confirm before we can move forward with an in person event.
- Next meeting: November 1, 2021 - 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- 5:20 - Loker adjourned meeting. Motion by Freebairn. Berry seconded. Motion passed. Sustained Meisner, Perry seconded. Motion sustained.

### **Review District/Section Concerns**

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**5:00 p.m. Adjourn**

## Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

### Illinois Department of Agriculture - FFA Conference Room

#### 2:00/2:30 p.m. FFA Board

- Opening Ceremonies - 1:48 p.m. to 1:51 p.m.
- Meeting called to order 1:51 p.m.
- Minutes of previous meeting - click [here](#)
  - Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting made by Sample, D5; 2nd Berry, D4. **Motion passed.**
  - Motion to sustain made by Perry, 2nd Meisner. **Motion passed.**
- Financial Reports - [click here](#) - Mr. Edgar provided a verbal report to follow up.
  - Ended with \$313,000 in account
  - Ended year with significant surplus
  - Majors and section presidents stayed close to what was budgeted
  - Because of our cash reserved, we were able to get through last year without a major hit on our budget
  - Motion to place financials on file for review made by Freebairn, 2nd Berry, D4. **Motion passed.**
  - Motion to sustain made by Heartt, D1; 2nd Meisner, D4. **Motion passed.**
- District Concerns
  - 1 Student - None
  - 1 Adult -
    - Survey Results Parli- 93% agree with video release, 12% want them back, all others split, 66% all motions at all levels. 16 teachers completed this survey in D1.
    - Survey Results SAE- 50% or more agree with stopping the removal of 8th grade records, allowing them to use toward degrees, and competing in discovery areas. 16 teachers completed this survey in D1.
  - 2 Student - None
  - 2 Adult -
    - Survey Results Parli-90% in favor of video release, 71.8% in favor of time increase, no consensus on secretary's notes, 45% in favor of all motions (25% not in favor), 40 teachers completed this survey in D2.
    - SAE survey results-52.5% AGAINST middle school records towards degrees and stars, 45% in favor of middle school records being allowed in HS proficiencies (42.5% against), 42.5% in favor of expanding middle school SAE areas, 35% in favor of keeping star Discovery areas (77.5% do not want middle school competing against HS) 40 teachers completed this survey in D2.
  - 3 Student - None
  - 3 Adult - Did send out a survey, but for Parliamentary Procedure - no concerns, yes to Junior High records - do not allow students to back log so if we vote in favor of this state that as of August 2021, junior records can be

used - not in favor of teachers allowing them to create or backlog records prior to the date determined. D3 wants to stay with National FFA Parliamentary Procedure rules.

- 4 Student - None
- 4 Adult -
  - **PARLI PRO SURVEY RESULTS**- 71.4% in favor (21.4% against) of video (also concerns about if a team doesn't want videoed or can't due to student privacy and not being punished), 85.7% in favor of time increase, 57.1% in favor (3-way tie for the other options of keeping/removing/no opinion) of a secretary notes practicum, 28.6% in favor (35.7% no opinion and 35.7% against) of all motions. 14 chapters completed this survey in D4.
  - **SAE SURVEY RESULTS:** 42.9% in favor (35.7% against, 21.4% no opinion) of counting Middle School SAEs for Degrees and Stars, 50% in favor (35.7% against, 14.3% no opinion) middle school be allowed to keep records to compete in proficiency awards in high school, 42.9% in favor of middle school students compete against each other in discovery stars, 35.7% want to expand the discovery areas for ms, 7.1% in favor of ms competing against hs, 14.3% no opinion. 14 chapters completed this survey in D4.
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- 5 Student - None
- 5 Adult -
  - Parli Pro Survey Results- 75% are in favor (25% against) of a video release, 57.9% are in favor (42.1% against) of a time increase, 40% to keep secretary notes and scores as in previous years, 50% no opinion on all motions at all levels (27.5% yes, 22.5% no) 40 teachers completed this survey in D5.
  - SAE Survey Results- 62.5% feel records from jr high should NOT count toward State Degrees or when determining STARS, 60% feel records should be removed before the student competes in high school proficiency awards, and 48.7% feel middle school FFA members should continue competing against each other in discovery star areas.
- 2020 - 2021 Officer Team Report/[Recommendations](#) started 2:18 p.m. to 2:37 p.m.
  - Margaret Vaessen kicked it off.
- 2021 - 2022 Calendar of Events
  - BUILD - Locations, options, dates, etc.
  - 212 - Hotels and lodging
  - Chapter Visits - [Schedule](#)
    - Will schools be allowing visitors in for chapter visits?
    - School policies this Fall for COVID?
  - LTS
    - Host sites - will schools allow for the high schools to be hosts of this event?
    - School policies this Fall for COVID?

- STAR Conference
  - Sep 7, 2021 - District 5 STAR at SIUC
  - Sep 10, 2021 - District 4 STAR at Lake Land
  - Tentative Date for D2 STAR at JJC - Sep 13, 2021
  - Tentative Date for D3 STAR at JWCC- Perry Ag Center - Sep 15, 2021
  - Tentative Date for D1 STAR - BHE - Sep 17, 2021
- Greenhand Conferences
  - SIUC - September 7, 2021
  - WIU - September 14, 2021
  - Lincoln Land - October 13, 2021
  - UIUC -

## **Old Business**

- [Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee Update](#) - Bunselmeyer
  - Mr. McGrew - Dr. Maxwell will replace Mr. McGrew.
  - Allyson Aves, Max Berry interested.
- SAE Committee - Perry
  - No update - most interested in the results of the surveys sent out to Districts for the committee to use in the future work.
  - Has not met since last board meeting
  - Will be willing to take action and bring back to committee
- [Delegate Process Committee](#) - - Bunselmeyer - **Action**
  - Motion that the State Officer team and FFA Center staff follow through with the proposal from this committee made by Sample, D5, 2nd Mohr. **Motion passed.**
  - Motion to sustain made by Meisner, D4; 2nd Spangler D3. **Motion passed.**
- [Conflict of Interest Committee](#) - Perry - **Action**
  - Motion to adopt the proposed guiding principles and Recommended Guidelines for Resolving conflicts and example resolutions made by Aves, D2; 2nd Berry, D4. **Motion passed.**
  - Motion to sustain made by Perry, D2; 2nd Erhardt, D5. **Motion passed.**
- Middle School Affiliation Policy - Edgar - **Action**
  - Main thing we have to vote on is the requirement of what they have to do with their middle school members.

- Motion to make the following as the policy that allows for teachers the option that Middle school students DO NOT have to be entered on ilaged.org for **affiliate** chapters. If not submitted on ilaged.org, Program Advisors will update Google spreadsheet manually at the end of the year. The FFA Center will determine affiliate invoices based on Google spreadsheet official enrollment document Made by Freebairn; 2nd - Sample, D5. **Motion passed.**
- Motion to sustain Perry, D2; 2nd Heartt, D1. **Motion passed.**
- FCAE collect: Name, course, gender, DOB, farm, nonfarm- stats - data points. Not address, on an excel sheet.
- \*FFA Board needs to clarify requirements or optional format for these middle school members counting towards affiliation
- LDE- for [Parliamentary Procedure](#) - **Action**
  - Motion to accept Recommendation # 1 – Regarding Parliamentary Procedure from the CDE committee to remove secretary notes from the event and to set the time limit to 11 minutes for the demonstration with a 2 point penalty per second beyond 11 minutes made by Freebairn, 2nd Hood, D3. **Motion Passed.**
  - Motion to sustain made by Spangler, D3,; 2nd Meisner D4. **Motion passed.**
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  - No Action on Recommendation # 2 – Regarding Parliamentary Procedure CDE to post videos of the top 5 state Parliamentary Procedure LDE presentations to the state website made by
    - What happens if the team chooses not to be recorded? Would there be a penalty?
    - It should be a prerequisite or not do it at all.
    - Use the same release we have for other FFA videos or photos. Unless there is a release or permission to record we should not do that.
    - Has to be communicated early and often and placed in the STATE RULES.
    - Ask the CDE committee to provide more information and why they want this.
    - Does this open a can of worms with other CDEs and LDEs, too many unknowns and too many questions at this time to be all in on this recommendation.
  - Motion to accept Recommendation # 3 – Regarding General CD Rules that "all of the above" and "none of the above" options be eliminated from CDE exam questions made by Freebairn; 2nd by Berry, D4. **Motion passed.**
  - Motion to sustain made by Heartt, d1; 2nd Erhardt, D5. **Motion passed.**
  - Notes from Joint Board - Parliamentary Procedure topics from CDE Committee
    - Statement on using “all motions at all levels”. Be sure that judges are aware of this and have understanding of all motions. Some section



level judges may not have the parliamentary knowledge of the traditional “state level” motions and may not know how to evaluate accordingly.

### **IAVAT Conference Resolutions - No Action for this group at this time.**

- 21 - 16 - Therefore be it resolved that a committee or a special Task Force be formed from the Legislative Committee to collect information from members and explore the possibility of becoming Statewide Affiliated through an expansion of the Agricultural Education Line Item. - Do Pass
- Motion made to refer the possibility of procuring funding for statewide affiliation to the Legislative Committee.
  - Buyck moved, Freebairn second. Motion carried
- 21 - 17 - Therefore be it resolved that professional development workshops be named separately from student conferences (such as BUILD or 212) so that Perkins funds may be used to pay for expenses. Follow what was discussed with FCAE.

### **New Business**

- Committee Updates - **Officers**
  - Advisor Retention
  - Production Agriculture
  - Foundation Support
  - Promotional Media
    - Project: Initiate Promotion
    - Goal: Showcase the events that Illinois FFA holds each year spotlighting benefits of being involved on the State Level
    - Currently Planning on providing state-wide templates for LTS posters and advertisements for events
  - Member Engagement Media
    - Project: Initiate Engagement
    - Goal: engage members via social media as we did last year; specifically, we want to reach all members from all walks of life
      - Will be meeting with Luke Allen in October to discuss ways we could be more inclusive for the urban students in our association

- Plan for social media posts:
    - Mindfulness Monday: including core values and quotes (similar to motivational monday)
    - Way Back Wednesday: Including history of Illinois FFA (form was sent to all section officers, may also be shared with advisors and via social media platforms)
    - Fun Fact Friday: Including fun facts about agriculture that may not be known by everyone; a way to educate the public while keeping it fun and engaging for our members
  - Also planning on utilizing snapchat for officer takeover days during chapter visits (Touring Illinois FFA)
  - Also planning on highlighting and introducing section officer teams with a universal graphic
  - Open to any ideas you may have of activities for social media!
- BUILD - **Action**
  - ISU Friday/Saturday dates that were open are the 1st Friday/Saturday in December which is the same weekend as the Farm Bureau Annual meetings and beginning of finals for facilitators, so for multiple reasons, this option is not feasible.
  - Monday/Tuesday dates option possible?
  - Could/will be challenging to find a hotel space.
  - Let's get dates to ISU now for 2022.
  - Is it possible to move it for a one day event?
  - **Action - Dr.** Maxwell look into potential 1 day dates, report that information back to John and Mindy.
  - **Action** - FFA Center staff crunch numbers and look into 1 day option schedules with some virtual hours with the in person 1 day and connect with sponsors
  - Do we provide a fully virtual option? Yes is the consensus. That would be offered on a separate date than the in person option.
- 212 Curriculum - **Action**
  - Motion to further develop the Ground Zero curriculum with FFA Center Staff and state officers made by Freebairn; 2nd Aves, D2. **Motion Passed.**

- Motion to sustain made by Meisner, D4; Perry, D2. **Motion Passed.**
- American FFA Degree timeline - - Bunselmeyer - **Action**
  - Move the application deadline to January 1 or January 15 - the deadline to National FFA is March 1.
  - Plan B Jan 15 - Apps Due
    - Jan 17 - 21 - American Committee Review apps
    - Jan 25 - 27 - American FFA Degree Interviews
  - Motion to accept Plan B for the American FFA Degree timeline for Illinois FFA made by Freebairn; 2nd Mohr. **Motion passed.**
  - Motion to sustain made by Meisner, D4; 2nd Heart, D1. **Motion passed.**
- Convention Brainstorming - Break into 5 groups to discuss evaluations and brainstorm suggestions for 2022 Convention. - **MOVE to September Virtual Meeting.**
  - Potential form a sub committee for Convention brainstorming.

### **Review District/Section Concerns**

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**4:45 p.m. DEPART the Illinois Department of Agriculture**

**Illinois FFA Board  
Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, June 29, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.**

Topic: FFA Board - June 2021

Time: Jun 29, 2021 03:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Those present: Adam Loker-President, Jaton Shaffer-Vice President, Lauren Mohr-Reporter, Gracie Murphy-Secretary, Kara Freebairn-Treasurer, Renee Gehrke-D1, Keely Wixted-D2, Jesse Haudrich-D5, Mindy Bunselmeyer, John Edgar, Tammy Yard, Trent Tabor-Dist 1, Jason Perry-Dist 2, Wyatt McGrew-Dist 3, Jacalyn Meisner-Dist 4, Jennifer Ehrhart-Dist 5, Dr. Lucas Maxwell-University Rep, Dean Dittmar-FCAE, 2021- 22 section presidents (check with Mindy on those in attendance), Dr. Howard Heavner

**Section President Attendance:**

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3:00 Adam called the meeting to order.

Opening ceremonies.

John Edgar presented the following reports:

**Reports & Updates:**

- [FFA Center Reports/Updates](#)
- Minutes of previous meetings - [Click here](#)
  - Lauren Moved to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Kara. Motion passed.
  - Motion to sustain: McGrew. Seconded by Meisner. Motion sustained.
- Financial Reports - *Edgar*
  - [Balance Sheet](#)
  - [Budget v Actual](#)
  - [Prev Year Comparison](#)

Wyatt brought up Administrative Council passed their budget, which we all feed into. They are in deficit budget this year, we need to help close that gap. They need to look at the amount of time that the staff spends for each entity. What FFA uses does not balance out what we pay.

Kara Moved to approve the financial reports on file for review. Keely seconded.

Taber moved. Maxwell seconded. Motion sustained.

### **Topics that we need to address for the overall operation of the FFA Board meetings:**

- How we go about discussions on issues, topics, or concerns. - **Gehrke, Perry** - Jason noted as issues come up, we have open discussions, sometimes it is lead to what is not the individuals belief, but need to do what is in the best interest of the organization. Everyone's opinion is valued. Renee - mentioned that being on the board as a student is very serious, but very cool to be in the decision making and leading position for the board. Mindy mentioned the thought behind having everyone attend the meeting is so that the section presidents have an idea of how the board is run and how we value the students input. Dr. H said that it is best to look over the agenda prior to the meeting, so that you are prepared to vote on topics that are brought up. If you vote no, we want to hear the thoughts of why you are voting no. Jason said we need everyone's opinion for the decisions. Keely said that this is an important way to get your perspective out there and to discuss it.
- How action items to address issues, topics or concerns are properly proposed, voted on, and put into action. - **McDermott, Haudrich**
  - Tim - this board needs to remember that it is a student lead organization. All action has to be brought forth first by the students. The majors and district directors initiate all the action. The motions have to be made first, usually followed up by discussion. Once approved, the adults will then vote to sustain the motion. The best meetings are when the students come to the meetings prepared for discussion on the items on the agenda. Even when there are awkward moments, at the end of the day remember that we are all here for the betterment and leadership of the organization. Jesse - the board makes the decisions for the state, the student job is to bring the information/perspective of your district.

- Disseminating information to your District from FFA Board meetings. - **McGrew** - communication is key. As an adult, from the other advisors in your district and your section. It does not mean that you always agree what an advisor has a concern about, but you still need to bring forward those concerns. For the students, be in contact with your officer team to find out if there are concerns within your section. Feel free to ask questions of the members in your sections/districts. When there is a board recap sent out, he will forward it to advisors in his district.
- Gathering information and concerns from your District to share with the FFA board. - **Meisner** - she will use a google form to poll those in her district. She tends to have a document for the meeting, reviews it with the student D4 rep and together they send out the information after a board meeting.
  - Mindy asked how soon do you collect or ask for concerns from your district. Jacalyn said she will try to send out the request for information a few weeks ahead, then a week before, she sends a reminder. Tries to make it a google form with yes or no responses, if she can. Wyatt said that he just goes about a week before. FCAE staff has done a good job helping to keep the email lists available for them. Mindy said they have done a good job reaching out for concerns and opinions of their districts.
- Hosting District LDEs. - **All Adult Reps** - Jason and Jacalyn said they both copy off of what Trent sends out. Trent said that he may not do the best, but said that since now we do so much virtually, that it is fairly easy to do. He does like a good spreadsheet with links. Be sure to communicate with all the section chairs. Wyatt said that consistency between all the sections within the state is a big key. Tim said that while we have most of the section presidents on the call, they play a big part of the district events, by reporting the results of the section winners to the district director on the board.
- Hosting District Proficiency Awards. - **All Adult Reps** - Jacalyn, the earlier you can get the section results, the easier it is. Mindy put it on the agenda just to be sure that we reassure Jennifer that we are all hear to help her out on the first year she is on the board. WE can have an adult board meeting to go over more of this later. Wyatt said that the help of the section presidents is very valuable and appreciated.
- Meeting attendance and presence. - **Gehrke, Haudrich, Wixted.** - Keely, attendance is important. You would not miss a state officer meeting, so do not miss a board meeting. It is important, there are only have 1 district representative, so it is important. When you elect district directors, you also elect your district secretary, they are able to represent you at the meeting. Renee seconded what Keely said, it is very important to be in attendance as the meetings and discussions can carry over from meeting to meeting. Jesse said that there is a time commitment for being on the FFA board, be prepared for that. Keely said that it is important to speak your mind, but also be mature if something is not in your favor.

- Andrew said that it can be tough balancing concerns between expressed concerns to you with knowing what is most valued for the board to consider.

### **District Concerns:**

- 1- None
- 2 -None
- 3 - Wyatt, but in items so we did not forget them. So we need to be sure to have these on the agenda for the August meeting.
  - Items for future discussion/action not to be forgotten:
    - Decision regarding Middle School Records kept to be eligible for
    - Need a general board consensus for allowing/not allowing students to participate virtually in FFA Board sanctioned events due to personal reasons/schedule conflicts/distance to site
  - Mindy asked if we hold these until our joint meeting next month that would be most useful.
- 4- None
- 5 - None

### **Old Business:**

- [Parliamentary Procedure Update from CDE Committee](#) - **Taber** - he is not able to be at August meeting, Aaron Heartt will be. The attached file does give an overview of what the CDE committee went over at IAVAT meeting.
  - Believe that parli-pro will be dropping secretary notes and going to 11 minutes.
  - There was a lot of discussion on video release form everyone should sign one.
  - Use of district level items for parli-pro.
  - No action items, but wanted to provide info ahead of time.
  - Dr. Heavner said that if they do away with secretary minutes, may need to have a judge taking minutes to go back and review.
  - Trent asked if he would create a google form for advisors, would others be willing to share within their districts.
- SAE Committee Update and Recommendations - *Perry*
  - Advisors Guide adjustments and clarifications - was not discussed at IAVAT conference. Mindy remembered Kirsten Wyatt brought it up about proficiency descriptions more so than advisors guide.
  - Sub committees - Quasi Ag Projects, investigating possibility of it.
  - Looking at Discovery members. Are we going to allow middle school records. Will they be allowed? May need to rehash the Discovery Star application.
  - Went from list of a lot of proficiency areas to just what National FFA had. But we are trying to come up with a list that is easy to read, but is not contradictory to what National has. Looking at updating rubrics.
  - Babysitting Clarifications
  - Safety Clarifications

- Pumpkins, sweet corn, landscape vs turf, etc. and other random SAE clarifications, how do we get those messages conveyed sooner to teachers?
  - Mindy said that we may need to let advisors know that we are still working on updating the Discovery STar app. Jason said if we can get the information on how our districts feel about Discovery records being included for the record. Jason said he would create a google form. Keely said her concern that we are only asking for the adults input and not the members input who could be effected directly.

### **NEW Business:**

- Adult Chair - Volunteer or nominate the adult board chair - action required. - Heavner - he did chair the adult board as the university rep. Is that something that would fall directly to Dr. Maxwell? Mindy said that it is up for volunteering or being nominated and voted on, not necessarily goes to the university rep. Just remember that the adult chair does still retain their vote. Andrew said that he has revisited that with his supervisor. As long as he was not allowed to have a “vote” he could serve in the role as the board chair. However, the tie breaker vote went to the chair, so we would have to make that change. John said that it would need to be a constitutional change, that would be next year.
- Dr. Maxwell said he would be willing to act as chair.
- Jacalyn nominated Wyatt
- Kara nominated Wyatt McGrew. Keely nominated Dr. Maxwell. Wyatt declined the nomination.
- Kara moves to close the nominations, would like to appoint Dr. Maxwell to be board chair. Seconded by Keely.
- Jason Perry moved to sustain. Seconded by Taber. Motion sustained.
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- Convention Evaluation - Bunselmeyer
  - [Click here](#) to view the convention evaluations from the 2021 Convention events
    - Mindy wanted to reiterate that we had a lot of positive feedback for having held the district sites. We are in contract with the Bank of Springfield Center for several years, so continuing to go to district sites is not in the cards for now. But we can think about and discuss the changes in the sessions being changed to have some district sessions.
  - District sessions?
  - Are there good take aways from the convention events this year we can incorporate into future years?
- Conflict of interest - Bunselmeyer
  - FFA Center staff with children involved in FFA - if a staff member has a child that participates in a state level event, the staff may need to recuse themselves. While we may not be directly involved, she is responsible for judges for some of the events. Keely stated that it is a good idea to have a policy in writing to ensure the integrity of the organization, while still allowing the “child” to shine as well.



- Trent asked if there is an action item for now? Mindy was just opening the discussion now, but if adults/students have language for it, that we can bring it forward to the joint board meeting.
- Howard said that there are some policies that need to be put into place. John asked who the board would like to create the policy, the staff, a committee, board, etc.
- Keely believes that there definitely needs to be a board discussion on it. To make sure that it comes across as even and clean as possible.
- Kara said it would be a good idea to have a committee work on this.
- Mindy said that do we allow our children get to be a student on selection committee. Have my children been around section presidents or have they heard her discussing the section presidents. Jacalyn said she would be very interested in what a parents thoughts are on this. Mindy said she does not discuss selection committee with her kids, but they have attended state events in the past. She can see her kids wanting to be on selection committee. But, Mindy said we need to get that language out there now.
- Dean said he looks at it like advisors having kids and how they compete. Mindy said that it is probably similar, but magnify it greatly.
- Jason asked if she would have to recuse herself, how much would that impact the office. Mindy said selection committee, public speaking (securing judges), Proficiencies as she gets the judges for that. For proficiencies she would just need to not get the judge for the area her student is. Kara moves to send this to a committee of three adults and two students. Keely seconded. Motion passed. Meisner moves. Taber seconded. Motion sustained.
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- Delegate Process - Bunselmeyer - discussed at IAVAT conference. Identifying our delegates are early in the year. So that they can be informed on the committee topics. Gives the delegates more of a voice for more members instead of just the voices of the section presidents.
  - Form a committee to explore more FFA member involvement in the committee structure
  - Kara moved, Keely seconded. Three adults and three students appointed by President. Maxwell moved, McGrew seconded.

Who would like to be on the conflict of interest committee: Meisner, Lauren, Kara, McGrew, Perry.

Asking for volunteers of : Maxwell Berry, Morgan Wirt, Gracie Murphy. Adults: Taber, Ehrhart, Dr. Maxwell. Andrew can join as ex-officio. This is for the delegate process committee.

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- District Concerns:

- 1- Student reps. Renee no concerns, Taber no concerns
- 2 - Keely no concerns, Perry no concerns
- 3 - Gracie no concerns. Wyatt, hats off and thank you for state staff for convention and conference. Student reps, last year' majors for everything to get through COVID
- 4- Jatou no concerns, Jacalyn no concerns
- 5 - Jesse no concerns, Jennifer no concerns.
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- [FCAE](#) - Dean went over their report. Looks like 7 new programs this year. Today was Julie McCleary's last day. She was an assistant
- University - Dr. Maxwell nothing. Dr. Heavner said that it has been a trying year, but we did a great job. Everyone on the board worked hard and he believes the whole group succeeded. Be sure to provide the opportunities for the students.
- ISBE - Andrew would just like to echo the praise for everyone in agricultural education. There is no shortage of leadership on this meeting. Some of the programs got extended for use of dollars. He just returned from a two week military training, he appreciates everyone helping out so he could do that. Gage Miller as a NOC is putting in the work to represent Illinois well. Andrew is now in his office.
- Mindy asked that any section president that may be interested, to ask any questions if they have any, put it in the chat, ask your adult board. Be ready to discuss at the July state officer meeting.
- Dean asked if we had any future dates set.
- Max Berry asked if most meetings will take place over zoom or in person. Mindy said we will probably do a monthly zoom meeting, but August, January, and April will most likely be in person.
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4:47 Kara moved to adjourned. Keely seconded. McGrew moves Meisner seconded.

Closing ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, April 12, 2021**

**9:30 a.m. Start Time**

**In person attendance: John, Grace, Wyatt, REnee, Trent, Keely, Perry, Emma, Margaret, Lexi, Howard, Molly, Jordi, Tammy, Tim, Dean, Jacalyn, Jatou, Mindy**

**Via phone: Andrew, Jessie**

9:30 Lexi called the meeting to order. Opening ceremonies.

Secretary, Jordi - 9 members and 9 guests present.

**Reports & Updates:**

- [FFA Center Reports/Updates](#)
  - Mindy has updated FFA membership just over 20,000 as of April 5th
  - American Degree interviews were done this past week.
  - Ag Legislative baskets being built on April 21
  - FFA Center - having kitchen remodel being done.
  - Foundation board meets this Friday to set their goals for the year.
  - Alumni meets this Wednesday.
- Minutes of previous meetings - [Click here](#)
  - Motion to approve the minutes - Jordi. Second by Emma. No discussion. Motion passed.
  - Sustain by McGrew Second by Perry. No discussion. Motion sustained.
- Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Committee Update - *Bunselmeyer*
  - Report in folder, if any questions.
- Convention update - Bunselmeyer & Officers
  - Mindy - has not had any negative feedback. Biggest question is why are we not doing it as a normal convention three dates. It is because of the overnight travel.
  - Biggest question, is do the award winners and parents count towards the 5 people for the chapter. No, it does not. The award winners and parents are in addition to the 5 chapter number.
- [Riley Horner Case/Claim](#) - **No Update** - *Bunselmeyer*
- [Finance Task Force update](#) - *Edgar*
  - The group has not met, but needs to get a meeting scheduled near the beginning of the fiscal year.
- Financial Reports - *Edgar*
  - [Balance Sheet](#)
  - [Budget v Actual](#)
  - [Previous Year Comparison](#)
  - [FY20 Financial Review](#)
  - [Budget for 2021 - 2022](#)

- Financial report
- Jordi moved to place the financial report on file for review. Seconded by Emma. Motion carried.
- McDermott moved to sustain. Second by Taber. Motion sustained.
- John discussed the FFA audit. Only piece - was census grant large amount out to chapters.
- Margaret moved to approve the auditors report. Second by Jatou. Motion carried.
- Meisner moved to sustain. McGrew seconded. Motion sustained.
- John said with the consolidation of the district sites, we feel that \$25 per person would be a good price to offer. It will be per "button" so if they pay to attend a district event, it will also cover them for attending the events in Springfield.
- FY22 budget. We will be needing to increase the budget to cover.
- Molly moves to approve the FY22 proposed budget. Second by Emma. Motion passed.
- Ditmar moves to sustain. McDermott seconded. McGrew asked about having camp in the budget. John explained that what is in the budget would be for the FY22 event. Leaving it there because some of the revenue will be coming in during FY22.
- John also mentioned for the administration costs, Foundation has a proposal to keep only 3% off pass through instead of 10%, so there will be some money available for the increase in the admin costs.
- Motion sustained.

### **Old Business**

- National FFA Convention CDE/LDE Representation - *Bunselmeyer*
  - Need to decide what teams represent Illinois FFA
  - Keely - if we decide last year's winners before a certain date. Then after that date, it becomes this year's winners. Her thought behind that is those who won in 2019-2020 would have been able to practice more times vs teams that have practiced this year.
  - Jordi says we send a winner from the year prior, will we be in a perpetual loop? No it will just be one year. After this year, it will always be the winning team from that year.
  - Emma asked if National FFA has given any indication of what they are doing? Currently everything is hybrid, except interview is all virtual, there are a few that are to be determined.
  - Keely just mentioned that for those that are more important to be in person, those may be better to have last year's winners represent us, as they had that in person experience.
  - Jordi asked about the age of those team members. Mindy said that they do not have to take the same team members that won the state event to National to compete.
  - Emma asked if we select a team to attend, but that team is not able to attend (due to COVID travel) then what happens. Mindy said that in the past it would then be the second place team.

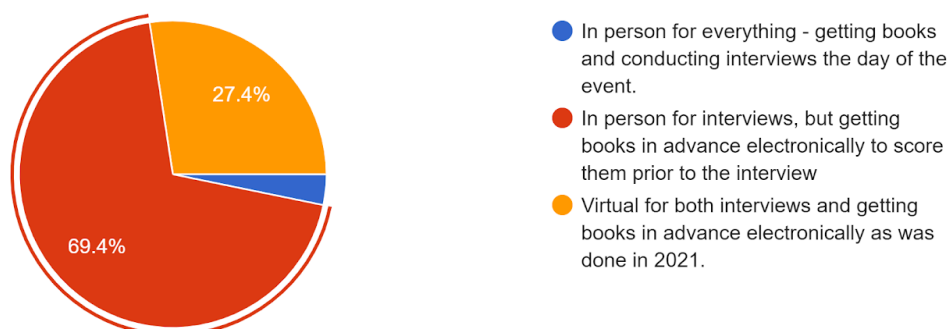
- John said that we do need to have a decision because we have to have the teams certified this summer. It can not be put off until fall for the decision.
- Taber suggested that just sending the 2020-21 winners would be the easiest/cleanest decision. Those contests have been held virtually, so since most of the events at National convention.
- Heavner said that this may be in contradiction to what some chapters are thinking, example he said that a lot are thinking it would go back to the previous year's winners. (Food Science and Vet Science)
- Keely said that most of the students for this year were just doing it thinking they were not going to be going on anyway.
- Jordi said that she agrees for this year's winners going.
- Emma thinks the 2019-2020 winners should go, as teams studied and worked hard to get there and were ready to go last fall.
- Heavner said that it is hard for him to send this year's virtual winners in Food Science and Vet Science.
- Taber said that if this is the case, we need to go through event by event to make the decision for each event.
- McGrew said somebody is going to be out of luck. Since it is going to be a hybrid either way he is more in favor of a blanket that all of this year winner's go.
- **Motion: by Emma. the teams that will be representing Illinois.**
- **If both formats were presenting in the same way, the most recent winning team goes.**
- **If the events were in person and virtual. The In person team gets to go.**
- **If 19-20 team already competed (forestry and Horse) then the 20-21 team will be representing us.**
- **Second by Keely . Motion passed.**
- **Motion to sustain by Taber. Second by Perry. Motion passed.**

Mindy stated that she will send the list to the winners of events for both year's before sending it out in a listserv message.

- If it is an event that we have a first/second place being sent to two different events, then each first place team will have an option to attend.
- If the first preference team defers then we offer it to second preferenced team (preferenced team is by the year, not the placing of teams by the placing). If it is a team that defers, it will go to the first place of the other year, if they defer, then it will be the second place of the first year, then the second place of the opposite year, and continuing until a team attends.
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- State Awards Day - [results](#)

Please indicate if you prefer state awards day in person or conducted virtually as we did in 2021.

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- Creation of a Parli-Pro list of errors/explanations - May be referred back to the CDE committee. May need to ask Dr. Heavner and Dr. Korte to create a webinar. Moved that we refer this to the CDE Committee Discuss the list of errors/explanations and explore offering judges training.
- SAE Committee Update and Recommendations - *Perry*
  - Non Traditional SAEs [Click Here](#)
  - Babysitting Clarifications
  - Safety Clarifications
  - Pumpkins, sweet corn, landscape vs turf, etc. and other random SAE clarifications, how do we get those messages conveyed sooner to teachers?
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Mindy said that we have had a few more responses from the survey, but the results percentages stayed about the same. Would like to propose that we do it in person next year, but if we have less than 75% in person (we will allow virtual if conflict), moving forward we will most likely move it to all virtual.

While we say we can be in person for next year, we do need to find a site that will allow us to bring that many people in person and we have not done that, yet.

Taber said the piece missing was the awards ceremony at the end. Taber would like to see it go back to be a committee of five judges with access to the books.

Perry said that overall it has been very positive feedback, simplicity of AET rubric. Did not take any action, just made a list of what needed to be worked on. Biggest discussion was over the scope/growth on the rubric. Taber said that overall appeal that had 3 points, you could have that be overall scope/growth and increase the point value.

Perry said in his personal opinion that it is always difficult for scope and growth. He would like to see some points for complexity of the project/task, more so than just the scope/growth. Same with managerial responsibilities is scored lower than record keeping.

Taber said that the rubric we created was based largely on the National rubric, and they are not as concerned so much with scope/growth.

Perry said they would still like to figure out a ranking system. Taber said that he does not like doing that.

Taber said when we scored by hand, having some of those first boxes filled, with number of hours, dollars, etc. that was very nice to have.

Mindy said that it is in the description on the American degree, but those do not always match the records, so it is something that has to be corrected, often.

Taber said that is a good thing to put in the best practices document.

Star discussion - does the placement book hours get included in the application. Perry said the rubric does not accommodate for that at all. Keely said when she was interviewed at the district level for Star, she was asked about her other areas of records.

Mindy looked it up in the Advisors guide and there is a description of what they need to do.

Mindy said that we have to communicate better with the community service piece of the state degrees, that then carry over to American degree applications. Of 137 applications, she sent 51 back for clarifications on community service and the interview committee had additional questions on some of the community service.

We also need to clarify babysitting in safety. Perry said next SAE committee is May 17 and that is one of the first topics discussed.

Mindy also has had discovery star applications teachers stating it is more difficult than the state degree application.

- Creation of a Parli-Pro list of errors/explanations - May be referred back to the CDE committee. May need to ask Dr. Heavner and Dr. Korte to create a webinar. Moved that we refer this to the CDE Committee Discuss the list of errors/explanations and explore offering judges training.
  - Taber and Joe Heavner are working on a list, there is a list from Dunbar books that is pretty good. They are going to sit down at conference with Dr. Heavner and get something put together and ready to present in August.
  - Dr. Heavner said that you need to have a meeting with the CDE committee to discuss. Probably a dozen ways to do a motion and it is correct. And every teacher thinks the way they do it is the best. They did not used to even score effect, which they have started to in the last few years.
  - Thinks that we need to video the events, should be a link to the videos for beginning advisors to be able to view so they have an idea of how it is done. We just need to be most consistent.

### **NEW Business:**

- SAE Courses - *Bunselmeyer*
  - The current policy is that a student must take an in person ag course the first year that they are an FFA member. This is not in the advisors guide and/or should it be placed in the Advisors Guide or in the constitution. Currently this policy is in ISBE guidelines - ISBE Career Pathways in Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

(AFNR) - Credits for SAE courses do not apply toward meeting the minimum program approval criteria because of their complementary nature. The SAE course cannot be the first introductory course for a beginning student.

- For FFA this impacts students applying for the State FFA Degree, for those teachers who have students who take an SAE class as their first class, that class cannot count towards their two years in agriculture courses.
- Foundational SAE course - is proposed to be a Group 2 - Introductory Course, study skills course - Will the course be allowed as the first course that a student can take for FFA membership if it is not an in-person course?
- SAE courses - do we allow that as a first year of two years of courses for the state degree.
  - Klein said that SAE 1 & SAE 2 will not show up on a transcript, but now the Foundational SAE course will be classified as an Intro to Ag, Basic Ag Science and will be counted. But as it is described, it will be more like an ag independent study vs a specific project. This will go into effect beginning with the 2022 school year.
  - Mindy said what we need to clear up, where it is documented is in the ISBE guidelines. For state degree, it has to be a first year introductory course. SAE is NOT counted as a first year class. We just need to clarify it for the Advisors guide. But since the Foundational SAE course is being approved, then do we say that it can count towards that.
  - Dean added the link in the agenda for ISBE. The course description is on page 3, Foundational SAE will be in same quadrant as group 2.
  - Perry asked if it would be an independent study? Klein said that it is not independent study, it should be set up like an intro to ag class.
  - Keely asked if it is any different than a capstone class that they have where they work on their SAE.
    - Klein said that it is more of an introductory course for 8th and 9th grade students. It allows them to explore different areas.
    - Mindy asked if it would count towards the minimal approval of an ag class. Klein confirmed.
    - Taber said for the state degree, then do we approve all introductory ag classes, that will just add another checklist for everyone. Mindy said that currently is that it cannot be an SAE independent course for the first year.
    - Mindy said the concern about this comes back around to the student actually participating in an introductory class for agriculture that works with the three circle model. If we let them just use an independent SAE just to let them participate in proficiency or get their state degree. Because then it really just becomes just a club/project.
- Taber said that we should make a decision on this. If the Foundational SAE counts toward the first year of class.

**Margaret moves to allow the first year of Foundational SAE course as the first year for FFA membership but not towards state degree. Jordi seconded. Motion passed.**

**Taber moves to sustain. Seconded by McGrew. Klein clarified that it is not an independent study class, it is a designated period of class during the day. McDermott believes that we may need to allow it towards the state**



**degree. Since it is a class, how do we not allow it towards the degree. If the Foundational SAE class is incorporated into another class, then those hours do not count towards the state degree? No. However, it could be counted towards a proficiency area award.**

**Motion - Jordi has**

Motion to sustain, McGrew. Second by Ditmar. Motion sustained.

- Can an FFA member receive the Chapter Degree and State Degree at the same time or does one have to follow the other? - *Bunselmeyer*
  - National FFA has no policy against this. Where does Illinois stand and once we decide where we stand add it to the Advisors Guide.
  - Before adding it to the advisors' guide, Mindy wants everyone's input.
  - Meisner said that she would not allow a member to apply for the state degree without having the chapter degree initially.
  - Perry said no, the chapter degree must be had first.
  - McGrew said that yes, it could happen.
  - Mindy needs to add some language to the advisors guide to help clarify.
- Formal appeal process for Sections for State Degree and Proficiency award processes. - *Bunselmeyer*
  - This was briefly discussed, do we need to add language to the Advisors Guide to the affect that there isn't a formal appeal process for State FFA Degrees or Proficiency awards at the Section level, do we add a blanket statement that the Illinois FFA Center/FFA Board does not overturn Section decisions? What does that can of worms look like?
  - Mindy said we have discussed this, but do we need to add some language to the advisors' guide that there is no formal appeals process. Lexi asked if it would hurt us to add that language? Mindy said she thinks it would be helpful, but wants to have the boards awareness of it. Taber thinks it would be good to clarify. Perry is thinking through those that the section approves, but are still rejected by the state. He does not think we can do a blanket statement. State FFA Center will not overturn a disqualification of the section.
- Agriscience Fair - Virtual the week of May 11 - 13, 2021 - no action, just an update with the dates. It will be done through AET, judged remotely via zoom. Mindy just wanted to make sure she updated the board. John asked if we have a process to deal with students that may also be in job interview and XXXX in case they are participating in both events.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Break into groups to further discuss providing hybrid options for chapter visits for Fall 2021 and conferences for the next school year.
  - Chapter Visits brainstorming
    - What messages are needed most during Chapter Visits?

- How we/officer teams help FFA Advisors give FFA a “shot in the arm”/boost at the local level?

- **Pros:**
    - Lock boxes
    - **Change of scenery. Movement to get students out of their comfort zones**
  - **Hands On aspects. Teamwork and all working together on an activity**
  - Lock box was a favorite and students not know
  - Recommend Lock Boxes to bring back around
  - Paper Airplanes was that everyone took part and had a part in the whole activity
  - Lock Boxes could be converted to be like a virtual escape room
  - Choose your own adventure kind of style with the lockbox
  - **In potential video have explanations after each clue and pause of the video**
  - Potential issue if virtual finding ways to make that virtual with options
  - The ones that required more space or change of scenery were beneficial because it caught kids attentions and got students out of their comfort zones
  - Goal Cards and core values are very important
  - **Getting resources ahead of time so they know where they are coming from**
  - **Doing a recorded segment about core values and those topics so students can watch before and be prepared before the event**
    - 212
    - **Camp**
    - **Chapter visits**
    - **S.T.A.R. Conference**
    - **\*What to expect for that event\***
  - Keeping a virtual and in person format
  - Ag Education generic with a segment
  - **Speak with Beginning Advisors to run down FFA Topics**
    - **Introductions of S.T.A.R. Conferences**
    - **Section Officers,**
    - **Conferences**
    - **Convention**
    - **Camp**
    - **WLC**
  - **Liked talking about Agriculture not just FFA and diversity of the industry**
  - **Trying to connect kids to social media platforms**
    - **Tell them to follow**
    - **Take out posters for social media or bring out the ones we already have**
  - **Include Section officers in videos and bring them into Chapter Visits at S.T.A.R. Conferences**
  - **Survey for conferences on whether it is in person or virtual**
  - **Offer either in person or virtual in two different weeks**
  - Group 2 - Group 2's Thoughts on Chapter Visits
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- Virtual vs In Person are completely different

- Similar objectives —> more in what they will be able to do, instead of what they know—> can they apply for a scholarship, navigate something —> similar go forth statement
- Chapter Officer do a follow up after? Tool kit available with more workshops that are supplementary to what they started
- Pre recorded workshops that guide chapter officers through
  - State Officers on Demand then follow up live zoom
  - The videos be a follow along
- Good balance between leadership and FFA
- Leadership activities really stand out —> preferably physically interactive
- Don't go RA RA FFA because some of the opportunities aren't always allowed in the means of the chapter - gives sense of false hope
  - Leadership activities are what's best
- What about have a menu of things teachers can pick from
  - John brings up teacher responses being a struggle
  - Officers could do it, but may be hard to come up with those different workshops
- Time to talk and ask questions at the end is vital because you can be real and connect with students
  - Include starter questions, questions for members
  - Factor in 15 minutes at end for goal card and

#### Teachers take

- McGrew: Don't sacrifice quality for quantity
  - What are my objectives and how am I going to meet those objectives
  - What's our overall goal of chapter visits
  - If it's later in the year we need a definite objective
  - Small break out groups
- McDermott: We need to limit our definition of what the purpose of Chapter Visits are
  - What role does the Section President play in that process? And what does the section officers do?
  - There should be set guidelines and expectations for what they should do.
- Edgar: Virtual Visits earlier in the season before the roster is due
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- Group 3 - **Chapter Visits**

#### Emma's thoughts:

- Likes: 5 different options (versatility), 5-8 min. Segments, hard with video
- Meet and greets: maybe more structure

#### Teacher thoughts:

- Time was perfect
- Awkward meet and greets
  - Advice: utilize meet and greet as debrief
  - Limited opportunities with just pieces of paper
- Watched videos in class; used meet and greet for debrief

#### Virtual chapter visits:

- Let teachers/students know what supplies needed before

#### Thoughts for chapter visits:

- Prepare video version; pre-recorded
- Group up: 2 people pair up, 1 person by themselves
- Come up with other ideas to use for "meet and greets"

- If virtual...contact teacher before to gather supplies
- FFA knowledge...include in visits?
  - Depends on time...fall it may be useful; later in the year not as much
  - Add a little bit to bring towards the whole picture...but not focused around it
  - Shows (especially younger members) the scope of why
  - Still keep it around fun and leadership
- An idea:
  - In-person: have an option for in-person activity (up to 3 different options)
  - Virtual: share video with advisors, have that virtual option, still offer meet and greets more for debriefs for that personal connection

#### Conferences:

- Make curriculum for “212” or “ground zero”
- Maybe make it a day long conference (if in-person)
  - District 212s?
- Have small groups/closer connection
  - More opportunities to talk
- Have required for sps: build and 212 for smaller groups
- Build: district conferences?
  - Have plans at the beginning of the year; easier for ag teachers
- District meetings would be ideal (one-day)
- Option: have zoom “pre” meeting and then one-day conference (more for build and 212)

#### Messages:

- Perspectives, easier to relate with greenhands
- Have curriculum specifically for each conference or activity
- Can get same effect with same message, just personalize it
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Banquet discussion: Mindy, traditionally we do not send out the majors for banquets after May 1. It has been agreed that we may allow them one evening for two nights in the first few weeks in May. Our goal is to allow majors out on the 11th and 20th of May, it will go out in a listserv message. McGrew feels that we should not let them out after May 1 just based on past experiences that have happened. Keely thinks that they should be allowed to travel out those two nights during May, as the officers have not had an opportunity to be out to many chapters this year. Mindy said that we will be sure to reiterate that it is a 2021 allowance only.

FFA Board - student directors, may need to have current directors to come back if they are not elected as a state officer so we have a quorum. Could be end of June or early July. That does not have to be a joint board meeting with IAVAT.

Mindy said we most likely should call a virtual FFA board meeting in May to discuss convention and business sessions. May do during the evening when we have the state officer team in person, the adults can zoom/call in.

Mindy asked about how everyone feels about meeting monthly via zoom for a few hours. Or do we continue to go back to the in person meetings four times a year. Dr. Heavner said that the executive secretary should always have the ability to call a meeting. Perry said he appreciates the monthly meetings in addition to the in-person.

2:33 Lexi adjourned the meeting.

- District Concerns:
  - 1- Taber - 8th grade students, with the website, it is difficult for the records in AET. Depreciation makes a difference. He may be rethinking how we allow 8th grade records for the state degrees. McGrew said that if we are not going to emphasize scope/growth, then it is possible that the argument of keeping it a level playing field is not a reason to not allow the 8th grade records. Keely feels that the middle school should not be allowed when they are applying for proficiency awards or if they are up for Star. Renee said that she started with her records in 7th grade and she had to start her records all over again as a freshman and has two sets of records.
  - Mindy said that we do need to discuss this within the districts. We do need to make a decision on it, but it will not be done today. Perry will take it to the SAE committee.
  - Taber - Parli-pro time - that has been updated to align with National.
  - Taber asked about the section proficiency plaques, can we get them early for banquets. We do not have the plaques yet, will be put in chapter packets to pick up at the district conventions.
  - Asked about where we stand on the state parli pro sites. We cannot get into any high schools, waiting on LLCC to respond. If we have to host it at a hotel, it will cost about \$1,000 here at the Northfield, do you all still want it in person. Yes, they want it in person.
  - 2 - Perry - involves resectioning. Mindy asked if those with the concerns articulated to the IAVAT board, yes.
  - Keely - student receiving state degree no longer identifies with their name. We can update, it is based on what has been entered in AET. It just needs to be updated there. We asked Keely to let us know who that is so we can update the state degree certificate and have it updated in the program.
  - 3 - McGrew - nothing big for discussion. Selection committee topics, question regarding language in the rubrics - such as handshakes, etc.

- Gracie - no concerns.
- 4- Meisner - if a team is competing remotely, are they still to stand during opening ceremonies. Clarification on raising hand if using a hand held device. Taber said that he looks at it as public speaking, they should stand.
- Jaten - no concerns.
- 5 - McDermott - No concerns.
- Jessie not on the call.
- [FCAE](#) - handed out the annual report, let him know if anyone needs additional copies let him know. Currently have 31 vacancies. 13 are open.
- ISBE - [Agricultural Education Update from Andrew](#) - in the process of tracking down the 30 budgets so they can reallocate money to everyone. Looking at ISBE and three circles data. He has asked about summer travel, he said currently no there is not any travel allowed. He does not have super high hopes for travel for himself. More resources being added to the ISBE pages.
  - University - Report/opinions - Dr. Heavner - all is going well.
- Updates and Status of what is going on in your schools, sections and district.
- Perry - today they are in a remote learning shut down. Hope to be back in person on Thursday
- Keely - full capacity, but still only doing 1/2 days. They are doing contact tracing so they can keep track of who a positive case may have been in contact with.
- Taber - they are still every student, every day, but has been an uptick in cases.
- Renee - has been in full time at Byron.
- Gracie - Macomb still doing well.
- Jaten - has been holding steady for the past two months. Sports have been going well.
- McDermott - 1/2 days, students coming everyday, about 70% in person.
- Dr. Heavner said at SIU, most have been normal, which has been good.
- Mindy said that in order to continue with the in person plans, everyone needs continue to be safe, wear masks.

## **Illinois FFA Board Meeting Agenda**

**Officers - wear official dress, there are items to vote on.**

Description:

Topic: FFA Board Webinar - March 4, 2021

Time: March 4, 2021 03:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Those present: Lexi, Molly, Margaret, Jordi, Emma, Jason, Jacalyn, Mindy, Tammy, Tim, John, Dean, Wyatt, Trent, Jaton, Gracie, Howard, Renee, Keely, Andrew,

Lexi called the meeting to order at 3:31.

Opening ceremonies

## Reports & Updates:

- [FFA Center Reports/Updates](#)
    - Mindy said that we are still working on Ag Legislative Day items for baskets.
    - Some state degree clean up will be going out next week
    - American Degrees look good for that review date.
    - Foundation: Local Colleciton Drive. \$291,000 - approximately
    - Foundation board meeting in April
    - Alumni meeting next weekend - discussing gun sale
      - Ranger Raffle tickets
      - Online auction = made about \$26,000
- John - IAVAT  
Interns hired: Sophia Reavly & Alexis Carroll  
PAS - conference last week, quick turn around for winners to National.
- Minutes of previous meetings - [Click here](#)
    - Jaton Moved to approve the minutes. Second by NEED THIS
    - MOTion to sustain McGrew, Taber second. MOTion sustains.
  - Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Committee Update - Bunselmeyer
    - Next meeting = March 23, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
      - 8 people signed up for task force

Dean said the MANNERS applications are due next Friday.

- Officer Travel for Spring semester - Mueller  
The majors were allowed to get out a little during FFA week. They are continuing to see requests come in for in person events. They look forward to future events.
- Selection Committee - Bunselmeyer
  - Do ask that all FFA Board reps complete the form you want to work with. If you are not able to help, then your alternate needs to sign up. In person round 2 set for Saturday, April 17th. Anyone with questions?
    - Keely asked if any students have signed up to be on selection committee? Mindy said she believes 8 have, but we need to bang the drum for areas that we do not have candidates in. Those are due March 15th.
    - Dean asked for time frame for April 17th. Mindy said it is a full day of judging. 8:30 - 4:00
- Riley Horner Case/Claim - Bunselmeyer
  - Anytime it is listed that we host event, does not meant by the legal stand point we do not manage.
  - When you look at the complaint, the last page the money damages sought exceeds \$50,000. There are three levels of dollar amounts that you file under. There ask for damages was much more than the \$50,000

- Could there be fall out from the press? To our knowledge, we have not heard anything.
- [Finance Task Force update](#) - Edgar - there has been movement to work on the AET state contract. Discussion moving forward how do we pay for that in the future.
  - Dean said that they will be taking some of the items needing funding for the state, will also be taken to the IAVAT & ICAE meeting to also look at funding options.
- Financial Reports - Edgar
  - [Balance Sheet](#)
  - [Budget v Actual](#)
  - [Previous Year Comparison](#)
  - John reviewed the financial reports. Questions:

Keely Made motion to place the financial reports on file for review. Second by: Renee  
 . No discussions. Motion passed.  
 Sustained by McDermott. Seconded by Meisner. No discussions. Motion sustained.

### **Old Business:**

**\*\*\*\*Break out into breakrooms - ONLY if anyone is interested in this, otherwise we WILL NOT be breaking into two groups this afternoon.**

Stayed in one group.

- SAE Committee Update and Recommendations - Perry - not a lot to update. The next meeting date has not been set yet for the SAE committees.
  - Non Traditional SAEs [Click Here](#)
  - Babysitting Clarifications
  - Safety Clarifications
- National Chapter Award - Bunselmeyer -
  - National Chapter Award Webinar - Buddy Haas is willing to do it, any suggestions as to when he should?
    - Mindy has talked to Buddy about doing a workshop on judging. Mindy thinks we need to keep it fresh. It is due April 15th, so do we do it the afternoon of the 19th? What do the teachers think?
    - Jason said that the closer to the actual judging is probably better, anything gleaned from it can be used for next year.
    - Mindy will see if she can get it scheduled for April 19th.

### **District Parli Pro and Conduct of Meetings LDE's - Dr. Heavner**

Would like to have a discussion, hopefully a motion that we consider the District Parli Pro and Conduct of Meetings be held in person, but have the option to go virtual if there are changes from the COVID virus. He thinks we need to give the opportunity to the members that it needs to be in person if we can at all try to do it that way.

Andrew said that Amboy HS hosted the Seciton 2 event, they were able to keep everyone distanced; staggered times for teams to arrive; there were not any time that teams came in contact with another school.

Howard said SIU is hosting sections 24 & 25; they are going to Olney to host the 23 in person.



John asked if we would only do it in person if all participants are able to be in person. Howard said that if all the schools are participating in sports, why can't they do parli pro.

Margaret said that if all the schools are playing sports, there should not be a reason that parli pro, that is not a contact event, should be in person. The students are for in person.

Tim said that what version of the rules do we use if there is a team that gets quarantined the date of the event. Do we do in person rules for those virtual? Howard thought it would just be cancelled for that team. Jaclyn said that they have had to have ballgames rescheduled if a team quarantined.

Wyatt said that we made the decision for the sections, most schools adjusted to the virtual format whether it was held yet or not? What do we say to those schools now if we say you can do in person? Do we limit our contests to the more restricted versions if there are schools that are not doing in person? Would like some continuity in our decisions.

Howard is suggesting that when we hold the state event we want in person. If the participating teams can do it we need to do it. If they have to be virtual, we need to honor the teams to allow them to do that.

Emma thinks we need to make one line of rules to be both in person and virtual. In proficiency interviews, if a student cannot attend, we still judge their book.

Howard believes that a lot of sections have had in person events already. He said that if they are working towards the state event, we need to be close enough to how the state event runs.

Wyatt said that we have all stated we do not change what we are doing mid-stream on events. This is mid-stream for the section event. Secondly, we have not stated that we will be in person for the state event.

Jacalyn said that district four sections are getting ready to be virtual, not in person. With everything going on with sports, spring breaks, it is hard to be practicing in person. What are we wanting to accomplish?

Trent feels that there are some restrictions that we may not see first hand. We are playing sports but there are no large amount of travel. No play off games. If he could host a district event he would, but he is confident that over 1/2 of the chapters would not be allowed to attend, because it is out of their region.

Keely said that her area is still very much locked down, but feels that we need to allow something in person, that we should do that. There is an assumption of risk if you are in person and if someone does not want to assume the risk, they just do not participate. She thinks it is a good thing for us to try.

Emma thinks that we can make a state decision, then allow the districts to do what they think is best, either in person or virtual.

Jason said that we go back to the challenge that if you do it in person and someone comes in close contact with someone that is positive, you just quarantined an entire team. The virtual format will eliminate that, they can continue to have the event.

Howard said we need to make a motion, or we will continue to go in circles.

Margaret moved that each district makes the decision to have Parli-Pro and Conduct contests are in person or virtual. Jordi Seconded. Motion passes.

MOTION to sustain: Dean moved. Second by Tim. Any further discussion. Tim said that the feedback from his district wants it in person. His personal opinion is that we need to stick to what we have already determined. But, he is going with his district. Dean said he knows there are chapters that say they have to do things virtually. However, we do not have any data that would favor a team that is virtual vs in person. There could be virtual now but then be able to win an in person event. Tim also pointed out that we do think the next action we look at is how do we handle those mixed events, what format of rules do we follow. He believes we will have additional decisions to make. Motion FAILS.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 2021 State FFA Convention
  - Mindy went over the proposal again for the district sites. Looking for outdoor venues. She has spoken to the Cornbelters in Bloomington. The date they have open would be May 31, which is Memorial Date. Cornbelters would be free.
  - Dist 4 - Coles County fairgrounds is available. She does not have any costs.
  - Dist 5 - may be able to work with SIU-C
  - Dist 3 - at the state fairgrounds
  - Dist 1 - we do not have a site, yet.
  - Open to suggestions for district sites.
  - Proposal - go to District 1, 2, 4 and 5 the week of June 1 - 4, 2021 to do state convention awards ceremonies in each of those districts with winners in all areas except Stars and National Chapter Awards being presented to awards recipients from that District.
  - District Conventions held at outdoor venues - such as County Fairgrounds grandstands, football stands at larger high schools or baseball fields of minor league teams, etc...
  - June 8 - 10 - hold state convention at the Grandstand of the Illinois State Fairgrounds
  - June 8 - do Stars Over Illinois with Star Candidates and families, as well as retiring moments for each state officer where they present their parents their plaques and Honorary State FFA Degrees, as well as Advisor recognition of the state officers.
  - June 9 - District 3 convention held at the Grandstand of the Illinois State Fairgrounds
  - June 10 - Conduct the business session, elections and presentation of National Chapter Awards. Allow 2 delegates and Advisor/s from every FFA Chapter to attend. Elections could be both in person and we could/recommend opening elections up virtually to those chapters who could not attend in person
  - We would need to set up a registration fees if we decide on this proposal and suggestion.

- Trent asked on the week at the state fair. For Stars over Illinois is there a limit on the number of people? We would have to limit it for sure on Thursday to 2 per chapter. John said that we would most likely have to put a smaller limit on how many can attend on Tuesday and then we can up the limit if things are opened up more.
- John said that the budget would be \$65,000 minimum is a bare bones budget. More towards the \$80,000+ would be more likely. If we include staff time and prep for convention it is more likely \$100,000. He thinks that we would need to charge between \$20-\$25 per person per day. Open for discussion on a chapter fee. But, we do not have any idea how many chapters would attend.
- Keely asked if we were to do this it would be around \$100,000. She asked what the traditional convention costs? John will look that up. He did it is \$230,000.00
- Mindy said they looked the idea of the chapter fee so that all chapters are paying the same. But then when you look that maybe one chapter only has 1 winner and brings 2 students, but another chapter has 15 winners, with 30 students, that is not a fair thing to look at either.
- Mindy asked what the students think.
- Keely is super excited about the idea. She thinks it is a nice way to make it more of a traditional convention in an unconventional year. She thinks it is great to have a district convention. Minimizing their risk, is a great thing. It feels good that their could be a way to recognize everyone.
- Adult board - any questions, concerns?
- Jaton was going to echo what Keely said. If we can bring some hope to the year and bring some closure to the end of the year, that would be great to spread the hope and cheer to the members for this year.
- Renee - going to concur what everyone is saying. We cannot be the first to have a full state convention. We are not being the first with a big convention, but this is a great way to recognize members and get everyone out there to see each other.
- Mindy said that we will still have to socially distance and wear masks. Leaders, we will put you in time out if we see you grouping together or hugging each other. No handshaking, fist bumping, hugging, etc. Eventhough in person still not hanging out in tight groups. Still be very restrictive.
- Tim asked if there are outdoor restrictions in the plan.
- Mindy said she believes that it is 50% capacity.
- Howard said that SIU is looking at using the football stadium
- Tim does not know if we can make a decision without knowing for certain what that number is.
- Wyatt said that we also need to make sure of the number for school functions.
- Andrew said what are our travel and lodging accommodations for the state officer team. Mindy asked Andrew to see if there is anything by ISBE, he will look at that.
- Howard thinks we give it all the thought it deserves, yet there is an urgency to make a decision. We can do virtual and it will be o.k. Or are we trying to do the best that we can do! Yes there is a gamble but we have to commit to what we are going to do. We have to come up with a cost for the event.
- Wyatt said in case he comes across as not wanting to do it, he is in favor of an in-person event, but we still have to assume a little risk, but at some point, some day,

some how, there will be a news story that FFA is in a lawsuit for negligence. This will be publicized, there will be pictures, but we have to be ready that we have everything prepared. All t's crossed and i's dotted as we move forward.

- Howard said this will be a difficult path. It is not going to be fun in the meantime.
- Mindy said that it is 20% capacity for an outdoor spectator event.
- Howard suggested checking with the local health departments.
- Mindy believes that we have to be very mindful of all the rules and guidelines and follow them. This board has to make the decision if we move forward on this.
- Lexi thinks that it is a good idea and that we have a staff that has the best interest of the organization at heart.
- Trent likes the work hybrid a lot, we need to be sure to advertise it as such and that we need to offer it as both.
- Howard said that if we follow the rules, it can happen. They had a recent event with 400 people.
- Keely asked if there is something that we can do that is like a risk/assumption of risk thing that people that attend sign. Knowing that you are taking the risk, similar to the travel waiver that we have for the officers. If there is some instance, someone hugging, taking a mask off for a picture, what are the consequences. Have those in place before and make them known.
- Mindy said that we would have the COVID liability, she just assumed it but will make sure that it is in there.
- Travel and Hotel expenses for the state officer team. Everyone would at least have their own beds. Travel - our team of five and the staff - are a family bubble already. Do we bring in the section presidents in together to quarantine so we can all travel together? We have realized the challenge of traveling with all of them.
- Tim said before we make a motion and approve. If on June 1, when we are in D1, the team becomes in contact with a positive case, what do we do if the team of 30 have to quarantine. What would be the contingency plans? Do we not travel together.
- Mindy said we could look to see if we could get the grandstand at the state fairgrounds for the entire week, we bring in the districts one at a time. It would be the districts coming to us. The state officer team would then not be traveling together. We do not anticipate that any officer would be in contact with members long enough to be exposed.
- John said that we could figure out how to stream sessions that if there is someone coming up positive.
- Andrew chatted:
  - I trust that many of these details will be worked out in due time, but I think what I am hearing from everyone is that we all like the idea of this plan but there are many more details that need to be worked out and reported back to this board. Maybe a yes vote today gets the ball rolling, but I don't think it means anyone is 100% committed to the idea pending the answers to many of these questions.
  - Mindy said that if we do vote to try this, we are NOT going to be discussing what we are doing until we can work through more of the details.
- Jordi moved to accept the 2021 Illinois FFA state convention proposed plan. Second by Molly. Motion passes.

- Taber moves to sustain. Perry seconds. Motion sustains.
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- State LDEs - Bunselmeyer
  - Based on the decision just made for the convention. We would need to hold the state LDE's prior to convention, we can do them May 1, May 15 (but that is when District events are due), or June 5. That would be if we do them in person on a Saturday prior to our on-site district convention events.
  - Howard would like them as close to convention as possible.
  - Mindy asked if there is any opposition to holding them in person? Can they all be done in the districts prior to May 15th so we can hold the state events then? State event can be a little more simple, do not need to add the more difficult motions for this year.

Emma moved to Allow parli pro, conduct of chapter meeting, public speaking to be held on May 15th in person. Second by Margaret. Motion passes.

Meisner moved to sustain. Second by Perry. Trent wanted to ask that if there is a school for an individual in a speaking event that cannot come, is there a contingency plan? John said that we would offer a virtual option. Mindy said that we cannot look at it as a disadvantage. But John said that it would be a live presentation, not a filmed speech. That is true. Motion sustained.

- Parliamentary Procedure
- Conduct of Chapter Meeting
- Public Speaking Divisions

### **NEW Business:**

- Star Farmer vs. Star Agribusiness - Bunselmeyer
  - Example - dog breeding - business or farming?
  - Mindy first response was not farming because it is not production agriculture. But National also is struggling with that themselves. We want the boards opinion.
  - Howard did a "straw" poll, most adults said Star Farmer, most students felt it was more towards Star Agribusiness.
  - Mindy - we are allowing the student to compete in Agbusiness on Monday.
  - Howard asked if we would disqualify if they were in either of the decisions.
- Formal appeal process for Sections for State Degree and Proficiency award processes. - Bunselmeyer
  - We do not have a formal appeal process, because we at the FFA Center we have made it a policy not to overrule a section decision. We still review the applications for transcripts, community service, etc. It is not in our best interest to have a formal appeal process.
  - Jason asked if there was a unanimous decision at the section level. That was correct.
    - The student worked at WalMart. All the journal entries were just as a cashier not adding anything ag related. In the skills and competencies, the student did add some ag skills, but nothing was added to the journal entries.
    - Mindy said that anyone that works at WalMart, grocery stores, etc. They need to put it in food service, as it is a state level area. National FFA will not

recognize those students as Ag Sales. But since we have a food service area, our students can still get their American Degree.

- Tim said we may need to remind the teachers that not every SAE is state degree worthy.
- Honorary State FFA Degrees - limit the number we present this year? - Mueller
  - Came to a general consensus that we should recognize their parents and the advisors that qualify, but we do not feel that this year it would not be a good year to honor any others. We would honor those that have applications submitted by the April 1 deadline, but not to look for additional people to award it to. No discussion.
- Cardinals game - tickets for this season - this is a Foundation decision, but we have been in touch with the Cardinals and we may get 250 - 300 tickets. No opposition moving forward with those.
  
- District Concerns:
  - 1- Trent - if there was any additional document for the winners. No, just mark the applications.
  - Renee no concerns.
  - 2 - Jason - No concerns.
  - Keely - No concerns.
  - 3 - Wyatt - potentially review the process for section proficiency plaques for students that do not interview at the district level. Do we put that cost burden on the Foundation for their plaques? He has a chapter that will consistently win at the section level and they do not show up for district interviews, they are book only. Mindy asked if everyone would begin to track that information.
  - Gracie - no concerns
  - 4- Jacalyn - Grocery store, Wal-Mart - Proficiency award clarifications.
    - Ag Relevancy Check, is there any way for there to be one put in place - need to continue to discuss with the SAE committee. Jason said that with the new proficiency report, the first question is why are you in that particular area. If the kids are filling out the application, it should help resolve the issue.
    - Jatou - no concerns
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  - 5 - Tim - everything has been covered. Adults would like to touch base afterwards for proficiency judging.
  - [FCAE](#) - Dean also stated that there are also six FCAE staff to help with District sites for convention. They helped with PAS judging last week. 23 vacancies, 8 are filled. Has a near final draft for the AFNR report for 2020. MANNERS grants pilot for chapters.
  - ISBE - [Agricultural Education Update from Andrew](#)
- Updates and Status of what is going on in your schools, sections and district.
  - Dist 5 - Tim - Waterloo is back to all students ½ days for the fourth quarter. Most schools have some form of in person instruction within the district.

- Dist 4 - Jacalyn - Blue Ridge - all back in person starting March 15th. Across the district, most have some form of in person instruction in some capacity. Several are increasing the in person time.
- Dist 3 - Macomb - petition signed by several 100 parents asking for a full five day school week. Superintendent shot it down, as they cannot socially distance with all the students. In all likeli-hood they will remain hybrid for the remainder of the year. Most schools have some sort of in person learning in the area.
- Dist 2 - Jason - LeRoy is every student in person every day.
- Dist 1 - Trent - Cambridge is every student every day.
  - April meeting - will it be in person? Mindy said that we may need to discuss. Feels that we need one in three weeks for convention review-updates. Tim said it would be best if we can keep it virtual, even if we need to do a couple of meetings more often.

John suggested that we meet in 2 or 3 weeks about convention.

Wyatt asked what is on the calendar for the 29th or 30th? He said they have loaded up those weeks with contests.

Mindy asked that if we have sites in each district and can announce the tentative plan, are you good with us announcing it without another meeting? Howard suggested just continuing to do a listserv the same way as she has been, send it to the board prior to it going out.

Howard addressed the board that we all need to realize that everyone is not going to agree with everything. That he thought today went very well and there was a lot of good discussion.

6:00 closing ceremonies.

## **Illinois FFA Board Meeting Agenda**

**Officers - wear official dress, there are items to vote on.**

Description:

Topic: FFA Board Webinar - February 2021

Time: Feb 5, 2021 03:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Those in attendance: Jordi, Tammy, Emma, John, Trent, Renee, Jaton, Dr. Heavner, Jason, Jaelyn, Jesse, Andrew, Molly, Tim, Keely, Gracie, Mindy, Lexi, Margaret, Wyatt, Lori, Dean

### **Reports & Updates:**

- [FFA Center Reports/Updates](#) - Mindy went over the report
- Minutes of previous meetings - [Click here](#)
  - Mindy noted in the minutes they were not shared in a listserv about decisions of parli-pro. She apologized for that oversight if it caused any confusion in any of the districts.
  - Motion to approve by Keely. Seconded by Gracie. Motion passed.
  - Motion to sustain by Taber. Seconded by Meisner. Motion passed.
- Inclusion, Diversity & Equity Committee Update
  - Here is a message about signing up for the Task Force: Please take a moment to complete the following [form](#) as your application to express interest in serving on the Illinois FFA and Agricultural Education Family Inclusion & Diversity Task Force.
  - We are asking that you please complete the signup/application by March 1, 2021 and mark your calendars now for our first workshop/training for the Task Force on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Details about the workshop, details about future meetings and an official invitation to the Task Force will take place mid-March.
  - I will reach out to the advisors of any/all students who applied to see if the advisor has any concerns or anything to share about their student who expressed an interest. The advisor statement isn't necessarily going to keep a student from being on the Task Force, it's to get an idea of maybe what to expect or the level of commitment the teacher anticipates the student may have or if the teacher has concerns. I will work on the wording of that email to the teachers and run it through this group first, but we did discuss and agreed to check in with FFA advisors.
  - Next meeting = March 23, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

### **Financial Report**

- [Balance Sheet](#)



- [Budget v Actual](#)
- [Previous Year Comparison](#)
  - John said they are in the agenda, not a lot of changes in last meetings. Only change from last year is that we had not been billed by National for dues, where this year we have already paid quite a bit.
  - Move to place the financials on file for review by Jason. Seconded by Margaret. Motion passes.
  - Motion to sustain Jason. Second by Meisner. Motion sustained.
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### **Old Business:**

**\*\*\*\*BREAK INTO ADULT GROUP AND STUDENT Breakout rooms\*\*\*\***

Adults - going over some of the logistics

Financial Task Force: John said the only real question is to poll teacher to get a gauge. Last year was AET top priority, then MyCAERT. Discussion now with COVID, is that changing. Howard said that he feels AET is still over MyCAERT. But we do not have an updated offer from MyCAERT. Andrew said ISBE is just trying to keep things moving forward.

Jason said with CAERT, we own the curriculum but it is the online platform that they support for us. Andrew confirmed that was correct. Jason asked how would we access that if we did not go with CAERT. Andrew said that it would be housed on ISBE's website. It may not be as easily accessible, as it currently is, but it would all be available. Jason just wants to make sure that new teachers especially have access to MyCAERT's curriculum. Andrew went over the way the contracts are written for CAERT is that we own the new curriculum when it is written. Trent said to clarify we are paying CAERT is for the online database, but we still have access to the curriculum. That is correct, but it could take time to get it all downloaded/uploaded to the website.

Students - going over some of the travel and discussion.

- [Finance Task Force update](#)
- SAE Committee Update and Recommendations
  - Non Traditional SAEs [Click Here](#)

Mindy said nothing new today to discuss. Jason said that the committee tabled it in January for later on. Howard asked if this is where the email about babysitting could fit in? She said that if someone is babysitting and they do Ag in the Classroom activities with the kids, that amount of time can be counted as Ag Education. But the entire time of the babysitting time is not allowed in any SAE area. Wyatt said he thinks we need to have the discussion between life-guarding and babysitting. They both could be safety-related skills, yet we don't allow babysitting hours. May need to expand definition of the Safety area.

- Proficiency Awards Process [Click Here](#)

Mindy said she has been getting quite a few calls for the new process. She hopes the board has all had an opportunity to view the video that Roger has shared. Hopes everyone will join the March 2nd meeting with him to walk everyone through it.

Mindy has had complaint about Districts being made virtual. Can we set up a schedule for the districts and what is being held on each night?

Trent asked if the Discovery Stars were going to be held at the same time on Monday as our Stars. Mindy said yes, she just assumed all Stars would be on Monday, so she will make sure to make that distinction.

Wyatt did mention that generally basketball season is over, but this year, it is the last night of the basketball season, do we want to allow for a few changes with flexibility if there is a conflict. Mindy said we need to make sure that all districts do the same thing. She encourages the board to make that decision tonight. Howard thought that it is going to be a challenge with the schools, but thinks we are going to have to be as flexible as we can. Wyatt said the state day should be o.k., may just have volleyball, football, and soccer could be going on that day, as well. Jaclyn knows for her kids, there is a game (basketball or soccer) every night the week of districts. Wyatt asked about times, if we were able to coordinate times in an earlier setting, could we try that? Does not know what type of pushback from other teachers. Howard said that they have started them early (3 or 3:30) and those time slots have always been filled quickly. Jason asked if we had determined just teachers at the district levels. Mindy said that it has not been shared via listserv. Jason said that looking at D2, if he had 36 teachers, so that would be 12 groups a night. He needs at least 15 committees times 3 nights. He does not have that. If he could allow for student teachers, he could maybe make it work. Mindy suggested to ask teachers in the district that do not have kids participating. Howard also suggested newly retired teachers. Mindy said we need to have a start time consistent, does 3:30 work best? Howard said if we do this, they will have zoom invite with the correct time. Mindy said yes, the student will call in and be in a holding room, and then be allowed in the breakout room at their given time with the judges already in that room. Trent asked if we have to have a specific number of judges. Mindy said that we have to have only three judges per committee. John said to also be prepared for the more flexibility to students, means the more time commitment we will need to have from the judges/teachers. Mindy said that we are hopeful this is just a one year switch up and this is how we have to do it. Mindy asked if we are going to give judges an opportunity to pref what area. Wyatt said he would rather know what days they want to judge.

Mindy will lock the time from 3:30 - 7:30. The students will be able to select the time that will work best for them. Four hours should allow enough time to get 10 students judged. Mindy asked if there is a common sign up sheet needed? Do you want us to create it or do one of you want to make it and share with the rest. Trent thinks just having the districts create it themselves.

Mindy reviewed what she will be sending out in a listserv.

Mindy said that we will be shutting off the access for all the section access on March 1, as all of those should be submitted. She has had some contact with teachers concerned that other teachers may be nosing into other students records.

- [HELPFUL HINTS](#)
- District Reps Training and Questions with AET
  - March 2, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Roger will send a Zoom link for the meeting
- Virtual Parliamentary Procedure
  - [Plan](#)

Mindy reviewed the plan, so she can send it out in a listserv. Wyatt shared a link in the agenda of the state rules. [Link](#)

Howard admired the amount of time the group put in. It is so different from doing a face to face event. He would have preferred the live event if possible, but understands that in person could not be done. He thinks there is a good concept, but thinks there are some loose ends. Trent thinks that initially he liked it, but after some thought, he feels that it may be really messed up.

Mindy asked if everyone was comfortable with her sharing the information that Wyatt shared in the link for the Parli-Pro event.

- Official Dress expectations for virtual events - It is expected that it is to be worn, but will not be judged on.
  - Andrew asked if the recordings of the events will be available to view for other advisors?
  - John said if we are going to post the videos we will have to get a release form for everyone.
- Conduct of Chapter Meetings - age/grade eligibility

Need to figure out who will be representing us at the National level on the CDE's and LDE's.

Should we put together a list of the events and vote on it next meeting. The list of what is in person vs what was virtual and then we can decide.

- National Chapter Award
- Mindy went over the below.
  - We would do round 1 NCA scoring, divided into Pools of 40 or so apps (really however many you need), and in this process, judges will be able to see all 3 activities and can use the flags to note issues such as the events repeating or other issues. This is how we talked about a good step 1, so good there. We could also do these pools by section or district so they can evaluate certain apps, not in their area.
  - On round 2, I think we can...
    - create a custom rubric to have a section like Building Comm. #1, #2, etc... and not one that has a score for all 3...just one activity.
    - You could have 3 judges per activity like the other ones...but of course, they just look at their one activity.
    - We may also be able to try and customize the PDF they score to be just the #1 (or their activity #)...that could maybe help make sure they are looking at the correct area...this will be new, but we need to see on this part.
  - NCA- those following guidelines by ISBE and IDPH vs those not.

Trent asked who would be doing deductions. Mindy said we would ask for a group of teachers to be on the deductions committee. John explained there is a flagging system for the round 1 judges, then those applications will go to the deductions committee. Tim said when they are flagged it does make the deductions area somewhat easier, it is a balancing act, but the flagging does help.

Mindy went over what National FFA has changed for deductions this year. We will use the adopt the changes that National is going to do.

Mindy said we need to talk about the guidelines if a chapter had hosted a large event during COVID when we were not supposed to have those events. Do we flag those applications. Tim said that those will be very difficult because some regions were doing and allowing different things to happen.

- [National FFA Updates on NCA](#)
- Officer Travel for Spring semester

Mindy said the document is below. This is what we would like to move forward with for this spring. We have had some requests for in person for FFA week. Is there any opposition to it? Howard said as long as everyone is following the guidelines put forth, they should be

good. Andrew asked about if they were to post a picture on social media? John said that if they were wearing a mask and staying socially distanced, it should be good, if not, they are in breach of contract and will be reprimanded accordingly.

Wyatt asked if the staff is comfortable if the officers are out and about and then coming back in. John said that we are allowed the flexibility to work from home if staff is not comfortable. Mindy said that we have meetings scheduled with all the support staff on Monday, one on one, and will address any concerns at that time.

Came back together as one board.

Adult update

Discussion on MyCAERT for Andrew Klein

No discussion on non-traditional SAE

Proficiency award process

Virtual Parli-Pro - link in the agenda. The rules highlighted in yellow are the changes to Parli-Pro this year.

Conduct of Meeting - will need action. We are allowing 8, 9, 10 graders to represent us at the state and National level for 2021.

CDE's and LDE's - this board has the decision to decide who will represent us at National convention for 2021. We will put a list together for review to decide upon at the next meeting.

NCA - scoring will be done through AET. In the agenda, there is a link for the guidelines we will follow what National is going to do.

Travel document has been reviewed. We will need a motion on that, as well.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- NCA Award -
- Conduct of Chapter Meeting - Gracie moved: To allow 7, 8, 9, and 10th graders to participate in the 2021 Illinois state Conduct of Chapter meeting LDE and will be adhering to the National FFA rules. Second by Jatou. Motion passed.
- Motion to sustain by Wyatt. Meisner seconded. Motion sustained.
- Move to approve the document linked in the agenda for state officer travel. Moved by Emma seconded by Margaret. Motion carried.
- Motion to sustain by Meisner. Seconded by Taber. Motion carried.

Convention ideas:

Margaret shared - to do a district awards day in all of the districts. All done outside, wearing masks, etc. In addition to the district dates/sites, we would still do a state event on June 8th and June 10th. First day would be state stars and RA moments. Day two would be business sessions/elections/NCA winners.

## **NEW Business:**

- Allowing officers in person - have a [form/document](#) for officer, FFA advisor and administrator to sign for traveling to schools/events.
- 2021 State FFA Convention discussion
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- District Concerns:
  - 1- How strict should sections be on “Ag relevance” for service learning? Will a non ag service project run into problems at national level?
    - A non agricultural Service Learning proficiency application at the National level will only get a participation notation, it will not be considered for Bronze, Silver or Gold ranking.
  - Can we get an email sent out warning teachers about unfinished checklists for STAR applicants?
    - This language is in the HELPFUL HINTS: **NOTICE:** when you go to save your pdf of the State FFA Degree application in a Star area the checklist pages will say those Star Battery pages are missing in red - ignore that at all levels of judging. Do we need to post that again or how should I word that differently?  
Renee - no concerns.
  - 2 -Advisor guide rules on captions on pictures for SAE’s-this was created when pictures were added separate from the record keeping system. Do we still need to limit it to 50 words? This needs to be a board decision.
  - Emma moves to remove the 50 words limit in AET record books for the photo captions. Second by Jordi. Move.
  - Perry sustains. Meisner seconds. Motion passed.
  - Jason - if kids do not have an active record book for this year, they can still compete in the current year? As long as they had a past record book.
  - Do record books have to be current to compete? Corn/soybean rotation, can they compete in an off year?
    - They can submit their off year or a past year for competition.
    - Noconcerns for Keely
  - 3 - No concerns, adult or student.
  - 4- Meisner - Nationals allowing 2019-2020 Freshmen compete in Chapter Conduct: Schools asking about multiple teams competing. - Howard said if there has not been a motion to change the rules, it stays one team. No action.
  - State degree application - AET says to put tips in as 0 hours, but then it will not run the application. Mindy asked her to email her and they can discuss. Trent said to just add it into their wages.
  - Jatou - none.
  - 5 - Tim - nothing
  - Jesse - none.
  - [FCAE](#) - Dean mentioned that there was a good ICAE meeting today. Working on an emphasis of growing urban programs and members.
  - Reviewed safety curriculum.

- Reviewing the purposes of the FCAE project.
- ISBE - [Agricultural Education Update from Andrew](#) - no concerns.
- Updates and Status of what is going on in your schools, sections and district.
- D5 - Waterloo is starting to see a few more extra curricular activities, but still limited travel. They were one of the last areas to get restrictions reduced.
- D4 - Blue Ridge still going strong in person. A lot in the district are beginning to move to in person and as a hybrid.
- D3 - Macomb is in a hybrid, opening back up with extracurriculars very slowly.
- D2 - LeRoy is still in person. Practices were happening before IHSA allowed it, now beginning to have games. Transportation may be an issue for FFA due to all the sports games ramping up.
- D1 - Cambridge is in person. There are some northern schools in section 1 that are being shut back down.

Closing ceremonies.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15

## Illinois FFA Board Meeting Agenda

**Officers - wear official dress, there are items to vote on.**

Topic: FFA Board Webinar - January 2021

Time: Jan 12, 2021 03:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Members in attendance: Lexi, Molly, Margaret, Jordi, Emma, Gracie Murphy, Jatón Shaffer, Jacalyn Meisner, Howard Heavner, Wyatt McGrew, Jason Perry, Trenton Taber, Andrew Klein, Tim McDermott, Renee Gehrke, Adam Loker, Keely Wixten, Mindy, John, Tammy, Dean Dittmar

Topics to be discussed:

3:30 - Opening ceremonies

- [FFA Center Reports/Updates](#) - Mindy said the report is linked her.
- Minutes of previous meetings - [Click here](#) - please review. If there are any changes, please let us know.
  - Keely moved to approve the minutes. Second by Gracie. No discussion. Motion passes. Perry moved to sustain. McDermott seconded. No discussion. Motion passes.
- Financial Report - John Edgar - nothing out of the ordinary to discuss. Mindy said that if you look at the Budget v Actual or Previous Year Comparison reports, that gives more of the details in case anyone has had some questions.
  - [Balance Sheet](#)
  - [Budget v Actual](#)
  - [Previous Year Comparison](#)
    - John said that Foundation did make a transfer for some of the Officer expenses.
    - Jatón moved to place the financial reports for review. Second by Renee. Motion passed.
    - Motion to sustain McGrew. Taber seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Old Business:

- Updates:
  - Riley Horner Case/Claim - Mindy hoped to know more about this case to share. At this time, we have not received any additional information on anything that may be filed against the association. Staff has received an email from a random person that is sort of harassing, based from an infographic that is out on youtube, at least that is our understanding.
  - [Finance Task Force update](#) - John - not a lot to update at this time, we will continue to monitor the situation to discuss financial concerns.
  - SAE Committee Update and Recommendations - Mindy - Jason is dropping a link in for what has been recently created for the rubrics. Jason's [link](#)

- We can hand these to sections that may be meeting in person. This is a streamlined rubric that is for each area, not for each record book. SAE committee was very much in favor of this instead of having multiple rubrics. First page (everything in red) is to be filled out by section/committee chair. Then they can copy and paste the link to the record book. Judge #1 can fill in the scores, then it will all go from their. Mindy asked about Discovery Stars. Mindy said at the section level we will have to use our own, not what AET has for District/State levels. Jason said he is not finding that he is not finding anything for a supporting record book. Mindy clarified that it is application only, as that is how it has been done in the past, so it is application only.
- Mindy - SAE committee - did not discuss non-traditional sae's yet, we are working on a helpful hints that will go out in a listserv tomorrow. Efficiency factors have been defined. State Degree and plaques, names will appear how it will be on the certificate and plaques. Those are some of the items in the helpful hints. Mindy updated information on the website materials that are listed there.
  - Review [rubrics](#)
  - Non Traditional SAEs [Click Here](#)
  - HelpHints listserv - Mindy & SAE Committee
- Proficiency Awards Process [Click Here](#) - Mindy explained the process, as it is currently. She and John do have another call with Roger tomorrow morning. Mindy does need to make a couple of changes based on what she has found out today. Tim just wants to make sure that we have communicated the same information for everyone at the section level and how they need to report the winners. Mindy went over the submission process again.
  - Mindy stated that we are going to need to do State Awards day virtually, we are not able to find a location to hold that many people in-person. So, we will need to set the date and determine when we will do interviews and how many will be interviewed.
    - Wyatt liked to keep the star candidates interviewed at 5 students. But things that just interviewing 3 for the award areas worked well last year. It just helps keep the number down to make it more manageable for the interviews.
    - Mindy said Star interviews week of March 22nd. What time can we start the interviews? Can we start as early as 3 p.m. We did them over two days last year. Trent asked if we could do the Stars all in one day? Mindy - said yes, Stars Monday, March 22. Then do proficiency areas 23, 24, 25, 26? Wyatt said that if we want Stars on the 22nd, then do we need to move everything back a week or two, he feels like if we are being realistic, then district interviews will have to take place, then they are going to have to find FCAE, other teachers with Zoom accounts. Lots of discussion on setting the dates for Districts/State. Sate Awards day still on March 27th. Mindy will need judges by the 17th. Keeping all the judges as all teachers? Three people on each interview committee. Trent said you either do just teachers or you do one judge per student. Discussion -



three judges, just teachers all complete a form to pref what you would like. If you do not fill out a form, you will just be assigned. Schools with multiple entries with multiple teachers, they need to have all the teachers help judging. Wyatt asked when do we want district results. John said March 15th. Trent said his zoom account can't do all the fancy things, like the breakout rooms, his personal one. John said that is most likely correct, but someone within the district may help with the zoom accounts, especially some of the universities. Wyatt suggested holding District Stars on March 8th, then the rest of the proficiencies on the 9, 10, 11, 12. We manage all the zoom accounts from the state office. John does not think it will work state-wide, because that is 80 rooms a night. Mindy was forgetting to consider each district would have their own. Mindy is going to reach out to university people to see if we can use their zoom accounts. Jacalyn also has a zoom account that we could use. Keeping the stars on March 8th. Section results submitted by March 1 for judges purposes. Wyatt said maybe the 26th. Mindy confirmed that we need section results by February 26th. If sections do not use the AET process to submit, then they need to submit a form to Mindy with all the information (student name, areas, links to books/apps). Tim said if we let them know they do not have to do the efficiency forms, etc, then they will be more inclined to use the application.

- Mindy's action items: Section Chairs meeting, then a state wide Q & A. She said we will try to marry it with another meeting that we already have set up, not this weeks, but one coming up.
- Dates for Proficiency process:
  - STate awards day March 27 - Stars in the morning then breakouts for the rest of the areas. Starting at 10:00 a.m.
  - Books in by March 22nd.
  - Any additional judges sign up their pref area by the 17th. Or if you are a teacher with an entry, you will be assigned an area if you have not signed up. Multiple teacher programs with multiple winners need to have all teachers signed up.
  - District results to us by the 15th. - checking boxes on AET. Will not have a master scoresheet like last year.
  - District Stars on March 8th.
  - District Judging March 9 - 12.
  - Mindy will reach out to universities. Jason asked Mindy to add JJC to the list.
  - February 26th - if Section results are being submitted by AET, this is the deadline date. If they are not in AET, need to be loaded in AET by the 22nd to the Section Chair. 26th is the completed section results to the district chairs.

Lexi asked for a motion to approve for the process for Profieicncies.

Keely moved to approve the proposed proficiency process. Seconded by Gracie. No discussion. Motion passed.

Sustain - Meisner. Seconded by McGrew. No discussion. Motion passed.

- District and State - what is our plan or what do we want that to be?
- Ground Zero Spring Conference - Lexi said no updates since last joint meeting on Friday. John gave an update on registration numbers.
  - Officers have an update and content for this conference.
  - Set dates - we recommend February 9 - 11, 2021 and February 16 - 18, 2021. Offer 4 to 6 time one week and 6 to 8 pm the other week.
- Actions:
  - Diversity & Inclusion Task Force [update](#) - Mindy - this was shared with the joint board. The action that we need to take is approve the formation of the task force with Wyatt as the co-chair.
    - Vote on the approval and formation of the task force.

Jaton moved to Approval of the proposal of the Diversity & Inclusion Task Force update. Second by Renee. No discussion. Motion passed.

Sustained by Perry. Seconded by McDermott. No discussion. Motion passed.

- Membership Minimum - Bunselmeyer
  - Old language from the Advisors Guide references having a minimum of 6 members/an officer team to be an approved FFA Chapter
  - Students can remain in FFA until 3 years after a program closes, no minimum there
  - Thoughts, language added to the constitution?
    - Discussion on if we need to add this to the constitution. It is in the advisors guide that we ask for a full officer team of six members. Howard thinks it is best to add it to the constitution.
    - Lexi said we are moving on, there was no additional discussion/action.
- Virtual Parliamentary Procedure Update
  - Summary in Board Folder
  - Trent was put on the email list from National with other states. Nothing very constructive, everyone is in the same boat.
    - Two options: Live, when they are all in the same room or Virtual when they are all at home on their own devices.
    - Howard said there are going to be so many variables. Howard thinks on the section level we leave it up to them on how it is done. He does not know our flexibility on the dates. Do we have a date set on parli-pro. John said May 6th. This is the first year not held at convention. So, maybe we can push it back later in May. There are so many different things that can go on. John said there is nothing to say that we could even do it later in the summer. Everything with IAVAT is holding until the decision is being made with state convention. Howard said that if they are judging a tape, it may be judged better than live. Trent mentioned that Black Hawk usually hosts

them and they are shut down for the spring semester. Wyatt has been comparing some of the rules at National, he thinks we need to push through some things because they are getting asked what we are doing with Parli Pro and we did state we would make a decision in January. Wyatt said this may also be a good time to align with National's rules...no secretary, floor members and chair. Time is different, Also deductions changing.

- Tim thinks we need to go through it and address all the changes.
- Trent would like to keep the district dates. D3 is May 5th; D5 is March 25th; Dist 1 April 7th (public speaking April 28th); D4 is May 7th
- Trent thinks the biggest points if we go virtual is Secretary and time limit. HOWard asked if he was talking Section, District, State. He was thinking District, so he knows what to do.
- Wyatt said that he has had concerns about if a school cannot participate in person, but others can. So how do we deal with those?
- Howard said that if IHSA lets schools start playing basketball, then that may open it up to schools be able to participate in person.
- Tim said that we need to communicate to everyone that we are looking at virtual options just so they know it. Mindy thinks that we did do that after our last meeting. If IAVAT has already stated spring events will be virtual, do we need to align with them to also be virtual.
- What Mindy sent out in December, joint boards will discuss and FFA board will decide at a later time, holding out for in person events.
- Lexi said that if we are holding out for as long as we can for an in person event. She would like to have it married up with convention again, so that we are waiting as long as we can. Trent said he is fine with moving state parli-pro to convention, but the district events would need to offer it virtual, then we need a decision with adjusting to work. John said we may need to say this is our plan for a virtual event, if section and districts need to be done that way.
- Need to address secretary notes, timing (should be a simple fix) and note cards. Trent said we also talked about getting rid of time deductions with a virtual event. Wyatt said that if we adjust the timing, there should not be a team going over the 11 minutes. Monitoring of the time if it goes virtual, that may be a different issue.

Lexi asked if we need to summarize and then vote at the end. Yes, that is what we should do.

John said if we were to host next week, what would we do at the state level?

Trent makes a motion to tie it to state convention and wait on March to make the decision. But we need to let sections know what some of the decisions are as early as possible. Asked if it is an action item for today. Mindy said that for district event we do need to get that out there today. John said that it sounds like section and districts are sounding like they need to be virtual. HOWard asked what if there is a district that wants to be in person. Mindy said that it would be up to the section and it could be held in person.

Move state parli pro to state convention. By Renee second by Keely. Wyatt asked if staff can run parli pro during convention. It is done by the host site, this year ICC. Motion passed. Taber moved to sustain. McDermott seconded. No discussion. MOTion passed.

Move to establish district parli pro guidelines as a virtual event. Jaton. Seconded by Margaret. No discussion. Motion passed.

Motion to sustain. McGrew. Second by Meisner. No discussion. Motion passed.

Mindy asked if the parli pro committee can meet again to hammer out the details of the event. John said to refer it to the committee with the power to act.

Motion to allow the parli pro committee to have the power to act on the details in establishing the rules. Renee motion. Molly seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Motion to sustain by Tim. Seconded by Trent. No discussion. Motion passed.

Wyatt asked if there was a time frame on when the meeting will be. Howard said best to be next week. Wyatt suggested the 20th. Time set for 3:30 via Zoom.

#### NEW Business:

- National Officer Candidate Process for Illinois
  - [Proposal from Andrew Klein, ISBE](#)
    - Andrew - he will be gone in Georgia from second week of March through month of July. Because he is going to be gone during that time. So, he recommends what is linked in the agenda. To summarize there are four changes he would like to be done by the board.
    - Whereas the role is often misinterpreted and misunderstood by prospective candidates considering to run for National FFA Office;
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    - Whereas the selection of National FFA Officers is conducted by a Nominating Committee (NomCom) comprised of college aged FFA members and facilitated by adult consultants;
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    - Whereas the ISBE Principal Consultant for AFNR has traditionally facilitated the selection of the National Officer Candidate (NOC), and whereas ISBE Principal Consultant for AFNR will not be readily available during the preferred timeline of selection the 2021 NOC;
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    - Whereas the support of a NOC during preparation and development has the potential to create powerful and lasting personal growth; and whereas the designation of a coach to help guide and support the preparations of NOC can expedite and enhance the effectiveness of this process;
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    - Therefore be it resolved that,
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    - Illinois Association FFA hosts a prospective candidate meeting to provide information, guidance, and opportunity to ask questions prior to application materials being collected.
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    - Illinois Association FFA utilizes a committee of three college aged FFA members and three adults to collaborate on the selection of the Illinois National Officer Candidate.
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    - Illinois Association FFA utilizes an executive committee of one Adult FFA Board member and two past NOC or NomCom members as executive assistants to facilitate the 2021 NOC selection process.
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    - Illinois Association FFA formally designates a NOC coach to support and mentor said candidate as they shall deem necessary and expedient.

We need to have an adult FFA rep to volunteer to be the chair of the new committee. Andrew will get everything set up prior to him leaving. Tim said that he will be able to facilitate that role.

Wyatt said that from sitting on the committee for the past few years, he likes that we give them time to prepare, if we do it in April/May, but he does not want to put any current state officers competing against each other if their year is not completed. He would like it after convention. Mindy said she agreed. Andrew said that when he went through the process, he would have agreed. But he thinks that now reflecting back it could help mend the relationships quicker. Wyatt said that he feels that we have to look out for our state events and if relationships could not be mended quickly, our events would suffer.

Lexi asked if the majors could discuss and bring it back to the next board meeting. Yes, that is a good idea.

Move to accept the National Officer Candidate process proposal with Mr. McDermott to act as the board representative and Mr. Klein as the coach. Margaret moved. Second by Jatou. No discussion. Motion carried.

Moved to sustain = Perry. Second by McGrew. No discussion. Motion carried.

- Proficiency Award - Efficiency factors
  - Efficiency Factors [“Helpful Hints”](#)
  - Posting a listserv next week with State FFA Degree and Proficiency Helpful Hints that will include the Efficiency Factors from above.
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- Elevate Illinois - any concerns sharing their mission and message with the state?
  - Just review the message and see if you are ok with me sharing.
  - Mindy - non-political place to help share positive things happening in the communities. It is to try to bolster the opinion of Illinois within the state and the opinion of those out of our state. There is no financial benefit, but we wanted to make sure the board was aware that the state officer team may be publicizing it. Mindy will post the information in the listserv next week.
- Greg Warren - comedian - not going to share via listserv or Facebook, but sharing with you. You decide if you want to share it. Mindy said that we are not going to share it from the state. But if any of the directors want to watch it and promote it on the Ag Ed Discussion Lab, that is fine, we just are not promoting anyone. No action needed.
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- National Chapter Award
  - Is there any interest in making adjustments to the application submitted by chapters this year due to COVID-19 implications
  - Scoring system from AET discussion
  - Mindy - said this was a district and section concern if we had any interest in making adjustments to the NCA application due to COVID. National FFA shared with us they are not going to be changing the application.
  - John said that can we judge our winners on one activity but judge the application for going on to National to go off of the entire application.
  - Have additional awards for each area within strengthening agriculture.

- Wyatt stated that we are not planning on changing the application, correct? Trent said that if we have a chapter that has one really good activity but other areas are blank in the application, how do they get credit for that good activity.
- Mindy asked if it was imperative that everyone knows now what we are doing with NCA? So, can we wait to address at the next meeting.
- Trent suggested that we wait until February. Wyatt said no change at this time. Tim said that with NC, it is going to be a challenge any way that it is done. Schools have changed some things to virtual, if they could. Some schools have had tighter restrictions than other.

NCA scoring - John and Mindy are going to be meeting with Roger tomorrow, because there is no Round 1 judging for AET. This discussion will be held until February.

Mindy said speaking of February - when shall we meet, either February 5 or 8. In the chat, please state your preference. March we would like it to be the first week in March or the week of March 15th. February 5th is the date, Section 16th has state degree interviews on the 8th.

March we will pencil in for March 4th meeting. 3:30 p.m. for both meetings.

- District Concerns:
  - 1- Trent - none
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  - 2 -National Chapter award - Jason - all have been resolved.
  - Star Discovery-what is the process, how is it judged?
    - I need to add that to the Proficiency list as it is judged at the Section level similar to Proficiency and/or State FFA Degrees.
    - Information about the application process went out in listserv last week - I am making a copy of the Star Rubric for the Discovery with a few tweaks and will go out with the Helpful Hints listserv next week.
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  - 3 - Deadlines: can we please review deadlines for events such as proficiencies, public speaking, parli pro - When do results need to be in so that if we have to adjust over multiple nights we can make sure we are meeting those dates.
  - Wyatt - what needs to be our drop dead date for district Public speaking results to the state office? Mindy said deadlines should stay the same. May 15th for results. June 1 for transcripts for prepared.
  - Scholarship programs for camp, etc. Do we need to continue to complete the applications. Mindy said not at this time. She has been in touch with 4-H Memorial Camp. They said there may be a slim possibility of a camp in July, not anything in June. Alumni council said that we are holding for now on applications until we know if there is going to be a camp.
  - 4- Freshman Proficiencies: Ap says have to have 12 months of books.
    - Jacalyn - said there have been advisors asking. Jason said that it is on the checklist, not within the application itself. We will have Roger update the checklist to remove that.

- I defer? Jason didn't we discuss that we do allow 9th - 12 th graders competing with Proficiencies, I will look into this with AET prior to the meeting - I hope.
- Other concerns with NCA, with schools that may be ignoring ISBE and Dept of Health regulations, so how do we deal with that.
- 5 - Conduct of Chapter meeting, following the same discussion as Parli-Pro. Do we do it the same as what we are doing for Parli-Pro.

Move to have Conduct of Chapter meetings for district event to virtual. Moved by Jatón. Seconded by Keely.. No discussion. Motion moved. Motion passes. Motion to sustain. Tim moves. Seconded by Meisner. No discussion. Motion passes.

Dist 5. Public Speaking - discussed when we need a date to have everything due. And if it is virtual or in person. John said that those are married with convention so we were going to hold until March meeting.

Jatón moved to make district public speaking virtual. Second by Renee. No discussion. Motion passes. Sustain by Trent. Seconded by McDermott. No discussion. Motion passes

No other concerns from dist. 5.

Lexi asked if any of the student directors had any concerns. None.

- [FCAE](#)
- ISBE - [Agricultural Education Update from Andrew](#) - he had already updated everything.
- IAVAT - John wanted to update everyone about the lobbying efforts. There have been several contributions come in. so, we will see how it ends up. Resectioning, seems to be in favor of it going through in some shape, based on feedback from the section chairs on Saturdays.
- Updates and Status of what is going on in your schools, sections and district.
  - D5 - Waterloo is HS is about 60% virtual. No competitions no travel right now.
  - D4 - Meisner - Blue Ridge is back in person. But everyone else is just a mix.
  - D3 - McGrew - many are going back or in the process in it. Monday Macomb goes back to a hybrid on Monday.
  - D2 - Perry - so far they are in person. Practices and weightlifting continuing in person.
  - D1 - Taber - they are every student in person. All is going well, so far.
- Closing ceremonies.

Adult board -

**Illinois FFA Board  
December 10, 2020  
Meeting Agenda**

**Officers - wear official dress, there are items to vote on.**

Attending: Lexi Mueller, Emma Kuhns, Gracie Murphy, Jordi Oliver, Andrew Klein, Margaret Vaessen, Molly Schempp, Tim McDermott, Renee Gehrke, Tammy Yard, Jacalyn Meisner, Jaton Shaffer, Howard Heavner, Keely Wixted, Jason Perry, [Mindy Bunselmeyer](#), Wyatt McGrew, Jesse Haudrich, Trent Taber, John Edgar,

4:00 Lexi called the meeting to order. Opening ceremonies.

Topics to be discussed:

- [FFA Center Reports/Updates](#) - Mindy updated on Alumni since they met this week.
- Minutes of previous meetings - [Click here](#) Jordi moves to approve the minutes. Second by Emma. No discussion. Motion passes. Motion to sustain by Jacalyn Meisner, seconded by Jason Perry. Motion passes.
- Financial Report - John Edgar. Those are all linked in the agenda. Not a lot of changes since last meeting. Cash may look a little lower this year, as we have paid more dues to National FFA than we did at this time last year.
- Emma moved to place the reports on file for review. Second by Keely. Motion passes. Motion to sustain by Trent Taber SEcond by Wyatt McGrew. Motion passes.
  - [Balance Sheet](#)
  - [Budget v Actual](#)
  - [Previous Year Comparison](#)
- Diversity & Inclusion Task Force update Mindy Bunselmeyer: group met last Monday. We only had 123 complete the survey. The committee would like to have more surveys completed. Have a recommendation for what this task force looks like, will give a proposal to the joint boards in January. Wyatt said if you go back to the FFA board file, go to the joint board folder, there is a document in there with most of the information.
  - [Click here](#) to view the Agriculture For All document from National FFA
  - Survey has gone out at last report 169 teachers have completed it
  - Goal is for the committee to provide a full report and recommendations for the January Joint Board meeting
  - December 7, 2020 meeting update
- [Finance Task Force update](#) - John - not much to report. Presented recommendation to ICAE for their last meeting. We are focusing on how we manage our money at the FFA Center.
- ICCCTSO update - John - had board meeting last week. Approved some amendments to their by-laws. ISBE has approved new CTSO's, ICCCTSO has passed that not all new CTSO's are voting members of ICCCTSO. John and Mindy will be working with Marta Lockwood of FCCLA to work on proposals for that.
  - Group approved revised Bylaws on December 1, 2020.
  - Currently working resolution and letter to send to NCCCTSO and ISBE.
- "212" Spring Conference - Ground Zero
  - Molly - in the middle of the planning process. Want to go over what is being planned for each session.
    - Bitmoji classroom - virtual classroom where you "cartoon" yourself, interactive way for students to get to links, games, etc.



- Choose your own adventure. Read the first few pages, then you get options to turn to page X to do this or Y to do that. They are putting one together that will lead them to a career in Ag.

Margaret - will talk about what they are passionate about, will go into breakout rooms, lead by section presidents. To help identify what they want to do.

Breaks between sessions to get the students up. Mid-Session - engagement committee is putting together a cahoot with greenhand quiz bowl questions.

Lexi - character. Reflective activity - a closed door activity. Personality quiz, then do a personality puzzle with colors. At the end summarize and develop your personality.

Emma - talk about connections and relationships and networking. Talking about why that is beneficial. Breakout rooms with Section Presidents. Showcase some of skills. Then help "connect the dots".

Jordi - setting goals. Building the future. Wants to use the story of What to do with an Idea. How we can make our goals into a reality. Smart goals. Make an action plan to go after their goals and grow from the conference.

Emma - conclusions - New Heights will wrap up all of the sessions. Discuss what the big take aways were.

Went over costs to help set for a fee. They are thinking \$35 per student.

Margaret is going over the conference in a box items. T-shirt, color pencils, Pen, tags, learn book. Blocks are being used as a physical building piece of the conference. Looking for help in cutting the blocks. Contact the officers.

Mindy asked the advisors if \$35 is o.k.? Wyatt said we can not go up any. BUILD was \$25 because of the Farm Bureau sponsorship. We are working on sponsorship, but we need the registration out before we know that. If we can secure sponsorship, then it would be X amount of registrations per chapter will be free.

First week Feb 9-11 and the Feb 16-18. We would have to allow time to get the boxes in. Will a January 15 deadline works. Wyatt and Trent both thought it would work o.k.

Emma moves to hold the Ground Zero conference to have

Second by Jordi. John asked if we need flexibility to add a third week. Emma asked if we could amend the motion to include the following week. Mindy stated that throws us in to FFA week. We tried to keep the groups to 12-15 per group for BUILD. Trent asked if the max would be 500 where is that in comparison to 212. That is below, we have had upwards of 700 in the past. Trent does not see a problem with it being during FFA week. Wyatt said if it is an overflow week, it would work. He also stated we may need to keep in mind if sports open up in January that may decrease the number in attendance, but if it goes as it is now, they may be looking for things to do.

Time 4 - 6 first week. Second week 6 - 8.

Emma added to the motion the third week in February. Moves to amend by adding February 23-25. second by Margaret. In favor of the amendment. Motion passes.

Vote on main motion. Cost for \$35 Two definite weeks and third week as overflow. Motion passes. MOTion to sustain by Trent. Second by Wyatt. Motion passes.

- Officers have an update and content for this conference.

- Set dates - we recommend February 9 - 11, 2021 and February 16 - 18, 2021. Offer 4 to 6 time one week and 6 to 8 pm the other week.
- Need to set fee to pay for Ground Zero.
  - Costs: tshirt- 5, blocks - 1, color pencils/crayons - 4, pen - 1, tags - 0, learnbook - 4, shipping - 9, boxes - 2, equalling - 26
  - Suggestion of 35 dollars conference fee
- State FFA Degree
  - Click on all SAE areas - Bunselmeyer
  - Mindy -when talking about the state degree app, you picked the record books that you want included for your state degree. You should not be allowed to pick multiples, but with the way it is set up, you can. Do we take action today or do we discuss with the joint board. What is everyone's thoughts. Jason - state degree will still pull all SAE's in. The confusing place is what books get printed to support that application. They need to print all records.
  - Trent - discussion in the past of what each sections do. He thinks this is the time to make it consistent among all of the sections. Since the information in the applications is coming from the records, so we do not need to have the records all printed.
  - Mindy - we need to decide what we want to have and then set a policy and put that information out there. Trent said that we may have a snag with STARS.
  - Tim said with STARS we have been concerned about different levels. IF do like proficiency's, they students can still go in and make changes. Whatever we do for change, will probably still not see consistency because someone will still do it the old way.
  - Mindy stated for the State Degree, they should be printing the PDF of the last one that is closest to the March 1 deadline.
  - Trent asked if they are a STAR candidate we need to have a complete set of record books. But for State Degree, only need it for the specific areas.
  - Jason says one of the pages in the back still says supporting records. You can enter a link to the records. He would not include the proficiency report at all.
  - Mindy asked if the sections want to review hard copies or do everything electronically. At the state level, we will do everything electronically. Do we need to decide that.
  - Trent thinks we just need to revise the STAR rubric to have a link to evaluate financials.
  - Mindy summarized: No need for complete record book, but if you make changes after the final state degree has been submitted, you run the risk of things not matching, and possible needed verification or docked points.
  - Wyatt thinks that having the PDF available so that it matches the state degree application is important.
  - Howard believes that once the degree application is submitted, it should not be allowed to be corrected. It is a degree application not an SAE/proficiency.
  - Trent asked if we say District is the completed level. It will not be changed after district and state judging. It should be corrected at the section level, once submitted to district level, it is the final submission.

Mindy - you will be allowed corrections at the section level. But once it is submitted to District there will be no changes to your application or your records.

Trent asked if this is for the degree only. HOWard said how many sections know for sure how many will be the Star candidates. The teachers may not be paying attention to know if their kid is as good as they are.

Jason feels that everyone should be completing the record book forms. There is a link at the end of the state degree application where they can get to the live version.

Mindy said we have to make clear that it is a complete set of records, it is ALL the records, not just selected records.

Still waiting on STAR rubric from AET. Mindy will share the information before putting it in a listserv message.

- CDEs, SAEs, Official Dress and Parliamentary Procedure Videos - Officers
  - SAE video released soon. - Emma - has been live on Youtube for about a week. Will go out on listserv shortly.
  - Shifted Gears to work on Virtual Ground Zero (212)
  - Member engagement committee working on a Shooting Star conference, a weekly email that goes out with brief information, pin placement, officer roles, etc. Goes out to all section officers.
  - Jordi - social media. TAKing FFA by Storm, Motivational Monday, Fun Facts on Tuesday, Do section tours, starting a holiday post. Currently doing majors Happy Holidays, just trying to reach members in the virtual format.
  - Lexi - watched session of National Convention together. Saddened by the attention of the American Degree recipients. So we are doing letters, convention buttons, ribbon, window clings. Section presidents should be getting the notes soon for writing the congratulatory notes. Mindy said the window clings are what they would have received at state convention, she applauds the officer team for sending these items out as all will now get them.
- Membership Minimum - Bunselmeyer
  - Old language from the Advisors Guide references having a minimum of 6 members/an officer team to be an approved FFA Chapter
  - Students can remain in FFA until 3 years after a program closes, no minimum there
  - Thoughts, language added to the constitution? No action needed today but need to discuss.
  - Jacalyn had one person responded very much against the language of having six officers, not that we were saying that is total members not just officers.
  - No additional feedback.
  
- Spring Events - anything you think we need to talk about today

- Jacalyn said a lot of teachers in the district would like to know sooner rather than later about what is happening about proficiencies. Mindy asked if we all felt we could make that decision on January 8th. The decision is that district and state would be virtual. Or district is virtual and not the state. Or the district is in person but state is virtual.
- Trent is asking can we talk to parli-pro. He does not think we can make the decision January 8 for parli-pro. Document in the folder that Lexi and Howard have been working on.
- Parli Pro is prior to convention this year, so need to have the decision made prior to the decision for convention.
- Trent said last year's state awards day was maybe not as exciting, but the experience was the same virtual vs in person.
- Wyatt said we have to make the decision about parli-pro no later than the January date.
- Keely said for proficiencies, we need to make the decision in January at the latest. Get it off of our plates. Agrees that with Parli-Pro we may need to continue to review and see what the guidelines are going to be.
- For proficiency judging, once the judges are identified, we can send them a link to the application so they can begin reviewing prior to the date of proficiency interviews.

District has to be completed by the 10th. They would not have to be held on that night, just completed by that night so that the state office has time to turn around and gather the judges information.

Will make the decision for proficiencies at the joint meeting.

- National Chapter Award Submission Dates - Bunselmeyer
  - John - we have traditionally had NCA due on the 15th, but from our office standpoint having them judged electronically, we have issues getting judges to get them scored during the timeframe needed. We may need to move up the deadline from April 15 to either April 1 or April 8. The processing piece between the two rounds is getting cut shorter and shorter when round 1 is not getting judged in time. This coming year, convention is the earliest it will ever be.
  - Trent said we need to vote on it today, so that it is done. April 1 is his preference.
  - Tim said may have some pushback if some schools have events planned for the first week of April. Jacalyn agreed.
  - Mindy said we can leave it on the 15th for this year, but we would like it decided now what we will do for the following year.
- Emma moves that the 2022 National Chapter Award applications and those moving forward will be due by April 1, of each year. Seconded by Jordi. Motion passed.
- Amended to say starting in 2022 and each year thereafter. Emma and Jordi
- MOTion to sustain. Jacalyn. Seconded by Tim. Motion passed.
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- AET - Proficiency Rubric vote on.
  - AET permission form
  - Illinois Proficiency Application - [Example](#)

- SAE Committee [Rubric](#)
- SAE Committee Update and Recommendations
  - Non Traditional SAEs [Click Here](#)
  - Proficiency Awards Process [Click Here](#)
- Vote on the rubric
  - AET can incorporate the new rubric at no additional cost
- Virtual Parliamentary Procedure Update
  - Summary in Board Folder
  
- District Concerns:
  - 1- The Billion Graves program - students would traverse specific cemeteries taking photos of headstones to preserve them and then they are cataloged and recorded for people searching to trace their family. Or, students can transcribe the information off the photo to add to the data base. All volunteer hours. Would this be acceptable under current community service guidelines? My response was yes, but wanted to make sure I discussed with the FFA Board as well. Trent clarified that it would need to be sure to state it is for the cemetery not for the chapter.
  - Trent no concerns. Renee no concerns.
  - 2 - Jason no concerns. Keely no concerns.
  - 3 - Wyatt no concerns. Gracie no concerns.
  - 4- Jacalyn no concerns. Jatton no concerns
  - 5 - Tim - no concerns. Jesse no concerns.
  - [FCAE](#) - Illinois Virtual School FFA Chapter? - Dean to discuss next time or when he is present.
  - ISBE - Andrew - no major concerns. Updated document in the folder.  
ICAE meeting set Jan. 8 from 1 - 4.  
Preservice intern RFP has been closed with no applications.
  
- Updates and Status of what is going on in your schools, sections and district.
  - Dist 1 - one week away from Christmas Break and ready for a good vacation.
  - Dist 2 - closed down 2 days before Thanksgiving and 2 days after. They believe schools are not super spreaders, so he is hoping they are face to face for the foreseeable future.
  - Dist 3 - January 19 is to be in person, so otherwise fully remote. He has gone to IA to ref some ballgames.
  - Dist 4 - this is day 2 of being in person. But does not believe that they will be back to virtual.
  - Dist 5 - Tim said they are on hybrid. About 70% are on full-remote, so not many students in person.
- Mindy is starting to work on the joint board meeting agenda. She will send it to both boards prior to the meeting.

**Illinois FFA Board**  
**November 19, 2020**  
**Meeting Agenda**

**Officers - wear official dress, there are items to vote on.**

Those attending: Lexi, Molly, Margaret, Jordi, Emma, Mindy, John, Tammy, Trent, Jason, Wyatt, Jacalyn, Tim, Renee, Keely, Gracie, Jatón, Jessica, Dr. Heavner, Dean, Andrew Klein,

Meeting called to order at 3:30 by Lexi.

Topics to be discussed:

- [FFA Center Reports/Updates](#)

Mindy - if you want to open, go to the link. FFA Center - celebrated Olivia Kasey Edgar joined the world, Lori got married, now Lori Cropsy. In a soft-close due to staff in quarantine, so limiting the number of staff in at one time. Construction/renovations being worked on in the office this week. Sound proofing on wall between Mindy/empty office, having items hung, etc.

Ramping up for Giving Tuesday, working on grants, local collection drive, legacy letters, December mailing getting ready to work on.

John, IAVAT - nothing too formal. Going to do a professional development series in the spring. He is contacting spring contests hosts. IAVAT board working on resectioning.

- Minutes of previous meetings - [Click here](#)

- Jordi presented minutes. Motion to approve by: Jordi moved to approved the minutes Seconded by: Margaret. Discussion? Motion passed.
- Dr. Heavner called for Motion sustained by: Meisner. Seconded by: Taber Discussion? Motion passed.

- Financial Report - presented by Emma: John said we are in a decent position with cash flow. BUILD conference still being held and the sponsorship helped greatly with that. Any questions? We will try to do a Foundation transfer to help with officer expenses prior to the January meetings.

- [Balance Sheet](#)
- [Budget v Actual](#)
- [Previous Year Comparison](#)
  - Motion to a approve by: Emma Seconded by: Jatón Discussion? Motion passed.
  - Motion to sustain by: Perry Seconded by: McGrew Discussion? Motion passed.

- Diversity & Inclusion Task Force update - Mindy:

- [Click here](#) to view the Agriculture For All document from National FFA

- Survey has gone out at last report 155 teachers have completed it
- Goal is for the committee to provide a full report and recommendations for the January Joint Board meeting
- Rep/Senator Bailey update - notified National FFA - they recommend that if he does reach out to me, I am to ask him to call me or provide a good time to talk over the phone.
- [Finance Task Force update](#) - John - not a lot to update since the last meeting. Concern with possibly reduction in line item for FFA Center. Will be presented to ICAE tomorrow.
- ICCCTSO update - John ISBE has approved a new CTSO this year.
  - Group voting on revised Bylaws on December 1, 2020.
- BUILD Update and Evaluation Results - Mindy:
  - Look at evaluation results, but wants to share that 96% that did evaluation said they would like another virtual conference in the spring. Shows our FFA leaders are still wanting to improve their skills.
  - Speaker on Thursday night, went over really well. He was still messaging with a lot of members the week after, which he shared with Mindy. He was impressed with our leadership students.
  - [Click here](#)
  - Learned many tips and tricks for Spring “212” Conference.
- “212” Spring Conference - Ground Zero
  - Margaret - introduced Ground Zero conference.
    - 3 day conference - 2 hours on the calendar, actually going to plan for 1.5 hours of content. Escape Room, Molly is making; Lessons; wrap up activity. Will use feedback from BUILD to set up the conference.

Emma - discussed the SAE videos they have out. Currently going to be working on the Ground Zero conference, then will get back to the other videos.

Jordi - discussed the SIU trivia night last night. Lots of fun! Great event. Susan has 10 signed up for next month, Dec. 10th. So get the students signed up. The majors were excited to get to be a part of that.

Molly - meet & greets. Have picked up, each major generally has two a week on their calendars. They have asked Section Presidents to share on their social media. Newton H.S. has been e-mailing follow up questions from their meet & greets.

Lexi - any questions. Tim has a comment that the team has done a great job of finding ways for the officers to reach out to all the members. Keep it u.

- Officers have an update and preliminary ideas for this conference.
- CDEs, SAEs, Official Dress and Parliamentary Procedure Videos - Officers
  - SAE video released this week.
  - Shifted Gears to work on Virtual 212
- Membership Minimum - Mindy - this is not one that we need to act on quickly, but if we need a constitutional changes, will need to get that out this spring prior to convention. We may need to revisit this with the joint board meeting in January.
  - Old language from the Advisors Guide references having a minimum of 6 members/an officer team to be an approved FFA Chapter

- Students can remain in FFA until 3 years after a program closes, no minimum there
- Thoughts, language added to the constitution? No action needed today but need to discuss.
- Spring Events - when do we decide and how do we proceed? - Mindy
  - Ground Zero is going to be virtual and the officers are working on the curriculum for that conference.
    - Trent asked if the joint meeting is before the section chairs meeting. Concern about getting plans for proficiency ready to be shared with section chairs. Does not want to get us in a too quick turn around.
    - Mindy does not have any additional SAE updates, does not have rubric yet. Jason did say that the concept of the ranking scoring will most likely not be feasible at this time.
  - Chapter Visits - parent concern
- AET - Proficiency Rubric vote on. Mindy - no action today since we do not have a rubric to share. Tim asked to clarify that section's will have access? Yes. John said they are all going to have to use it so the information flows from the section to the district to the state. Can they just enter results at the section level and not use it for judging purposes? That is correct.
  - Trent mentioned that we gathered a lot of information from the spreadsheet that the state had used before. That is correct. Mindy said that we used that information to send on to National FFA. We will need to make sure that the information is still being collected and reported. Tim feels that a lot of sections may want to use it for remote judging that we may be going to this spring.
  - Jason said that even if the point values are not set for certain, the process will remain similar to the processes before.
  - Mindy will soon as we get a rubric. Hopefully we can discuss this in December.
  - AET permission form
  - Illinois Proficiency Application - [Example](#)
  - SAE Committee [Rubric](#)
  - SAE Committee Update and Recommendations
    - Non Traditional SAEs [Click Here](#)
    - Proficiency Awards Process [Click Here](#)
  - Vote on the rubric
    - AET can incorporate the new rubric at no additional cost
- Virtual Parliamentary Procedure Update - Lexi - summary report is in the board folder if there are any questions.
  - Summary in Board Folder - nothing finalized or for certain. If any committee members would like to comment. Please do.



- Dr. Heavner said there could be a lot of ways it can go if you do not have some parameters set before the event. Good ideas were collected at the meeting. He thinks we will learn a lot as we go.
- Trent would encourage us to set a deadline. Maybe a February 1 deadline. 1 In person; 2 virtual all in one room; 3 virtual, all at their own computers/log in.
  - Trent also said at CDE committee last night that was brought up as a concern.

Mindy asked if we want to make the decision at the joint board meeting. Tim said he would like us to have the decision made at the January meeting. Emma thought the February deadline was a good deadline, giving schools time to adjust back to being in person. Keely agreed with Emma, giving a Feb 1 deadline. Wyatt would like to have it decided by the end of the joint meeting in January. But thinks we need to let advisors know now that there will be a Parli Pro event rather virtual or in person will be decided at a later date. Wyatt also stated that as a committee. Dr. Heavner said that we will not be changing the formatting, it will be the same, just changing to fit the format.

Mindy asked about recording. Howard said that when they are presenting live on zoom, they will record it at that time. Need to spell things out very specifically. Lexi said she would add some clarification to that bullet point. Mindy asked when they join a room will the main motion be in a chat or on the screen? How do they know their individual motions? Lexi said there is not an answer yet for that. Howard said there are a variety of possibilities. Mindy asked if it would work to break into individual rooms, then the room host show them the motion? Howard said more questions than answers. Wyatt said at some point we will have to go down the bullet points and make a decision or come up with something else.

Lexi asked if there were any other questions/comments. Back up to the AET Proficiency rubric. Mindy said nothing else at this point.

Any additional new business: none.

- District Concerns:

- 1- Concern brought up about completely deleting records that 8th graders have spent a good amount of time trying to perfect. Can we work with AET to come up with a solution to not delete their 8th grade records? Mindy said she has touched base with Kent Rigg and she will add the response directly Kent from Roger at AET.
  - Is there anything we need to communicate on the state level that we learned from this past proficiency cycle? Especially with home bakeries not being in ag processing, but food service. Trent also said about the ag mech/Ipads. Mindy not certain what to tell people. Trent was thinking mostly about the bakeries.

Renee - no concerns. But with the AET, she made a new profile from Jr. High to High School for her records.

- 2 - Jason - has not district 2 concerns. But Mitch is still looking for feedback on the surveys about the non-traditional SAE's. Get the information to Mitch.
- Keely has no concerns.

- 3 - Gracie - has no concerns. Wyatt has a question for Dean. What are we up to for number of programs that have middle school FFA in them? Rough idea...of stand alone and those that have jr high in the high school.
- 4- Jacalyn has no concerns.
  - Jatton does not have any concerns.
- 5 - Tim - small concern, rule clarification only one student from each chapter can advance on. It was in the advisors guide and he thinks it is in the CDE rules as well.
  - Jesse - no concerns.
- FCAE - Dean said about 30%/105 schools have 5 - 8 grade courses. Wyatt believes that some day we will have to have the discussion again about allowing middle school records for the state degree qualifications. John said it was brought up at IAVAT, as we incorporate more middle school schools for grant money. Mindy said that it was discussed at state staff meeting earlier this week as well. She has reached out to FL, IN, IA. She has not heard back from IA. FL has 144 separate charters with 212 charters in H.S. IN similar to us. Jacalyn said she is on the committee and they are actively having and reaching out to other states, as well. Dean said that one reason IAVAT tabled their discussion is because there are so many variables with middle school programs.
  - FCAE report is in the board folder.
- ISBE - Andrew - not necessarily any concerns, glad to be included. He is taking it upon himself to improve the customer service of ISBE. Starting today Sheila Rhodes, is part time ag grant person. She will work with Andrew on the grant readings.
- Updates and Status of what is going on in your schools, sections and district.
  - Trent - this past week a lot of schools went back to virtual. Cambridge is still in person. Renee - everyone is shutting down. Byron is still going in person. They are hanging on to keep going in-person.
  - Jason - McLean county mostly, he thinks they are the only school with everyone in person. Starting to look at their own data, contact tracing that has happened at school has not had any positive cases from school, yet. Set for virtual school. Keely - not much in person in Section 8, at all. By her some schools have gone up in cases, so definitely not going back in person. Chapter is not doing any events until January. Doing LTS, but most other section events are being locked down.
  - Wyatt - Macomb has traditionally been the school to stay open, but they have closed down and gone virtual, effective Monday through January 19th stay remote. Have been doing all virtual events in the section all fall. Had 5 - 6 students in BUILD - positive feedback from that. Gracie - all virtual until January, sounds like all of other schools in the area sound like they are all going to be moving back to the virtual format. Shout out that Gracie was November student of the month.
  - Jacalyn - in three weeks, they have had three ways of teaching. Full remote, split, and everyone in person. But had to shut down the in person due to bus issues. She knows of one school that went full in person to complete remote. Most everyone else is full remote or split. Jatton - nothing to add.

- Tim - Waterloo - H.S. is back to full remote, middle school moving that direction. This is most common in the area. Jesse is hearing most are going back to virtual. Freeburg has cancelled events they were going to have. Lexi said she is at Valmeyer currently and they are currently in.
- John said we need to pick a December date. Mindy suggested: December 17th? John said IACCAI conference. December 10th at 4:00?

**Illinois FFA Board**  
**October 22, 2020**  
**Meeting Agenda**

**In Attendance:**

Lexi Mueller, President: Molly Schempp, Vice President: Margaret Vaessen, Reporter: Jordi Oliver, Secretary: Emma Kuhns, treasurer: Renee Gehrke DI: Gracie Murphy: DIII; Jatón Shaffer: DIV; Keely Wixted: DII; Jesse Haudrich: DV; Dr. Heavner, Mrs. Bunselmeyer, Mr. Edgar, Mr. Taber, Wyatt McGrew, Tim McDermott, Jacalyn Meisner, Dean Dittmar, Jason Perry, Tammy Yard, Mitch Miller

Topics to be discussed:

Opening Ceremonies - Officers

Lexi opens with a welcome and introduction of minutes

- Minutes of previous meetings
- **Taber motions. Mysner seconds**
- **Keely motions, Jordi Seconds**
  - Mindy does a report for the previous discussion on reimbursement. Members have been reimbursed.
- Financial Report
  - [Balance Sheet](#)
  - [Budget v Actual](#)
  - [Previous Year Comparison](#)
  - **Motion by Jatón to approve, Emma Second**
  - **Motion by McDermitt, Seconded Perry**
- Diversity & Inclusion Task Force update
  - [Click here](#) to view the Agriculture For All document from National FFA
  - Survey to be sent out state wide in hope of shedding some light on topics of diversity.
  - Goal to have it out on the 4th through December. Then take action on ways to establish a standing committee to address diversity and inclusion.
  - Included agriculture for all documents.
- Finance Task Force update
  - Two recommendations for ICAE
  - Incentive Funding Grant
  - Funding for the Ag Ed Line Item with level funding
  - Consider taking state funds out as the demands grow
  - If ISBE agrees, have a separate Ag Ed Line Item for funds like AET, FFA Center, Ect.
  - Concern that the board of education asked FCAE to reduce their support with a 45,000 decrease through the ag ed line item.
- ICCCTSO update
  - Meeting had concerns with issues with the State Board of Education. Last meeting was informed that SBE was in the process of approving new CTSOs. Science

Olympiad. Educators Rising. Concerns with funding. Some CTSOs that are approved have no student leadership.

- BUILD Plans and Updates - Officers
  - Tuesday and Thursday night a State Officer Meeting has occurred with BUILD Training with Eliza and Alex.
  - **November 3 - 5, 2020** - BUILD Conference Option 1 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - **November 10 - 12, 2020** - BUILD Conference Option 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
  - Each participant received a conference in a box and will be sent out to students and attendees of the conference.
- CDEs, SAEs, Official Dress and Parliamentary Procedure Videos
  - Went through the teacher survey responses.
  - Creating videos about CDEs LDEs and SAE videos for students in the ag room
  - Will help students refer to the ilaged website. Share about our SAEs and our industry as a whole
  - Go over contests and official rules and tips
  - Official Dress video and Parli Pro Video
- Membership Minimum
  - Old language from the Advisors Guide references having a minimum of 6 members/an officer team to be an approved FFA Chapter
  - Students can remain in FFA until 3 years after a program closes, no minimum there
  - Thoughts, language added to the constitution? No action needed today but need to discuss.
  - Idea to have a 6 member minimum with a three year probation period
- 212 and Spring Events - when do we decide and how do we proceed?
  - Let's try to develop a timeline for Section to begin doing LDEs, etc.
  - Not Expecting any action but a time to announce when we will make a decision such as spring 212 or officers going out in the spring
  - Nov 19th is the next meeting
  - Talking on Public Speaking can be done virtually where Parli pro could be a little bit trickier.
  - Taber shares that Secretary notes are not done at the national level so could we adopt these rules to adapt to a virtual format
  - Taber shares that some sections are having in person contests. What is our authority? Do we need to make a decision soon or later in may since we can't look over the sections.
  - We need a timeline of when we can maybe think of a decision.
  - Emma talks on 212 being in February and having a later date, for Parli Pro but for majors, wait until a later date
  - What the state does is provide a guideline for section events so what we are telling them to do at the district should be similar to the state contest
  - McDermott shares to let students know early and if needed to be in virtual, it gives us the time to practice with the technology.

- Mindy shares to create a smaller committee to discuss on what can be done to hold parli pro virtually
  - May 6th is the state parli pro contest, results in by April 22nd
  - Creating a committee
    - Heavner
    - Mueller
    - McDermott
    - Meisner
  - Talking on behalf of equal tips and judging since all districts are judged differently. Being talked within the CDE Committee
  - How are we in hotels?
    - SIU is being flexible and has an open cancelation
    - U of I has a waved rescheduling fee
  - McGrew talks how chapters are loving virtual and shares to encourage facilitators to prepare for a virtual format
  - Create a outline for the 212 conference for the november meeting
  - If we are rewriting the curriculum, could we re-evaluate the conference as a whole. Change it to a one day conference later down the line.
  - As of now, wait until November 19th to vote because things will change
  - **Margaret moves to have the plannings of a virtual conference with the same dates for 212. Second by Jatón**
  - **McGrew seconds. Moved by McDermott**
  - **Motion passes**
- AET - online management/scoring of FFA awards proposal - [click here.](#)
    - AET permission form
      - Tuesday had an update about a waiver form for attending events and if we should encourage that more. Is that something to add to the waiver?
      - Meinser shared an update
    - Illinois Proficiency Application - [Example](#)
      - District 2 potentially paying \$10
      - District 1 strong opinion of no on the fee to students
      - District 3 had 65% no issue paying but big concern of being stuck to cost dues to reduce fundraising activities. Suggest a fair way to increase the district fee for all chapters
      - District 4 has a strong opinion of getting records or applications prior to state interviews
      - Mainly in favor of allowing industry friends and parents in the interviews
      - District 4 is half and half of the fees. They feel like they have to pay for their student to advance. Not happy about having each student have to pay.
      - District 5 88% were in favor of the 10 dollar fee. For record book ahead of time, 92% in favor with 70% at the district level. 83% for parents and industry friends being involved in interview
      - **Jordi moves to charge every section proficiency winner, state agriscience entry and national chapter award entry a \$5.00 entry**

**fee to cover the expenses of the AET scoring system for 2021.**

**Margaret Seconds**

- **Sustained by Taber, 2nd by Perry. Motion Passes**
  - SAE Committee Rubric
    - Question about pictures
      - Taber indicates that photos will make a difference no matter if they are scored or not.
      - District 4 says no scoring but do like to have them in there
      - Mitch Miller says the committee shares to have photos not be scored but be included.
  - **(Move to November Meeting)** SAE Committee Update and Recommendations - Mitch Miller
    - Non Traditional SAEs [Click Here](#)
    - Proficiency Awards Process [Click Here](#)
  - Timeline for rubric approval
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- District Concerns:
    - 1 -
      - Going into fall CDE's students are asking "If we win, will we get to go to Nationals?" and advisors not having clear direction on who we are sending.
    - 2 - Concern over who will represent IL in CDE's at next year's national convention. Seeking a clear timeline on when decisions regarding spring semester (& beyond) will be made.
    - 3 - None
    - 4- None
      - Concern from survey- (probably geared towards SAE committee) Non-Ag SAEs
    - 5 - None
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- Updates and Status of what is going on in your schools, sections and district.
  - Jordi moves to adjour this meeting. Renee seconded
  - Sustained by McGrew, 2nd McDermott.

## **Illinois FFA Board September 24, 2020 Meeting Agenda**

In attendance - Jacalyn Meisner, Mindy B., Ben Meyer, Jordi, Margaret, Lexi, Molly, Emma, Dean Dittmar, Trent Taber, Tim McDermott, Jaton Shaffer, Renee Gehrke, Gracie Murphy, Jason Perry, Jesse Haudrich, Keely Wixted, John Edgar, Tammy Yard, Dr. Heavner, Wyatt McGrew, Mitch Miller

Topics to be discussed:

- [National FFA Update](#) - Ben Meyer, National FFA - discussed upcoming virtual National FFA convention; report in the folder. Mindy asked for clarification if an advisor just wants to watch the sessions, can they just watch on RFD. The answer is yes, they can. Mindy said we will encourage advisors to register their chapters. Dean asked on National FFA membership, he said it looks like about an 8% increase. Wanted to know how it compares to previous years. Ben said that he can give raw numbers, but said he will share past information.
- 2019 - 2020 Section President Reimbursement Request after the end of the fiscal year. [Click here](#) to see the statement from the parent, [click here](#) to see what we give to parents and Section Presidents at the orientation meeting. [Click here](#) to see the reimbursement form.

Mindy said that the parent has asked for an appeal when we denied the reimbursement from a past section president because they turned the reimbursement in in August, which is past the 30 days following the events. As well as this being turned in to the next fiscal year.

Trent asked if the expenses were some that other section presidents would have been reimbursed.

Keely asked for clarification that it was a past section president, turning in a year's worth of expenses. Correct.

John discussed that with finances being tight with virtual convention, that we did not have reserves.

Jason asked if there had ever been any questions from the student. No, there had not been any questions, requests for new forms, etc.

Trent said he thought that the language may need to be clarified, as it says it should be turned in within 30 days.

Jacalyn asked if the parents signed off on the form. Mindy said that it currently is not a part of the MOU, so we can add it.

Tim stated that since we had allowed other reimbursements to be past the 30 days, we need to allow this as well.

Mindy summarized that we need to update and have stronger language. And that we can move forward with reimbursement.

Dr. Heavner said that it is unanimous consent

Emma asked that we get the student director feedback:



They all gave varying responses.

Wyatt said we have deadlines for a reason. We have been flexible and maybe too much, so we need to be aware of that. Nobody knows everyone's current situations, so we need to keep it in mind, as well.

Mindy stated that can we put in the policy that it is submitted within 30 days, 60 days, except expenses incurred in June to be turned in by June 30th. She will do a doodle poll for everyone to vote on.

- STAR Conference Debrief
  - District STAR - Molly - first week three nights completed. Week 2, did the final two districts. Did welcomes, zoom etiquette ...
  - Statewide Chapter Visit - Lexi, did workshops, practiced with goal cards, with the Star conferences, the majors sent letters to all participants.
- LTS Speeches - Posted - Jordi - all posted on website or on the YouTube channel.
  - Reflections Questions shared via listserv, in form of a worksheet. Should be able to use as a workshop in the classroom.
    - Mindy noted that she did not have the live link in the last listserv, but it will be in the listserv on Tuesday
- Chapter Visits Update - Margaret
  - Each will have a segment. Feel a little overwhelming, learning new skills, but can feel the growth. Should be done by next week, feeling good. Lexi mentioned there will also be a worksheet for the chapter visits as well.
- 2020 Illinois Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor Survey - 188 responses so far
  - Results - [click here](#)

Mindy said there is a lot of information we can glean from the survey.

BUILD conference: determined that we would do it during two different weeks, with different times each week. The week in October was the most popular, but we knew we could not get it completed by then, so went with the November dates.

Chapter Visits: looks like we should get good participation for visits. John added a tab to the results for chapter visits. Looks like we have the potential to hit a lot of classes. You can sign up to do an officer meet and greet. These should be available next week.

We will work on connecting more with the members, we have looked at all of these and we will continue to work on a lot of it.

The survey has provided a great deal of information for us.

State Chats - looks like we may be aiming to do them once a month.

Any other thoughts/opinions/direction for officers on how to connect with members. Please let us know.

- FFA Chapter Files
  - Are advisors good with this being shared where anyone can see the chapter information on any given chapter? The file document include, state and American FFA Degree recipients, state officers, charter signing date and eventually state CDE, LDE, Agriscience, NCA and Proficiency winnings
    - Is there any concern with advisors being able to see all of the information for all of the chapters in the state? No concerns voiced from adult directors.
- BUILD Update - John - working with Eliza Petry for curriculum; Farm Bureau will do a theme shirt; working on an escape room; some sort of virtual career show. We have two

weeks with a third possible planned. Each night is looking at 2 hours time, 1/2 of that general session - other 1/2 being escape room; key note, career show, etc. Looks like with the Farm Bureau sponsorship, plus \$25 registration we should be able to cover expenses, as long as we have good participation as the survey results states.

- Section Presidents will help being group leaders with the conference.
  - Jacalyn asked dates: Nov 3 - 5 at 6 - 8 Nov 10 - 12 Mindy checking on times for sure.
- SAE Committee Update and Recommendations - Mitch Miller
  - Non Traditional SAEs [Click Here](#)
  - Proficiency Awards Process

Mitch said Jason is also familiar with all of this as well. It is a proficiency report, no longer record books, but not an application, either. So a different mind set.

Proficiency report starts with general information, then goes in to some questions from a proficiency application. Committee recommended a brief explanation of the SAE and roles and responsibilities are for SAE. Example in folder.

Summary of all enterprises.

Explanation on some financials

Inventory out of record book

Jason said things that we were concerned about during last board meeting was Agriscience, there is an area for the abstract and can upload a written report. Income & Expense could not be moved up, so it is still section I.

Other question was about pictures. SAE committee met about it and in regular proficiency report, just use the pictures from record book. Roger adamant about keeping agriscience and normal proficiencies as close as possible.

Mitch said committee decided now is a good time to go ahead and release it now so advisors/students can start working in it.

Trent said we may need to also reflect on the rubric what some of the report items may be worth. Example 1 - 5 pictures 1/2 the points; 6 - 10 pictures full points. Need to help give the judges know what they need to be looking for on each section.

Mitch went through the rubric. Want to make this as easy as possible for all judges, especially the volunteers. Changed from high score wins to low score wins. Ties in an area: the rubric is diverse enough that it should not allow there to be any ties in the end results. John asked about a raw score to have if the rankings tie, so that you do have a way to break the tie if there is one, you would look at the raw scores. Mitch said that he is fairly confident that with the weights that are added in the rubric, there should not be any ties.

Trent asked if you have the ability to give a zero if a student did not show, for example. You would actually give them a 5 in everything all the way down the rubric, as it is reverse ranking.

Mitch wants the feedback that this is what is wanted, and any recommendations for changes. Trent suggested that the rubric follow the report, instead of trying to jump around in the report to find the information for each area of the rubric. John said that with just finishing up the National judging, it was easier to follow the report with the rubric. Mindy suggested the need to have the definition of the rankings at the top of the rubric. John said that you have to remember that you are ranking, not scoring.

Mindy said the report - are they ready to release it as is now. Mitch take notes to the subcommittee and bring it back to us on Oct. 22 meeting. Non-traditional piece to talk about and then the on-line scoring.

Non Traditional - SEE attached above report.

Keely mentioned that the language on the rubrics can be hard to judge for people with non-traditional SAE's.

Mitch wants to know what we want him to take back to the committee about allowing non-traditional for state degrees.

Keely said in her opinion that there needs to be a distinction between non-traditional vs. non-ag. Even using non-traditional, she was able to get her state degree but it did make it more difficult. She feels if you have a non-traditional they should count towards state degrees. If it is non-ag, then no, it should not be able to be used.

John said we have had some discussion in the past in non-traditional or non-traditional intent. Non-ag and non-traditional are not the same.

Mindy said the committee needs to talk about non-ag and non-traditional, she said that the survey also has lots of results. She feels that she stated non-ag in the survey, but maybe it should have been non-traditional. It may have muddied the waters.

- AET - online management/scoring of FFA awards proposal - [click here](#).

To link the AET to the rubric for judging. Cost would be \$10,000 per year. See attached proposal.

Mindy said we need to be prepared to vote next meeting whether we have AET do this every year or be able to do it in house. Do we have SAE information out to everyone a week in advance, but have to allow time for the FFA Center staff to get it all put together and back out to everyone.

John said that we need to make sure AET would be willing to use our rubric.

Dr. Heavner said that there is not a money tree out there, we need to be mindful of the \$10,000. He suggested that we possibly charge \$10 at the district level for participation, that should help cover the costs.

John also said that the \$10,000 proposal from AET, pro is that it takes some of the work load off of the FFA Center staff. Con AET is going to be charging 4 - 5 times as much per hour as what you would be paying our staff to do it. Our staff could potentially do it, but we also have to have additional funds to make sure we have the staff available to do the work.

Mindy said that she liked the idea of \$10 per student at district level, it would cover the expenses. But she does not know how advisors would feel about that. She said to check in with your fellow advisors.

Tim asked for clarification: \$10,000 covers National Chapter Award, plus other events. Yes, it is in the AET proposals. So we could split it up amongst all award areas, not just proficiency awards.

- Illinois Proficiency Application - [Example](#)
- SAE Committee [Rubric](#)
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- FFA COVID Guidance

- Refer to the forward email from Kade Hill sent on September 10th. Most feedback Mindy has gotten is that her response was correct. She just does not feel that it is our place to over govern a school on that.
- National Chapter Award Strategic Plan - Sharing Examples of those
  - Still need those examples, only have Cambridge and that one is on the website. Thank you Trent for sharing that with us.
- District Concerns:
  - 1 Concerns:
    - State Proficiency Winners not receiving adequate review of their applications prior to them submitting their application to Nationals. Would like to see more specific guidelines for all the committee people reviewing.
      - Mindy said currently we have volunteer teachers who have had success at the National level to review the state applications. Trent said that maybe we create a form so that all the feedback is more streamlined, so each student gets the same type of feedback. Possibly use the National proficiency rubric. Trent suggested giving specific apps to other people as well, who may be specialized in the area.
    - Going into fall CDE's student are asking "If we win, will we get to go to Nationals?" and advisors not having clear direction on who we are sending.
      - National left it up to us on how we will send them.
  - Renee - no concerns
  - 2 - No concerns
    - Keely - it would be easier to figure out a specific time, then from that point on, they go on to National the next time. Before COVID, you had more strict guidelines for the CDE. Thinks it should be made on a case by case basis.
  - 3 - Dues Payment Checks Deadline - Affiliated Chapters can use IFG dollars to pay. Without having allocated dollars and things approved, the likelihood of everything being able to be processed and submitted by the 11/1 deadline is slim. - Can the deadline be moved back to 12/1 due to lagging IFG allocations?
    - Like to see if moved back to December 1.
    - John said that he would like us to change the deadline permanently, if we have to keep moving it from year to year.
  - Gracie - no concerns
  - 4- Concerns:
    - Short turnaround time for Videos - the ones from SP's that are due tomorrow.
      - Mindy said the final night of STAR conferences, we asked for feed back. She is talking about the tour of the section, but it is more optional. We can extend that deadline, we are just trying to get chapters to connect to the officers and one another. We are trying not to add to the stress.
    - Kudos to State for Proficiency and Public Speaking- happy our people put together great events
    - Due date for roster- having a hard time with being swamped (and the different in person/remote) getting members registered/signed up

- Discussion moved in with D3 concern. Concern with everyone being remote, trying to get the students to get on rosters and on the website and getting it completed.

- Trent's opinion is to leave it how it is, just do the best you can and move on from there.

Jason said you can always add to members.

Tim said if we look at changing money date, then do we move back roster date, so that we do not have two months away.

Confirmed that we send to National once we have the administrator approval. Not when we receive the dues.

Wyatt says that this is one of the things that is being effected by COVID and also an issue by ISBE.

Trent would like to clarify, if he is affiliated, can he turn in the invoice to be reimbursed with his IFG money. Yes, he could do it.

- Concern from survey- (probably geared towards SAE committee) Non-Ag SAEs - Jacalyn will have them discuss with SAE committee.
- Jaton - no additional concerns.
- 5 - Jesse - no concerns
  - Tim - Vo-Ag fair payment process. Fair in September each year, but a month ago received the premiums. Just wants us to stay on top of it.
- FCAE - Dean no longer on call.
- Updates and Status of what is going on in your schools, sections and district.
  - October 22 is the next FFA Board meeting. We will be in OD, with opening ceremonies, minutes, action items. SAE Committee topics to discuss. Mindy will share minutes and will note a future action item for October.

**Illinois FFA Board**  
**August 27, 2020**  
**Meeting Agenda**

In attendance: Lexi Mueller, President: Molly Schempp, Vice President: Margaret Vaessen, Reporter: Jordi Oliver, Secretary: Emma Kuhns, treasurer: Renee Gehrke DI: Gracie Murphy: DIII; Jaton Shaffer: DIV; Keely Wixted: DII; Jesse Haudrich: DV; Dr. Heavner, Mrs. Bunselmeyer, Mr. Edgar, Mr. Taber, Wyatt McGrew, Tim McDermott, Jacalyn Meisner, Dean Dittmar, Jason Perry, Tammy Yard

- Mindy Bunselmeyer does a introduction and intro to the meeting ahead

Topics to be discussed:

- August State Officer Meeting Debrief - State Staff
  - Mindy Bunselmeyer talks about the meeting
    - Students wore masks and were visited
    - Held District meetings
    - Spoke about Sponsors that we gained
    - Also discussed and created committees
      - Member Engagement
      - Social Media Engagement
      - Advisor Engagement
      - Production Agriculture
      - Written Engagement
    - All members introduced themselves in Section order
  - Questions or Concerns?
    - None
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- Monthly State Officer Team Meetings - State Staff
  - Will be holding numerous virtual state officer meetings in the evenings with hopeful day meetings in person in the near future
- STAR Conference Plans - Officers Present and Discuss
  - 2 hour time limit
  - Statewide Kahoot - August 31, 2020
    - Introduce Majors
  - STAR Conference Dates
    - District 1 - September 8, 2020
    - District 2 - September 9, 2020
    - District 3 - September 2, 2020
    - District 4 - September 3, 2020
    - District 5 - September 1, 2020
  - Topics
    - Graphic Introductions - Connection with Section Teams
    - Zoom etiquette Dos and Don'ts Video
    - Core Values
    - Facilitation Training - Direction Sets and Inclusive Language

- Official Dress
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- Chapter Visits Plans - Officers Present and Discuss
  - StateWide conference held on September 10th
  - Chapter Visits Runthrough with Everyone (OD)
  - Will tune in but go through full chapter visits live
  - Will break out into breakout rooms and each major will facilitate their workshop to each individual group
  - We will all come back together and finish with a wrap up and present our virtual goal cards
  - Dare to Be...
    - You
    - Optimistic
    - Resilient
    - Focused
    - United
  - Opening and Closing Pre Recorded Video of all 5 Officers
  - Opportunity for chapters to schedule a live debrief date with individual officers
  - Section President/Team Involvement - Margaret
    - Video of team sharing goals, examples of how they participated (snowflake, drawn picture, etc)
    - Virtual Goal Card
  - Keely Wixted asks how will we be preventing any inappropriate actions
  - Emma Kuhns responds that the visits will be guided and monitored. It is similar to a traditional in person visit where we can't control what is said.
  - Keely Wixted asks when will we be scheduling our events?
  - John Edgar asks and shares that it is not a week long. They will be more individual.
  - Mindy shares that some chapters may just use the recorded segment where others may only use live presentations
  - Mcdermott says that we have done well
  - McGrew agrees and says it is a great way to engage all members at different times
  - Bunselmeyer speaks about the creed video and ways that we may present worksheets for teachers to use
  - Bunselmeyer speaks on the opening ceremonies and ways greenhands can benefit from these videos
  - Perry speaks about how we have done good by creating pieces to reach out to members
  - Meisner shares to make all worksheets or items in a virtual format to better reach members
  - Lexi speaks about our meeting with Kevin Daughtry relating to the sources mentimeter and padlet where we can hold live events that are like virtual chalk talks and kahoots. Ways we can create fillable pdfs for members. Because google slides can sometimes be difficult but asks if a fillable pdf would work better?

- Meisner agrees and says it would be great but shares that google slides can not be shared but they can make a copy and they can all edit their own. Delete, edit and fill in with copy where it makes students have to make their own copy to begin. Then you can go in and make things where they can't be moved and be solid. Fillable pdf would work great.
- Vaessen shares that with a minemeter or padlet they come with a filter and all unnecessary words come through monitored.
- McGrew shares that whatever platform we use, make sure it can be accessed across different varieties of platforms. Google slides and forms sometimes do not go through to all compatible sources and can result in issues.
- Dittmar shares that FCAE Advisors are open to help
- Heavner shares that we have done our homework but to get out there and do it!
- 2020 Illinois Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor Survey
  - Bunselmeyer put it into a word document and add comments. Asks all to take time and give feedback. It is a survey where they see what we are doing BUILD Conference
  - LTS Majors will create virtual workshops when requested for chapters
  - Survey asks if non traditional and non ag areas can be created
  - They will be presented like a traditional area
  - Perry shares that in the sub committee shares that they are the non ag proficiency area committee
  - Virtual CDE Questions in the survey
    - They sign up and have the option.
  - Other FFA Presentations or practicums they would like to see will be included
  - State Chats
    - If we need to bring them back or not
      - McGrew finds value in the chats but also shares that it may be too much for those in the office. They are great but it is up to Mindy and John if they want to create them or not
      - Mindy shares that they are close to listservs and serve the same purpose but is ready to see what the state share
    - Foundation has not yet met but talking
  - Mindy - Other questions that may need to be added to the survey
  - Keely shares that maybe you could think of how there students feel and how connected they feel to the state officer team and the state staff
- National Chapter Award Strategic Plan - Sharing Examples of those
  - Bunselmeyer shares that they want us to share strategic plans on our website so all teachers can see it. Asks if adults are willing to post online for others to see
  - Taber says yes but he asks if they will be diverse enough
  - Bunselmeyer says that they will be updated and be diverse enough in different forms
  - Taber shares that his will be AET
  - Meisner will be google
  - McGrew says it depends. It can be both AET and Google
  - DI - yes



- DII - Yes
- DIII - Yes
- DIV - Yes
- DV - Yes
- District Concerns:
  - 1 - No Concerns
  - 2 - Follow up with the Agriscience Proficiency?
    - Mindy shares that there is no information but there will be a follow up
  - 3 - Decision regarding Who Represents IL FFA in the future as far as national contests go. Do we need to make a decision regarding this?
    - McGrew said they talked about it and never got to it but it is something we need to speak about here soon
    - Mindy and Edgar said this can be discussed later when we get more information over National Convention
  - 4 - After having Section Meetings, numerous concerns like the idea of community service projects relating to state degrees and potential to those who are interested in running for offices?
    - Mindy asks if this is the only area where they prefer this to be changed.
    - McGrew shares that we can't waive them and that is not our place to do. He shares that if they want them, they will work and make it happen.
    - Keely shares that it is a national requirement but that they can use previous years before.
    - Meisner shares that they have been lenient where some things have been thrown out
    - Mindy shares that we are lenient and that we will approve numerous things but shares that we can't control what national ffa takes
    - Mesiner shares that some students events were kicked out
    - McGrew shares that just because you graduate, doesn't mean your experience is done. Yes you may be farther removed but you can still be involved and make those actions happen
    - Mindy shares that she is going to bump that to Alexis to do some more research. She shares that there are online community actions that can be taken
    - Molly shares that students can zoom and do mentoring and tutoring
    - Meisner shares that maybe do research and create a list of ways we can get hours virtually
    - Jatton - No Concerns
  - 5 - Recommend an amount for schools to donate to the Virtual Convention??
    - Edgar shares that we do not have a final amount and we are still getting some more. They still have the question and go back to other meetings where we don't want to ask because different chapters are being affected in different ways.
    - Micdermott says if there is a amount that we need to recover share it with the chapters so that members know how much to give
    - Perry shares that he looked at what he paid to go to convention in the year before and just sent it in

- Mindy shares that what is hard sharing is that there are expenses that we used for filming and shipping to send out chapter boxes but some of it is still spending and is coming in as all items have not yet been shipped.
    - McDermitt shares to keep pushing and encourage chapters to contribute something
    - Jesse has no concerns
  - FCAE - Homeschooling Coalition starting an FFA Chapter, agreement similar to private school memorandum of understanding.
    - They will follow the same actions as having an instructor and have the same recommended ag courses. They will not receive grants but will be certified as an official chapter
    - Dean shares that as long as they fit those requirements, they will send a letter and the office will approve and alert them that they are doing this. This is an opportunity to allow more members and to reach more members
- Updates and Status of what is going on in your schools, sections and district.
  - DIV
    - Meisner shares that in DIV there is a variety with both hybrids and all in person where others are all remote. Classes are shortened and a lot of schools are varying depending on where they are located at.
    - Mindy asks if we should add this question n the survey
    - Meisner says that is up to us because schools are changing so fast
    - Edgar shares that it could be beneficial as it will allow insight to the future zoom meetings with the chapters
    - Question will be added to the survey
    - Edgar shares to also ask when the end of the school day is so we know when to plan events
  - DIII
    - McGrew shares that he has a hybrid schedule. Some in the district do a variety of schedules and methods
  - DII
    - They are having different events as well but they are holding some in person events when they can. Students have an option to do both methods but majority are face to face.
  - DI
    - Taber shares that he had a great time back at school. He shares that it is a hot area back there and to be prepared to go virtual in the next week. They are now heading to virtual full time all of the first quarter. There are different times schools are making decisions so to be aware of them.

## **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, IL - Tuesday, July 28, 2020**

In attendance: Margaret, Morgan Jones, Avery Plote, Emma, Jacalyn, Jason Perry, Dr. Heavner, Lexi, Luke Allen, Wyatt McGrew, Trent Taber, Mindy, Tammy, Jordi, Molly - Tim on-line

1:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies - Officers

Approval of Agenda

Minutes

Financial Reports - Mr. Edgar

Edgar discussed the FFA accounts and balances. Reports are in the board folder.

We still have some invoices coming in for virtual convention, so we do not have a complete picture of what those expenses are. Trent asked how the donations from chapters is going. John/Mindy said we have not received anything. We do not know if they are waiting until school is “back in session,” or if they will not be donating at all.

There is a worksheet in the folder for setting a budget.

Jordi moved to place the financial reports on file for review. Jones seconded. Motion passes.

Sustained by Wyatt. Seconded by Jacalyn. Motion passes.

John asked that there needs to be a budget approved at sometime. Do you want to pass it now or wait, but it will need to be done shortly.

John would recommend passing or amending the far right hand column (20-21 Covid Potential Budget). We did not budget for an increase in dues revenue, but for this year, it is possible that we may be negatively affected if there are chapters that do not pay dues or affiliation fees at all for this year. But we just do not know how this will go.

Emma moves to approve the 2021 covid potential budget. Seconded by Jordi. Sustained by Jacalyn seconded by Jason. Motion passed.

Margaret moves to approve the agenda as presented. Jordi seconded the motion. Motion passes. To sustain, Trent. Seconded by Jacalyn. Motion passes.

Jordi Moved to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2020 meeting. Emma Seconded the motion. Motion passes. Sustained by Jason, seconded by Tim. Motion passed.

Old Business

Any old business that we need to discuss?

2019-2020 Parli Pro and Conduct of Chapter meeting status.

Emma moved to cancel 2019-2020 Parli Pro and Conduct of chapter meeting. Seconded by Avery. Motion to sustain. Jacalyn, Seconded by Trent. Motion passed.

New Business

- 2020 - 2021 Calendar of Events
  - CDE/LDE - we will be discussing on a regular basis on what we can do. Those are parli-pro/conduct of chapter and public speaking
  - BUILD - met with Illinois Farm Bureau yesterday. We would like to move the BUILD conference to a virtual format that will be sessions over 3 evenings/nights. Still utilizing the majors and section presidents.
    - Avery moves to hold the BUILD conference to a virtual format with the dates/times to be determined at a later date. Seconded by Jordi. Mindy stated that we will discuss with the teachers about the best time and a registration fee for the event. There may be a conference in a box that would be sent to every student. Motion passes.
      - Sustained by Jacalyn. Seconded by Wyatt. Motion sustained.
  - 212 - Hold to a later date to decide this Spring event.
  - Chapter Visits, Fall Events, STAR Conference, LTS - Need a motion from the floor to make all of the events for the Fall to be delivered in a virtual format.
    - Emma asked if we pass everything to move to virtual, if in December we would be able to do visits in person, would this lock us into not being able to go in person if we have it all virtual currently. Mindy clarified that we will remain fluid in order to work with what is open at the time. We may need to continue to meet on a monthly basis to determine how we provide our programs (visits, LTS, STAR, etc.). We would have a sign up process instead of the traditional section per week. We need to have flexibility in delivery of the chapter visits. The motion needs to say only virtual for the fall. Wyatt mentioned that we know for the majors that it is not ideal, but for the safety of the officers and liability of the organization, we must go this route currently. Dr. Heavner mentioned that we do have the opportunity to call meetings at any time if the circumstances change with the virus. So that we can make adjustments to the events. Wyatt stated that if the officers were in person currently, they would see only half of a class at Macomb.
  - Margaret moved to make all chapter visits and events for fall semester 2020 virtual unless otherwise noted. Morgan seconded the motion. Sustained by Wyatt, seconded by Tim. Molly asked if we then need to tell the section presidents no planning of LTS' on their part. That is correct. Motion passes.

- National FFA Convention - will be conducted virtually. We will have additional information on National Convention August 15th.
- Chapter Visits, Fall Events, LTS, STAR Conference - Create a sign up document for arranging an officer to conduct events virtually.
- What do ag ed/FFA events look like for the fall if we are in remote learning or have group restrictions/limitations?
- Mindy asked for any recommendations for what we should ask about virtual chapter visits, dates, times, zoom, etc. As much direction that everyone can provide would be greatly appreciated. Trent thought that request will still be clumped together by sections based on their LTS dates. Luke suggested that we come up with two or three choices to give, not to just say to the advisors tell us what you want. Wyatt said we need to specify how long our chapter visits are. Jacalyn said that we need to allow 30 minutes per visit. Lots of suggestions on how we do that. Maybe make a base video, then officers can zoom in, then leave a follow up activity/workshop to do if they have time, etc.
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- AET Report for Judging purposes - [Click here](#) for SAE Committee Update - Mindy stated based on discussion this morning with both boards. We need a motion to approve what the SAE committee has put together for the state and district level. Other motion needed is to be based on the scoring process.
  - Wyatt has a question from this morning, supporting documentation, how does that get submitted? Like pictures or other items that are added. Jason said the purpose was to streamline the entire process. Trent said we would get the application with pictures behind it in a binder. Wyatt said that is true if we are in person, but if it is virtual how will it work. Jason said he does not believe that supporting documentation was taken into consideration. Mindy said if we follow the application process it is limited to six pictures. Tim asked on financial pages, the committee talked about having the summary pages, that they all look the same at the front of the book, then the application as supporting documentation. Jason asked for clarification. Tim said that the example we looked at this morning, there were three sets of books in the swine area, if the judge only looked at one part and did not go further into the application to see the combined totals, is that a problem? Jason's recollection is that the data is there, just not at the front of the application. Mindy asked if we need to go back to Roger and ask for supplemental photos? Trent asked if it would just be photos or also include supplemental page information? Currently it is not required to have photos, so it was the thought of the committee not to include them at all in the application. Wyatt asked if he is judging can he go to the student's records from the application, so that he could see any supplemental documents. There are a few things that we need to ask Roger to add back into our application. Information about Agriscience applications.
    - Jason asked how the directors feel about the income summary of all income? Not the same application for STARS so not needed. MIndy said we need to ask Roger to give us the project related income first, then list each of the books individually, and not to include in the overall profit/loss statement. Wyatt added that the reason Roger

said he included the total profit/loss page was to make sure the balance sheet for the student overall. Jason and Mindy have notes to talk to Roger on what we need changed.

AET state scoring process. It can be done at the section, district, and state levels, more efficient way to score than the process we used this year. Trent asked if we are able to be face to face for proficiency judging, will we send the applications and books out to judges prior to the interview. Jason said that there was discussion that the record books are reviewed ahead of time by teachers, then that score would go into the interview score that would be still be held by volunteer judges. Emma asked if it would just have one teacher review one area. Mindy said no, it would be 3 - 5 teachers for each area.

Dr. Heavner said we need to go back and get motions made for some of the discussions.

Emma moved to send the application for record books application back to Roger for revisions. Second by Morgan. Jason moves to sustain. Second by Trent. Motion passed.

Margaret moved that we adopt the state scoring rubric for AET. Second by Jordi. Motion passed. Sustained by Jacalyn. Second by Wyatt. Motion sustained.

- AET Subscription - we need to continue with the state subscription. Luke gave a quick overview of the line item money.

Motion by Avery. to recommend to the ISBE Get the wording of the motion from Mindy's notes. Second by Morgan. Motion by Jacalyn. Second by Wyatt.

- Lifeguarding added to the Safety Proficiency Award Area - this is Illinois specific only, there is no Safety area at National FFA. We have asked National if they would accept lifeguarding for an American Degree application, they will not allow any of those hours. Motion passed.
- Morgan moved to add lifeguarding to the Safety Proficiency Award Area. Seconded by Molly. Motion passes. Motion to sustain by Trent. Seconded by Jason.
- Proficiency judging for 2020/2021 school year will be done with a proficiency report at the district and state level. The SAE committee is working on final details of the report and we will keep you posted on the progress.
- Request from:
  - Taylorville to represent Illinois FFA at the American Royal Livestock Judging Contest -
  - Normal West to represent Illinois FFA in Denver.
  - Emma moved to allow Taylorville to represent Illinois FFA at the American Royal Livestock Judging and Normal West to represent Illinois FFA in Denver. Second by Margaret. Motion passes. Sustain by Jacalyn, Second by Trent. Motion passes.

- FFA Board Report from 2019 - 2020 Officers - Gage - appreciated everything everyone did for the team. Quick recommendations they are going to review. Brodee - thank you for letting them speak to us.
  - Reviewed the report they have in board folder.
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- FFA Legacy Award - call to convention video done by PSO, state degree, industry friends, etc. What if we have an award to give a legacy award maybe for a family. Is there any interest in creating such an award. We would like to see what the other teachers think as well. Directors are to talk to their districts then we can revisit at a later meeting.
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- State Degree requirement adjustment due to COVID - if there is going to be any adjustments on community service hours, class requirements, etc. Lots of discussion. Wyatt mentioned that the state degree can be awarded after their high school graduation.
  - Illinois FFA State Degree Awarded Posthumously - we had a teacher contact us about a student who had decided to hold on applying for their state degree hoping to be a section star. They were a proficiency finalist and interviewed, however, were in a car accident that night after the interviews. They would have qualified for the state degree this year. Mindy stated that if the section had recommended that student to us, we would approve them at the state.
  - Emma moves to allow us to award a state degree posthumously if all qualifications have been met. Seconded by Jordi. Motion passed. Motion to sustain Jacalyn. Second Jason. Motion passed.
  - Goal is to have an in person State Officer meeting August 10 - 14, 2020
  - [COVID-19 Form](#)
    - All fall events are virtual. But we did not discuss the goal of having the state officer meeting in person. Wyatt asked where we are set up to have it. It will be at Northfield, in the Opal and Onyx rooms, so we can be socially distanced. Avery felt that if they sign the form and are here of their own free will, then it should be good. Wyatt stated as a teacher if he has a section president in high school, if he asks his admin to take a student into an overnight event it would be a hard no. If he could just take 5 or 6 for a day trip, then possibly. He thinks that if we could just do a single day in person, do those, but then do the rest in a virtual format. Tim not overly comfortable with overnight. Would be o.k. Bringing them in for one day. Jason has an issue with the overnight, as well. Jordi said that a one day meeting for her would not be feasible, as it is a four hour drive. Mindy said that Jake had suggested that anyone over a two hour drive, to stay overnight while the others drive back and forth.

Emma moved to have a four day in person meeting with the guidelines outlined by the FFA Center staff. Seconded by Molly. Motion passed. Motion to sustain by Trent. No second. Motion dies due to lack of a second. Motion dies. Back to square one. Mindy said that we will visit as a state officer team and the staff to see what we can pull off in a one day face to face meeting and a virtual meeting components. Tim was uncomfortable with the four day in

person meeting. Having 30+ people in an overnight situation, makes him very uncomfortable and the liability would be great. We would need to make sure that our insurance would be on board.

Emma moves to have on the 10th and 13th to have in person meetings. On the 11th and 12th virtually. Seconded by Margaret. Motion passes. Motion to sustain by Jacalyn. Jason seconded. Motion sustained.

John came in - stated that there will be a \$900 - \$1200 cancellation fee for the hotel.

- National Officer Candidate Support Committee - McGrew - the committee for the NOC selection - Wyatt sat in on the panel. We had three very good candidates. The candidate will need some support, she has been through the process, so she has an idea of what is needed, but we need her to get connected to some industry friends to help with her knowledge of agriculture.
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Organizational Reports - [Click here](#) for the folder of those reports and review prior to the meeting - for those who have reports to share, please add them to this folder as well.

Review District/Section Concerns

D1 - previously addresses

D2 - no concerns

D3 - FFA membership vs. course conflicts - clarification needed. With going to the split/hybrid schedule, if my student does not have the ability to enroll in the ag class and have used the direct conflict already, can they use it again. Yes.

If the lifeguarding is proficiency worthy, how do they make sure none of the hours/dollars end up in an American Degree application at a later date. Do you have to delete that lifeguarding book? How about for a state degree? Yes, if we allow for a proficiency area we will allow it as a state degree.

D4 - No concerns for FFA.

D5 - FFA membership dues/affiliation - will there be any reduction in those fees if there are reduced or no opportunities for the students. Mindy said that at this point no, we have no plans to lower those amounts.



## **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, IL - DATE PENDING - SET FOR: April 21, 2020**

### **April 3, 2020 FFA Board meeting via conference call**

Trent Taber, Margaret Vaessen, Avery Plote, Lauren Saxe, Tim McDermott, Jordi Oliver, Morgan Jones, Lane Harvey, Jeff Maierhofer, Wyatt McGrew, Jacalyn Meisner, Dean Dittmar, Gage Miller, Brodee McCormick, Emma Freebairn, Collin White, Mindy Bunselmeyer, John Edgar, Tammy Yard

Bunselmeyer opened with a welcome.

State Awards Day - We did not have a date for when records would need to be uploaded by or when they will be judged. We needed more information on the records, they completed a survey, so we know most of them are on AET, there are a few that are paper copies that should have books uploaded by April 10th. Does the board think that is feasible? Most responded yes, Maierhofer asked if a student cannot access information (some at school) can a PDF be sent at a later time. McGrew asked for clarification when they upload books online, are we asking for full complete book or just the enterprise for the award area. Bunselmeyer said just the enterprise for that area. McDermott said in the past, we have asked them to print the entire book. Bunselmeyer said in the listserv or email she did not specify it either way. She said that it is the complete record book of that enterprise you are being judged for. Edgar said that some of the paper record books may have the entire records, as it does not separate the way AET does. Maierhofer asked to have Bunselmeyer clarify exactly what is wanted. Bunselmeyer will email the EZ record users to clarify what they need to submit. April 10th is the deadline to have them uploaded for the FFA Center. Edgar said we should make it Monday, April 13th, as April 10th is Good Friday.

Edgar suggested give the 16th - 19th to review the books then potentially have interviews April 20 - 24th. Or interviews the 22nd - 24th to give the office time to put a schedule together for them. Possibly add 25th for interviews. Positivity from everyone. Bunselmeyer said there were about 100 teachers that responded for judging. She wants to leave Star judges, but may need to double up some of the other areas, so instead of just five books, you may have ten. Maierhofer asked if there was going to be a review committee at all this year, as he and McDermott usually do not judge and are just a review. Bunselmeyer said that she was going to ask the teacher to let her know if something needs reviewed and then she will discuss with Maierhofer and McDermott. Maierhofer asked if the judges could all remain anonymous. Bunselmeyer said she will see if she can get that figured out. Taber asked if we know what platform will be used, zoom, etc. Edgar confirmed we will just use what we have for webinars. Bunselmeyer said that we need to be flexible in the event a student does not have video capabilities. Encourage judges to be understanding when technology may not work well. Remind students that are interviewing they need to be in official dress and need to have record books available. McDermott asked about signature pages. Bunselmeyer said she is telling everyone to forget about signature pages currently. She said we need to tell teachers signature pages are not to be judged. McGrew has had questions on Star candidates process, is it the same? Bunselmeyer has been telling them it is the same for uploading the information. She has not specified that it would be the same or different. She made the assumption it would be the same, but do we need to do interviews with everyone. Taber asked if they were not within 20 points, did we interview

everyone. Bunselmeyer said it was clarified in what has been sent out. McGrew said that the teacher that had stated that they thought all five kids should be interviewed, but that was from teachers who have star candidates. When the section discussed, others who did not have stars agreed that we should follow the process as outlined. Bunselmeyer said that judges for Star areas will just be judging that area, she is not going to double up areas for them to judge. Maierhofer thinks that maybe we should interview all five, especially for the seniors this year since they have had so much already taken away from them for this year. Discovery Stars' judges doubled up, two areas with each set of judges, having two sets of judges for Stars. Suggested that we do Star interviews on a separate date, 27th, then have all the Stars interview. Edgar said we could interview Stars on the 20th if we interview them all. That was the consensus. Bunselmeyer said that typically she asks for FFA Board to be the lead in the Star areas. So she will be asking some of the adult board to be those leads. Edgar asked if we should gather feedback on the schedule for teachers, since the teachers are required to be doing some class work. He suggested that we set the interviews beginning at 2:00 p.m. and later. Maierhofer agreed that he has to have "office hours" in the morning. Edgar suggested from 2:00 - 8:00 with a break between the two different sets of areas they are going to judge. Bunselmeyer was envisioning 1/2 an hour apart on the schedules.

Bunselmeyer asked Edgar if the rubric would be converted into a google sheet, correct? Edgar said he will build the google score sheets once we have all the books in. Will have it done like we have for National Chapter Award process. Edgar asked Dittmar if he can have the FCAE staff to hold those dates for use of their webinar lines and helping to facilitate the calls and interviews.

McDermott asked what the plan is for announcing the winners. Bunselmeyer said we hope that winners will be announced by May 1st, that gives the office plenty of time to make sure everything is complete and accurate. It will not be the same day as we did in the past when we had State Awards Day.

Bunselmeyer - Selection Committee - We have moved the test, letter writing, and speeches to be done virtually, that was moved prior to the stay at home extended to April 30th. Now we may need to:

- Try to meet a date in person during a Saturday in May. Adult judges were available, we have not asked student judges, yet.

- How to make the entire process to be made virtual. Adult board that can work with the majors on making modifications and alterations on the process for it to be all virtual.

Visited with the majors about it yesterday. Need a motion from the students stating that the adult board work with the majors

Motion: Lane, moved that a committee of the major state officers and the adult board members who do not have any conflict of interest, be charged with moving the entire process to a virtual plan for the stay at home mandate if it is needed. Seconded: Morgan Jones. Discussion: will we still be able to have it in person if the mandate is lifted. That is correct. Teachers that have a conflict of interest are Mr. McDermott and Mr. Taber. Are there any other adult board members with conflicts? McGrew, Maierhofer, Meisner do not have conflicts. D2, D3, D4 plus FCAE, and Dr. Korte will work with majors. Want to strive with face to face if we can. Edgar said we want to wait until May before holding those areas. McDermott thought that we will not have the days

in May to do this in person. We will need to figure out how we are going to be holding elections. Lane asked if these are two different areas. Selection Committee and Elections. Motion passed. Maierhofer moved sustain. Meisner seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

Bunselmeyer - that committee (adults) needs to visit - Next Wednesday at 2:00 is the next conference calls. Dittmar asked if it could be moved an hour either way. The call will be at 3:00 p.m. on April 8th.

Maierhofer asked how to advise sections on their section elections. Edgar said he liked Corky Biswell's suggestion from yesterday's state chat that get the section presidents elected and then possibly elect the rest of the section team. McGrew said section 11 discussed everyone to submit their candidates then figure out how they were going to do it. They found that they have to remember to go by what the constitution and by-laws are set for elections, as well. Bunselmeyer said she had asked that we have the section presidents elected by June 1. Where does the FFA Board stand on that. Maierhofer said it was a good guideline. Bunselmeyer said that it is what we have used in the past, this is the time to discuss if we should make a change to that. Edgar said he thinks we can put out something that clarifies our policy that if a section is unable to hold face to face elections, that the state office will accept results of section president elections via virtual means if a state of emergency or circumstances beyond the section's control prevents them from hosting section elections in person. Bunselmeyer thinks this may need to be added to the constitution in the future.

Motion: Margaret Vaessan moves that we do that (above). Second by Lane Harvey. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustained by McDermott. Seconded: Meisner/Maierhofer. No discussion. Motion passed.

LDE/Parli-Pro/Public Speaking: we are aware of the fact that there are some sections that have not completed those events have not taken place for district competition. Is it possible to get a section event in if the stay at home mandate is lifted? McGrew said they were going to try to have all the district results by May 15th. Would it be possible to move the deadline District events to May 30th, so that the section events could be done by May 15th. Edgar said the office can make it work. Bunselmeyer said that if the parli-pro has not had time to practice to be held that quickly. She asked that if we go back May 1, would preparing a parli-pro team be a priority for teachers. McGrew asked what we would then do. Bunselmeyer suggested that maybe this year we forgo having a state parli-pro competition. Edgar said one of the discussions with IAVAT is that we have to be realistic with what we try to make up. At what point do we prioritize what we do and what does not. Taber asked if we could have a competition later into the fall prior to National convention. Edgar said we have to have certification by September 1. Taber would like to wait a little longer to make that decision. Edgar said that we need to provide guidance for the sections and districts on how we are going to move forward. Do they try to do something virtual? McDermott said he would agree that we need something for guidelines, but does not want to halt it all at this point. Public Speaking could be done virtually, but not parli-pro. Bunselmeyer said that we could be telling our section chairs now that public speaking can be done for sections May 15 and Districts by May 30th and can be done virtually.

Bunselmeyer asked if section public speaking results by May 15th and district public speaking results by May 30th. Everyone agreed. She asked if we want the same for parli-pro. No, but there are not suggested recommendations.

McGrew asked to go back to public speaking. Creed and Prepared speaking would be o.k. But how could we do an extempt. Suggested to have a zoom set up where there is a camera set up on the person to watch them similar to proctoring a test. Taber asked if we could just state that the results be to the state by June 1 and leave it up to the sections/districts to have it done. Edgar said we need to specify that we need to have something that says the section results are up to the district rep on a deadline. McGrew said that there may be a struggle with the two cameras at the section/district level. McDermott asked how many proficiency people had issues with the virtual, there were about 10 with issues. We are assuming that everyone is going to be able to have access to do this all virtually, when we do not know what the number of kids we would be eliminating due to technology issues.

McGrew asked if we would be better off to postpone both of these indefinitely. Taber agreed. He thinks that you are limiting it if you do try to change it to a virtual platform. Bunselmeyer asked if that would be enough direction to provide to the state. She asked if we want to make it clear that these two events are not linked to convention. Taber said that is correct and McGrew agreed.

MINDY has a statement about postponing Parli-Pro, Conduct of Chapter meeting, and all areas of public speaking indefinitely.

Edgar said that IAVAT would like a survey of CDE events, postponement of deadlines, virtual formats, etc. Meisner and Taber both agreed that would be good feedback to have. Meisner said that would give us more information to give us a direction to go in. McDermott said how long do we postpone before we get caught up in next year's events. Meisner said if we said we could say we would have a decision made by a set date, that would help. McDermott said that he does not think it would be good to delay the spring events into the fall time frame. That is putting too much onto everyone's plates. There are a lot of families and members that have a lot of other things to worry about other than some of the FFA events.

McGrew asked for thoughts. If we were to focus on parli-pro, eliminate a state contest for parli-pro, would we just not send a state representative at National convention. Edgar said that we most likely would send last year's second place team or none at all. Meisner said she would be good with the second place from last year advancing on.

McGrew said parli-pro is his favorite event, but he is a classroom teacher first and trying to figure out the virtual teaching. He would say he would rather we ax parli-pro but hold out for public speaking to be done. Just an opinion. Taber said that you also have to step up as an advisor and make a decision for your on chapter sometimes. Just because we hold a contest does not mean that they have to participate.

At this time, Bunselmeyer is not putting out any information about Parli-Pro, Public Speaking until after the survey or is she saying hold tight and we will get back with additional information. McDermott likes that one the best.

Motion by: Lane Harvey. Emma Freebairn seconded. To postpone the results for parli-pro and public speaking indefinitely. No discussion. Motion passes. Sustained by McDermott. Meisner seconded. No discussion. Motion passes.

Bunselmeyer and Edgar will collaborate on a survey.

Bunselmeyer has been unofficially telling people that we will have a decision made by May 1 time frame. Part of that is because the office needs to know how we will proceed once we are back to the office. Taber asked as we talk about convention. Do we need to divide elections and convention in our discussion? Bunselmeyer said that we can do that. Brodee McCormick wants to know what decision would be made by May 1. Edgar clarified that it would be whether it is a virtual convention or face to face in June or at a later time. McGrew asked if there were any contractual obligations. Hotels are closed until the end of May currently. BoS Center is end of April at this time. BoS will try to work with us if we try to reschedule. We have not had as much contact with hotels, as they have been shut down longer. BoS August 10-13, since that leads into state fair, there is not enough hotel rooms, but would not have the number of people attending either.

McDermott thinks that we should be able to make a sound decision by May 1. Bunselmeyer stated we should also have a better handle on how the summer is going to go as well. Taber asked do we have a if this then we do this. And if that we do that.

July 23 - 26 or August 3 - 6 or August 10 - 13, August 24 - 27, these are dates that BoS has available. Bunselmeyer said she is eliminating August 24 - 27th with schools will be starting. Aug 3 - 6 would be optimal date of what we have available.

McDermott asked what type of hit the budget takes if we do a face to face convention and it is very poorly attended, what would that look like. Edgar said he is trying to run some numbers, but it is very difficult. If we are looking at BoS Center to have it if postponed and we have low number of attendance, we would take a hit to the budget. He thinks if we do virtual convention, we would be able to work with sponsors and would be less of a blow to the budget. We budget \$49,000 in profit to operate the office/administrative. That profit would drop to \$15,000 if we host virtually or postpone to a later date. That is keeping sponsorship dollars to reuse, but no registration dollars. Main thing to take into consideration is that we have already purchased some items, buttons, appreciation items. We still have expenses paid.

McDermott asked how much time is spent in the summer with the majors training. Lane said there is not a lot of training actually done during the summer. He said that most of his workshop training was gained when he was a section president. McDermott wants to know if we can think of the impact of the next few years of teams. Lane asked if the current majors would be able to stay on for a few weeks once new officers are elected to help through the transition? Bunselmeyer asked if we are able to bring in the candidates to video them so it is all constant, what are other issues if we have to do virtual elections. We need to get our heads around it. Taber asked what our voting platform? Edgar said that we could use Turning Technology, which is who we use for the clickers, do have virtual voting available. McGrew asked if somebody could ask him where it would be stated in how the major state officers must be elected. Edgar says it states elected by majority vote at convention, then later on it does state that the board of directors says that they can change what is considered our state convention for our business to be held. We have had some conversations with other state staff about virtual

business meetings. McGrew said that there are states that utilize the selection committee that do a slate, with an approval process rather than speeches and election of individual offices. Harvey thinks we could do a selection committee during convention to be able to have elections. Edgar said that it does sound drastic by not as bad as Washington's, as they have in their constitution that the Board of Directors appoints the new officer team. Our constitution states that the election takes place at convention. McCormick said he would be on board if we have people actually do selection committee. Bunselmeyer said that we will discuss that with the new committee that will be discussing it next week. McDermott thought the rebuttals would be hard. Bunselmeyer said that they would be tapped at the same time as the initial speech is taped.

McGrew asked if we still have amendments about the board structure. That is correct, is there any additional amendments. No, just that one that still will need to be voted on during convention or at least the business sessions.

Edgar said that we need to keep the business sessions and elections together/held in the same format. As he is looking through the constitution only one can be considered the convention in which business is being held.

Bunselmeyer recapped what she is going to post in a listserv.

**9:00 a.m. Breakfast Items in the Kitchen Area**

**9:30 a.m. Adult Board mtg begins**

- Lobbyist Information Update - Edgar
- Selection Committee Process - questions, concerns, etc.
- SAE Committee Reports - State FFA Degree Checklist, Rubric
- National Chapter Application - review process - Bunselmeyer
  - Scoring/Deductions clarification

**10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies – Officers**

- Review of the agenda – President
- [Minutes of the Previous](#) Mtg (please review ahead of time) – Secretary
- Financial Report (please review ahead of time) – Treasurer
- Membership Update - 19, 676 as of March 26, 2020

**10:15 a.m. District Concerns:**

I :

II :

III :

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V :

## **Old Business**

- State FFA Degree - number of activities above the chapter level.
- Operating Policies Illinois FFA Adult Board of Directors - Bunselmeyer
  - Bunselmeyer provide an update
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## **District Concerns Addressed:**

I :

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## **Organizational Reports will take place during lunch**

- ISBE
- FFA
- Foundation
  - NEW Figures as of March 13, 2020
    - Local Collection Drive = \$302,848.50
    - State at Large = \$36,877.33
    - Total = \$339,725.83
    - Sponsorship = \$214,657.00
  - Letters will be sent out to schools letting them know what we have from them for each program as soon as we are back in the office
  - Send a monthly listserv
  - Board meeting is Conference Call/webinar on Thursday, April 9, 2020
  - Any suggestions for Distinguished Service Award
- Alumni

- The Alumni Annual meeting was very successful and the auction went well, increasing in total dollars raised.
- Ranger raffle is currently underway - reminder that 40% of those sales a chapter makes goes back to that chapter
- Camp scholarship notifications have been sent both via listserv and letters sent
- Alumni Council will be recognized at State Convention, will conduct merchandise sales and the Ranger Raffle winner will be drawn on Thursday of convention
- University
- IAVAT
- [FCAE](#) update as of 4-3-20
- IACCAI
- PAS

## **New Business**

- [Q and A from Teachers for State Staff Calls](#)
  - State CDEs/LDEs - District Qualifiers and State events
  - Proficiency Awards
  - State Convention
  - Selection Committee/Elections
- 2020 State Officer Summit - Fly or Ride bus
- Chapter Visits - Break into teams to brainstorm chapter visits ideas, activities and ways to make it engaging
- FFA Distinguished Service Award
- Illinois FFA Honorary Degrees - we can recommend 27 (5% of 543 which is the total number of State FFA Degrees this year) that would not include the teachers who qualify or the parents of the major state officers.
  - [Click here](#) to view the list of Past Recipients, that includes 2 tabs with 2020 and 2021 recommendations from our officers and staff.
  - [Click here](#) to view the Nominations for Non-teachers.
  - [Click here](#) to view the Teacher applications. All meet the 2000 point factor.

## **Additional items added to the agenda**

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**Reminders of Events Coming Up – review the Calendar online.**

**Next Mtg dates:**



- Thursday, June 18, 2020

**3:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn**

## **Illinois Joint (IAVAT and FFA Adult) Board of Directors Meeting**

**Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, IL - Friday, January 10, 2020**

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Items in the Kitchen Area

9:00 a.m. Both Adult Boards Meet

In attendance: John Edgar, Ann Piotrowski, Justin Howard, Jennifer Waters, Casey Bolin, Josh Berg, Tim McDermott, Luke Allen, Matt Meyer, Jay Solomonson, Lisa Oellerich, John Heiser, Jessica Collins, Steve Buych, Trent Taber, Tammy Yard, Jacalyn Meisner, Megan Coy, Doug Robb, Dean Dittmar, Jeff Maierhofer, Mindy Bunselmeyer - Visitor Jake Butcher; Wyatt McGrew, Erica Thieman

- Website
  - Section CDE Reports
    - Discussion on if students competing must be members, consensus was they do not have to be. Yes, to compete at National convention they will have to be members, but we have in the past added membership after the contest has taken place.

Dean discussed affiliation. Do we want to make it mandatory in the state. IAVAT board was stating that is FFA Board decision. Discussion with all is one of the reasons for having a joint meeting so it can all be discussed at once. Dean asked about the number of chapters that are currently affiliated. Affiliation document was dropped into the meeting folder for all to review.

Jake Butcher came in to give legislative updates.

Good date for Ag Legislative date - March 3rd

There is a little budget surplus so hopefully budget cuts will not be such a hot topic this year.

Recommended that we strive to clean up some past language with our ILCAE/ICAE committees, work with ISBE, etc. Look at the wording of the makeup of the committees, like instead of 4 ag teachers, it may say no more than 4 agriculturalists, etc.

Legislation on college entrance - met with Jesse Faber and U of I admissions people. Biggest eye opener is that students report what classes they have taken on the applications. U of I no longer uses high school class ranking. Suggested bringing in an admissions person to IAVAT conference to talk to the advisors. What we learned is how do we make sure the ag courses are getting counted correctly - as science credits, etc. We should go to all of the four universities to get it all in place with them.

Do we have a motion/vote on contest eligibility now:

IAVAT motion for general rules: currently in the IAVAT it does not specify they have to be FFA members, so there really are no changes needed. They would, however, with the new

website, need to be in an Ag Ed course, so their name is available to pull when the advisor is entering names.

John Edgar will verify with the programmer that the list needs to come from all ag ed students, not FFA members.

Jeff Maierhofer asked where we are in funding for Jake/lobbyist. John Edgar said that we are three months behind, so we need to make a push to get those paid. Jessica Collins said Jesse Faber had shared the report of payment: 262 teachers have received the Three Circle grant and 38 teachers have made donations to the fund for this year. Will be addressed tomorrow in Section Chairs meeting.

Anything else on affiliation fee - nothing.

- Convention/Conference Registration - being built will be out soon.
- Contest eligibility - FFA vs Ag Ed student
- 2020 Convention Contests/LDEs - John Edgar said we need some clarification on host sites on some of these. Things like Ag Comm for 2020, we need to use LLCC facilities this year but still hosted by ISU.

Mindy Bunselmeyer - clarified that when U of I is doing Parli-Pro and Conduct of Chapter meeting, we were the ones that reached out to U of I to see if they would help us with that. Public speaking, we use a past FFA board member who helps with that and brings in her students to help as timers, runners, etc.

Steve Buyck said it would be fine to ask IC to come in this year and assist with their contests. Matt Meyer said that we need to let the current hosts take care of their events and can ask the new hosts to come observe or offer to help, if they would like. John Edgar stated that not all of the hosts have been announced, yet, but the list is in the events. John Edgar will release as soon as we have confirmation back from all the host sites.

Dean Dittmar said going back to affiliation - he e-mailed Ben Meyer and there are 14 other states that are full affiliated states. He can share that list. He would like to propose that we create an Affiliation committee comprised of both FFA board and IAVAT board members. He said that in the past we had an affiliation committee. Matt Meyer said that there has not been an affiliation committee in the past 12 years since he has been on the special committees committee. Jeff Maierhofer stated that Kent Weber had served on it at some point and believes that it may have been an FFA Board committee.

John Edgar said that there has been some interest in doing a state paid affiliation fee. We believe that there are a few other states that are paid that way. There may be some interest in checking into a state paid fee. From a possible sponsor, Perkins dollars?

Dean Dittmar asked if it was appropriate to ask for the members to come from these two committees. Matt Meyer says he believes it should be a FFA board committee. Lisa Oellerich said she does not see the need to form a committee, as she feels that it is just going to be crammed down everyone throats. John Edgar said he was on the FFA Board back at that time and feels that we had much more success when we backed off and left the decision up to the teacher. Mindy Bunselmeyer said we may need to see what the cost will be and see if the money

is the only barrier. Erica Thieman said that Perkins language is changing, so we need to see if we would be able to use surplus line-item money. We need to be careful if we go as a state affiliation, that we can continue to pay for it. We could use IFG for affiliation purposes. Jeff Maierhofer asked if a chapter is affiliated with the state and a person is in an ag class, are they in the chapter or if they are just in a state. Erica Thieman stated that you have to be a part of the chapter to be a state member. Lisa Oellerich's question, if you have a student involved in any activity, their parents have to agree to the student being drug-tested. She cannot affiliate because of this. Is there an opt-out available for a student to opt-out of FFA if they are affiliated? Dean Dittmar stated that we could provide more information to the school district that they are not interpreting the drug testing rule appropriately.

Mindy Bunselmeyer said that we will discuss in FFA Board, need to survey state and provide information to them on opinion of using state-wide dollars. Dean Dittmar asked that if they want to direct state staff to collect information. Mindy Bunselmeyer said, that is what she was stating, we would do a survey and report back.

- Plaque and Award policy for Section and District
  - FFA board has already passed. Can we discuss a consistent policy across all contests. We have done away with doing section plaques. We will still give pins for district qualifying events, public speaking. Do we want to create a policy that is consistent with both entities? Trent Taber stated FFA also discussed having a district plaque that the chapter keeps to add the date plates. Asked for a list of the events this will affect. John Edgar stated this has been a slow process but we have been working towards getting it all aligned. Steve Buyck asked how the district dues are being spent. John Edgar stated that probably 60-70% do get used, it depends on the district and what those district hosts sites provide.
  - Motion that had already passed is that for FFA Board contests we are not giving any section winning plaques. Intention is taking them out of the section and placing them in district winning.
  - Justin Howard said that he has the shop make a board for the plates to be displayed.
  - Ann Piotrowski said that their section has the chapters provide their own section plaques that they want to have.
  - At District level for qualifying events, is FFA being consistent with IAVAT's district events.
  - Jeff Maierhofer stated that the state needs to not be involved in any section awards or how it is run. Just at district and state levels.
  - This is being sent to IAVAT for them to discuss how to do district event awards.
  
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- AET Report for Judging purposes - [Click here](#) for SAE Committee Update

- Jeff Maierhofer said they had a meeting with Roger Hanagriff (The AET), there are six things that we were not happy with that we have asked for. Report is linked.
  - Cover page confusion for judge.
  - Resume' is not needed, needs to be taken out.
  - How a student evaluates themselves. Needs to be taken out
  - Signatures - how do we obtain them.
  - Mindy Bunselmeyer will pass along to AET once the boards have confirmed the recommendations.
  - Trent Taber asked if someone shows up with paper records, what do they do. Mindy Bunselmeyer said the rules state all AET beginning this year.
  - Tim McDermott thinks we have both degrees and proficiency awards as mandatory for 2021. John Edgar did find the adjustment in the minutes. So for this year, they can use EZ records, that is true, but the applications are in AET so need to move those total values from past years to the application. Still need to keep the rubric that we have used in the past for proficiency judging.
  - Jeff Maierhofer, playing devil's advocate, stated if no one is verifying that the signatures are valid, is there a reason that we are getting them to begin with.
  - Lisa Oellerich said that as a parent she would have just signed off on the application. How much validity is there in the signatures to begin with?
  - Jeff Maierhofer said in the report in what Roger sent said that currently it pops up as a not met on the application. Everyone seems to think that you have to have the advisor signature.
  - John Heiser and MattMeyer both stated that as a recommendation that we have student and advisor signature. For state degree as recommendation to FFA Board, need student and advisor signatures.
  - IAVAT Board needs to vote - do we need to have the signatures on the check list page so it does not show up as not met. Then what signatures do we want to require...student and parent.
  - **Matt Meyer moves to accept the SAE committee report and refer to the FFA board of directors. Second by Justin Howard. Motion passes.**
  - FFA board has to have motion by students and approval by adult members for this for Mindy Bunselmeyer to be able to move forward with Roger.
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- Competitive Events Committee
  - Matt Meyer said that he does not see the need to have to create another committee that supersedes the two boards. If that is the case, it should be up to the Administrative Council. Jessica Collins said she believes that it originated a few years ago when we were having more issues with getting the board representatives attending events as superintendents.

- John Heiser asked how many state CDE's? 26 contests, 39 divisions.
- Mindy Bunselmeyer said we also need to look at the number of chapters that are participating in events. It is disproportionate for the amount of time spent on CDE's and proficiencies for the number of members that are really participating.
- Jeff Maierhofer said can't we have someone go through during the competition and making sure that the ID's are correct. Wouldn't that be easier to do than creating a new committee?
- Mindy Bunselmeyer said that we need to have an expert for each competition.
- John Edgar said that it would take quite a bit of time to make sure that there is something to look at for afterwards if there are any questions that come up after the contest.
- Matt Meyer said there is always involvement with human error with any contests.
- Consensus that we are already working towards addressing issues that was the beginning of the idea of creating a new committee.
- Need to add in that our hosts and experts are included.
- Seems most problems stem from the ID's.
- Suggested to make a checklist for the superintendents. Take pictures of ID items at events, so that we can refer back to it. John Heiser suggested that a superintendent needs to designate a person to take the photos for that contest.
- Jessica Collins had mentioned earlier that times people at conference do not necessarily always know what they are voting on. John Edgar stated that, it does seem to be an issue that is on-going. What do we need to do to address this issue. Resolutions brought up at the last business session. Do we need to look at changing when they are discussed at conference? Jessica Collins said that changing the agenda this year for conference so that the District meetings are taking place before the final business session, should help with the sharing of information and ideas. Justin Howard said that he asks for concerns, but wants a proposed solution to the concern or he does not bring it forward to the board. Tim McDermott said that it also helps in getting information out early for everyone to be able to have time to review the information.

Student members joined: Lauren Saxe, Morgan Jones, Avery Plote, Brodee McCormick, Gage Miller, Jordi Oliver, Emma Freebairn, Margaret Vaessen, Collin White, Lane Harvey

Organizational Reports - [Click here](#) for the folder of those reports and review prior to the meeting

FCAE - Dean Dittmar - if you want a printed copy of the annual report, he has some with him, but your FCAE advisor also has them if you would like. Reviewed the report.

Address District Concerns:

Dist 1: Topics to address - 212 registration - 702 currently registered, but the issue is hotel room space. About 60 (11 schools) that do not have rooms, as the hotel is full. How do we

address this? Will be discussed a little later, but need to kick off now. Do we allow commuter registration, this will allow chapters to find their own housing if they would like? If there is not an advisor registration then there is an issue with chaperoning students if the advisor is not registered and is not on site. We will come back and discuss that.

State Dairy products in stock pavilion. - That comes in with the bids. This is to be addressed in IAVAT board.

State Officer housing during chapter visits. Mindy Bunselmeyer addressed that this is addressed in the memorandums of understanding with both the state officers and section presidents. Do we know if there was anything current that has brought this up? This is coming from an incident a few years ago, but they do not think it has been fully rectified. Mindy Bunselmeyer reiterated that we have put the MoU reviewed by legal. We have been told best would be hotels, but we do not have the budget to cover those additional costs. Mindy said that she can share the information with everyone that we give to the section presidents and state officers.

Community service hours - if your chapter is not getting paid to do a project, then it can be counted as service hours for the state degree. Matt said Jeff had shared a very detailed list of items that count from National FFA. He said we need to share this with everyone and have it on the website and multiple locations.

Trent asked about the 5 activities above the chapter level. It has been discussed and will be in FFA board.

Dist III: Wyatt said he has recently been addressed that some sections have been using new rules and some have been using old rules. Believes this needs to be addressed by Section Chairs meeting tomorrow.

Dist IV - IAVAT is aware of concern

Dist V - Decatur hotel and conferences. John was going to send BUILD conference complaints to the hotel, but the student evaluations show positive comments. But we will discuss going back to North and South 212's later.

Teacher Registrations, conferences - we need the directive on how to budget .

212 Conference registrations due prior to Christmas, do we know what the thought process is? Check with Riley Hintsche.

212 Conference discussion - do we allow commuters or advisor registration?

Jeff asked if we run into any issues with attrition totals for the hotels? John E said that we would put that in the future RFP's. Jessica said the nice thing about having an "entertainment" option is the most favorite part of the conference for the kids and what she likes them to be doing. To be able to network with kids from other schools is a big value to the conference. The university options are good as well as one of the Chicago hotels. Luke said that JJC had a great proposal but they did not send in because the RFP stated housing in one hotel that they could not get that done. Matt said that we may need to have a separate rate for those staying vs those commuting. Justin said that his chapter has traveled usually no matter where it

has been held. Mindy mentioned that we are hearing from the majority of our teachers that they want an “open campus” option.

IAVAT board any further ideas before leaving this meeting and going to their own meeting? Mindy has a sample proposal for the FFA board chair.

1:17 - IAVAT members left to go to their meeting.

1:26 - Gage called the FFA Board meeting to order.

Present: Dean Dittmar, Avery Plote, Wyatt McGrew, Lauren Saxe, Brodee McCormick, Jordi Oliver, Tim McDermott, Luke Allen, Jay Solomonson, Gage Miller, Emma Freebairn, Trent Taber, Margaret Vaesen, Collin White, Tammy, Jacalyn Meisner, Morgan Jones, Megan Coy, Dr. Erica Thieman, Lane Harvey, Jeff Maierhofer, Mindy Bunselmeyer.

Secretary - gave roll call

Gage asked for approval of agenda that is in the folder.

Brodee moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lane Harvey. Discussion - none. Motion passed. Wyatt moved to sustain. Tim seconded. Discussion - none. Motion sustained.

Collin - gave

Margaret moved to approve the minutes in file. Seconded by Morgan. McDermot approved. Seconded by Taber - approved.

Emma - financial reports. Auditors report is in the file. We do have a couple of paper copies that we will pass around.

Mindy discussed WLC - some of the payments received during the next fiscal year. Also note that there were additional expenses due to the busses needed and not filling all the spots.

Moved by Jordi to approve. Second by Margaret to approve the financial report. No discussion. Sustain by Trent second by Jacalyn. No discussion. Motion carried.

Moved to approve the audit. Lauren. Seconded by Morgan. No discussion. Sustained - Wyatt second by Jacalyn. No discussion. Motion passed.

Mindy - Old business of 212 conference.

Commuter option for this year since we do not have the hotel rooms available this year. Trent asked what the BUILD conference alternative to the dance. They did bags and other games available. Avery said that there needed to be a little more direction to those instead of the down time in between stations. Mindy asked if since we do not stay in teams and keeping the groups together, would that work better. Morgan said that her group enjoyed that down time so they could get to know each other better. Margaret thinks that there would be more mixing of students without staying in groups.



What games? Bags, decks of cards, some facilitator-lead games, board games, Nine square (like we did with IN state officers before National convention.)

Commuter option - currently we state that the chapters must stay at the conference hotel. What are the “teeth” to get the advisors to stay and chaperone? Luke asked if there would be a fee difference for those staying or commuting? All good questions.

Mindy said, what we need to determine for sure is for what we do with this year’s students that we do not have housing for this conference only.

Tim suggested that we block rooms at another hotel.

Avery moves to create a commuter policy for the 212 conference for those schools that have registered within the deadline for the 2020 212 conference that did not get hotel rooms. Seconded by Morgan. Sustained by Jacalyn. Seconded by Taber. No discussion. Motion passed.

FFA Center can work with those schools that were not able to get rooms, we can help to accomodate them in either another hotel, from home, etc.

Mindy - CDE reporting should be up and running. John will be setting up a webinar to show SP’s how to report. IFG application will not be connect to IL ag ed website. Everything on IFG this year will require that the advisor’s need to check their own application.

New this year, electronic Agriscience, American Honorary Degree, applications through National FFA.

John E came back to the meeting for a few agenda items.

212 Conference Bid Sites for future conferences:

Jeff has been to the Radison - it is nice. Region IV held there a few years ago. Mindy said from our side, multiple sites can be good and we try to accommodate everyone, other sites have taken a hit. When we did North, South, and Central. Central did not go over as well. If we decide to do a commuter policy, then we may need to open it up again to JJC, as we know they did not submit because we had asked for a “closed campus”.

John asked if anyone has information on the hotels or area for the WIU proposal. Wyatt said that all the hotels listed would be nice, but not being housed under one room.

Trent said that SIU proposal looks great, but thinks we would need to then aso offer at least one in Western, Quad Cities, Champaign. Discussion on how many do we have? Avery asked about the possibility of hosting other states to attend the conference with us as well. If we do one in North, invite WI or invite IA if we do something at WIU. John said that he does not think that the universities would be opposed to hosting chapters from other states. Luke asked if we were looking for having more of the conferences with smaller numbers? I asked about having them all on the same dates or different dates. John said we would need more help from Regional staff if we go with more locations. Trent and Jacalyn both said their students liked the bigger conferences to meet more students.

Tim asked about the cost for facilitators. John explained we really do not save much over when paying National for facilitators.

Trent asked if we would need to do a survey of three options. Jeff asked if there was a benefit to securing locations for multiple years. John asked if the board wants the staff opinion? Trent stated that he believes that if we did SIU and iHotel option at Champaign. We know the D5 teachers are all on-board for a SIU conference. Avery asked if there would be availability at U of I if we go to Champaign.

Avery moved that the locations for the upcoming three years that they be at SIU and iHotel. Seconded by Jordi. No discussion. Sustained - Tim. Seconded by Trent. No discussion. Motion carried.

Mindy said that for dance alternatives, could have games - bags, board games, etc. It was discussed how much do we allow it to be open campus...how much do chapters get to leave with their students. Trent suggested that Mindy send a strongly worded e-mail to advisors that they need to not take their students until XXX time.

Asked if we want to move towards the out of state concept? Lane said it was brought up in his committee at National convention that they want states to see if they can do multi-state conferences. Tim asked if there was a limiting amount of space for conference center. Tim suggested that if we open it to out of state students, then we need to have a staggered registration deadline, to allow our members to get registered first. Asked to have Mindy and John to check with neighboring state's staff to see if it is an option with any of them.

BUILD conference direction for where we want bids. With the partnership with Farm Bureau, we look for it to only be one conference in one location. We do not have a location for 2020-2021 conference. Trent said he is o.k with Decatur. Mindy said is she hearing Bloomington/Decatur.

Suggested do we open BUILD conference up to commuter? We almost have to if we have 212 as an open campus. ISU may have space. Luke and Jay both think that ISU would like the opportunity to host.

If we could offer a conference to be hosted by each of the universities, that would be fantastic.

Avery moved that we plan/host the BUILD conference at ISU, and if so then we ask WIU to host a third 212 conference beginning for fall 2020. SEconded by Jordi. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustained by Trent. Seconded by Tim. Discussion - Tim do we need directive for if we need to ask others if ISU is not available. John said that we will stay within the central belt. Motion carried.

Discussion on advisor registration? Do we go with cheaper food offers? Tim voiced concern if we did not include advisors in some of the meal functions, then they will all be gone at the same time, opening up very little help with chaperoning kids and not knowing where the advisors are located. Tim said that we are confident in John putting together proposals for the board to consider.

FFA Convention agenda: First suggestion on getting convention down to five sessions instead of six. Brodee said at their retreat for planning purposes that was being based on five sessions,

which is direction from the evaluations. This would be five general sessions and two business sessions.

Mindy explained we would do all proficiency in one session. Keep Foundation in Wednesday afternoon. Want to shift known CDE's on Tuesday evening unknown CDE's to Thursday afternoon. This allows Wednesday evening to be an open night for chapters to go to dinner, Trivia Night hosted by FCAE, Sky Zone, Knights Action Park, etc. There was a large consensus to keep elections on Thursday morning. We would like direction to go to five general sessions, what time to start first business session before or after lunch. Our thought if we do business session before lunch, can also have workshops, career show open, etc.

Margaret moves that the 2020 convention agenda is five general sessions and two business sessions and all the changes proposed by the state officers. Seconded by Lane. Discussion? Avery asked if we needed to make the decision on the time of the first business session. It is included in the proposed changes. Sustained by Tim Seconded by Jacalyn. Discussion? None - Motion passed.

Mindy - Tentative potential five session agenda has first general session starting at 2:00. We are available to make the decision for the convention. We will move Ag Comm summit to Tuesday morning. Business session will most likely begin prior to lunch.

Trent asked if there was any problem with getting out of contract with Orr Building. There was no problem with pulling the contract.

Luke and Megan said that they are working on the Trivia night. Hours roughly 8:00 - 10:00.

FFA Board chair proposal. Mindy did a quick of update of what our needs are, because of Dr Theiman having a conflict of interest. She can still be in opening ceremonies, but not serve as the board chair. Mindy's proposal so that we have a place to start.

Tim stated that D5 feedback thought that we could do it with the adult board members already serve as a chair, do not need to do a separate chair. Trent also agrees with Tim. Tim said that Howard Heavner had approved, that is be a current adult board member. Which of the adult members are eligible to serve?

- FFA Board Chair Proposal
  - Proposed Motion:
    - Article XI, Section B.
    - Adult Board 1.
    - The official governing body of the organization, which shall exercise the powers granted in Public Law 105-225 (formerly 81-740), shall be an Illinois FFA Board of (adult) Directors composed of:
      - a. The consultant for agricultural education, Illinois State Board of Education, serving as the State FFA Advisor, ~~who shall act as chairperson; and~~
      - b. one consultant in agricultural education; Illinois State Board of Education; and
      - c. one agriculture teacher educator; and
      - d. five local FFA chapter advisors, one from each district.

- **Add:**
- e. The Chair would be nominated and approved from the adult board of the current structure. Chair would have full discussion and voting rights. Chair can be any one the qualified adult representatives on the FFA Board.

Motion Harvey, 2nd Plote. No d. Motion passed. Sustained Tim. Jacalyn Seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Jeff asked if there was a job description of the State Advisor duties. Tim stated discussion that they had in their meetings, if the only job of the state advisor is just opening ceremonies, that is not the job of an advisor, that Mindy and John really do the advisor of the major officers. Mindy said that as she has watched things at ISBE, as it has evolved from Ron to Harley to Erica, there have been more duties on our principal consultant person.

Mindy encouraged the adult board to see if they can get additional information from your districts.

Agriscience Fair handbook proposal: Major changes: no longer paper application required. And that the judges stay in place and the students rotate to them. Tim asked for clarification that they

Emma moved to accept the proposed changes to the Agriscience Handbook. Seconded by Jordi. No discussion. Motion passed. Tim moved to sustain. Jacalyn seconded. Tim asked where the changes were coming from. Mindy said proposals by Jennifer Waters, as chair of the IL Agriscience Fair. Motion passed.

WLC - Mindy discussed budget for last year. \$1250 plus your additional air fare. However as it turned out we needed a bus for Sunday morning to get everyone to the airport because the metro did not run until after 8 and most flights were before that time.

Proposal, if we do group flights from St. Louis and Midway, can get those tickets for around \$400. So if we include airflights the cost will be \$1800. If we do not book the flights it will be \$1400 per student.

Margaret moved that the cost for WLC is \$1800 to include the group flight. Seconded by Jordi. Jacalyn sustained. Trent seconded. Motion carried.

National Invitational Land & Range judging event. Midland was third in our contest, have requested that they represent Illinois at the National competition. Brodee moved to allow Midland FFA chapter to attend the National Invitational Land & Range event to represent Illinois. Seconded by Lauren. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustained by Tim. Seconded by Jacalyn. No discussion. Motion carried.

Jeff discussed the state degree signatures. REcommendation to remove all the signatures off the application. Avery thought the concern was that the applications were being signed before the application would be completed. Jeff said that it has come from his section, where they want to print the page and then get signatures. Concesus is that most believe that it is not a big deal. As long as the application is done which is will be otherwise it will state that it has "not met"

items. Wyatt thinks that we still need to have signatures, but they can be electronic. Luke asked if changes were made after the signatures were obtained, does it resend for a new signature. No, it does not, it would just be the one signature but the application has to be completed, when everything has all “met”.

It was recommended that we just have the student and advisor signature and that they be completed electronically.

What do we want to do for 2021. We are hearing electronic signatures, but whose?

Avery moved to incorporate electronic signatures included student, advisor, and administrator beginning in 2021. Seconded by Jordi. No discussion. Sustained by Trent. Seconded By Wyatt. No discussion. Wyatt suggested if there are any problems, this does align with National on American Degrees. Motion passed.

Parli Pro test releasing tests: Mindy just added it. Mindy’s concern is that we need to make sure that we are on a rotation of there being a five year rotation on the tests. We need to make sure that the tests are not being used again while students may be able to study the tests and memorize those questions. Tim said that if we ask for it for Parli-Pro we will be asked for it to be released for all CDE’s that includes tests. We need to be consistent.

Motion made by Avery. Move that we release the parli-pro test from past two years be released. Seconded by Jordi. Sustained by Trent. Seconded by Wyatt. Motion sustained.

Mindy - final item of business. State FFA Degree 5 activities above the chapter level - addressing a section/district concern. Mindy has been enforcing it that an invitational livestock judging at three different events. That is one activity. Because it is not a qualifying event, that is why it is one event. Luke asked if it is a recurring question because there is not an easy place to go find the very succinct statement of where the definitions are located. Mindy will work on creating a one-page document, ask the board to vote on it, put it out there as a guideline and see how it goes over.

Tim asked for proficiency area changes we are following National’s recommendation. Suggested that we reiterate that Lifeguard is not included with hours towards American Degree applications. Mindy feels that with National specifically states no lifeguarding, then we will not be able to allow it in our safety hours.

Mindy needs to repost community services guidelines. Clarify home and community development previous years still good for this year. Firefighting included is service learning? We will keep them under service learning, but will need to move it to safety for next year. American and state degree applications are locked. So they need to transfer their EZ record totals to the applications.

Tim - American Degree timeline may need to change for 2021. Mindy said for states would need to shift everything, if we have them approved and turned in to National by March 15, we can have them reviewed by National. And they will have them back to us with at least two weeks to fix any issues before the deadline. Mindy would like to be able to submit them all by March 15th, but still have our regular timeline of reviews and interviews.

Tim - at National, noticed all judging will be electronic, so he thinks it would be good to make sure that there is a representative from the board that is included in the judging. Discussion that it would be a good idea and Mindy sends in recommendations of who can assist with judging.

4:38 adjournment.

## **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, Illinois – Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

9:00 a.m. Adult Board, those in attendance: Dean Dittmar, FCAE; Tim McDermott, D5; Dr. Debra Korte, University Rep; Jacalyn Meisner, D4; Trent Taber, D1; Wyatt McGrew, D3; Dr. Erica Thieman, ISBE Consultant; Jeff Maierhofer, D2, by phone; Mindy Bunselmeyer, Ex-Officio; John Edgar, Ex-Officio; Tammy Yard, Guest

- Dr. Thieman Status as FFA Board Chair? - Discussion of Dr. Erica Thieman submitting her resignation due to conflict of interest. Would like to see a Chair pro-temp. Who do we have serve? Discussion of either Dittmar or Dr. Korte to serve, as there would not be any perceived favoritism. Dittmar may be considered to have a conflict of interest. Dr. Korte would volunteer to serve, but needs to brush up and have some orientation. How do we handle a tie with adult members, if the chair does not have a vote, as that would leave six voting members. Bunselmeyer has a draft of a motion for the FFA members to discuss.
  - Moving forward, will discuss a constitution amendment with the IAVAT board at the January meeting.
- Board Orientation - Bunselmeyer has been hearing there is a disconnect with the boards and the memberships. Just want to reiterate that when we ask directors to get the feedback of your district, to please do your best to communicate with your district.
  - McGrew - explained how he works with Jennifer Waters, D3 FCAE, to make sure he has all the e-mails for the advisors in the district. He sends a review of the FFA board meeting to all the teachers following a meeting. Then he follows up with them if they have concerns.
  - Bunselmeyer asked McGrew and McDermott how they share information for their district events; parli-pro and public speaking. McGrew uses google to help with sign ups for the districts. Sends e-mails directly to teachers with results to all the advisors. Will then follow up with individual e-mails on how their students did including the critique sheets for their members. Tim added that he also collects phone numbers for teachers to he can text them as he has gotten better results through texting. McGrew also said with Remind now being set up as a district, that he plans on using it as well to communicate with the district.
  - Representing your Districts
  - Connecting with Membership
- WLC Evaluation Review
  - Bunselmeyer shared what Tonya's evaluation reviews were.
  - Flying this year was very popular, we did have fewer students attend this year (8 less), flight may have been a part of that.

- Invocation/Reflections - just briefly review what we have discussed and decided on this for all new board members
  - Bunselmeyer reiterated what has been discussed in the past. It is o.k. To keep the wording invocation/reflection as the definition is not religious based. We have instructed the officers to ask that they state that they choose to reflect in this particular manner. We may need to instruct them to be sure they state that it is their personal choice in how they reflect.
- Dances at FFA events - alumni council has proposed that FFA and IAVAT board to be the one to enforce a dress code and to chaperone the rules of the dance. FFA Board may need to set a dress code.
  - Tim voiced concern that the FFA Board members are generally still in the sessions with their members and if they are to be at the dance, attendance will drop off for the last session.
  - Teachers are generally outside due to acoustics, heat in the building, etc.
  - Erica threw out having an arcade-type night. A company that can bring in games/inflatables, etc.
  - Tim asked what other type of venues are available that may work with us. Knights Action Park or Sky Zone, bowling alley.
  - Bunselmeyer is thinking a dress code would be a t-shirt (with sleeves) on top. Could be an acceptable dress code. Either shorts, skirts, jeans, etc. could be worn on bottom.
  - Bunselmeyer asked if we could ask them to do a sign up in shifts. Taber suggested if they signed up to work, they get their dance tickets free.
  - Taber suggested a hypnotist at the convention center.
  - Have multiple events for the night, that is managed by the state office through registration.
  - Dittmar asked if any of the museums in town would be willing to open their doors from 8:30 - 10:30.
  - Talent review/show at Orr building open up for a hypnotist.
  - How do we proceed with dances for 212 or BUILD? Can we put in place a t-shirt for a dress code? Yes, all are in favor of a “dress code”. Tim suggested that we also have games available. Edgar is going to check into allowing games in the building.
  - Tim voiced that we need to be careful with what we ask them to be able to leave the building. He suggests we stay on-site for any entertainment opportunities, as we had just asked everyone to stay on-site and not to leave during the conference.
- Joint Board Meetings with IAVAT Board
  - Bunselmeyer - are our times for joint meetings workable.
- Planning for Team Ag Ed Meeting - it is a visionary meeting, where we would like to see all of ag ed is headed down the road.



- Conduct of Chapter Meeting
  - Individual Results will be computed as follows:
  - What CDE Committee has proposed.
  - Edgar said that we do not have our own rules for Conduct of Chapter meeting. Do we need to adopt these as well as the link to National FFA.
  - Chairperson: Written test+Opening Ceremonies+Ability to Preside+Oral Questions
  - Floor member: Written test+Opening Ceremonies+Debate+Oral Questions
  - TIEBREAKERS
  - Tiebreakers for **teams** will be:
    - 1. The team's average score on the written test
    - 2. The total score for oral questions.
  - Tiebreakers for **chairpersons** will be:
    - 1. Ability to preside score
    - 2. Score on oral questions
    - 3. Written test score.
  - Tiebreakers for **floor members** will be:
    - 1. Debate scores
    - 2. Oral questions score
    - 3. Written test score
  - Also there is no floor member tie breaker outlined in parli pro rules so I would recommend the same as above for Parli Pro
  - Students need to put forth a motion to approve the adoption of these suggestions.
  - Tim stated that based on some feed-back, can we have some training materials for judges for Conduct of Chapter meeting. He asked that we also have the information for them to share at the district and section levels. Bunselmeyer stated that we may not have anything, but there may be some videos on National that we can share. Edgar said there may be something on the new website already linked.

10:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies – Officers

In attendance, the adults listed above and Gage Miller, President; Lane Harvey, Vice President; Brodee McCormick, Reporter; Collin White, Secretary; Emma Freebairn, Treasurer; Jordi Oliver D5; Emma Kuhns D4; Avery Plote D2; Margaret Vaessen D1; Lauren Saxe D3.

Welcome - Vice President - Lane Harvey

Review of the agenda – President - no additions

Gage discussed that we need to discuss the resignation letter for Dr. Thieman as state advisor and board chair. Edgar and Bunselmeyer have been acting as advisor at state officer meetings. Taber asked the officers who they look to, they indicated Bunselmeyer and Edgar. It

was asked if it is in the constitution that ISBE rep be the state advisor. Dr. T has had pressure from ISBE to be more remote at the meetings. How about the attendance at IAVAT meetings.

Lane Harvey moved to accept the resignation letter from Dr. Thieman. Avery Plote seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

Lane Harvey moved to accept Dr. Debra Korte to serve as chair pro-temp for the 2019-2020 FFA Board year with full discussion and voting rights. Seconded by Margaret Vaessen. Motion passed. Mcgrew sustained the motion. Seconded by Dittmar Dittmar. Motion passed.

#### Minutes of the Previous Mtg (please review ahead of time) – Secretary

Jordi moved to accept the minutes on file. Emma Seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tim Moved to sustain. Taber Seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### Financial Report (please review ahead of time) – Treasurer

Margaret moved to put financial report on file. Seconded by Emma. Motion Passed. Jacaline moved to sustain. Seconded by Dittmar. Tim asked if there is anything looked at. Edgar just stated that there are a few year end invoices paid. Once everything is paid, we will be putting some money in a short term CD to earn a little interest. Discussion on if we were on target with the convention budget. Most is in line. There are a few lines that we need to increase, but it seems to be mostly general rising costs for AV/rentals. No further discussion. Motion carries.

- State Officer Team Report - committees for the upcoming year, Core Values for this team, Theme

#### District Concerns and Addressing District Concerns:

I : Student: Margaret - no concerns

Adult: Taber: Creation of a Parli-Pro list of errors/explanations - May be referred back to the CDE committee. May need to ask Dr. Heavner and Dr. Korte to create a webinar. Margaret moved that we refer this to the CDE Committee Discuss the list of errors/explanations and explore offering judges training. Lauren Saxe seconded the motion. Motion carried. Moved by Taber. Seconded by Tim. Motion carried.

Concern about 5th year special education students not being allowed to join the FFA -

Concern about the age of some of the judges at the state events. How far removed are some of those judges. Novice Parli-Pro, Ag Issues were concerns. It has been discussed at the IAVAT board as well.

II : Student: Avery has no concerns

Jeff had no concerns.

III : Lauren - no concerns

## McGrew - Concern about National Chapter - review process

Concern: Scantron cards that are available through JudgingCard.com, will that work at all for us? Tim said that at National they used something on-line. Bunselmeyer did not know that it was even an option. When Tim judged, his table still used the scantrons, the tables using online were much quicker to get through the process. Bunselmeyer's concern is that we would not be able to address some systemic questions. But, it is worth looking into. Tim said that there is a way to double check if a group was skewing the scoring. Edgar mentioned that when we looked into it a while back, the cost would be substational. But will look into it again to see if there are any chages.

Concern: Parli-Pro rules, are those changes coming from CDE committee. Or do those recommendations come from FFA Board. He believes there is getting to be a gap between our rules and the ones used at National. Do we need to look into a realignment of the rules?

Concern: Where did we end up with decision for graduated student to participate at National FFA with their proficiency? It did not get adult board member sustainment, so it did not pass. Additional discussion was had. Do we want to revisit this with the IAVAT board? Bunselmeyer has had the recommendation made to her that we contract with someone that can review the applications that go on to National FFA. Is this something that we need to look further into. Taber said at this point, he does not want to see additional money going towards this now. But would like us to review the timeline of the process and what can we implement to improve this process. Need to have proficiency review on the agenda yet today.

## IV : Student: Emma - No concerns

Adult - Jacaline Concern: Using Google Drive- concerns of not secure, seeing NCA Scores and not knowing if "legit", having National Proficiency Aps (\$\$ privacy), concern of other teachers pulling applications. Bunselmeyer specified that the proficiency applications are sent to this office who drops them into folders and those are only shared to the judges. Edgar said that there may have been an issue when there was a single google account for multiple judges. It is being cleaned up.

Concern: Clarification on middle school- 7th and 8th or just 8th? Bunselmeyer stated it is just 7th an 8th. No 6th graders.

## V : Jordi - no concerns

Tim: - Code of Conduct information and possible training materials for judges - has been discussed

Concern- FFA Foundation miniums for chapters? Any progress/suggestions to eliminate

zero chapters? Bunselmeyer - stated that with the IFG there is no minimum amount to be required. We are going to have some "contractors" to help with those zero chapters who will be able to help those chapters with their collection drive. If anyone knows of people in your community that would be a good

resource or potential contracted help, please let us know. Also if there is a new teacher at a chapter that would like help, please let us know.

Concern: Heritage and coop updates as soon as possible for chapter planning purposes -

Old Business - Bunselmeyer:

- National Chapter Award/Heritage/COOP discussion - Bunselmeyer

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In the board folder there is a document that summarizes what ILFB would like to do. Instead of using an area in our NCA application. They would be replacing the H & C application with our National Chapter Award application winners. They have 60 students that they take on the trip and will continue to do so. Want to use section winners, because they want representation from all of the state.

Tim asked if we know how many overlap between the H & C and the National Chapter Award winners. The majority of the chapters are winners in both areas. Bunselmeyer - what needs to be noted that with our timelines of the NCA, the winners in 2019 will have the opportunity to go in 2020 and then it will follow through from that year moving forward.

Meisner asked to clarify that there would no longer be a H & C application. That is correct. ILFB wants to do what is best for teachers, yet still have the trip and it being a competitive event, as well.

McGrew asked about the cost of plaques. ILFB will be covering all of that.

- Lauren moves to accept the proposal to rename premier chapter award to Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Premier Chapter Award Tour. Seconded by Margaret. Motion passed. McGrew McGrew moved to sustain. Dittmar Dittmar seconded. Motion sustained.
- Advisors Guide - Bunselmeyer needs to review the guide. Avery asked what is in the guide. Breakdown to the proficiency award, policies and procedures on how things are handled for the judged at section and district levels. We need to have a committee formed to help review.
- Avery moved to refer a refresh of the advisors guide to a committee made up of the FFA Board. Seconded by Jordi. Discussion: none. Motion passed. Bunselmeyer stated that FFA Board representation as well as SAE and CDE/LDE committee members

would be most beneficial for this committee make up. Jeff Maierhofer and Tim McDermott will work with the committee from the FFA Board. The formation of an advisors guide committee with Jeff Maierhofer and Tim McDermott from FFA Board with the addition of members from IAVAT's SAE and CDE committee members will make up the new Advisors Guide committee. Sustained by Tim. Seconded by Taber. Motion passed. McGrew also said that he would be willing to assist the committee and could represent the CDE committee.

- Operating Policies Illinois FFA Adult Board of Directors - Bunselmeyer - document in the folder. This document is a work in progress, please be sure to share your ideas on improvements. It is a document on how things should run in your sections and districts.
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- Newsletter Update - Brodee - it has been decided to implement the FFA committees when doing the newsletters. Divided up the committees so that each committee is being done so that it is a committee each week. They will be posted weekly and then pulled together every two months into one big newsletter. Should make the committees more action oriented and moving their agendas forward instead of just a report at convention.
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- Dr. Theiman Status as FFA Board Chair? ***May require action***

#### New Business

- 2019 National FFA Convention contest observation - we welcome anyone from the state that would like to go observe at National convention and see how they run their events. They need to contact Edgar to get signed up.
- [\*\*CDE Observation Request Form\*\*](#)
- <https://form.jotform.com/cherlffa/state-staff-request-for-cdelde-obse>
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- [\*\*Speaking Judges Nomination Form\*\*](#)
- <https://form.jotform.com/cherlffa/2019-national-ffa-lde--judges-nomin>
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- SAE Committee Topics:
  - SAE For All
    - Report from Jason Perry has been added to the folder.

Discussion: Books would accompany the applications but would only be used for verification purposes. Tim said he believes that the application will put it all in a similar format for judging. Journal piece can be used as an added clarification for the application. Taber is

against is creating an additional application, when the reports you can pull from AET and the books can now give you the information. Taber believes that you can compare the record books of different areas. Additional discussion on the committee recommendations. Action item needed: Feedback for the SAE Committee. Give them some targeted questions.

12:00 p.m.                    LUNCH

Edgar mentioned that we need to have some discussion on how we want to handle the advisor role for institutional changes made.

### Organizational Reports

- **ISBE** - Wrapping up FY19 grants. About \$36,000 in IFG money that has not been spent. \$17,000 in three-circles grants that has not been spent yet. Increase in three-circles participation. Conversations regarding licensure, trying to work on refining some of that.
- **FFA** - given earlier in the meeting.
- **Alumni** - report in the folders. Continuing the gun and gator raffles throughout the year. Looking for a good annual meeting in January.
- **University** - No report
- **IAVAT** - Golden Owl nominations are live now, so be sure to share that information. FFA will be represented on the judging committee. Reports are in the folder. Will be discussing other future dates of events to get set for the next few dates.
- **Foundation** - Report in folder. Has the most updated numbers for this past year. Foundation packets originally given out at section chairs, but with its cancellation, the packets were given to the FCAE advisor for each district. Been working with the director of IL 4-H about the lapel pin instead of joint sticker for the Sale of Champion buyers.
- **FCAE** - Discussion on the new website. Will work on a header for the listserv messages that go out. Need to remove the home contact information from the public interface on the website and the emergency contact from being shown on the listserv messages. Goals to increase ag ed enrollment across the state.
- **IACCAI** - Report in folder
- **PAS** - Report in folder

**1:00 p.m. 2018-2019 Officer Report** - Bunselmeyer addressed B & I visits. If any of the board has contacts within business so that we can help build upon our networks we already have or even build new relationships.

The Foundation Board restructure removed a vote that the FFA had on the board. But we would like to open up the opportunity for the previous FFA treasurer continue with the Foundation board. Bunselmeyer will send Taylor an invitation to the Foundation meeting in October.

McGrew asked if we could include the National Officer Candidate process be added to the website. Dr. Thieman stated this year she was behind on it, not realizing that it was under her umbrella. She is working on getting us aligned more with the National process.

Thoughts on not charging mileage for a chapter that has reached a dollar level in the collection drive. Taber thought it was a great idea. Dittmar mentioned not allowing a chapter visit for the zero chapters. Bunselmeyer stated that the Foundation board would determine that is "punishment" for the chapter and that is not the direction the Foundation board wants to take.

Discussion on attendance at Corn Congress vs. Summit. This year's team feels that attending Summit is very beneficial for at least 2 or 3 of our officer team to attend. But the remaining officers can be at Corn Congress or Camp.

Back to the SAE discussion: Taber has had advisors ask for clarification on when the application/AET only goes into effect. It is for 2020-2021. It has been sent out in a listserv. But it is incorrect in Jason's report (SAE Committee). What we need to determine is what the application is going to look like. Do we need to discuss the SAE report back to our section/districts in order for us to come back and give some type of direction in moving forward.

District 3 concern: McGrew, did we get any additional bids for State Awards Day? No we did not, it is back at the U of I for 2020.

District 5 concern: Tim asked about American Degree application in Food Service. Bunselmeyer explained that she has to talk to National FFA each year that we are a state that recognizes food service as an area. We still had community service issues this year on American Degree applications. They were all fixed and the degrees were awarded.

Bunselmeyer has a concern: A vendor that requested a booth at convention, but because they are a cooperative fraternity, they are requesting not to have to pay the registration. Board discussed that they need to still pay the registration.

Bunselmeyer also shared with the board that we need to be aware of plagiarism within applications. There is a document within the folder so everyone can access it.

Tim brought up that we were going to revisit the SAE for All, foundational hours. There is no distinction at National for those hours, so it is up to the state to make that determination. Foundational are more career oriented (resume writing, job shadowing). Adult board needs to determine with their districts three options: 10% of hours allowed; 0% of hours allowed; all hours allowed. SAE for All is based for the piece that is being taught in class. The

framework is changing how we view SAE hours and the traditional mindset has been. Bring feedback from district to the January joint board meetings.

Convention - Let's take time to discuss and review evaluations and make recommendations for 2020!

- Break into groups, meet, review and discuss.

#### Advisor

- Student
- Guest

#### Group 2 Notes

- Just recognize convention CDE/LDEs in 6th session and the remainder in other sessions
- Liked backstage recognition cards
- For section lineups, have numbers on back wall
- Mixed opinions on switching elections and 6th session
- Potentially move Ag Comm Summit to Tuesday morning
- Maybe move business session before lunch and move up 1st session
- Meal functions rushed - needed more time to properly recognize award winners
- Group 3 Notes
- Business session at 10 on Tuesday morning/move Communications Summit to Tuesday morning
- Photo Backdrops - need to be in the lobby and downstairs. Too dark for the backdrop in the convention hall during state degree sessions.
- Collect backstage cards as they cross stage vs all at once

Reminders of Events Coming Up – review the Calendar online.

Next Meeting dates:

- January 10, 2020
- April 21, 2020
- June 18, 2020

3:35 p.m.

Adjourn



## **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, IL - Monday, April 8, 2019**

**9:00 a.m. Breakfast Items in the Kitchen Area**

**9:30 a.m. Adult Board mtg begins**

- Lobbyist Information Update - Edgar, Butcher
- Selection Committee Process - questions, concerns, etc.
  - Everyone available to attend? If not who is your replacement?
  - D2 - Joe Steffen, Riley Hintzsche
  - D3 - Jody Heavner - possibility
  - As lead, work with officer to manage the room, stay on time, etc. When candidates are done, we would like the score sheets after each one. We do not want to have candidates compared between them. Group activity is to be the first area for each of the candidates.
  - Mindy will get all the judges assigned this week and that information sent out.
  - Discussion on what judges can take with them. Suggested that nothing goes out of the room, ex how they scored the candidates from their room. Anything that the FFA Center hands out, we ask it to be turned back in.
  - Discussion on making the parent/candidate orientation meeting mandatory. We will discuss and vote on that at a later time.
  - We will be posting on facebook, but it will be restricted to have no sharing or commenting.
  - We notify all candidates that evening by e-mail. They must respond that they have received the e-mail before it is posted on facebook or we share with the board, officers, general public.
- SAE Committee Reports - State FFA Degree Checklist, Rubric
  - Jeff Maierhofer has nothing to report at this time. He has talked to Ed Curry about it. Do we want to give a recommendation to SAE committee as to what we want to see on the application?
  - Wyatt McGrew believes we need to have this resolved by the end of IAVAT committee. Jeff Maierhofer said there has been a proficiency sub-committee meeting on the applications.
  - What are items that we want in our applications?
  - Jeff Maierhofer is sharing with everyone via e-mail
    - Leave the National Proficiency requirements
    - What is added is information that was from EZ records
    - Tried to make it so that all the information looked at in the past is now all located in the application, so no need for the records.

- Jeff Maierhofer did not think we needed to do points for the application and then points for the interview. Everyone that they surveyed thought this was a good start for it.
- Discussion on the dates that we go to all AET records. We need to make a motion to reconsider a motion to make sure that it is all AET beginning 2019-2020 school year.
- Cardinals ticket/game opportunity - **Sunday, September 29, 2019 - Cardinals vs. Cubs game** - Bunselmeyer
  - Sales begin July 1. Will be with the new registration site. Ticket prices will go up beginning August 1.
- FFA Day with the Illini Football - will be with Ag Day at U of I, we just do not have the date, yet.
- CDE Reporting - Bunselmeyer, Edgar
  - Top 10 section presidents app made us realize that there have been issues getting results reported. We know that we need to push to get those CDE reports in on time for the spring events especially.
- National Chapter Application - review process - Bunselmeyer
  - Scoring/Deductions clarification
  - Most judges will only have one section. 4 - 5 pairs will have two sections that are smaller. Main clarification we need is how we need to do deductions.
    - Do we want each judge to give us deductions or do we want a specific judge/committee doing all of the deductions. Deductions need to be done prior to round 2 judging.
    - Biggest deductions are dates out of range, same activity repeated in the area, same activity listed in multiple areas.
    - Do we have deduction flags for round 1 judges so those apps can be reviewed by a committee.
    - Thought - create a deductions committee to look at all the deductions. Currently Lisa Oellerich and Cassie Crouch. Tim McDermott is willing to serve for the current board.
    - Round one judging those questions will be changed into a flag system so they will be able to be reviewed by the committee. Goal is to have deductions all reviewed before round 2.

Any district concerns before bringing in members:

Dist 2 - A request to have district proficiencies on Saturdays? We believe it needs to be set on the same date and still during the week.

Wyatt McGrew suggested that we go ahead and set a backup date for districts. Requested for the state office to set the backup date for the districts.

Discovery applications that need clarification on what is needed for the district level and what it looks like. What they need to have with them, what materials, etc. In the past all we have asked for is the application. Along with an interview at section, district, state levels.

Make sure it is in the Advisor's Guide section 4 with the other Star applications.

Results going out too quickly after events. Not enough time for an appeals process...referencing proficiency. Overall, just be diligent with our scorings.

Discussion on state proficiency descriptions as well as National descriptions. They are not the same. We thought we had adopted the National descriptions as the state descriptions. We need to change the advisors' guide so that we have a link to National's descriptions so that there are not two sets of descriptions. Bunselmeyer asked that we have a motion made today to align the description with National proficiencies.

Wyatt McGrew - not recommended for a diversified crops member, he works with both corn and beans. Does National require it to be split into two different books. National does not look at the books. With AET, it is just a drop down. It may limit what the member can compete in. Does diversified items need to be split out, because of the journal entry part. Edgar said that AET is hoping to work on this issue this summer.

We need to clarify that there is to be NO props, etc. of items to be brought in of a product. We need to stress that.

10:50 - Meeting called to order by Eliza. Opening ceremonies.

Those present: Dean Dittmar, FCAE; Taylor Hartke, Treasurer; Dr. Baker, WIU; Brodee McCormick, Dist. III, Zack Weber, Dist. I; Darrell Gittings, Dist I; Wyatt McGrew, Dist. III; Shaylee Clinton, Reporter; Karson Kimpling, D II, Jeff Maierhofer, D II, Eliza Petry, Vice President, acting President; John Edgar, Ex-Officio; Jonathan Donoho, Dist V; Tim McDermott, Dist V; Miriam Hoffman, Secretary; Tammy Yard, guest; Tonya Eich, Dist IV; Abby Schlueter, Dist IV; Ben Meyer, National FFA; Mindy Bunselmeyer, Ex-Officio

Any changes to the agenda: None

Previous meetings: **Taylor Hartke moved to approve the secretaries minutes. Seconded by Abby Schlueter. Motion to sustain by Jeff Maierhofer, seconded Tonya Eich. Motion passed.**

Financial Report: Discussion, are we on track for budget? We are on track. We need to approve the current documents, audit, next year's budget.

John Edgar discussed the audit. We are in a process to get the audit completed in a more timely manner. Everything is looking on par. Timing on when some items have been deposited. Was there concern from the auditors about the cash basis vs. accrual accounting. We will go back and reevaluate if we want to go back to accrual accounting basis. What is the ISBE payment based on? It is based on a grant that we apply for. We are in a grant pool with all CTE organizations. We get a percentage of what is allocated to all of CTE based on the number of members that we have.

**Brodee McCormick moved to approve the auditors report. Seconded by Jonathan Donoho. No discussion. Motion passed. Darrel Gittings moved to sustain. Tim McDermott seconded. Motion passed.**

Looking at current financial reports. Fleet vehicles have four sponsors for next year. IL Corn Growers, Compeer Financial, two sponsored from Corteva. \$10,000 for a sponsorship per year. We ask for a two year commitment. Benefits are safety for our officers, breaks down barriers that a member may have had if they were elected to serve as a major officer. BUILD, 212 conferences expenses/income are more accurate now.

**Motion by Brodee McCormick to place these financial reports on file for review. Seconded by Taylor Hartke. No discussion. Motion passed. Tim McDermott moved to sustain, seconded by Jeff Maierhofer. No discussion. Motion passed.**

Budget for FY20 - see report in folder. A few changes to note. Especially with state convention, contract continues to increase each year. There has also been a change in where the deposit for the Bank of Springfield is in the line items. We have increased audio/visual lines, because we have contracted out some items that we had in-house previously. Need to discuss raising the registration rates for convention for 2021. Most of that is due to the drop in the collection drive for Foundation.

Discussion: Dr. Baker, is the Foundation drop from 1 - 5 year teachers? Mindy said we believe that the teacher turnover was part of it and also the many days out of school so much due to weather. We also know the ag economy this year played a part in it. Dr. Baker suggested if it is a lack from first year teachers, that maybe the universities doing visits that it can be discussed by them, as well. Mindy also stated that we sent out letters in December. Currently sending out a letter that lets all advisors know where they stand within the collection drive. And a note to those that are zero chapters that will affect their section E on the IFG. Wyatt McGrew discussed - he has heard that teachers will only give \$100 in the future, they will keep the rest at the local level. Likes having the folders given out at the IAVAT conference. Good to go back out to kick off the Foundation campaign in the fall. Issue is that not everyone attends the Greenhand workshops. When is a good time to catch everyone in one place for the information to be handed out? If it is a section meeting, then we have the issue of the teacher not getting the folder if they did not attend the meeting. Dean Dittmar - The \$100 recommendation came from an IAVAT committee. They have a call on Thursday, with that committee. Does anyone have recommendations for them? Tim McDermott said he is not certain that the correlation is made with teachers from Foundation collection drive and needing to raise registration for convention. Maybe that we need to have a tiered registration for convention for those chapters that collect XX amount have a reduced rate for convention registration.

John Edgar - looking at reimplementing/reestablishing a technology stipend for the major officers. Roughly \$50 per month for them for use of cell phones. But it would be tied to their driving record.

Edgar would like to encourage discussion on raising registration rates for state convention next year to help position the organization to where we need to be. If we raise the full registration for members and advisors by \$5. It would generate about an additional \$20,000.

Dean Dittmar asked who would recommend the increase in the Foundation minimum, is it this board or Foundation? Mindy Bunselmeyer stated that it would probably be a recommendation from FFA but decided by the Foundation board. Tonya Eich believes that it should be \$500, which Darrell Gittings had mentioned earlier. Do we do it in increments? This year at \$500 then increase to \$750.

Wyatt McGrew recommends going from \$100 to \$250, then up to \$500 for 20-21.

Jeff Maierhofer asked to Dean Dittmar is it legal that we do this? Can we require a school to make a contribution to the Foundation in order for them to get the money through a grant? Dean Dittmar said that he can ask at ISBE, is it similar to a community match like other grants do.

**Miriam Hoffman moves that we recommend an increase in the FY20 donations for Foundation collection drive to \$250 for the minimum from a chapter to be a minimum qualifier for the FFA section of the IFG. Increase the FY21 donations to \$500 per chapter. Seconded by Taylor Hartke. No discussion. Motion Passed. Sustained by Wyatt McGrew and seconded by Darrell Gittings. No discussion. Motion Passed.**

Mindy Bunselmeyer said that we are going to try to contract with some PSO's to do some work with the Foundation. When is a good time to have them visit the university students? Dr. Baker said that it would be best in the fall.

**Taylor Hartke moves to increase state convention full registration to \$30.00 for 2020. Karson Kimpling seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. Tonya Eich motioned to sustain. Dr. Baker seconded. Took a raised hand vote. Motion passed.**

Wyatt McGrew stated that we need to be able to justify increasing convention registration and making the recommendation to increase the Foundation collection drive. Mindy Bunselmeyer explained that even though we have sponsors for convention, those sponsorships do not cover all the costs, which increase each year.

**Abby Schlueter moved to approve the budget. Seconded by Brodee McCormick. Motion to sustain Dr. Baker, Tonya Eich seconded. Discussion, Tim McDermott, said that the only other place to easily generate money is to increase the membership dues. John Edgar mentioned that we suggested raising convention, as those members attending convention would get the benefit, where if we raise dues, not all the members are attending convention. Motion passed.**

District concerns:

D1 - None

D2 - Jeff Maierhofer discussed in adult meeting. District proficiency awards on Saturday, results going out accurately, Discovery clarification.

D3 - Wyatt McGrew aligning descriptions for proficiency with National FFA. We need to look at the state only areas: Safety, Food Service, Electricity. Mindy said that National has allowed our

members with an area that is state only to get their American Degree. Public Speaking had a section that we thought need to incorporate some sort of professionalism in the rubric. Official Dress is not in the creed speaking rubric. John Edgar found that it is in the rules that it is recommended. Ben Meyer stated that National FFA can not require it if it is not provided by National. That is why the wording is that it is recommended. But it is not in the scoring rubric. D4 - Tonya Eich - because that people do not know how to listen. She said that it was brought to her attention that students were docked because of records not printed on colored paper. That will be taken care of with application. D5 - Tim McDermott - what level is application to be used. What needs to be printed? What is policy in the advisor guide about printing the records.

**Abby Schlueter moved to recess for lunch. Seconded by Zach Weber. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustained by Tim McDermott Seconded by Darrell Motion passed.**

FFA Report - Taylor discussed what they did during FFA week. Miriam told about the National Officer Experience. Attended 212 conferences, did some business and industry tours. Shaylee, National Ag Day, her and Taylor went to Washington, DC. to advocate for agriculture. Ag Legislative Seminar and Day. Around 1,000 members attended Ag Legislative Day. State Awards Day last week at U of I. Eliza discussed Service project. Poster competition of what the local service project. Coming up are chapter banquets. Selection Committee is this Saturday. Attending IA state convention is next week.

Foundation report: Local collection drive is \$293,000. State at Large: Sponsorships: Both state at large and sponsorships are up for this year. Collection drive is down. Hope to have all sponsorships for convention wrapped up May 1 so that we can give them proper recognition at convention. Letters are going out to each program currently, so they all know where they stand. Does anyone have any recommendations for the Foundation Distinguished Service Award.

Alumni: Annual meeting in January. All there amendments to their constitution passed. Scholarships were recognized and earned by chapter baskets. The auction went well. Gator raffle is currently on going. They are doing merchandise sales at convention, as usual. The council also purchased 10 365 pins to help support the advocacy efforts. Alumni also open to helping retain teachers, so if any suggestions on what they can do, please let the office know.

FFA Center update: Bids to help update the boardroom, renovations to the entryway and renovations to the kitchen area. Will be approved by administrative council. We have industry friend who would wants to do a one time donation for the center, to help with those renovations. HR update, Skye Kretzinger will no longer be with us, as of next week. We have Haley Long who started about three weeks ago as a part time as an administrative assistant. We still need to continually look at the staffing needs.

University Report - nothing new to report at this time. Lots of items to discuss with Dr. Thieman, with licensure.

IAVAT - IACTE rejected our request for dues changes, so it will be brought up at IAVAT conference to discuss and pull away from membership with them. Proposals of CDE's will be discussed tomorrow.

FCAE - Casey Bolin starting July 1 as D5 Program Advisor. Her office will be a part of Kaskaskia College expansion. SIU opening had 3 candidates, job offer has been made, not accepted yet. There will be a discussion of unused dollars through 3-circle grants at ISBE at a meeting April 17th. Not sure why they are looking at it more this year than last year. There may need to be some changes to the grant.

ICAE meeting it was brought up that the spring allocation may not be determined by the score on IFG, but on tier funding, based on the financial need of the school by Dr. Thieman. ICAE voiced concern about that type of funding change being made mid-year. Dean asked if anyone had a problem with that change. Jeff said he does not have an issue with it, Wyatt said he does have issues. Jeff asked if it was just for this year, Dean could not guarantee it. Wyatt said his concern is that the funding based on the school's needs does not guarantee that they are sharing that funding with the ag programs. 3 circle grant recipients are up to 57% of teachers receiving it. Some schools have applied for \$10,000 mini-grant, agency wants to put that in the IWAS account instead of it coming directly through FCAE. Enrollment wise - move to AET for everyone. Programs advisors are checking for duplicated members. New website - we anticipate it will be ready by IAVAT conference so it can be shared their and then PD done in August. ITCS meeting next week with Dave Rausch, they are going to liquidate their printed materials. Electronic materials that are usable, they would like to move to another entity, that is what he is meeting about. FFA Center wants the hard and electronic copies of the IL FFA at 50 books, information. Dan Pentony is retiring from MyCaert. Hopefully more news in the next 30-60 days on that.

IACCAI and PAS - no updates.

Ben - National FFA report - in folder and also passed out hard copies. Some reminders on American Degree process. National wants us to ask in advance with AgriScience Fair projects if there are questions on area. RFD TV would like to have video clips of events going on in the state. Can be uploaded to their website, they want to air our footage and recognize chapters. Zoetis program - information has been shared, we do not know how much is understood. Sign up a veterinary or supplier of Zoetis products from February - April. Chapters can receive up to \$2500 from Zoetis, then the state foundation also receives money. Encourage chapters to continue to use the jacket program for members. Honorary American Degree - any teacher or member can nominate but they all have to be approved by the state staff. SAE for All - meeting in Indy next month. Ben highly encourages us to attend the meeting. Other grant programs: Living to Serve Grant. General philosophy, they do not want community service to cost chapters, so they need to continue to use those grants. Ag Explorer platform, hopes the ag teachers are aware of it. WLC opened, registration process same as it has been. National would love to have members in band and choir at National Convention, so always encourage members to apply for that. Jeff asked if there was additional funding for band/chorus members. Ben said that there is not any funds offered to those members. National Chapter process updates on how the cover page works, no longer defaults to August 1. There is a checklist for state staff to use. Alumni grants, two more coming up for this year. NAAE voice on awards and recognition and how it works, always can communicate Ben, but also can contact the teacher's on those

committees as well. ADC conference left for this year, closest could be MN, KY, or TN. Continuing support for Nebraska programs and members. There is a link to the Nebraska Foundation to make sure they are able to direct funding for those affected that are not covered by other programs. Boxtop program with the wix filters program. Dish TV is partnered with National FFA/State Foundations. \$100 to chapters, \$50 for state, \$50 to National. Constitutional amendments that are up for being amended at National convention. Need to update the constitution after the charter changes went through.

Old Business: Roster due dates for future years. Suggested date is October 1. When discussed last meeting, we had lost our quorum by the time we got to it. Thoughts: Brodee moves that we make October 1 with a 10 day grace period for 2019-2020, only. Seconded by Jonathan. John mentioned that it will need to be a constitutional change at convention. Do we need to have to offer a grace period at all, because we do not offer it for any other registration. This will need to be sent out in a listserv tomorrow followed with a hard copy letter. Motion to sustain. Failed.

Motion by Brodee to move the FFA roster due date to October 1. Karson seconded. Motion passes. Motion by Tim Seconded by Darrell. Motion carries.

Heritage/Co-Op application merging with the National Chapter Award. We need to determine which areas of the application will be designated as Heritage and which one for Co-Op. After the judging for NCA, we would then have those areas judged for the Heritage and Co-Op awards. There will be a cover page developed that will need to be put together to complete if they want to apply for both of those award areas. Jeff asked for clarification, that there would only be one activity for each area for Heritage and Co-Op. Mindy said that the one activity was from Youth Ed Committee, not from us. Jeff thought that it would be using the AET information pulling into a separate application. Mindy expressed that it was always going to be the same application. If it is a separate application, then we would have to ask AET to create a second application. That is not what the intention of the Youth Ed committee was, it was to use the NCA activities area. John believes it needs to be taken into a committee.

Karson moves to refer this to a committee of three. Miriam seconded. Sustained by Jeff. Seconded by Tonya. Tim asked if it was for the current year. No, it is intended for the 2019-2020 application year. Tonya also said that multiple applications can be done at one time through AET. Motion carries. Are there volunteers for the committee. Jeff, Sophia, Taylor all volunteered to be a committee. Set a tentative deadline for meeting? Do they wait for IAVAT, Jeff said that they will have it ready to be presented by the IAVAT Conference. Jeff asked about the cost, Mindy will get from AET.

Inclusivity statement. It is included in the folder for all to review:

Miriam moves that we adopt the inclusivity statement. Karson seconds. Motion passed. Tonya moved to sustain. Wyatt seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

Mindy stated that this also needs to go out in a listserv soon.



Concerns from some section chairs on what is allowed to be changed in State Degree/Proficiency interviews and what can be changed after it has been turned in. Tonya expressed that in section 18 will not allow any changes to be made to applications. Section 16 has a prep day prior to the due date at the sections, so those issues/problems can be corrected before the applications are turned in. The issue really arises when teachers are judging at the district/state levels. Not looking for an action item, but some guidance on what we need to do. Do we need to recommend:

-Review night

-Allow changes on the day of judging

Mindy, explained with American Degrees, we have them turned in, they are reviewed, then have 2 weeks to make suggested changes. We send to National FFA and then they allow corrections to be made if they are sent.

NEW Business:

Leadership Camp to also include Cooperative camp. Suggestion came through Karen Jones. Postpone until August meeting.

Proficiency and SAE questions. Link in the folder.

Middle School record books: Board has already decided middle school books are not allowed in judging at the high school level. We had a teacher ask us to reconsider that decision.

State Degree - number of activities above the chapter level. For our application, it would be best if the application would pull from all areas. We would need to ask AET to pull from more areas. Example we are trying to clarify that if a student is livestock judging, at the district, state, and at LLCC, those are just 1 activity, livestock judging not three different activities.

Karson made motion: To fulfil the requirement of having 5 activities above the chapter level on the State FFA Degree, a student must have 5 different activities. ie: A student may only count being involved in a livestock CDE one time or count only one attendance at the National FFA Convention.

Seconded by Jonathan. Motion passes. Sustain Jeff. Seconded by Tim. Motion carries

Chapter meeting requirement for state degree application. It is a requirement, but is currently not on the application. It is a constitutional requirement. Then we probably should have it back on the application. Mindy will ask AET to add it back to page 4 of the state degree application.

FFA Creed - being given in English only. If you have a Spanish speaking student are they allowed to participate in Creed speaking. You would need to have a judge that can speak Spanish. Tim recommended that we may ask them to complete the special accommodations form. Ben said at National they have ag teachers that speak Spanish judge that flight for Creed speaking. They have been doing it that way for 4-5 years. They have been doing it for 3 years for parli-pro. Concensus that they need to complete the accommodations form.

Order form for chapter/section plaque orders. They only get one plaque for a state winning CDE, we give two for proficiency winners. We will create an order form for the school to request/pay for a second plaque if they would like a second plaque for the school.

Central location for 212 - Feb 7-8, 2020 in Decatur, looking at that. We are going to be continuing to look for locations. Schaumburg location with changes they are making at the hotel, we will not fit. John asked if there is any interest in a single day 212 conference. Wyatt said that he does not support a single day conference. John said that we need to discuss the liability of the conference and teachers chaperoning and helping with the event. Tonya stated at FBYC, they used to have to sign up for three preferences for job duties. Keep overnight conference? Tonya asked if we had surveyed the teachers. District Directors, please ask in your district what they would like. Have that information for us at the next meeting. John asked if there is any interest in having a 212 conference in the fall in central Illinois. Tim asked what a single day registration cost would be. John said it would be \$50-\$75. Tim asked the student directors if they thought that there was value in staying over night. They all answered yes, that is the part that they remember the most. So based on discussion we still need to have direction on where to have the events. Dean mentioned that the Hyatt in O'Fallon is adding on a second area. We will do the best with what we can and call it good.

CDE/LDE proposals - LLCC has submitted bids to host the Monday convention events. Tonya asked what is best for us. John said that when it is at convention, it is up to the host to take care of everything for us. We (as the staff) do not have the time to help much with those events. Mindy said that from our standpoint, we have had a good experience with those events hosted currently during convention. We would ask that all the events that are held at convention be in one location. Jeff said that he likes them at convention. Dr. Baker said from his prospective it is easier to be at convention. Do not like it to be on Saturdays during the spring. John said that the costs for the events at state convention, when at the hotel those costs go way up, so we can have phone's, internet service, judges meals, etc. It was asked if we have opened the bid process for State Awards Day to move off of U of I campus. There are several high schools that would be willing to host the date. Tim asked if we (state office) invite the U of I staff/students to participate in the day? Mindy said that she has never sent out an invitation to them. She will discuss with Dr. Korte. How soon do we send out a bid process? We have 2020 set and confirmed by U of I. Is there a consensus of sending out a bid for it? Jeff asked why move away from it. Parking, single building are the two biggest factors. We will open up bid for 2021.

Envirothon - changed their dates, so it is conflicting with Ag Business. We have a memorandum of understanding. In the past, we have provided a sponsor that gave \$2500. That sponsor no longer is coming through, so we are having to take away from convention sponsorship and reallocate it toward envirothon to cover the cost. American Water was the past sponsor. Do you want us to continue the current partnership with Illinois Envirothon? Are you ok with continuing FFA/Foundation to be able to cover that \$2,500. We are talking about at the state level, but we do not know how it will impact at the section/district level. Tonya asked what will happen if we do not come up with the \$2,500, will they not allow FFA members to attend. John said they are just looking for us for that amount from us. We need to decide how we proceed. Tim does not feel that Foundation should be on the hook for the money since they do not cover the expense for other CDE events.

Sophia moves to nominate Larry Gosin for the FFA Distinguished Service Award. Second by Taylor. Motion massed. Second by Tim second by Wyatt. Motion passed

Honorary State Degrees. In the folder is a non-teacher list along with a list of all of the honorary state degrees given in the past. In the past the state officer team has voted on this, but since we do not have any meetings between now and the end of May, we did not see a reason to have a state officer meeting just for honorary verification. Any questions on anyone on the nominated list? Mindy suggested that we make it electronic voting. They need to pick two from the 2019 recommended list. Then send us their suggestions, then we will send out the list for the board members to vote on. Past practice has been to award 5% of the state degree recipients. If we want it to be added to the constitution, we would need a motion. Asked if it counts the state officers parents, do you say it is around 5% of the state degree number. The number does not have to reach that 5%.

Taylor moved that we have a maximum of 5% not including major state officer parents and teachers that meet the requirements for the state degree. Abby seconded. Motion passed. Darrell moved. Tonya seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

There are five spots to fill, with the seven nominated. Recommendation of the chair to accept the list with adding Shivley, Mowery, Hornbustle, Jones, and Maierhofer.

Miriam moved to accept the list as presented. Taylor seconded. Motion passes. Dr. Baker moved to sustain. Tim seconded. Sustained.

District Concerns: to address:

**Brodee moves to align the state proficiency descriptions with the National descriptions. Seconded by Abby. Discussion, this does not eliminate the three state areas. Motion passed. Wyatt moved. Tonya seconded. Motion passes.**

**Brodee moves to move Electrical Technology with Ag Mech Design and Fabrication and eliminate it as a separate area. Discussion, when will this take place, with the beginning of the 2019 year, as it does not change the record books, just the area they belong in. Wyatt sustain. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion passes.**

Do we need to address the AET beginning in 2019-2020 instead of 2020-2021 for use as AET records. We need to reconsider the motion that was made at the June 2019 meeting.

**Brodee moves to reconsider the motion that 2020-2021 to use AET records. Seconded by Abby. No discussion. Motion passes. Jeff moved. Tim seconded. Motion passes**

**Brodee moves to amend the original motion to strike out 2020-2021 and replace with 2019-2020. Abby seconded. Motion passed. Motion to sustain Darrell second by Tonya. Motion passed.**

**Brodee moves to add the two years of the State Convention contract to match the recent five year CDE events that has been recently approved. Seconded by Karson. Motion passes. Tonya moved. Dr. Baker seconded. Tim ask that we be careful of different groups approving different items. Mindy clarified that for BoS Center for 2024 is \$15,00 in 2025 and 2026 it jumps to \$16,500 for each year. This is a contract that we had not signed and sent back to BoS Center at this point. Motion carries.**

No further new business. Next meeting June 20, 2019.

Shaylee moved to adjourned. Karson seconded. Jeff moved to sustain. Wyatt seconded. Motion passed.

### **10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies – Officers**

- Review of the agenda – President
- Minutes of the Previous Mtg (please review ahead of time) – Secretary
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- Membership Update

### **10:15 a.m. District Concerns:**

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II :

III : State Awards Day:

- Need to discuss the realignment of Award Areas to National FFA Proficiency Descriptions (Ag Sales Example)
- Note for future: need to make sure that documents for chairmen & judges are “current” with board policy (example 12 artifacts still being in the guidelines)
- Conduct of committees to students: Re-convey that every student has earned the interview - committee should be courteous to each student regardless of placing or qualification status

### **Public Speaking:**

- Creed: Concern has come up that we need to incorporate either a professional attire or or official dress component to the scoring rubric.
- Extemp: Sections that utilize the “sample topics” have requested that the topics be re-visited/updated.

### **Proficiencies**

- Scoring Rubric - There was concern raised at the district level regarding the examples provided in the rubric for hours - when using the rubric in certain areas, some of those examples make more sense. At the time the concern was in regards to scope/growth in hours in relation to star areas.

AET/Proficiencies going forward:

- Do We have a plan for what we want a District and/or state level proficiency application to look like? Also, to expedite the process of developing both AET & Proficiency interviews so that they work how we want them to, I would propose either bringing the IAVAT SAE Committee into the realm/control of the FFA Board; or establish an FFA Proficiencies committee to work with the IAVAT SAE committee. - - - Need to re-organize/update now that EZ Records will be no more!

IV: Section 19 Concern:

I just want to make you and the FFA board aware of some comments I heard from Thursday. My students were criticized for their books not printed on colored paper (such as yellow paper for an animal book). It is my understand that that is not a requirement for AET book. That is correct right? Another topic of concern was that their pictures were not printed in color. That is not always an option at St. Elmo and most schools I imagine. I'm just a little frustrated because I want to all of us to be on the same page and I don't want anybody's students to be discounted on something as arbitrary as black and white pictures or colored vs white paper.

V :

## **Old Business**

- Invocation/Reflections statement
- Consistency of judging at section level
- Roster dues dates for future years - not be the week of or after National FFA Convention - suggested date October 1 from here on out.
- National Chapter Award merger with Heritage and COOP applications
  - Need to decide what areas will count for Heritage and COOP in the future.
  - Need to decide a cover page for the Heritage and COOP app to submit with the National Chapter Award.
- Operating Policies Illinois FFA Adult Board of Directors - Bunselmeyer
  - Baker Bunselmeyer provide an update

## **District Concerns Addressed:**

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## **Organizational Reports will take place during lunch**

- ISBE
- FFA
- Foundation
- Alumni
- University
- IAVAT
- FCAE
- IACCAI
- PAS

## **New Business**

- Illinois Cooperative Council Conference potential merger with FFA Camp
- [Proficiency & SAE Question \(Responses\)](#)
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- Do you think the board would be interested in some changes to this policy? To my understanding to what you wrote above. There is no point for a kid to keep a SAE project between 2nd semester of their 8th grade year and the start of their Freshman year. Especially since we do not allow middle school books to count for High School awards. I just feel that we are so focused on it not being fair if one school has middle school and one school does not that we are trying to make all of these rules to manage middle school books. Compared to us just allowing them to compete like every other state with the high school projects. I have no problem with having a separate award for the MS kids since most of the times they will never beat a high school student. But we shouldn't make kids keep a book, then end a book because they get to high school, then if they win go back and add the book again before Nationals.
- State FFA Degree - number of activities above the chapter level.
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- Chapter Visits - Break into teams to brainstorm chapter visits ideas, activities and ways to make it engaging
- FFA Creed - in English only, what will we allow??
- Chapter meeting requirement for state degree
- Order form for chapter and section plaque orders - chapter and sections wanting to order additional 1st place plaques
- FY20 212 Planning - issues with dates
- CDE/LDE proposals - recommendations for IAVAT board
- Partnership with State Envirothon
- FFA Distinguished Service Award
- Illinois FFA Honorary Degrees

**Additional items added to the agenda**

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**Reminders of Events Coming Up – review the Calendar online.**

**Next Mtg dates:**

- Thursday, June 20, 2019
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**3:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn**

# Illinois FFA Board of Directors 1996 to Present

## Meeting Minutes

### Illinois FFA and IAVAT Boards of Directors Meeting

Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, IL - Friday, January 4, 2019

9:30 a.m. Breakfast Items in the Kitchen Area

10:00 a.m. Meeting Begins -

Those present: Sophia Hortin, FFA President; John Heiser, IAVAT President; Nick James, IAVAT Past President; Eliza Petry, FFA Vice President; Jessica Collins, IAVAT Vice President; Shaylee Clinton, FFA Reporter; Miriam Hoffman, FFA Secretary; Taylor Hartke, FFA Treasurer; Zack Weber, District 1 FFA Student Director; Lisa Oellerich, District 1 IAVAT Director; Karson Kimpling, District 2 FFA Student Director; Jeff Maierhofer, District 2 FFA Adult Director; Matt Meyer, District 2 IAVAT Director; Brodee McCormick, District 3 FFA Student Director; Wyatt McGrew, District 3 FFA Adult Director; Steve Buyck, District 3 IAVAT Director; Abby Schlueter, District 4 FFA Student Director; Tonya Eick, District 4 FFA Adult Director; Justin Howard, District 4 IAVAT Director; Jonathan Donoho, District 5 FFA Student Director; Tim McDermott, District 5 FFA Adult Director; Ann Peotrowski, District 5 IAVAT Director; Dr. Andy Baker, WIU, University Rep FFA Board; Bill Waggoner, Kaskaskia College, IACCAI Rep FFA Board; Dean Dittmar, FCAE; Luke Allen, FCAE; Jennifer Waters, FCAE; Megan Coy, FCAE; Mindy Bunselmeyer, FFA Executive Secretary; John Edgar, IAVAT Executive Secretary; Tammy Yard, FFA Center Staff

Ben Meyer, National FFA LPS staff called in to the meeting to present a report from National FFA. With Larry Gosin's retirement, he is our interim LPS staff. His report can be found in the meeting folder for anyone who would like to review it, items highlighted:

- National website change took place in September, removed a lot of log in needs, so you can access most general information without having to log in.
- AgriScience - starting this year and moving forward, there will be no leniency for missing forms/documents, it will be a disqualification or just marked as a participant. He has provided a link in his report that will allow teachers/students to import an abstract to place in the correct area. They want to be proactive in getting projects placed correctly before it gets through the state level and on to National, so they do not have to disqualify the project.
- STAR battery is an embedded part of the American Degree application now. It is not a separate application. The student must check the box that they want to be considered as a STAR candidate. Some technical corrections have been made



within the application for non-paid hours. The application is to be submitted electronically, along with all the signatures. There are no hard copies required by National FFA for the American Degree application. Membership checks are done, community service standards enforced.

- Proficiency awards, not a lot of changes. But a link in his report will provide for updated descriptions, they want to help students apply in the correct area, so there are no disqualifications.
- Scholarships are now live, application is outside of ffa.org, if problems, go to ffa.org and click on link and it will take you to an outside provider. Process is more student driven, but do need to have their FFA ID number to access the application. Advisor still has place to review the application. Students can link to their FAFSA.
- Tractor Supply Grants will be open shortly. TSC wants to engage with FFA chapters.
- Changing how recognition is done for state first place CDE/LDE winners. In the past, National FFA has provided free plaques and checks for state winners. They are no longer going to provide plaques, but will pay a stipend to the state in order to help defray the costs of a state winning plaque.
- At the end of 2019, they will no longer do the free proficiency/STAR medals for chapter winners.
  - It was asked if the medals would be available for an advisor to purchase through National FFA. Ben did not know the answer and stated he would check on that.
  
- Continue to promote Living to Serve Grants. They do not want service activities to cost the chapters, so be sure to apply for those grants.
- WLC registration opens on March 5th. Cancellation policy the same as previously.
- National FFA week, Feb 16-23. National FFA has ads, logos, press releases, radio spots, etc. that are available to everyone to use on the website. Encouraged everyone to access the website as a resource for National FFA week.
- Update on the constitutional amendments in the report, they are based on the charter revision.
- Outsourced part of the merchandise center, so everything they sell is offsite.

Maierhofer asked if there was a comparison document to show just the changes for the proficiency areas. Ben was going to see if National had one that he could send us.

Dittmar asked about timeline for who/when other LPS staff will be hired. National is meeting later in January, so they will be discussing it at that time. So, no other information on when an announcement will take place. Meyer confirmed that there will be a fourth LPS staff. Christine White is head of LPS now, she has been at National FFA for quite a while.

## Joint Meeting - Old Business

- Lobbyist Information Update - Edgar, Butcher
  - Jake has a report in the folder. Pat Berry, works with Jake. Will be working with us in the future. Helps get our members in to see legislators.
  - Reviewed legislative issues that are currently working on.
  - Jeff encouraged everyone to continue to support Jake and the lobbying they do for us and the line item.
  - Dean also stated that the members and teachers still need to continue with their advocacy for Ag Ed and must continue to send thank you notes and make those contacts with legislatures.
  - Jake reiterated that local outreach is most important with your own local legislators. The legislators would rather see the students/teachers than the lobbyists.
  - After Jake and Pat left - John stated that we have to continue to keep contributing for the advocacy fund.
  - Lisa shared, via Jesse, that 20 of the teachers that have received the 3 circle grant out of 200+. Jessica said there is some confusion on the years that the pin is paid for, but if this is the second year of receiving the grant, you should have made a contribution for two years.
  - Dean brought up that the IAVAT Advocacy reps also need to continue to ask the teachers to contribute. He asked if we can share who has contributed so that people know who to ask or who to thank for already having paid.
- Federal Charter Update - can be found in Ben's report
- SAE Committee Reports - State FFA Degree Checklist, Rubric - best practices in the folder. Jeff reported that the committee is trying to come up with the best way to judge proficiencies in IL. Want to create a new application based on what is needed at the National level. Will just have one application, will not need to have the record books, just the application. But will be an AET based app, so that it need to take at this time. Just ask people to review so that it can be voted on at June board meetings. Hold the application notes until discussion will pull info from records. Recommend that we take National app and adapt to our needs and be able to eliminate some of the information that is already in records is not being duplicated from the record books. No action items that we with Section Chairs at their next meeting.

- Best Practices document is in the folder and needs to be reviewed. Prior to record book season may be posted in listserv for reviewing.
  - If we send out Best Practices document now, will it confuse people. It is just a Best Practices so that it is not policy, Mindy will make it clear it is not policy.
- FFA Chapter Program Affiliation Update - Yard, Bunselmeyer
  - We currently have between 80-85 currently affiliated, about double from last year.
- Electronic Newsletter - Officers
  - Goal is to have articles out weekly on Facebook and to then compile that information into a newsletter.
- Cardinals ticket/game opportunity - Bunselmeyer
  - This year it is a Cardinals/Cubs game. Game is on September 29th. Currently a day game, but can be changed, depending on playoff status. Price is yet to be set. - proceeds go to Foundation
- FFA Day with the Illini - Bunselmeyer
  - Saturday, February 23rd - proceeds go to Foundation
- CDE Reporting - Bunselmeyer, Edgar
  - Skye Kretzinger hired as Competitive Events specialist.
  - Will transition to new website after July 1. Want to have it up and ready for training during IAVAT conference.
  - Section Presidents will still have a roll in reporting at the section level.
  - We will have the ability to use new website to run registrations for Section/District levels. Will discuss this more at Section Chairs to see if there is interest at those levels.
- National Chapter Application - review process - Bunselmeyer
  - Will stay the same as it did last year. We will ask Section Chairs and others to help judge. There are still two rounds being judged, all still done electronically on-line.
  - We will do a webinar for how to judge the applications to try and be more consistent.
  - Lisa question on the penalties. Is there penalties per section vs just a total penalty for the section, we need to review. Mindy will send our score sheet to National for them to review. Question on the leadership, ex 212/BUILD. Mindy has language for some clarification from National on the

leadership areas. We need to have 45-50 judges for Round 1, need everyone's help in getting volunteers to help judge.

- We are working with IFB to incorporate Heritage and Coop applications into NCA. It will not be done until 2020.
- Chorus Director Update - no updates at this time.
- FFA Center Update
  - Report in the folder
  - Skye hired as Competitive Events Specialist
  - Bailey Parks-Moore hired as Bill Johnson Advocacy intern
  - Ag Leg Day - March 14th - Seminar is on March 13th
    - Jake - arrived at meeting. He will make a request to Dept. of Ag if we can change that date, because legislators not in session, so it is possible for lot to leave early and not be able to get in to see legislators. We will hold on announcing date.

Riley Duckworth and Kylie Miller as interns starting in May  
Jamie has been contracted doing some Foundation marketing

pieces for us, will review her contract later.

FFA Center - will be updating some lighting and electric

Sponsor to do some updates to the Board room, so have some bids in for that. Bids for adding stove/cooktop to the kitchen. Bids for new carpet.

Mindy - discussions with Admin Council on the entire building itself, carpet, wallpaper, specialists areas, kitchen updates, housing for the officers. It was brought up by Admin Council what is the value of the building. We need to have the long term plans for the building.

- Foundation Update
  - Tammy back to Foundation as the Foundation Specialist
  - Jannette and Tammy contact for collection drive.
  - Will send out another follow up letter quarterly in March, just to help you feel informed of what has been collected. Will do monthly electronically with section/district totals, while quarterly report will include chapter specific information.
  - Giving Tuesday tripled from last year.
  - Mindy asked for feedback on the hard letters. Do you like/dislike, want you to be informed. Tonya stated that in December she did not get through e-mails, but appreciated the hard copy letter. Jessica mirrored those sentiments. Matt stated that we have to keep it in front of everyone.
- Invocation/Reflections statement - Jeff

- When do we refer to invocation/reflection etc. From National, there should not be any reference to any sort of religion.
- Mindy said we will not encourage or discourage our officers from sharing their faith. We are open to all faith and denominations. Believes that excluding prayer is also a way of discriminating against the Christian faith.
- Do we need, as a state association, to make a statement about how to direct the state and section officers at events.
- John stated that the action item will be to adopt an inclusion statement. Just what that statement is will need to be discussed.
- Justin stated that we should just say we will take a moment to reflect in what manner you would like.
- Tonya stated that her principal leads a thanks before events/assemblies. Just does not address it to anyone, lets that be up to the individual.
- Luke stated that you have to be prepared for any person's religion. Must have a policy that is inclusion for all. Luke would advise to have the inclusion statements in the by laws for all the organizations.
- We would like something in place soon. We would like to make a policy for all of Ag Ed entities and not just FFA.
- Wyatt suggested a Best Practices list to give to the officers on what to say. Keep it non-denominational, then the officers can offer a reflection and it not be based on one faith.
- Justin suggested that we allow the student members to draft a statement run it by Mindy and take it to all organizations for approval.
- Mindy said that we may have it ready for the January state officer meeting so there is a representation from all the sections.
- Consensus was reached by the group to have the officer team come up with a statement and have it approved by all boards to add to their by laws.
- IHSA Amendment Update
  - Novice for this year is just 9th grade. Beginning with 2019-2020 it is to be 7, 8, 9 graders will be for conduct of chapter meeting. And no more Novice Parli-Pro will be conducted.
- CDE registrations - Added by IAVAT

- Nick - Do we want to align how we register for FFA events with how we register for IAVAT events.
- Matt - why do we have fees for IAVAT events and not FFA events.
- Nick - discussed that IAVAT board members are responsible for becoming superintendents for IAVAT events. Do you create a committee that will run the event, update rules, etc.
- What would you want the responsibilities of the competitive events committee to be with the proficiencies, American Degrees, State Degrees., etc.
- Action item: IAVAT needs to come up with the restructuring language for creating a Competitive Events Committee.
- How does FFA Board feel for charging for those events? FFA Board needs to discuss for charging for the state registration for LDE's. Need to figure out a team rate for Parli-Pro, Conduct of Chapter, Greenhand Quizbowl. Individual rate for Public Speakers.
- What do we do if there is a sponsor that wants to pay for the registration for an event. Example the Ag Ed CDE.
- Committee Structures
- Proficiency Awards
- Ag Ed Consultant - Announced, filled by Dr. Erica Thieman. We need to determine what our expectations for the consultant with all of our entities. ISBE indicated that when they filled the position, we expected the State Advisor to attend the State Officer meetings. So, we agreed to that, but asked that they still attend the board meetings and that they organize the National Officer Candidate process.
  - IAVAT feels that they can just provide a ISBE report for the board meetings. Would like them to attend conference. Do we want them to lead Team Ag Ed?
  - Do we still expect the consultant to serve as the state advisor?
  - Do we want them to lead Team Ag Ed? Because that consultant does not answer to any of our boards, so is that the correct person to run Team Ag Ed. The Team Ag Ed Plan states that the consultant and FCAE coordinator co-lead Team Ag Ed.
  - Tim stated do we invite the consultant to the state officer meetings without them having to be a requirement.

- BUILD Conference - date for the conference. Concerns about it being too close to National convention. Decatur does not have any dates in November available. Do we look for different location in November or go with a different date in October in Decatur?
  - Jessica said BUILD would not be bad to have in October.
  - John E said it would be October 4-5 - option 3
  - Consensus is for location in October 11 - 12 - option 2
  - Try November 15-16 - option 1
  - Lisa asked if we can work with IFB on how the counties help sponsor students.
- Chapter Strategic Plan Deadline (Pre-POA).
  - Why is it due so late in the year, why isn't it due earlier in the fall.
  - John H said make both due lines the same date.
  - Jeff suggested October 1 - consensus of the group.
- FFA rosters - possibly change deadline.11
- 11:00 a.m.

District Concerns:

I : Zack - none

II : Jeff has concern about missing deadlines for CDE registrations. Can they just pay a higher fee? It was for mandatory events. John H mentioned that with the late registrations, is for the host to have the time to get the materials needed.

III : Steve - fair checks has anyone heard anything? Middle School committee, who can compete for middle school stars? When can they keep their records, if they are only in classes within certain times of the year. As a freshman can they apply for a Star Discovery? Mindy stated that the middle school stars, it is an application, so it can be for any time. A freshman is not allowed to apply as a Star Discovery candidate.

IV: Tonya: With the increase of Jr High Chapters some teachers would like to see if there is an option with AET that they could "ghost" that Jr High books. Knowing that they can not use them for the State Degree but can use them when they are applying for the National Application

Mindy - currently we do not allow Jr. High books for competing at state level because not every student does not have the opportunity to have ag classes in Jr. High. But if they win at the state level and are competing at National, they are able to include those Jr. High records. They can also be used for the students American Degree application.

We need feedback from sections before either board makes a decision.

Tonya: Would like to see the job interview forms to be reevaluate. The scoring is not coming out with our best candidates moving on to the next level.

Going into the interview process they student looks good, go into the process and then one person can tank the student. We follow the National FFA rules.

Mindy - said that it should be an IAVAT board decision

V :Ann - why do we change both IAVAT and FFA board members the same year?

Nick suggested that we do FFA board for a three years, for just one year to allow for the staggering of the board members. We will see if it is a constitutional change.

Tim: - continue to look at continued AET trainings. If there is a way to have communication of due dates in the same place for all dates at the same time. said that we are contracted with Springfield through 2025. We will be sending out RFPs before long and we can include them.

■ Mindy also discussed that we need to look at maybe  
Mindy asked what deadlines and how often? Example, we reminded about Strategic Plans and rosters multiple times because it impacts the IFG. Where a CDE participation is voluntary. MINDY - what is your solution for this.

FFA Center Concerns:

Mindy asked when is it best to send out listserv messages?

John said we strive to do it all correctly the first time, so that we do not have to send out information repeatedly.

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District Concerns Addressed:

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## New Business

- Roster dues dates for future years - not be the week of or after National FFA Convention - suggested date October 15 from here on out.

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Organizational Reports will take place during lunch

- ISBE
- FFA
  - Report in folder
    - State fair; GROWMARK Annual meeting; STAR Conferences; Chapter Visits; National Convention; IFB Annual meeting; Business & Industry visits; Officer Retreat; Convention planning; Christmas Party. Service Project
    - Dean asked about the new location for convention, maybe Chicago area, since that is an area for our growth. Mindy changing up the length of convention and the look of it overall. We also need to think about the 100th convention that will be here in a few short years.
- Alumni - Mindy
  - Continue with the gator raffle - 40% of what the chapter sells goes back to the chapter
  - Gun raffle is complete - but don't have a final report yet.
  - Annual meeting and auction is last week-end in January.
    - Chapter basket competition - can earn camp scholarship
    - Donate items that your chapter may make

Alumni board dissolved at National level. Our council's stance is that we will offer alumni's to be either at local, local and state, or local, state and national. If a chapter wants to maintain their National affiliation, the state office will not send in an itemized roster to National FFA.

- University
  - No report at this time
- IAVAT
  - John Heiser - IHSA issues taken care of.
  - Looking at continuation of middle school programing

- FCAE - Dean
  - Report in file
  - Appreciate support for Ag Ed line item. Thanks for those that attended budget hearings.
  - Casey Bolin will be new D5 Program Advisor beginning July 1
  - Dr. Erica Thieman will be filling the ISBE consultant position
  - Will have to attend a training to have access to the three new curriculum areas for Plant/Animal/Biology. Dr. Emmert and Gary Ochs will be conducting the training. Training at each 212 location.
  - ICAE gave initiative to go to NCAA on the above course.
  - All in one website - in the process. 15 states work with this company. It should be helpful to all of ag ed entities.
  - Opportunity to purchase MyCaert.com. There is an IAVAT and ICAE committee to look into that purchase to see if it is feasible for Illinois Ag Ed.
  - Three year contract with AET, hope all students are using AET.
  - Continued partnership with Virtual School. Three courses currently available.
  - ILCAE had annual meeting at Eisenhower School in Decatur. Primary goal is to have 100 ag ed students graduate each year.
  - ICAE - new members on their board.
  - Discussion on three-circle grant, get a plan together to try and Applaud efforts for FFA membership and ag ed enrollment increases.
  
- IACCAI
  - Conference in October.
  - Limited on staff at a lot of community colleges, because they are hiring less full time staff, so be patient when they are hosting events implement a step up program for those that do not qualify for the grant.
  - for us.
  
- PAS
  - Active PAS officer team.
  - Increase in PAS sponsorship.
  - Working on planning fall conference, we have combined both conferences into one.

- Name change: Professional Agriculture Students

4:25 p.m. Opening Ceremonies – Officers

Welcome

Those in attendance: Sophia, Eliza, Shaylee, Miriam, Taylor, Zack, Brodee, Abby, Johnathan, Dr. Baker, Jeff Maierhofer, Wyatt McGrew, Tonya Eich, Tim McDermott, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Tammy Yard

Review of the agenda – President

Mindy: ASKed if we can have this meeting next year, do opening ceremonies at the beginning so that we can do motions during the discussion. Concenses is that we will do that next year.

Minutes of the Previous Mtg (please review ahead of time) – Secretary

Motion to approve secretary's minutes, Brodee, seconded by Abby - no discussion - motion carries

Motion to sustain, - Jeff second by Tonya - no discussion - motion carries

Financial Report (please review ahead of time) – Treasurer

Tammy clarified Membership Dues other is 2017-2018 dues that were paid after the fiscal year.

Mindy stated that there is some Foundation money that will be moved.

Wyatt asked about 212/BUILD line item. Mindy will check into and get back to everyone.

Motion to approve financial report by Zack. Seconded by Taylor - discussion none - motion passes.

Motion to sustain by Wyatt seconded by Tim - no discussion - motion passes.

2:00 p.m. Old Business

- National Chapter Award merger with Heritage and COOP applications
  - YEA Committee and Illinois Farm Bureau is very interested in this Illinois Cooperative Council Conference potential merger with FFA Camp -

- E-mail from Karen Jones - asked if there is interest in merging Icamp with IL Cooperative Council Conference.
- Initial thoughts were to get better attendance for ICC Conference.
- Is the camp ready for the group to come in on Sunday?
- How long is ICC conference. Starts at 10 on Thursday until after lunch on Friday. One over night.
- Some schools do not allow for any school events, even in the process - will address in April
- Bank of Springfield Center (PCCC) future contracts - Bunselmeyer - will address later
- Operating Policies Illinois FFA Adult Board of Directors - Bunselmeyer
  - Baker Bunselmeyer provide an update - will address later

2:30 p.m.

#### New Business

- summer of no events on Sunday.
- ICC is responsible for the content.
- Usually professional development done at the same time, they usually stay in a hotel, while the kids stay in a dorm.
- Concern on who will chaperone the kids. Both U of I and SIU helped provide chaperones.
- We feel that it will logistically not work.
- Chapter Visits - Break into teams to brainstorm chapter visits ideas, activities and ways to make it engaging - next meeting
- Agriscience revisions - discuss ribbons
- Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking plaques, medals and awards
- Conference housing policy
- State FFA LDE fees - \$12 for individuals - \$75 for teams.
  - Wyatt stated that if we do add the fee, then we need to wait until the 2019-2020 school year to implement.
  - This is only for the state level.
  - Tim asked about the district dues, who gets that money. It is for those who have the expense.
  - Qualifiers: Ag Sales, Job Interview, NEED TO ADD A FEW More

- Brodee moves that we charge \$12 for individual \$75 for team for state LDE's beginning in 2019-2020 school year. Seconded by Johnathan. No discussion. Motion carried
- Sustained by Dr. Baker seconded by Tonya. No discussion. Motion carried.
- Adult board term change to a three year term for one year. - Moved to April's meeting.

Additional items added to the agenda

- Iroquois West wants to go to Denver next year to represent us for meats. Our contest is after the

Brodee moved that we allow Iroquois WEst to compete in a meats competition in 2020. Seconded by Abby.

Tim seconded Dr. Baker

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Reminders of Events Coming Up – review the Calendar online.

Next Mtg dates:

- Monday, April 8, 2019
- Thursday, June 20, 2019
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5:00 p.m. Adjourn

MOtion to adjourn Eliza. Seconded by Brodee

Tim sustained. Tonya seconded

No further business. **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, Illinois – Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Adult Board Meets:

Those present: Dist 1 Director, Darrell Gittings; Dist 2 Director, Jeff Maierhofer, Dist 4 Director, Tonya Eich; Dist 4 Alternate, Marlene Perkins; Dr. Andy Baker; Jess Smithers, Mindy Bunselmeyer, John Edgar, Tammy Yard

Reviewed processes of the FFA Board for those new adult board members.

Discussed the forms (Commitment form and Memorandum of Understanding) that we have the state officers sign. Discussed the ethics training that Shelly Hawk conducts with the state officers. Dr. Baker suggested that we have the state officer team sign off on the ethics training after they have had it.

Dr. Baker suggested a comprehension review, "test", that can be taken after they do ethics training to make sure that the officers understand what Ms. Hawk has reviewed during the training.

Discussion on what type of test/quiz to give. We believe we should do one prior to and one after the training. We may create something to be sent out on Google.

Discussion on confidentiality of the state officer team, especially the majors and the president who serves on Administrative Council.

Discussion on what we tell the officer team of our expectations and their safety. Example: what we tell the officers is appropriate behavior, what is appropriate in pictures that are posted, we want to know ahead of time if they will be attending an event that may have alcohol, example a family wedding.

Maierhofer needs some input/guidance on Advisors' Guide revision committee. Document at the end of what has been shared in the board meeting folder. Maierhofer stated we would like to change the name to Advisors' Handbook. Then discussed how we will be sharing the Handbook for the advisors to be able to access. He also created the eight folders based on the eight chapters that he believes will work best for the Handbook. Current guide is 33 pages long so can be cumbersome to search. Edgar suggested using a table of contents that you can click on the chapter and it will take you to it. Bunselmeyer stated that we have gone away from duplicating the information in different places because they were not all being updated. We try to have links that all can get to in one place. We do have to be careful with some of the firewalls and access to documents.

With the update of the website, we hope to be able to have one website with FFA and FCAE. We hope to use tabs for the various areas that we would use. Maierhofer suggested that for the FFA Handbook have its own tab and in red. He stated that the website information needs to be ADA compliant, example a certain font-size, pictures that

deal with color-blindness. Eich mentioned that there is a website that you can send your new website to run through that site so that it is ADA compliant.

Original goal was to launch updated website at next IAVAT conference. With the departure of our communications specialist, we are not certain that this timeline will now be feasible. We would like the FFA Board's input as we want it to be a teacher friendly website.

Old Business pieces to discuss will be Selection Committee. Are there changes that we want to update? We would need to make those updates now so that we can get the changes made prior to launching out the candidate information in January. Biggest change be the Why I Want to Be a State Officer section.

National Chapter Award/Heritage and Coop - we are just beginning to speak with Illinois Farm Bureau. Does anyone have any feedback? None.

Advisor's Guide, give any feedback to Maierhofer.

New Business: Past State Officer report may need to be pushed back to 3:00 today.

Flat Fee for Middle School membership. We will need to discuss how Illinois will work with Middle School chapters.

The National FFA direction from them not affiliating with any religious entity. Offering a moment of reflection. We need to discuss what will Illinois do.

Want to keep the newsletter, move to include some personal interest stories.

Discussion on best practices for some of the applications. Tabs, photos, are we giving away all the best tips and tricks. We need to feel that it should all be shared. It is not a replacement for requirements. The committee wants specifics for what we want as best practices.

Adult Board meeting adjourned.

Illinois FFA Board of Directors meeting.

Those present: 10 students present; 8 guests present. Those present were: President Sophia Hortin; Vice President Eliza Petry; Reporter Shaylee Clinton; Secretary Miriam Hoffman; Treasurer Taylor Hartke; Dist 1 Director Zack Weber; Dist 2 Director Karson Kimpling; Dist 3 Director Brodee McCormick; Dist 4 Director Abby Schlueter; Dist 5 Director Jonathan Donoho; Dist 1 Adult Director Darrell Gittings; Dist 2 Adult Director Jeff Maierhofer; Dist 4 Adult Director Tonya Eich; Dist 4 Adult Alternate Marlene Perkins; Dr.

Andy Baker; Jess Smithers, Acting Advisor; Mindy Bunselmeyer; John Edgar; Tammy Yard

10:08 a.m. Hortin called the FFA Board meeting to order

Opening Ceremonies - Officers - McCormick served as sentinel.

Review of the agenda – President

Smithers asked if there were any questions on the processes of the meeting. Introductions were made of all those attending. Bunselmeyer quickly went over the meeting processes so the student members can make sure the meeting continues to move forward.

Minutes of the June 21, 2018 Board Meeting – Hoffman

**McCormick made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2018 board meeting. Schlueter seconded motion. Discussion - none. Motion passed.**

**Maierhofer made the motion to sustain. Dr. Baker seconded motion. Discussion - none. Motion passed.**

Financial Report (please review ahead of time) – Hartke

Review the Balance Sheet 2018

Budget vs Actual for 2017- 18 - with Jannette Allotey (full-time bookkeeper) being on board, we were able to get most of the FY18 expenses completed in June. That being said there were some expenses doubled up for in FY18 for two conventions.

Main things to note: YTD comparison; Section President meals line was over, but we should be lower this year, currently due to NLCSO training not taking place and that training being done at the July state officer meeting with better priced meals. Other line items were more balanced this year.

Audit for fiscal years will be moved closer to the end of the fiscal year for the entities.

**McCormick made the motion to approve the financial report. Kimpling seconded motion. Discussion - none. Motion passed.**

**Dr. Baker made the motion to sustain. Eich seconded motion. Discussion - Maierhofer asked why no expenses in D5 for district dues. Edgar stated they just did not make any requests for reimbursement. Motion passed.**



State Officer Team report: Petry discussed first state officer meeting. Theme: Elevate. Committees are maintained from last year. Clinton discussed state officer meeting at SIU. Hartke - Corn Congress all state officer team members were able to attend DC., discussed the State Officer summit. Hoffman - Leadership Camp - Section Presidents did a great job facilitating, met last week to work on chapter visits. Hortin - State Fair and State Officer meeting today; GROWMARK Annual Meeting; Chapter Visits

Core Values: Enthusiasm, Courage, Selflessness, Empathy, Ambition

District Concerns and Addressing District Concerns:

I : Adult: Gittings: Do not believe that letting Freshmen in college compete in Proficiency Awards is a good idea. Feels this is a general concern of the district. Discussion: It was brought before the board last year, but was not sustained by adults who asked for additional information. D4 is against allowing them. D2 informally has some against this idea. Application based Proficiency judging will need to require Sections to verify application to the record books.

Student: No concerns

II : Adult: Maierhofer - no concerns. But believes that record books and application is present at each level: Section, District, and State. SAE Committee is working on a recommendation for this. Student:

Student: No concerns

III : Student: No Concerns

IV : Adult: Eich - only concern about application process

Student - No concerns

V : Student - No Concerns

Old Business

Bunselmeyer - Selection Committee - Proposal document is in the folder for review.

Option 1 - Rubrics were revised for the scoring by removing the weighted .5 on some of the scores to simplify..

Option 2 - Gives candidate feedback directly from the judge - a critique sheet.

Option 3- "Why I want to Be A State Officer" speech moved to the interview area. Replaced with facilitating a prepared workshop. We would need to identify what materials were being allowed.

Option 4 - Letter writing changed to be a writing activity, so that we can see how they write a testimony or an article, things that the officers really do throughout the year, not just a thank you note.

We need to discuss and then take action. Main things to decide: Do you approve new rubrics? Do you approve feedback? Do you approve changing activity?

We do send out a graph of where the scores fell and where within that area the candidate fell. Likes the idea of the workshop. Opening up the writing activity is good. Majors like the workshop idea and having different aspects. Petry felt like there did not need to be any additional feedback with a critique sheet from judges, other majors agreed.

Eich likes option 4. Maierhofer asked if it was an overwhelming day? The majors all said yes. But it should be overwhelming, so that it prepares them for the year to come. Hortin likes the workshop, as the majors facilitate a lot of them during the year. Clinton likes the workshops and in addition the writing activity is good. Hoffman would like to see the writing activity to be changed every year. Writing a testimony; an introduction; an article. Petry: felt the graph was enough feedback to receive as a candidate. Clinton agreed. They think it will beat people up more than it will help.

Dr. Baker asked how we are going to be approving. Edgar said we may need to make several motions to cover each area.

**Kimpling moved to adopt option 4 as our selection committee process. Hartke seconded the motion. Discussion: Edgar said that we may need to specify we do not want critique sheets and feedback. Kimpling made a Friendly Amendment to add adopt option 4 without providing feedback. Schueler seconded the motion. Discussion - None. Motion now reads to adopt option number four without candidate feedback. Schlueter asked if we needed to adopt separately or did the motion cover it all. This covered everything. We can redo the rubrics and bring them back. Motion Passed.**

**Gittings moved to sustain. Perkins seconded the motion. Discussion - none. Motion sustained.**

National Chapter Award/Heritage/COOP discussion - Bunselmeyer - we have a Youth Ed meeting week after State Fair. We were just seeing if there was any adult feedback, as there was none, we will move forward with approaching IFB about the changes. We will report back to the board in January.

Advisors Guide - Maierhofer as chair of the advisors guide committee. With all the changes happening, it just needed to be updated. Talked about changing it to a handbook and marrying it to the website. Purpose of the guide is to get the information to advisors as they need it, which is usually instantaneously. Bunselmeyer mentioned that we may need a scholarship area/chapter as well. That will link to National FFA. Maierhofer, Cassie Crouch, Zack Weber, Abby Schlueter are on the committee. Maierhofer will send everyone on the committee e-mail communications. Give him feedback on what is in the folder of what we would like to see. Bunselmeyer stated this wouldn't be a bad thing to discuss with the state officer team and what they are looking for on the website. Hortin stated that the advocacy committee was also working on feedback for the guide book updates.

Operating Policies Illinois FFA Adult Board of Directors - Bunselmeyer - asked if Dr. Baker would be willing to help work on something with her to get items in writing. Being at convention elections; alternate responsibilities; coordinating district events, etc. Bunselmeyer asked if Maierhofer and Gittings would be willing to read over and give feedback to them. Dr. Baker and Bunselmeyer will work on creating the list into operating policies or suggested expectations and responsibilities of adult board members.

#### New Business:

Middle School flat fee. We need to set a state affiliation rate for Illinois. It needs to be a separately chartered middle school. This way you do not have to add in all of the middle school students if the chapter is affiliated. One option is to do nothing, so those with middle school still on the high school roster, then we have to count all of those members. Option two is to set a flat rate for middle school affiliation fee. National is proposing to increase their dues and affiliation fee, but the dues are going to be increasing more than affiliation fee to make affiliation more palatable.

Currently, our dues and affiliation fee mirror what National FFA charges.

Dr. Baker asked if we were losing money on middle school members? No, we are not. Dr. Baker thought that maybe the state affiliation should be at \$150. Smithers stated that maybe you get more members involved if the rate is lower. Is the goal to get membership increased or to make money? Is it a long game where we are trying to get them involved at the Jr. High so that they maintain their membership at the high school?

Weber said that his school requires that the 7th and 8th grade to take ag classes. Those students are members on the high school roster. He thinks that they may be more active if they have a separate chapter.

Bunselmeyer stated in the short term we may lose some money, but in the long run it should increase money and participation, while most importantly provide opportunities to middle school chapters.

**Weber moved to set the Illinois middle school affiliation fee at \$150. Schlueter seconded the motion. Discussion - none. Motion passed.**

**Dr. Baker moved to sustain. Gittings seconded motion. Discussion - none. Motion sustained.**

Bunselmeyer - reflections: National FFA's stance was read.

Discussion - this was brought to our attention by a teacher that we should not have a prayer/invocation at an FFA event. That we should just do a reflection moment. We pray at beginning of convention, with the candidates at elections; Alumni meeting; before meal functions with the state officer team. We need to decide what we need to do as a state. Smithers asked in a school setting what is the ruling. Edgar said the main issue with National FFA is that it cannot be staff lead. National FFA considers their officer team as staff. Perkins said that we may need to keep the invocation/reflection to include all beliefs. Smithers stated that it is freedom of religion not freedom for religion. How will it be accepted if it is a student of a non-Christian religion?

Bunselmeyer thinks we need to guide the students to state, "I am choosing to reflect this way, you may reflect however you choose." We need to decide how we need to refer to it at the state level.

Dr. Baker says sometimes it is the location of the event that is taking place, which will determine how the reflection should be phrased. In a school setting, need to be more careful of the wording than if at a hotel. Must be student initiating, not an adult.

Bunselmeyer asked the student directors, what should we give to you to be able to direct our leadership for star conferences, LTS, etc. McCormick thinks we call it invocation. Attitude of reflection. Schlueter said an attitude of respect, could also be used. Edgar stated that at National they stated, "I am going to choose to reflect this way, you may reflect in a fashion that is most comfortable for you." Maierhofer thinks we should eliminate all religion in prayers, reflection. They just state please reflect in your own manner. Bunselmeyer asked about if a candidate brings it up in a speech or a major in a retiring address. It is then the members choice, they have not been told/asked to do it. We need to give them very specific guidance.

Bunselmeyer read what the National FFA statement stance is.

Petry stated a section president last year that they were to lead the next invocation at a meeting had stated to her that they really did not believe in it but they would follow through with it, since it was expected of them.

Schlueter said that we could still use a reflection before a meal to thank the farmers that grew it and hands that prepared it.

Edgar stated that we should not ask a student leader to not offer to prayer if they would like to. We need to be inclusive of all. Perkins stated that we shouldn't stand in the way of any person sharing their faith.

Maierhofer asked if a student leader is vocal about their political affiliation, do we allow them the ability to discuss them? How is religion different? Bunselmeyer stated that we do not allow them to discuss a political party/person. We do not support any, but we will allow to meet with anyone of any party to approach us. Perkins shared the original purpose of FFA, "self-expression."

Edgar stated that we may need to just call it a moment of reflection. McCormick stated that he gives the pledge at school every morning and students who do not want to participate just remain silent during that time.

Maierhofer shared what the Seneca chapter uses before events. Smithers stated that the person is not leading the group in prayer, but inviting them to reflect.

Smithers stated that we may need additional time to review and discuss with other advisors. If reflections on STAR conference can we leave it off the agenda.

The majors discussed that we may be able to tell the section officers to discuss it with advisors in their section. We can share what National FFA has stated. Let them know that we have not determined a stance as a state. Share the video on how the National President had opened National convention last year. It has been determined that we will direct the section teams to do reflections as the section sees fit.

**Schlueter moved to place this on the January agenda. Weber seconded the motion. Discussion - none. Motion passed.**

**Dr. Baker moved to sustain. Darrell seconded. Discussion - none. Motion is sustained.**

12:00 p.m.

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Organizational Reports

- ISBE - Smithers - working through the process of hiring the consultant. Brian Houser has been working as the interim at ISBE. 3 circle grant, last year about 40% of teachers participated. This year currently at 53% so far have applied.
- FFA - taken care of with the earlier officer team report.
- Alumni - Bunselmeyer - Successful convention sales and gator raffle this year.

- University - Baker - teacher retention program. Allows a university rep to go to a school visit for a first year teacher twice a year. Four institutions have created a brochure that highlights all four schools. Will be used at National Convention as a recruitment tool.
- IAVAT - Edgar - Hope to resolve IHSA issues with crossing over high school and middle school students at events. Pre-Registration now includes livestock reasons, horticulture, and dairy foods. Updating CDE scoring templates.
- Foundation - Bunselmeyer - Restructure to Foundation board will keep listservs going out about updates of the collection drive as it happens.
- FCAE - Smithers - has accepted position with Richland Community College. Program advisors are making visits to programs.
- IACCAI - Edgar -October 11-12 is their conference held at Lake Land.
- PAS - Edgar - Annual Conference at Lincoln Land, November 1 - 2. Combining both conferences into one this year so all events taking place at this conference.

#### New Business continue:

Newsletter - Bunselmeyer last year we created our own newsletter sent out electronically. This was a positive change. Katie Burns gave letter of resignation yesterday, so the newsletter will move back to the officer team. The officers would like to see the direction go in a more personal stories, items not found in a listserv or other facebook post direction. Think we need to keep a page for each of the other entities. Perkins shared that Eich left a comment that during chapter visit that the major officer interview a member. Who do we pick? Perkins suggested that we review the NCA and pick a winner and feature them. Dr. Baker said he would like to see a now and then section. Example the Legacy gift givers, where that officer team is currently at and what they are doing. Life beyond the blue jacket. Perkins suggested an area with little jokes or puns. Smithers shared that maybe we do a question at the end of the newsletter and give away, so that we have an idea of how people are reading the newsletter. Perkins stated maybe get some giveaways from industry friends that you could also promote. Edgar asked is it better to have smaller articles or newsletters more often than every other month?

Maierhofer stated to make sure you can see who is in the pictures when they are used.

#### SAE Committee Topics: Bunselmeyer -

When we FFA Board move 100% to AET? In previous minutes.

Application - clarification on what will that application look like and when will we begin using application? Still quite a bit of chatter, still need some further clarification. Application needs to be verified at section and district levels. We have stated when we are going to the application process but have not yet identified the application. SAE committee has not given direction.

What specifically do you expect with AET best practices? Still need to work on this document.

Maierhofer thinks SAE committee needs to hash it out a little more and bring back to the FFA Board. Especially since we do not have all of our members present.

What needs to go back to the SAE committee for:

- Do they want to use the existing National application?
- Do they want to use parts of the National application?
- Do they want to create an Illinois specific application?
- What level does the book need to be present for judging?
- What will the rubric look like?

Do we need to ask the SAE committee what is standard and what is recommended? The adult members pretty much agree. SAE committee needs to provide a list of tips and the FFA Board can decide what should be standards.

Recommendations of convention: Break into groups.

Group 1: Strengths: Overall pretty efficient in getting people on and off stage.

Food trucks good addition, but did not seem to stay long enough

Alumni upstairs good

Weaknesses: Sound issues

Some thought that the grouping of the sessions, first session does not have good awards.

Theme video was either too long or played too often, try to shorten and play it certain sessions

State Degree session too long.

Changes: Some workshop rooms were full, so offer more workshops

Workshops/Career Show exhibitors up on Thursday

Switch honorary degrees/parent recognition to give backstage time to move.

Mid-Session needs to be just before state degrees and let them know they may need to be shortened.

Indifferent category: Universities moved upstairs, no feedback from students.

Perkins said that for elections: comment that the cuts on elections did not seem to be made very long. Discussed just adding the majority number that is needed to be added to the numbers of the voting results so the members can see what is needed to be elected.

Maybe we examine what the rebuttals of the candidates have, in order to shorten the election process.

Group 2: New idea to divide state degree among sessions. But to keep them on Wednesday, most likely in the afternoon/evening.

Group 3: Need to bring in more engaging awards to Session 1. Add information in the letters to the award winners about the length of session.

Do a script for section presidents to help with State Degree ceremony. Along with their list of state degree recipients. Add to the secretary announcements.

2017-2018 officers by phone: Birrittier - thanked the board for what they have done. These are just recommendations for the upcoming year.

Refer to their report in the folder. Some of the suggestions:

- Allow current officer team to go on ILSSO, have them do their own fundraising
- Bunselmeyer stated that it is added stress to the officer team, while it is a great trip, it does not benefit the association.
- Business & Industry Tours could be planned more effectively. Visit places that already support us. They could be streamlined so that you are making several visits in one localized area.
- State Officer housing - would like to see an apartment or addition to the FFA Center for officer housing. Dr. Baker asked about the liability of housing the officers along with the zoning in the FFA Center location. Edgar had looked into it, and the organization is not in a financial place to be able to do it. Smithers said that finances should not stop us from exploring the options.
- Provide more training for the majors from the Foundation Board to be able to make those potential sponsorship asks. Incorporate it early in the year, like when Andrew McCrea training is taking place.



- Chapter visit restructure: Put STAR Conference at beginning of each District's week of visits, then each major would cover a section within that district. This could save time, travel. **District Directors talk with your sections/districts about this idea.**
- Have the FFA Treasurer be a voting member on the Foundation Board.
  - Bunselmeyer pointed out with the restructure of the Foundation Board, it would not be an option.
  - Have them sit in on meetings, at least.
  
- Clarify duties of the FFA Reporter and the Communications Specialist on staff, have a stronger social media plan.
- Purchase good portable speakers for the majors: used a lot for chapter visits and workshops
- Reevaluate/Relocate the State Officer Meetings: Look into having meetings at WIU and ISU
- Do not conduct chapter visits during National FFA week. Felt like those officers who were doing visits missed out on other opportunities for that week. Bunselmeyer pointed out some sections request them to be during FFA week.
- New location for D3 STAR Conference
- Bring Majors home between Corn Congress and State Officer Summit
- Hire a professional photographer for all of convention. Bunselmeyer pointed out that it costs \$375 to have the photographer for the state degree session, not affordable to have one for every session. Past State Officers asked that we ask for more volunteer photographers.
- Continue to attend (majors and state staff) another state convention prior to our convention.
- Provide more information on the National Officer Candidate selection process.
- Revamp the newsletter article schedule
- Purchase new camera lens

Bunselmeyer wants to kick out the restructuring of the chapter visits to the adult district directors. This would possibly be implemented in the 19-20 year. Do a District Star on Monday, then do the chapters in that section that week. Then the officers are all located in one district during that week. It would ensure that all the majors go to district.

D3 STAR location - they sponsor the entire event, so we will most likely not move that event.

Convention photographer - not financially feasible. We may look for some other volunteers.

Visiting another state convention. We have not looked at the calendar yet, so hope we can work that out again. Maierhofer stated that we have a great convention experience. Perkins liked the

announcements made in to slides, too. The year in review video that we showed the number of band members, athletes, etc. came from TN.

Majors have days off during the state fair.

Any reactions to ILSSO trip. Majority are current state officers. Hoffman stated that they made friends at summit and it would be nice to attend with them.

Anything else from the list? Any comments on adding to the building for housing. The biggest barrier is financial. IN is at the camp. CA has a staff member living with the officers, as well.

**Kimpling moved to adjourn the meeting. McCormick seconded the motion. Discussion - none. Motion passed.**

**Maierhofer moved to sustain. Gittings seconded the motion. Discussion- none. Motion passed.**

Closing ceremonies.

Meeting adjourned.

## **Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

**Decatur Conference Center, Decatur, Illinois**

10:04 a.m. - Hortin called the meeting to order.

Opening ceremonies

31 members, 11 guests were present. Those present were: Members: President Sophia Hortin; Vice President Eliza Petry; Reporter Shaylee Clinton; Secretary Miriam Hoffman; Treasurer Taylor Hartke; Sec 1 President Gwen Heimerdinger; Sec 2 President Rebecca Hough; Sec 3 President Gage Miller; Sec 4 President Emma Parkins; Sec 5 President Zack Weber; Sec 6 President Grace Gehrke; Sec 7 President Emma Freebairn; Sec 9 President Karson Kimpling; Sec 10 President Karah Anker; Sec 11 President Riley Smith; Sec 12 President Collin White; Sec 13 President Austin Dufelmeier; Sec 14 President Brodee McCormick; Sec 15 President Sally Reed; Sec 16 President Ellie Paulsrud; Sec 17 President Abby Schlueter; Sec 18 President Daniel Bass; Sec 19 President Dalton Whitten; Sec 20 President Jacob Mayes; Sec 21 President Jonathan Donoho; Sec 22 President Lane Schilling; Sec 23 President Lane Harvey; Sec 24 President Katherine Smith; Sec 25 President Natalie Bonnell; 2017-18 Sec 11 President Sydney Riden; 2018-18 Sec 6 President Jacob Beauchem;

Guests: Dist I Director Darrell Gittings; Dist II Director Jeff Maierhofer; Dist III Director Wyatt McGrew; Dist IV Director Tonya Eich, Cassie Crouch; Dist V Director Tim McDermott; Dr. Andy Baker; Jess Smithers; Mindy Bunselmeyer; John Edgar; Tammy Yard

Welcome & Explanation of FFA Board Procedures - Jess Smithers

Review of the agenda – Hortin

Minutes of the Previous Meeting will be reviewed later in the meeting.

Financial Audit - Edgar reviewed with the board members

**Motion to approve audit made by Riden. Seconded by Beauchem. Motion passed.**

**Motion to sustain by Maierhofer. Seconded by McGrew. Motion passed**

Financial Report (please review ahead of time) – Hartke, with Edgar explanation of report

**Motion to approve financial report by Beauchem. Seconded by Riden. Motion passed.**

**Motion to sustain by McDermott. Seconded by Gittings. Motion passed.**

#### District Concerns

I : No student concerns. Gittings: State Degree session length (to be discussed at next meeting after review of convention evaluations.)

II : No student concerns; Maierhofer: Release of state CDE/LDE results during convention. Bunselmeyer explained that host site must coordinate; this is on the meeting agenda later to discuss: release more than just finalists, provide score sheets; Reimbursement/Refund of registration fees if someone has an emergency. Bunselmeyer stated IAVAT has crisis fund that could be applied for to help cover those expenses that a chapter may face. FFA Board has discussed this at length in the past.

III : No student concerns; McGrew: Two concerns: Outstanding invoices and Calendar dates. Outstanding invoices- Edgar stated that with having Patti Davis working with registrations for the past year, outstanding invoices are fewer. Jannette Allotey will continue to work on any outstanding invoices older than the past year- year and a half. Calendar dates -

District proficiencies on Wednesday, March 6th which is Ash Wednesday: conflict? Bunselmeyer led discussion in changing it; want to keep all districts on the same night but it should be changed in order to steer clear of conflicts; changed to Thursday, March 7th.

IV : No student concerns; Crouch: Major concerns with the future of proficiency applications, did not like the current application and wanted it discussed again; Discovery apps: how to do Discovery students' records in AET, don't want to have to delete jr high records. Bunselmeyer brought up that these decisions had been discussed and made at the last meeting, Jr High records not allowed in high school proficiencies; Smithers suggested that a listserv should be sent out to clarify the policy and that students should print and save Jr High records and delete for high school competitions. McGrew asked about creating a second account, Bunselmeyer said it was highly discouraged. They can use their Jr High record information if they compete at the National level. Best option is to print the Jr High information and save them. Bunselmeyer asked if anyone knows how many members this actually impacts. Consensus is that it is a small number.

V : No student concerns; McDermott: Parli Pro vs. Conduct of Chapter. Bunselmeyer said this year we will still have Conduct of Chapter meeting and Novice Parli Pro LDEs, but the Novice Parli Pro winning team will still represent Illinois at the national level, will go back out on a listserv, 2020 it will simply be Conduct of Chapter meetings and there will no longer be Novice Parli Pro. We will be addressing the two with IHSA this year. State convention but he's saving most for next month, did bring up concerns that the Foundation recognition should be changed for convention. Bunselmeyer asked for clarification, McDermott said it seemed jumbled and disorganized, Bunselmeyer explained that they want to recognize all sponsors even if they weren't there, mentioned it will be brought up again at next meeting with convention discussions, also if parking passes can be sent out ahead of time for convention. Bunselmeyer discussed that there's nothing to prevent copies being made if sent electronically; mailing hard copies could mean they would be left at school/home or wouldn't end up making it to the teacher; Bunselmeyer said it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Corn Congress Presentation: Jim Tarman and Lyndsey Mitchell - work for Illinois Corn Growers Board- advocacy group; also work for Illinois Corn Marketing Board (check off)

- o Both boards work for common goals, work closely with each other
- o Passed out annual report to study, also proposed schedule for the week (July 16-18)
- o Point of trip is to help lobby for Illinois corn growers; give students experience in DC and with lobbying
- o Share with Lyndsey state officer's address to find their congress representative
- o Lyndsey discussed tips for packing, etc

## Old Business

- Lobbyist Information Update - Edgar, Butcher
  - Edgar summarized Mr. Butcher's job, his contributions to the aged line item (raised over \$10,000 to support our campaign for aged and FFA this week); lots of successes this year
- FFA Chapter Program Affiliation - Edgar, Bunselmeyer
  - Bunselmeyer said biggest update is sending out a listserv to teachers, giving more info; mentioned statewide affiliation that we're moving to, more will be discussed when that situation has arrived;
  - Smithers discussed the use of IFG allocations to pay for affiliation fees but that again it will be discussed more at a later date
  - Maierhofer: Larry Gossen, National FFA LPS Director, said that it was not required to be affiliated, but the implication is that it may not be entirely required but that it will be much better to be affiliated anyway as National FFA is pushing in that direction
  - Bunselmeyer said it's still best to be statewide affiliated to stay consistent, like California, in order to use the IFG funds for those fees
  - Smithers: need to get more opinions from adult board members to see what the local chapters think and are moving towards; direction to ICAE and recommendation to them how we're proceeding
  - McDermott: need to make a timeline for statewide affiliation apart from National? Depends on how teachers feel and how the aged line item continues
  - Maierhofer explained affiliation to the members present
  - Baker asked how the line item funds would be used for affiliation: state pull those funds before they even go to chapter? Or give allocation to chapters and they pay it back to the state? Bunselmeyer prefers giving it straight to chapters and allowing them to use their own discretion
  - McDermott: is chart accurate for affiliation fees? State office says yes
- National Chapter Application - review process - Bunselmeyer

- o Request for feedback/scores to be sent to school including deductions that were assessed. Scores are sent to teachers that ask on an individual basis
- o Bunselmeyer said there was some inconsistency between judges' deductions; they've compiled a list of 17 applications for National to look at to evaluate deductions and get back to Illinois with deduction information with consultations; some teachers were upset that not all applications were sent, the answer was only those that there was question on deductions were sent to National; goal is to get more guidance from National before next year's judging and to have more guidance for judges for more consistency; biggest pattern in deductions was having a goal with multiple pieces and activities for one area: National said areas need to focus in on one activity or keep one umbrella and stay consistent in wording.
- o Judges will be mandated to attend training or to participate in webinar; Maierhofer suggested having practice rounds for judges to practice scoring applications and sending them back to state to evaluate their evaluations; Bunselmeyer concurred, said to have it done by March so they're prepared.

## New Business

### National Chapter Award/Heritage/COOP discussion - Bunselmeyer

- o Proposition: combine NCA with Heritage and COOP applications; have Illinois Farm Bureau judges, will keep them committed
  - One activity for Heritage that also falls into a specific category (to be assigned), same for COOP
  - Reasoning is to increase number of applications for the Heritage and COOP programs, as they are lacking in numbers
  - Smithers asked if it would take away from the value of our NCA or Heritage/COOP activity
  - Bunselmeyer clarified extra information would still be required for the specific Heritage/COOP, but it would be much simpler; Illinois Farm Bureau would have to do away with their current applications and accept the use of our NCA instead

- McDermott asked if Heritage/COOP applicants are also NCA? Answer was yes, as a whole
- Maierhofer asked if a new AET application could be used? Since there's so many aspects to the Heritage it could be hard to combine it: Bunselmeyer and Edgar said that additions to the application would be necessary, also alterations could be made for information needed for Illinois Farm Bureau; Maierhofer thinks that the Heritage application should just be streamlined, not combined with NCA; proposed using one activity from each of the three Program of Activity areas. Also asked for results earlier, to know who's going to DC; if separate, more streamlined application was used it could be faster to get results out
- Bunselmeyer said concerns can be shared more with the committee in August; wants to see more chapters applying for the sake of the Illinois Farm Bureau and their investment in us.
- Baker said workshops for young/student teachers should be implemented to promote the use of Heritage/COOP program.
- Bunselmeyer asked if there was resistance to simply bringing up the issue to the Illinois Farm Bureau; there was none, McDermott clarified that this should not be shared with other teachers until we have discussed this idea with Illinois Farm Bureau.

#### Sweepstakes Award - Bunselmeyer

- Some people say bring it back to the stage (hasn't been there for three years), some say do away with award altogether; we should be talking to teachers about how they feel; what is the need for sweepstakes? We tell everyone to manage their time and excel at what you excel at, but sweepstakes award encourages everyone to do everything.
- Two choices: emphasize it more, or do away with it completely
- McGrew says to get rid of it; Crouch says her district is split, consideration should be given to it; McDermott says chapters are being recognized elsewhere, no need to continue;

Maierhofer doesn't think about it till he gets the package from convention

- **Motion to eliminate the sweepstakes award made by Riden. Seconded by Beauchem. Motion passes**
- **Motion to sustain by Maierhofer. Seconded by McGrew.**
  - Discussion: Baker said it needs to be discussed with the districts before a decision is made
    - Crouch said her district likes having a survey sent to get consensus
    - McDermott said no need, already getting recognized
    - McGrew said this discussion happened 10 years ago already with same debate
    - Baker again said a lot of teachers are simply uneducated about the opportunities and if more people knew about it it would be more popular
    - **Motion passes (4-2)**

#### Century Challenge Award - Bunselmeyer

Bunselmeyer discussed that Century Challenge is somewhat work intensive for the office; is it still necessary working towards affiliation?

- Smithers discussed what incentives we should use now and what goals we're working towards as it may need to change as affiliation becomes reality
- Gittings wants it to stay in place until we are statewide affiliation
- Bunselmeyer says it will dissolve when we reach affiliation; what other awards can we use to reward/incentivise membership growth? Encourage teachers to have discussions with each other on what can be done.
- Smithers discussed that before complete affiliation both affiliate and non-affiliate chapters could be recognized for membership growth in different manners.
- McGrew suggested eliminating Century Challenge, recognize new affiliate chapters and percentage growth chapters to incentivise.
- Baker would rather see incentive in additional Foundation dollar contribution; percentage growth doesn't have as much impact on revenue



- Edgar reminded that growth does still have impact
- Releasing scores from Public Speaking, Proficiency Awards, Stars, etc...per Kelli Black email.
  - Bunselmeyer says traditionally with public speaking, the top three finalists are named and students receive critique sheet; teacher this year wanted to know ranking of students beyond top three
    - Don't share specific scores because it doesn't necessarily reflect the student's real performance
    - Baker weighed in, says score sheets don't need to be sent to students because of confidentiality for judges
    - Maierhofer wants rankings to be released
    - Bunselmeyer says whatever choice we make for public speaking is also the same for Parli Pro
    - Section Presidents weighed in, Reed and Parkins said they want to know results
    - Maierhofer said some districts work the same way as state
    - **Beauchem moved to announce top ten rankings for state public speaking and parli pro. Riden seconded.**
    - **Discussion: Are top ten being recognized on-stage at convention or just announced/posted? Top ten will just be announced/posted. They will not all be recognized on-stage. Motion passed.**
    - **Maierhofer moved to sustain. McDermott seconded. Motion passed.**

#### Proficiency awards/Star rankings - Bunselmeyer

- Teacher asked for all district star rankings and for score/critique sheets returned to competitor.
- Currently small critique sheets have been discussed to give students indication of top strengths and weaknesses; Bunselmeyer emphasized scorecards should not be given out because of the confusion and questions that would arise because of how judges write scores and notes. But critique sheets are given out to the students.

- Gittings asked if verbal critique at the event is not sufficient
  - McCormick and Paulsrud said their proficiency judge gave limited verbal critique; a sheet would be helpful to have more feedback
  - Traditionally top two are announced at state awards day, this year only the top one was announced.
  - Maierhofer said at District, he only shares rankings if a teacher asks.
  - Bunselmeyer asked if a listserv with rankings should be sent with state proficiencies
  - Stars only rank top two, if even, so more would require a form change; McGrew said it takes away the value of stars if rankings are announced; let the finalists just be finalists without ranking
  - McDermott expressed concern that if LDE rankings are announced but not proficiencies it will be a mixed message.
  - Baker asked if it was necessary to release rankings for those that compete twice as there may not be very many proficiency finalists that compete twice.
  - Whiten expressed an interest in a written critique, Mayes said his verbal critique as a group wasn't particularly valuable.
  - Some students did not receive feedback from judges, often can't find judges afterwards.
  - **Hoffman moved that critique sheets be given to students at state proficiencies but rankings remain same as they have in the past; Hartke seconded. Motion passed.**
  - **McGrew made motion to sustain. Maierhofer seconded. Motion passed**
- - Discussions of IAVAT Conference Resolutions - Edgar
    - None pertaining to FFA from Edgar
    - Maierhofer said a motion/recommendation came out of SAE committee saying no more EZ Records by 2021; Edgar said not sent to FFA board to be considered yet
      - Maierhofer said date need to be set in a motion for proficiency awards on what system will be used

- **Beauchem moved that beginning in spring of 2021, the only acceptable record-keeping system for proficiency awards will be AET system. Riden seconded. Motion passed.**
- **Maierhofer made motion to sustain. McDermott seconded.**
  - **Baker asked if it was final decision or will have to pass through another; this is the final motion.**
  - **Maierhofer, McDermott thought there was a previous motion that stated 2020, so we may need to go back and adjust dates. Motion passed.**

Livestock Judging discussion - who represents Illinois FFA in National Invitationals. FFA Board sent to the CDE Committee that the request must be made within 10- days of the results. FFA believes that reasons-teams get precedence over non-reasons teams and they attend in ranking order. Since it was the recommendation of this board, if the CDE committee agreed, it just now needs to be put into the general rules.

#### Organizational Reports

- ISBE - Smithers filling in for FFA related duties, stated ISBE is accepting applications for the open Consultant position.
- FFA - Hortin: just got elected, working on decisions this week for the year (theme, goals, core values, etc.)
- Alumni - Bunselmeyer stated the Alumni had very successful merchandise sales, gator raffle went well, won by a Section 10 area person; funds raised go to Leadership Camp, 212, etc. scholarships; great supporter for FFA activities
- University - Baker: "all good"; University council: university reps from all four Illinois universities that have ag programs, FCAE, Bunselmeyer, advocate for ag ed; also working on teacher retention project
- IAVAT - Edgar: Great conference this week, identified goals for the summer, will have meetings at the beginning of the school year, work out with IHSA parli pro/conduct of chapter meetings contest

- Foundation - Look at tomorrow
- FCAE - Smithers: summarized FCAE for new section presidents, works with line item funds, IFG, 3 circle grant, GAST grant, etc
- IACCAI - Edgar: doing well, annual conference this winter
- PAS - Edgar: He is now serving as their Executive Secretary; submitted a grant (know by July 10) for the organization, getting officers more involved and integrate them with our FFA state team. Baker chimed in, he's involved with PAS, lots of opportunities for students

#### Snap Raise Presentation - Erik Anderson

- Phone conversation with Mr. Anderson discussing fundraising
  - It is basically an email campaign of giving that they coordinate with our contact names submitted by FFA officers/members
  - Once 70% of students participating have received donations, we receive 77% of money we raise
  - If less than 70% of students have donations, we received 70%
- Group Discussion
  - McDermott expressed concern for the 23% commission from Snap Raise
  - Bunselmeyer discussed the list for Snap raise donations MUST be different from your chapter's local collection drive list
  - Schilling 22 asked for comparison with GoFundMe
  - McGrew expressed concern that it is a "lazy way to take away from the Foundation drive"
  - General consensus was against Snap raise; still, team should formulate plan to campaign for Foundation, particularly finance committee
  
- Operating Policies Illinois FFA Adult Board of Directors - Bunselmeyer
  - Advisor's Guide
    - Bunselmeyer discussed changes to advisor's guide, needs to be looked at on a committee with a major state officer
      - Hoffman volunteered

- Get feedback on committee for advisor's guide/best practices committee
  - Asked Crouch to discuss operating policies
  - Bunselmeyer/Edgar will touch base with the SAE committee to see where they are at.
- State Officer Team Report - goals, state theme ideas, committees for the upcoming year, Core Values for this team. - 2018 - 2019 Team
  - Bunselmeyer discussed that committees will stay the same as last year, implementing recommendations made by those committees
  - Asked for feedback/suggestions from adult board, none made
  - Edgar suggested waiting till August to approve those committee reports, Hortin agreed as we will have more information and committees will have more knowledge of how they want to implement recommendations.

#### Additional items added to the agenda

- Discussion items that surfaced from the AET workshop (McDermott)
  - Sept 1 start date for AET records. Several teachers wanted their exact start date for classes. Review reason for Sept 1 decision and communicate that to teachers.
    - Smithers recommended start date for SAE be, July 1.
    - Maierhofer, McDermott discussed issues with section fairs, having SAE before sitting in classroom.
    - Eich brought up not all section fairs require record books
    - **Clinton made motion that the start date for AET records be July 1st. Riden seconded. Motion passed.**
    - **Gittings moved to sustain. Maierhofer seconded.**
      - **Smithers clarified it starts July 1, 2018**
      - **Motion sustained**
  - State FFA Degree - need to look at providing students money credit for their SAE products that are used at home.
    - McDermott said products used at home are not counted.

- Maierhofer said it's on the state degree application. He thinks that may be one area that needs to be reviewed, as several advisors in the workshop said that it was an issue.
  - McDermott said it needs to be clarified. We will review.
- o How will Illinois view Foundational SAE for state degree requirements? Foundational SAE is what we have been referring to as Discovery SAE.
  - Probably need an answer before the start of the school year
  - (Texas counts 40 hrs, California counts 0 hrs)
  - Foundational is step below exploratory, like classroom experience
  - Smithers recommended making recommendation now to count 0 hours, then can adjust later if needed.
  - No action taken at this time.
- o Continued need for AET training for all teachers and development of AET best practices.
- o Bunselmeyer is there action that the FFA board should take to train teachers? Recommended encouraging other teachers to participate in current training opportunities
- o To Baker: how can FFA Board help universities prepare ag ed students for AET use in their careers?
  - WIU already has done workshops, Baker learning with his students
- o Eich asked if there are levels of training for AET; some teachers already know basics but want more advanced training.
- o Smithers suggested an all day training prior to section IAVAT meeting and sending those teachers back to their sections to train everyone.
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Minutes of the Previous Meeting (please review ahead of time) – Hoffman

**Riden made a motion to approve the minutes. Beauchem seconded. Motion passed.**

**McDermott moved to sustain. Eich seconded. Motion passed.**

Reminders of Events Coming Up – review the Calendar online.

Next Meeting dates:

- August 6, 2018 Administrative Council: Maierhofer adult representative, Hortin and Birrittier student reps
- August 7, 2018, Illinois FFA Board: Illinois FFA Center: 9am adult, 10am student
  - Rest of state officer team join that evening for state officer meeting.
- January 4th, 2019, joint w/IAVAT
- April 8th, 2019

3:17 Adjourn

## Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting

Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, IL - Wednesday, April 18, 2018

9:00 a.m. Adult Board meets - Breakfast Items in the Kitchen Area

Those in attendance: John Edgar, Tim McDermott, Jeff Maierhofer, Dick Steffan, Wyatt McGrew, Tammy Yard, Harley Hepner, Darrell Gittings, Jess Smithers, Cassie Crouch, Larry Gossin, Mindy Bunselmeyer

- National Chapter Application - review process - Bunselmeyer;
- Jannette Allotey on staff as bookkeeper, Update on Lori's husband;
- **National FFA Report and Update - Larry Gossen, LPS** - handed out report - went over the points on the written report. Dues increase will be brought before delegate body at National Convention. Increase proposed is \$2 per member for dues/ .50 per member in affiliation fees.
- FFA Center Update
- Review all New and Old Business to briefly discuss for moving through those items in the agenda.
  - Concerns covered in other topics in the agenda.
  - Advisors Guide needs additional work done to it.
  - Nothing ready for the operating document of an adult board member.
  - State officer sponsorships - have not gotten any discussion started
  - Overall Ag Ed Structure
- 212 Conference refunds - FFA Center has paid the expenses incurred for these students. FFA will be out that money if refunds are given. Current policy there are no refunds after cancellation date.

- Advisors guide, there are inconsistencies that need to be cleaned up.
- Community service needs to be cleared up. Not all volunteer work is considered community service.
- Is section livestock is different that state livestock. Needs cleared up.
- Selection committee - will be calling Cody
- Proficiency Awards for freshmen - needs to discuss
- Star discovery apps, action item, use AET apps not our own
- Photos, especially agriscience fair needs discussed.

10:00 a.m. Full Board Meeting Begins

Those attending the meeting: Joey Birrittier, Rob Janssen, Ryan Reeverts, Dalton Painter, Chase Clausen, Clayton Blunier, Jacob Beauchem, Sydney Riden, Sophia Hortin, Jacob Jung, John Edgar, Tim McDermott, Jeff Maierhofer, Dick Steffan, Wyatt McGrew, Tammy Yard, Harley Hepner, Darrell Gittings, Jess Smithers, Cassie Crouch, Larry Gossin, Mindy Bunselmeyer -- 10 members and 12 guests present

10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies – Officers

Welcome - Joey Birrittier

Review of the agenda – President

Rob updated the agenda - moved and seconded - DALTON has that info, will be added

Minutes of the previous mtg (please review ahead of time) – Secretary,  
Dalton Painter

**Jacob Jung moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2018 FFA Board meeting. Seconded by Jacob Beauchem - Motion passes**

**Motion sustained by Darrell Gittings, Seconded by Cassie Crouch - Motion sustained.**

Financial Report (please review ahead of time) – Treasurer, Chase Clausen

Discussion - John Edgar to noted that Foundation made transfer to cover some of the expenses that have occurred, but that transfer was after the reconciliation date.



Wyatt McGrew - asked about the section president meal expenses. Explained that we have been trying to keep it all in one line item. Previous budgets sometimes it would come out of each event's budget. This year we are paying all of those expenses out of the line items in the budget for majors/section presidents.

**Jacob Jung moved to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Sophia Hortin - Motion passes.**

**Motion sustained by Tim McDermott, Second by Dr. Dick Steffen - Motion sustained.**

John Edgar has added a newly updated budget for next year after the Foundation meeting last week, since collection drive was over the budgeted amount, some items have been replaced into the FFA budget that were cut in the initial proposed budget.

**Chase Clausen moved to approve the budget proposal for FY19, Seconded by Jacob Beauchem. Motion passes.**

**Motion sustained by Dr. Dick Steffen, Seconded by Darrell Gittings.**

Discussion: Question - what is the Summit? That is the new program by National FFA for the state officer training program that they are instituting. They no longer have NLCSO and State Presidents Conference. We will do some facilitation training for the section presidents that they had received with NLCSO.  
**Motion sustained.**

Jannette Allotey introduced herself as the new FFA Center bookkeeper.

National FFA - Larry Gossen - LPS Staff Update

Has a hand out of his update. Larry will send the report to Mindy to add to the Board meeting folder. Confirmed that the hotel list for National FFA Convention will be out in advance to the registration going live, so the advisors can do some pre-planning to make the process easier.

10:30 a.m. District Concerns:

I : Clayton Blunier - None

Darrell Gittings - None

II : Jacob Beauchem -

- Reconsider using Proficiency award applications and eliminate record books from judging.

- Judging combined (ent/placement) proficiency areas

Jeff Maierhofer-

- Thinks it is too much for judging record books with the comparison of different books. Timing of the due date for applications of the National Chapter Awards.

III : Sydney Riden - None

Wyatt McGrew

- Financials anything the board needs to be doing for outstanding invoices?
- State Degree and Dist Stars - both marked as star placement, but came as Dist Agriscience
- Order for state degrees ranked vs. just a numbered form. They are not ranked, just a number on the list.
- Agriscience attachments/photos being clarified

IV: Sophia Hortin - None

Cassie Crouch -

- Release of District and State Public Speaking Results - Public Speaking has the critique sheet already. It is not feasible for the office to be able to scan and send all the score sheets to each of the members/advisors.
  - We can put it in a survey to see how the advisors want results at the district level. Edgar suggested it be discussed at the next joint board meeting as the results for all events.
- State Degrees at Districts: Why are the apps there if and when we find problems in the comparison of them? We need to be able to make rulings that night - and there should be a statement from State Office saying the yes we reviewed the apps, but never saw the books. Therefore changes in state degree lists can still change. Otherwise - why do we allow our judges at District to see the apps, when we can't change the inaccurate state rulings?
  - We need to clarify this in the Advisors handbook. The state does not overturn a decision made by the Section.
- When we have Qualifying contests (Public Speaking) do we need a ruling from the board saying that state rules must be followed?
  - Needs to come before the joint board.
- True freshman competing in Proficiencies?

- Did any other district or section see any true Freshman books at competition? Did we make this ruling clear enough this year where we say books Aug-Dec?
  - Yes, there were a few that participated. D1 had some advance to state. Cassie Crouch just making sure all the information had been sent out and that her district just did not see it.
- STAR Discovery Degree
  - Under the impression that they can interview as Freshman - for the end of STAR Discovery Degree
  - What is the statement we are making for how we handle discovery degree books when currently AET does not have a start print date?
    - At this point we have been unofficially telling them to do a separate book or print the records and then delete them from the system. Even shutting the books off, the assets will still show.

V : Jacob Jung - None

Tim McDermott - some already addressed with other districts.

- Proficiency award judging - consider application based judging. Too many record systems, preferences, and opinions to compare.
- Too many record keeping systems to evaluate effectively. Would like to consider establishing AET as the record keeping system in IL. AET has other features besides the record keeping system that students and chapters can utilize.
  - They would like to see the board make a decision on one system.
- Efficiency form was difficult to read and formatting was challenging. Consider revisions prior to next year.
- Clarification on what is considered a “different” event for state degree.
  - On the agenda later, will discuss then.
- State Degree form for section chairs needs to be streamlined and easier to enter names. A lot of waiting at the end of judging to fill out forms.
  - Center has been asked to just use an excel form. However, by doing it in Google we have to make sure that every field we need is completed before it is submitted. If completed in excel the state

office would be spending a lot of time tracking down the missing information they need to process the state degrees.

- Can there be an excel that each advisor adds their own members, then it be approved by the chair and submitted to the office?
- Quality and quantity of proficiency entries. May need to focus additional professional development on SAE for teachers.
  - Concern for number of areas that they are no entries for. May need to be referred to a task force to address this.
  - Time frame for ISBE consultant hiring and impact on State FFA and the FFA advisor position
- Additional AET trainings that are for smaller groups so the instruction can stay more focused. Perhaps have a train the trainer AET workshop with someone from each section that can then host section training sessions.
- Update on affiliation fee and information on how to sell the concept to schools to encourage them to participate. National's timeline for changing?
- Concern on the state office finances. Often hear that various groups are tight on money and that creates concern on the stability of the entities.
- Phone interviews for state record book judging. Several concerns about allowing phone interviews for this level of judging. Not the same experience as sitting in front of the judges. Clarify the rules for phone interviews.
  - American Degree any member can do a phone interview unless they are a star candidate. They have to have the books here for the phone interview so it can be checked with the application.
  - Do we want written policy for phone interviews?

11:00

Old Business

- **Change to Advisor's Guide - Important:** In no case shall a member be eligible for recognition in both entrepreneurship and placement categories in any proficiency award area for the same supervised agricultural experience program and site. Even if that recognition is in two different award years. - This does not match National FFA.
  - Items that we will take action on today to help, but how do we want to tackle the Advisor's Guide updates. Jeff mentioned that at our June meeting last year we had a committee

appointed, he was on it, but has been working on the constitution. We would like changes ready for the August board meeting. Mindy suggested a survey for what are the main issues to start with? Other suggestions? Jeff thinks that we need to define what the Advisor's Guide purpose is and what needs to go into it. Who is on committee: Tim McDermott volunteered. Jess Smithers and Dr. Dick Steffen were on the first committee. Jason Perry has expressed interest.

- Policy on releasing CDE, SAE, LDE, Officer results to who? Colleges, Sponsors, Vendors, Scholarship opportunities. Stihl example?
  - Joint board meeting discussion - need to do some legal leg work.
- Policies Illinois FFA Adult Board of Directors - Bunselmeyer
  - Nothing new to report. - Believe a committee was made at June meeting last year. Make up of board is in the constitution but the process of student directors voting on items and then sustained by adult is not. Will be addressed later.
- State Officer meeting sponsorships - policies, guidelines, what sponsors can be allowed, etc.
  - Currently whoever may have sponsored in the past has first chance to continue as a state officer meeting sponsor, then it is first come first served. Currently try to marry the meetings with a few other events, so if a sponsor wants them in the north or south, we really would not have the time or meetings to be able to meet all of those needs.
    - Nothing consistent in how the meeting sponsorships are being done. Need to implement level of sponsorships that will give them set benefits.
    - John recommends in kind value plus monetary of \$500 or less they get recognized in program and thank you, \$501 - \$1,000 can also hand out additional information to the officer team, plus the previous benefits, \$1,001 - \$2,000 get 5 minute welcome in addition to all of the previous listed items; \$2,001-\$5,000 gets a 20 minute workshop,

plus the previously listed items; \$5,001 or more gets an hour of time to speak plus previously listed items.

**Ryan Reeverts moved to set sponsor levels for state officer meetings. Chase Clausen seconded.**

Discussion: Jess Smithers asked if it needs to be a Foundation Board decision. Discussed that it is the FFA Board recommendation to the Foundation Board. **Motion Passed**

**Motion sustained by Jeff Maierhofer. Seconded by Darrell Gittings. Motion sustained.**

Team Ag Ed request - from conversations with University Council

- o Open conversations about non traditional SAEs and opening some new doors
  - What options of non-traditional SAEs do we send to the SAE Committee. Define what is non-traditional. Would you add one category for the miscellaneous areas? What type of awards/recognition do we offer for those non-traditional SAE areas? We need to add it to the year end survey to see what data we get back. Will non-traditional SAE's be allowed to get a state degree. What about an American Degree?

**Jacob Beauchem moved that we refer the discussion of Non-traditional SAE to be to the IAVAT SAE committee. Seconded by Clayton Blunier. Motion passed.**

**Motion sustained by Jeff Maierhofer. Seconded by Wyatt McGrew. Motion sustained.**

- o CDE Calendar
- o Our philosophical approach to FFA
  - Above two points can be discussed together. Recruitment/retention of teachers. Recommendation of universities is to look for ways to consolidate events. Issue is that typically the same members can go to multiple events, so how do we do that if they are all on the same day and members have to make the decision on which event to participate in. Dr. Steffen. stated

that those attending the CDE's should be the members that are covering that topic in class. We will work to continue to consolidate events. University Council would really like to work towards changes in the events, to make it less overwhelming to new teachers. Tim McDermott stated it would have to be a different mindset of the teachers. Darrell Gittings stated that in doing events all at the same time frame, it does force you to work with more members, not always using the same "super star" members. Larry Gossen said that there are some states that do a hybrid of both by having 3 or 4 days of CDE's. Jess Smithers asked do we have more district qualifiers so that the state contest becomes smaller. What other ways can we improve on the CDE's other than just the calendar? Is it worthy of further exploration?

- o Overall Ag Ed Structure
  - FCAE & FFA Center
    - Jess Smithers - if we look at the structure of starting today, what would things look like? FCAE program advisors may be able to assist with District events if we went that way. Mindy Bunselmeyer also discussed that the FCAE program advisor could help with chapter visits, STAR conference, help with rosters. Makes the FCAE become similar to what a district advisor would be like. Possible district meetings that would include the FCAE program advisor, Section IAVAT chair, FFA Board Dist Director, Section Presidents. Then from that meeting there could be district concerns brought forward to both the FFA and IAVAT boards. Darrell Gittings thinks it is something that we definitely should pursue this. Jeff Maierhofer assigns other advisors in the district to help at the district events. Cassie Crouch also agrees that we need to work together as a team.
    - Jeff Maierhofer suggested that we have an IL Ag Ed summit so that we can address all of these

non-business meeting questions/issues. Non ag  
SAE's, Dist Directors, etc.

## New Business

- **National FFA Report and Update - Larry Gossen, LPS**
- **Constitutional Changes - Jeff Maierhofer presented:**
  - First set of changes are the easy changes, spelling errors, formatting, etc.
  - Jeff Maierhofer researched it that we can not make the changes without presenting it to the delegates, which needs to be sent out 45 days before convention.

**Sophia Hortin moves that we submit the following changes to update the constitution (see the proposed change document in the board folder). Seconded by: Clayton Blunier. Motion passed**

**Wyatt McGrew sustained; Darrell Gittings seconded. Motion Sustained.**

Second set of changes - Collegiate FFA no longer with National FFA;

International programs - at National, just ILSSO and the previous work abroad program.

Honorary membership - clean up language from membership to delegates

**Jacob Jung motioned I move that we submit the following changes to the delegates of the Illinois FFA Convention. These changes remove or alter the language of the Illinois FFA Constitution in order to align with current language and policies of the National FFA Organization and other related agricultural education organizations. Ryan Reeverts seconded. Motion passed.**

**Cassie Crouch sustained the motion. Seconded by Tim McDermott. Motion sustained.**

Next set of changes will need to be voted on individually at convention because they are all different, but we can discuss all now. Take changes to #11 out for this year. Needs additional tweaking. (Section officers that must be elected)



Take changes to #12 about the chapter degree to be a chapter officer. Hold on this point again. Restore the wording for new/rechartering chapters. - Refer to National constitution for the wording.

Leave change #22 for now until we get additional clarification - ISBE seats on the FFA board.

#24- change following FFA Convention to following IAVAT Conference

Discussion: Is electronic notification acceptable or do we need to send out a letter to all the chapters. The board decided that notification by listserv is acceptable.

**Sophia Hortin moved that we submit the above changes to the constitution to the delegates individually to be voted on at the 2018 Illinois FFA State Convention. Clayton Blunier seconded. Motion passes.**

**Cassie Crouch sustained the motion. Seconded by Jess Smithers. Motion sustained.**

- **Integrating Ag Technology Data with Financial and Managerial Accounting**
- **212 Requests for Refunds - Oakland, Alton, Oakwood:**

Discussion: Did we take in more money from 212 than what was budgeted? Yes, we did. Jeff Maierhofer suggested refunding half of the amounts. Then we clarify for the next fiscal year that we do not allow refunds for any reason because of the budgeted amount. Current policy is that there are no refunds. These chapters think they had special circumstances that warranted board review.

- **Oakwood:** Unfortunately, Madyson Moore will not be attending 212 after all. She went to convenient care late last night, and has an ear infection and strep throat. With the late timing, I am not able to put someone else in her spot. Will we still have to pay for Madyson? **1 student spot refund.**
- **Oakland:** Jeff Coon had a stroke a few weeks prior to the 212 conference - we were able to sell all but 2 students and 1 teacher spot to others. Can we exempt Jeff/Oakland from paying for those three 212 spots? **2 students and 1 teacher spot refund**

- **Alton:** I just wasn't able to attend. My husband is our county's Farm Bureau president, and Friday, February 9, was Madison County's 100th Annual Meeting. When my dad died, I let the date slip up on me and just never let anyone know. Then, after being out of the classroom for two weeks (January 22-February 2) for the two funerals, one here and one in Alabama, I just wasn't thinking about school or work. I am still trying to get things caught up and back to order from my long absence. I didn't really think of sending the students with another adult and really didn't know that I could have done that because I didn't ask. I should have asked for advice, but I was just focused on losing my dad. I will pay the \$500 because I should have let someone know. I am sorry for any inconvenience or any problem(s) that I may have caused, and I apologize profusely. - **4 students and 1 teacher refund**
- **Sycamore** - 1 chaperone refund request - She had a post surgery appt that had to be moved up to get stints out of her nose. **1 teacher spot refund**
- **Pinkneyville** - 1 student had mentioned it the day of 212, but I had a male student (Nicholas Greer) who was hospitalized the night of February 8th, and was not able to attend the 212 conference.
- I was requesting a possibility of seeing about a refund for that one student's registration costs. **1 student spot refund.**
- **Total of 11 refunds @ \$100.00 per spot = \$1100.00**

**Sydney Riden motioned to refund half of the amounts for the 11 requests. Seconded by Rob Janssen. Motion passed. Jeff Maierhofer sustained. Wyatt McGrew seconded. Motion sustained.**

- **Advisors Guide** - Refusals to advance
  - Issue brought to our attention. Why in proficiencies do we need to have 7 days notice in advance when the second place is ready to go? Makes sense for the public speaking events. Jeff Maierhofer asked if there was additional work in changing the judges at the state level. At the FFA Center we need at least three days in advance. For public speaking it is 10 days prior to the event based on the manuscript being due 10 days prior. No action taken today.
- **Community Service Page from this year. The "Qualification Check"** This is where we have students with community

service/volunteering. Cassie Crouch has a list of approved community service for her students. Larry Gossen said that the National FFA does have a list of what is accepted on their website, as a resource. What is getting submitted? Petting zoos, chapter events, church volunteering. Jeff Maierhofer suggested just adopting National's list. It is on the FFA website, American Degree page.

**Sophia Hortin moved to use the Community Service guidelines provided by National FFA for the Illinois definition of Community Service for the Illinois FFA State Degree. Seconded by Jacob Jung.**

Discussion - if a FFA chapter puts together a petting zoo for the community does it count? Yes. **Motion passed.**

**Sustained by Darrell Gittings. Seconded by Dr. Steffen - Motion sustained.**

- **5 Different Activities above the chapter level** - need some policy on this one - Section Livestock different from State Livestock? Or are they both Livestock CDE?
  - Discussion by Mindy Bunselmeyer: challenge for our office, not having five different FFA activities is the most common issue that we have. For the State FFA degree it must be five different activities. For example, someone attending LTS training three different years, is that 1 activity or does it get to count as 3 activities? Jeff Maierhofer - does someone get to count livestock judging at 5 different locations counted as 1 or 5. Larry Gossen said that other states it gets counted as 1 livestock event. Tim McDermott asked if you go to different leadership events at different levels does that count as more than 1 event? How diverse do we want the FFA experience to be? We need to define "different" before the next school year begins.
- **Selection Committee Evaluation/Proposals** - Cody Suddeth calling in at 2:30 p.m. Cody Suddeth is on the phone. Outline is in the folder from the January 5, 2018 FFA Board meeting.
  - We asked if the adult board members can we be ready to vote on this for the June meeting? Interests to review the selection committee process from Center staff and past state officers. Wyatt McGrew asked what the \$40 application fee is for? Primarily it goes towards the food costs for the parent orientation meeting and the selection committee judges.

Review the information and be ready to move on this at the June meeting.

- **Combined SAEs** - need for new rubric - With updating to allow both placement/entrepreneurship records, we will need a separate rubric for that won't we? Liz Harvst email - FFA Board said to refer it to the SAE committee.
- **Proficiency Awards Freshman** - The other concern I have relates to freshmen applying for proficiency awards - does it only apply to students who began membership in junior high? The national handbook says "At the minimum, you must have kept one full calendar year's worth of records as an FFA member to apply for a national level proficiency award. " (page 2) Does this preclude a freshman who was not in junior high ag class? - Mike White email
  - My response: ***As for allowing Freshmen to compete in Proficiency Awards, this was decided at the FFA Board meeting on April 19, 2017: Let them compete as a freshman to keep it fair, the books would start in September. Zach Becker, moved to allow Freshman to compete in proficiencies starting in 2017. Mazi seconded. Motion passed. Lisa Ollerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Bryan Schullian. Motion sustained. The allowing freshmen books for proficiency awards this applies to all freshmen. When the board discussed record keeping and SAEs it was expressed that SAE records kept from September 1 to December 31 - could contain as much information as student with summer work in detasseling or working on a science fair project. So the board voted in favor of opening the door for freshmen year book. It still stands that Junior High records are not allowed in proficiency judging for Illinois section, district and state proficiency awards, however they can use Junior High records on their National proficiency applications. This can be revisited, but at this time, I think it's too late to have the board address via emails, it can be added back to the April 2018 FFA Board meeting agenda.***
  - **Discussion** - if a freshman would win at state level, they would not be allowed to compete at National. Larry said that the American Degree application does not include the middle school records. Is there any action or notes for the future? By National policy (Larry) the Junior that does not have a full year of ag ed and a full year of records in the book they would not be eligible. Jess asked if we do need to be consistent with National? If we go with what we have currently, it is possible that a state winner would not be eligible to compete at National. So if we have a freshman win, and they decide to not compete that year, can they come back the next year and

compete in that area again. FFA Board already made the decision last year to allow those members without a full year of records to compete. Tim - if we do not take any additional action, we need to add in the advisors guide that these students would not be eligible for National entry from Illinois. We will add it to the advisors guide, using the National language.

- **SAE Summary Form - not in the book or use the wrong one - recommend penalty for Section, larger penalty for District and DQ for state.**
  - Discussion - if we go application based, we do not need the summary form. How many districts are wanting to judge just the application not using the books? If we do not use books, then we have a case of the records not being used at all and just numbers being placed into the application. Jess shared that being announced soon will be that the state will have a subscription provided through August 2021 with no costs. Tim discussed that we have many teachers in the state that still do not understand fully how to compare the many different record systems. So the judges at the different levels are not able to properly compare the different record books, either. Mindy asked how difficult would it be for the teachers to just make sure the AET applications are completed vs having record books ready to be judged. Tim shared that states that do well on the applications with proficiencies, the successful states have multiple levels for opportunity to make revisions on the applications.

**Motion by Jacob Jung for the Illinois FFA to adopt an application based proficiency judging at the district and state levels while record books are still used at the section level beginning with the 2018 - 2019 school year. Seconded by Jacob Beauchem. Motion passed.**

**Motion sustained by Tim McDermott. Seconded by Wyatt McGrew.** Discussion, do we need to include in the language that the books will be verified at the state level? John Edgar said we may need to flush this out in the application development. This will replace all the different types of books. Any wishes for amending the motion? Wyatt McGrew asked if everyone has seen the application? How much of the application do we need from the National level or how much do we need? Darrell Gittings would like to see us wait an additional year to see if we need to develop our own application. Mindy Bunselmeyer thinks that we need to just use the National proficiency application as our state application. The application can lock to the record books for values pre-populating the application. **Darrell Gittings moves to amend the motion to change the school year to 2019-2020. Seconded by Wyatt McGrew. Darrell Gittings is withdrawing that amendment. Voting to sustaining original motion failed.**

**Motion by Jacob Jung IL FFA adopt an application based proficiency judging at the district and state levels while record books are still used at the section level beginning with the 2019 - 2020 school year. Seconded by Jacob B. Motion passed.**

**Sustained by Darrell Gittings seconded by Tim McDermott. No further discussion. Motion sustained.**

- **Star Discovery Apps** - can we review and approve using AET apps?
  - It was suggested that we use the AET apps instead of the current applications that we use. But now we need to go back to the summary form that we did not take any action on. Point deductions or disqualifications if we do not have a summary form. Any action?

**Sydney Riden moved that we have a 10 point deduction for all levels if there is no summary form. Seconded by Clayton Blunier. Motion passed.**

**Darrell Gittings moved to sustain. Seconded by Dr. Steffen. Motion sustained.**

- **AET Personal assets - discussion.** Issue comes in when transferring from one record system to another. This year we just asked for documentation/notation that the discrepancy was from the change in books.
  - Resolution, continue to provide the documentation of the differences of the change in record systems.

**Rob moved when personal assets are recorded in EZ record or paper books are transferred to AET that does not allow personal assets, documentation must accompany the application to explain the discrepancy in the state degree application. Ryan Reeverts seconded. Discussion do we need to amend for the American Degree application to do the same.**

**Jacob Jung moved to amend by adding American Degree applications, so the motion reads: When personal assets are recorded in EZ record or paper books are transferred to AET that does not allowed personal assets, documentation must accompany the application to explain the discrepancy in the state and American Degree application. Seconded by Jacob Beauchem. Motion passed.**

**Sustained by Wyatt McGrew. Seconded by Cassie Crouch. Motion sustained.**

- **Star Discovery Apps** - can we review and approve using AET apps?

Discussion: Do we need to align with the 2019-2020 application.

**Sydney Riden moved that we link the Star Discovery application with AET for the 2019-2020 school year. Seconded by Rob Janssen. Motion passed.**

**Wyatt McGrew moved to sustain. Seconded by Dr. Steffen. Motion sustained.**

- **Photos and supporting documents** - What is the reasoning behind putting a limit on pictures/supporting documents for our student's record books? Especially now that pictures are linked to journal entries in AET, I think we should revisit this issue! I saw an AET record book that was posted on Facebook by Roger that was AWESOME and had a ton of pictures. I find it weird that we limit students who want to be detailed.
  - Discussion - Advisor's guide says 12 supporting document. But with Agriscience discussion as to what counts as an artifact. Tim McDermott stated as more people use AET and there is encouragement to document with more photos why do we limit the documents to 12? The limit of 12 was probably when we had printed photos and trying to keep things equitable among all. Wyatt McGrew said there is no place on the scoring rubric that says anything about photos. At National, photos are used to evaluate the applications. Application will clear up issues for 19-20 year but what do we do for next year and at the section level. Why is the number limit there? Is it just brought forward from past applications/wording?

**Rob Janssen moved to eliminate the number limit of items of supporting documentation in the record book systems. Seconded by Chase Clausen. Motion passed.**

**Tim McDermott moved to sustain. Seconded by Wyatt McGrew. Motion sustained.**

- **Chapter Visits** - Break into teams to brainstorm chapter visits ideas, activities and ways to make it engaging - FCAE Staff assist and guide Section Presidents in setting up those visits. - Tabled for another time.
- **National Proficiency applications - state winners discussion who represents Illinois FFA at Nationals - Janssen**

Rob Janssen and Ryan Reverts presented documentation about allowing Freshman in college to compete in proficiencies for Illinois. Believe that if we allow our members to continue to compete 12 months after they have graduated from high school, feel that we would be more competitive at the National level. This would only change the age that we would allow to compete in proficiencies at the section, district, and state level. All other policies would still remain the same.

**Rob Janssen moved that we accept the proposal as presented and align our SAE policy to grant students who are first year removed from high school participation in Supervised Agricultural Experiences Proficiency Interviews and compete at the section, district, and state levels in efforts to be exceedingly competitive at the national level coming into effect for the 2018-2019 school year, including graduating seniors of the**

**class of 2018. Seconded by Ryan Reeverts.** Discussion -is it the extra year of eligibility or how the other states prepare their applications? Adding the extra year gives us another year to help us become more competitive.

**Sydney Riden moves to postpone the main motion until the June FFA Board of Directors meeting. Seconded by Clayton Blunier.**

**Rob Janssen moved to amend the postpone motion to remove the June meeting and insert the August meeting. Seconded by Ryan Reeverts. Amendment passed. Postpone definitely passed.**

**Tim McDermott moved to sustain. Seconded by Jess Smithers. Motion sustained.**

Future meeting dates - June 21, 2018, August 7, 2018, Joint IAVAT and FFA Board January 4, 2019, April 8, 2019

- FFA Hometown Hero Award - do we want to do this?? - Nashville FFA members - care story. Bring back at next meeting.
- National Officer Candidate Selection Process - what to do if Mr. Hepner cannot do this process this year. Mindy Bunselmeyer asked Jess Smithers to assist in this process. Andrew Klein has offered to help, as well. Jess Smithers will help.
- Convention Tip of the Day - what do you want them to look like? - Do we continue like we have in the past where we add new tip each day in listserv and list them all each time. Suggestion that it become a google form that has the link shared in listserv messages. In the listserv just list that day's tip and then a link that does include all of the tips of the day in it.

Organizational Reports:

- Foundation - Mindy Bunselmeyer stated that we were over the collection drive goal. The Foundation Board will be changing the structure of their board to remove the conflict of interests of board members. Every entity will have Ex-officio members of the board. Goals set for collection drive next year is \$375,000. Section meetings at IAVAT conference will set the section goals.
- ISBE - Harley Hepner stepping away from current position effective 5/1/18. Process has started to post the position. In the interim most likely current staff members will be working with the grant approvals. Harley Hepner will still be within the agency so he will still be available for questions. He will continue as the state advisor during convention. Other CTE personnel in the Springfield office: Steve



Parret; Nancy Bitner; Dakota Beavers; Brian Houser; Whitney Hafney; Harley Hepner thanked the board and everyone.

- FFA - Officers went over what they have done since last meeting: Alumni annual meeting; 212 conferences; IL Pork Expo; National FFA week, some in sections for chapter visits; others did different events, along with social media challenge; IL Products Expo; TN state convention; FBYC; chapter banquets.
  - TN State Convention - document in the folder. Thank you to the board for allowing the team to travel to the convention. Liked the Star candidate booths on their SAEs. Star Business tour - had their star candidates go on B & I tours. Candidate video introduction; Session speaker slide show; Special guests introduction - family/friend of who is doing RA; Family feud during mid-session; social media during convention; Section Presidents take a more active role to help with workshops.
  - Rob Janssen attended the Nebraska state convention: Retiring advisors did the opening ceremonies with the state officer team. Career/Expo had a scavenger hunt with an app.
  - Alumni - will be at state convention with merchandise and gator raffle.
- University - continue to work together for recruiting teachers.
- IAVAT - conference prep; Admin Council did approve going to a registration system: Caboodle.
- FCAE- AET state subscription will be paid through 2021. Advisors can process FFA membership with National FFA by starting in AET and pushing it through to ffa.org.
- IACCAI - no updates
- PAS - Mindy Bunselmeyer and John Edgar meeting with Bill Harmon about combining both fall and annual conferences and working towards financial issues on Friday.

District Concerns Addressed:

Need to come back to Districts able to disqualify a Star candidate.

Qualifying contests: we have not addressed.

Written rules for phone interviews that need to be addressed.

Are we going to require everyone to use AET now that we have a statewide subscription through 2021.

Reminders of Events Coming Up – review the Calendar online.

Next Mtg dates:

- Thursday, June 21, 2018 at IAVAT conference in Decatur

**Sydney Riden moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rob Janssen. Motion passed.**

**Sustained by Cassie Crouch. Seconded by Dr. Steffen. Motion sustained.**

5:38 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned

## **Joint meeting between IAVAT and FFA Board of Directors**

**Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, IL - Friday, January 5, 2018**

9:30 a.m. Breakfast Items in the Kitchen Area

10:00 a.m. Meeting Begins

Those in attendance: Gary Ochs (IAVAT), Dr. Richard Steffan (FFA Bd) , Britney Cowan(IAVAT) , Harley Hepner (FFA Bd), Steve Buyck (IAVAT), John Heiser (IAVAT), Jess Smithers(FFA Bd - FCAE), Cassie Crouch (FFA Bd), Mindy Bunselmeyer (FFA Bd), John Edgar (FFA Bd), Tammy Yard (FFA Bd), Dean Dittmar (FCAE), Luke Allen(FCAE), Megan Coy(FCAE), Daryl Gittings(FFA Bd), Ann Ochs (IAVAT), Tim McDermott(FFA Bd), Nick James(IAVAT), Jessica Collins(IAVAT), Joey Birrittier(FFA Bd), Rob Janssen(FFA BD), Ryan Reeverts (FFA Bd), Dalton Painter (FFA Bd), Chase Clausen (FFA Bd), Wyatt McGrew (FFA Bd), Lisa Oellerich (IAVAT), Sean Welch (FFA Bd), Corky Biswell (IAVAT), Jacob Beauchem (FFA Bd), Sydney Riden (FFA Bd), Sophia Hortin (FFA Bd), Jeff Maierhofer (FFA Bd), Jacob Jung (FFA Bd), Kevin Larsen(FCAE), Katie Burns (FFA Center)

Joint Meeting - Old Business

- Lobbyist Information Update - Edgar, Butcher - moved to 1:00

- Charter Update- Mr. Hepner - in the meeting folder and has been e-mailed, a summary of the National FFA Board operations/set up. Allows National FFA Board to appoint their own members to be able to conduct business as needed. Maierhofer asked if they were going to maintain the USDE connection, Harley said he believes they will be maintaining a seat for the USDE representative.
- SAE Committee Reports - State FFA Degree Checklist, Rubric - Located in shared folder. There are packets of rubrics for all sections available to take back with them. At section chair meeting tomorrow, the rubric is in the folder, it will print on an 8 ½ x 11, but the print is very small. STAR rubric is there, as well. Other revised document is in Sec Chair folder - replacing the proficiency area summary form. Draft State FFA degree checklist. Bunselmeyer sent out to the board to review. Once we have final approval this afternoon, then it will be added to the state degree application. Discussed that teachers, students will be working on a best practices form to be able to share as we have completed two years of using the AET based state degree application.
  - FFA Chapter Program Affiliation Update - Yard, Bunselmeyer - 48 chapters have affiliated for this year. Five are affiliated for the 2018-2019 school year already. Dittmar asked if the list of affiliated chapters could be shared. It will be uploaded to the meeting folder next week.
- Record Keeping Systems - EZ, AET, - Bunselmeyer - in the folder there is a document that lists the chapters that have continued their AET subscriptions named AET Renewal. As of Dec 31, 2017 EZ records will no longer sell any new subscriptions. 224 chapters have paid subscriptions for AET for this year. Edgar said there are very few chapters that have not used AET, but some are just those that have used the system for the applications that are through AET. Smithers mentioned that ICAE may have some funds that they will be able to provide funding for a state-wide subscription. It is still in the discussion phase, though. McDermott asked if any of the teachers have had feedback of why some teachers have not renewed. Oellerich stated that some do not want to pay for all the students that are not in FFA. McDermott asked what are they using then, paper was the consensus. Dittmar said that there is the opportunity with the three circle grant to push this along. Waters reported on how they are looking at SAE's, becoming more of an on-going class option. The Council has sent out surveys asking for teacher input. Edgar mentioned that we (Team Ag Ed) are not certain who has the authority over SAE's, National FFA or The Council.

- Electronic Newsletter - Katie Burns joined the meeting: Set to go out on January 16th. Each of the majors are writing an article for the newsletter. Will be reviewing what we have done and will be doing a page for each of the organizations. It is an FFA Center newsletter. Oellerich commented if we are adding so much about all the entities are the students going to read it. Bunselmeyer stated that the information given is geared towards members. Buyck stated he forwards it to the parents through AET. Biswell stated that like a newspaper, she reads the areas and pages that interest her and feels the members will do the same thing. She likes that we include the information from all the organizations.
- Cardinals ticket/game opportunity - Burns - last year we raised \$6300 for the Foundation. We will be having another IL FFA day at the Cardinals this upcoming season.
- FFA Day with the Illini basketball & Fall Football date - Burns, Bunselmeyer - February 18, 2018 at the State Farm Center for the basketball game. Goal is around 200 tickets. Cardinals goal is 500 tickets for 2018. Illini game deadline is January 31. Illini will be having an IL FFA day for football in conjunction with their Ag Day game.
- CDE Reporting -Bunselmeyer, Edgar - Bunselmeyer stated there is a document in the folder of what we have for the CDE reports for this year so far. We will review tomorrow with the Section Chairs. Edgar asked how is it working with the Section Presidents continuing to do the reporting and the IAVAT also having a member be responsible for making sure it is getting done? Welch stated in Sec 4 he takes care of the reporting, but his advisor is the IAVAT rep, so they are doing well. Hortin mirrored that statement for her section as well.
- National Chapter Application - review process - Bunselmeyer- we will do similar to last year. Ask preference as Round 1 or 2 judging. Time frame is on the calendar. We do ask those that are on the boards to sign up for judging because they will be the ones asked the questions or hearing complaints. Edgar said on the technical side, please use what is provided, do not download to a new document because of the formulas that are in the form, then we spend a lot of time having to correct all those downloaded documents that are sent back to us.
- Band Director Update - Bunselmeyer - we had nine applicants, which were fantastic! Completed phone interviews and have secured a band director, Chris Mitchell from Blue Ridge. This is not public yet, please do not share as we have just had it confirmed this morning. He has committed for three years. Edgar stated that the chorus director will be retiring with the 2019 convention. Goal is to have a new chorus director hired at this time

next year so Mr. Eckert and the new chorus director can work together for the 2019 convention.

- FFA Center Update - Bunselmeyer - interviewed 15 people for the bookkeeping position. Funding for it is coming from Krystal Jungman leaving as the major gifts associate plus what we pay for the contracted bookkeeping service. We will have six candidates come back for a second interview. Hope to have a bookkeeper secured by the end of the month.
- Foundation Update - Bunselmeyer - sent out a listserv in mid-December of the collection drive. Convention and Conference sponsorship letters have gone out. David Stille memorials have just come in, currently at \$5500 plus there is a life insurance policy. She will be having a conversation with the family on how they would like us to use those dollars. Collection drive information will be going out electronically. Will be setting the Foundation annual meeting date for this spring.

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● 11:00 a.m. District Concerns:

- I : Welch - no concerns; Gittings - Short notice of the state FFA office closing for a retreat. Reminders on registering for events, need more of them. Why did all the SP's go to National convention, when we say budgets are tight? Why only one student per area per school at section level for SAE? Expand the SAE's offered at state level for competition. Oellerich - Conduct of Chapter Meeting - Novice Parli Pro issue. Why are we not sending a Conduct of Chapter Meeting winner to represent us at National Convention. Correct scoring results for contests to be sent out over early results.
- II : Beauchem - no concerns. Maierhofer - no concerns. Collins - same as Oellerich
- III : Riden - no concerns. McGrew - no different concerns than those already voiced. Buyck - no concerns
- IV: Hortin - no concerns; Crouch - IHSA agreement with us, keeping the timeline, to fix the Conduct of Chapter Meeting issue. Cowan - no concerns
- V : Jung - no concerns. McDermott - CampDoc information gathering. Progress catching up on open invoices/billing. Lack of communication (quick decision making without statewide discussion - changes to Job Interview - number of people that qualify for district) A Ochs - concern about only a portion of an advisor's expenses to attend 212 reimbursable through grant money. Harley addressed - CTEI/Perkins those dollars cannot pay for CTSO expenses. In the past they have been used and should not have

been for CTSO expenses. Grants to support teachers going to professional development, when at 212, advisor's time is not 100% PD so the full cost is not eligible for reimbursement. ISBE staff felt that they needed some clarification to help be more consistent on how the funds are used across the state. Dittmar - stated that the teachers feel they are being penalized for their chaperoning roles as they are not able to claim the full time as PD for reimbursement. Hepner stated that a lot of other CTSO's do not hold joint events for the students and PD for the teachers. So, they do not get any of their expenses paid when they are having to attend with the students at the student events. So it should not be looked upon as being penalized and not being able to have 100% of the costs reimbursed but be thankful that it is usually around the 80% mark that is getting reimbursed.

- District Concerns Addressed: Bunselmeyer addressed -
- I : Retreat notice of FFA Center closed. Was because of the time that Bunselmeyer and Edgar were out of office prior to the retreat. How much notice do you want? Oellerich asked for a couple of days notice. Registering for event reminders, we will do more again. The FFA Center had previously been told they sent out too many listserv messages. Teachers can sign up for Remind through Megan Coy and get reminded of deadlines via text that way. Why do all SP go to National Convention - we have reduced the number of the state officer meetings, so the savings from that covers the costs of National Convention. We keep the SP's busy by attending round-tables, assisting with courtesy corps. Welch stated this was his first year to attend National Convention, he got to see how the organization runs, the opportunity to attend the Round Table discussions was very beneficial. Felt that it was a great experience. Beauchem stated that the experience as a SP is very different than just as a member attending. Worked setting up the Mega Store, spent a day working with the Prepared Public Speaking competition. Great way to see different things. Attended Round Table with Welch. All SP's were able to be on the delegate floor even if they were not a delegate. Jung stated that one of our state delegates had to leave due to a family issue, so we had another SP able to step in and act as a delegate since they were at convention, otherwise we would have been short a delegate. Expanding SAE's will be addressed in new business. Conduct of Chapter Meeting - Novice Parli Pro - is an IHSA issue. We need to have approval from IHSA because of 7, 8, 9th grade able to compete as the Conduct of Chapter Meeting. To be IHSA sanctioned, we cannot have 7th & 8th graders competing with high school age members. We do not have the approval from IHSA for this year. We wanted to send our

most experienced teams to represent us at National, which is the Novice Parli-Pro team. Oellerich thought that we were going to have two separate Conduct of Chapter Meeting competitions, one for 7 & 8 grade and one for 9th grade. Bunselmeyer will find the minutes where it was addressed.[1] Errors in results: we do not feel that the errors will be found until the results are posted. Heiser said someone in their district suggested that the results are sent to those teachers that have competed and give them the time to review them before sending out the official results.

- II : None to address
- III : None to address
- IV : IHSA relationship discussed already.
- V : CampDoc will continue to be used for camp. We pulled it away from 212 because the advisor is with them at the conference. Edgar mentioned that for 212 or other events, that if the PD for the advisor is off-site, there may be some challenges. Open invoices - Edgar, we are continuing to work on cleanup with the bookkeeper, but it has been slowed because of other duties. However, having all registrations going through Patti Davis, there have been a lot of positive differences, she has done a great job of getting things paid so there are fewer outstanding debts to the FFA Center for the past year. Heiser asked if there are chapters that are not able to participate because they are not in good standing. Edgar explained when they look at the minutes, there is no consistency among the entities or documentation in the minutes of what it means to not be in good standing. We will be working on it as we move forward with the new bookkeeper position is filled.
  - 12:00 break for lunch
  - During lunch had presentation from - Eric Mattson from the Food Resource Bank
- Jake Butcher presentation - information is in the meeting folder. Jesse Faber also called in for discussion. His firm represents IAVAT and entities with the legislators. Sent out year-end report, election year, so will slow some processes. Governor will face a tough primary. Six candidates for governor on democratic side. More females running for general assembly; 30-40% of candidates are female. Lots of turn over this year in the legislature, very important for all to be out educating those legislators and candidates about our industry. LEAP program has a lot of participation. Legislative priorities, keeping the \$5,000,000 is important. Butcher feels it is very doable. Will keep us updated on how the budget goes and feels they will have one in place since it is an election year. Thought turn out for the grant program was very good. Total spent

between \$1.5 - \$1.7 million. Will work with Hepner, ISBE, FCAE, ICAE, ILCAE to figure out how to allocate left over dollars. Our issues are in good shape, better off this year than last year. Confident that we can keep up the additional funding, but we have to all work to keep it there: chapters contacting local legislators. Faber - make short videos that can be shared; surprised at the number of requests of legislators for areas that already have chapters. Hand out for Ag Ed 365 advocacy is in the folder, please use as a tool in promoting the advocacy support.

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- New Business

- Policy on releasing CDE, SAE, LDE, Officer results to who? Colleges, Sponsors, Vendors, Scholarship opportunities. Stihl example? Edgar - FFA Center gets a lot of requests for information, either people want all the contact info of all Section Presidents or section officers or all the CDE winners or SAE winners, etc. It is generally coming for someone wanting for recruitment or scholarships, etc. We need a policy from both boards to follow in sharing this information. Hepner also mentioned that it could also be information on advisors. Maierhofer stated that we cannot give out student personal information. Sounds like we need to contact an attorney. Jake Butcher was still in the building, so asked his opinion. He said that we will need to create a release form for the competitions for the members to sign off on prior to competing. Said we need to limit the scope as we think about it. He said they can look at putting together a release for us, he would suggest just at district and state contests. Heiser stated he thinks we need a waiver form for the whole year for all participation in events. Edgar said to realize that this will put a lot of additional workload on our staff. James said we just give the information of just the school name for the student. But still would need to have the waiver. Edgar said that goes back to additional staff time for collecting the waiver forms and making sure those winners have submitted the forms. Discussion on having to have the parents signature on the waiver. Collins suggested adding to the membership form a checkbox that the school has a release to use, then we could just have listed the students that may request not to have information released. Bunselmeyer said we will do some research with IHSA, National FFA, other state entities and bring that information back to the boards.
- Chapter and General Photos in AET books - discussion. Bunselmeyer - she was contacted and asked when a student uploads their photos to AET with their



project, what do we do when chapter photos appear in records. Collins said that we can select the pictures to print, so it should not matter.

- National FFA Day of Service Grant - \$5400.00 - see budget - Magnet quantity is about 3000 they will be mailed to most of the elementary schools in the state.
- State officers at district events Bunselmeyer - for both boards, we send state officers to district events, they come back and say they are not being utilized. Do you want them at the District events, parli-pro, proficiencies, public speaking. What do you need? D5 always said they utilize them. Oellerich said they do not always get one in D1. Does everyone want them? Resounding yes, for proficiencies. How about public speaking. Maierhofer said yes. McDermott said that even if not a specific duty, there are things they could be doing, socializing.
  - Section Fairs - Definition of Ag Ed student (Fair Committee Rec.). Edgar - document in folder from Fair and Expo committee. It states that premiums can be paid to Ag Ed students, but everyone has different definition. We want that clarified. Recommended that the student must be enrolled in ag classes in attendance for at least seven days. Smithers asked what the Dept of Ag says, Edgar said they have asked us to clarify as it just says Ag Ed student in one of the 25 sections. James suggested that this be an item on the agenda for the IAVAT conference.
- Team Ag Ed request - from conversations with University Council - Edgar we want to open doors to conversations that have been taking place on the following that have mainly come from University Council:
  - Open conversations about non- traditional SAEs and opening some new doors
    - CDE Calendar
    - Our philosophical approach to FFA
      - Overall Ag Ed Structure

Bunselmeyer said that it was brought up at the last FCAE meeting that they wanted to know why isn't it public information of the Administrative Council minutes or even who is on it. The information has not been shared in the past and it should be. We need to work on a way to share the information on who is on it and what do we need to do to educate our membership so they know the structure and purpose of Admin Council. Dittmar said he has added it to the agenda for his section winter meetings. Steffen mentioned the University Council brought up

who is actually driving the bus for all the entities. Discussion ensued on Team Ag Ed. Edgar asked to those on Admin Council if they would like to invite Team Ag Ed to their summer or fall Admin Council meeting date. Biswell stated that it would be a good idea, just to keep in mind there may be times, depending on the agenda and if there is a personnel issue or other issue to discuss. Sounds like summer Admin Council date would be best time, but it is not set yet as it will be a new admin council. Must be very purposeful in a future Team Ag Ed agenda.

- Admin Council Education efforts
  - FCAE amendment
- Selection Committee Evaluation/Proposals - Bunselmeyer, we had a PSO and intern do an evaluation process of the selection committee evaluation done. That has been compiled. We will ask FFA Board to review, as they have been emailed out. We will ask FFA Board to be discussing for changes for the 2019 selection committee and post election changes.
- **Change to Advisor's Guide - Important:** In no case shall a member be eligible for recognition in both entrepreneurship and placement categories in any proficiency award area for the same supervised agricultural experience program and site. Even if that recognition is in two different award years. - This does not match National FFA. - Bunselmeyer noted that National changed their language in 2015, but we did not. We will change it to mirror the language of the National FFA. Agreed upon.
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- Organizational Reports will take place during lunch
- ISBE - Hepner provided - in October - GADA - implemented a periodic programmatic report in IWAS, will be sending out additional guidance for the report.
  - FFA - Birrittier discussed chapter visits, had lock box activity this year based on clues/knowledge of FFA history. Reviews have been positive from the lock boxes. LTS started a parli-pro lock box. Reeverts - National Convention - discussed delegates in committee meetings, non-delegates helped with Courtesy Corps, attend Round Table discussions. Clausen- IAA Annual meeting in Chicago. Presented colors, Joey gave remarks, sat in on sessions, helped with auction. Then visited ADM Global Headquarters, CHAS, Sycamore HS to attend the Temple Grandin presentation. Painter - officer retreat, at Shelbyville Lake. Started convention planning, due dates. Janssen - next week will be doing Industry and Business meetings set up. Clausen - end of January of state officer meeting at U of I. Presenting a workshop for the alumni. Also having the candidate parent orientation meeting. Reeverts - National FFA week in

February. Finishing up chapter visits and participating in activities. Janssen - first weekend in March is Illinois Products Expo, selling Pepsi, and helping with the show and other vendors. Birrittier - in March attending the TN state convention. FBYC doing a workshop on the Family Companies for IAA. Clausen - service project - completed National Grant application - we received \$5400 which is what was applied for. We will partner with Crayon initiative - take used crayons, they are melted down and make new crayons that are then shipped to children hospitals throughout the country. Part of the funds will be used for promotional items: magnets about the service project, posters with the information and goal. Bunselmeyer - FFA Board we shared the chapter visits evaluations. While on retreat, divided up convention duties.

- Alumni - Bunselmeyer - Annual Meeting January 26-27, auction for scholarships for 212, WLC, Leadership Camp. Council retreat in March.
- University - Steffen - University Council has met in December and January that have had good discussions.
  - IAVAT - James - NAAE/ACTE conference in December in Nashville. Meeting this afternoon getting ready for conference.
  - FCAE - Smithers - ICAE meets next week at ISBE. ICAE budget committee has been meeting and discussing reallocation of funds - AET subscription, professional development, curriculum development, PAS support, website upgrades (Ag Ed Fairs tool). ILCAE meets later this month at Champaign - involved in Ag Ed 365 advocacy, job shadowing. FCAE will be at section meetings. We have 7 new programs ready for next fall. A lot of new growth and several programs expanding. 36 student teachers this year, increase from 20 last year. Should be in the 30s next year as well. Allen - Burlington is going to have two programs, their HS program plus a Kane County ag program that is open to all the schools in Kane County where they send their students to Burlington for Ag classes. Dittmar - retirements - he has three in D5 for this spring.
    - IACCAI - No report
- PAS - Bunselmeyer - February 9th is their annual meeting at LLCC. Great Professional Development organization.

3:10 p.m. Opening Ceremonies – Officers

Welcome - Birrittier welcomed all

Review of the agenda – President - additional items Novice Parli-Pro/Conduct of Chapter Meeting Contact; FCAE to Admin Council; Changes to Advisors guide; Motion by Janssen moved to approve the agenda. Second by Welch. No discussion. Motion passed. To Sustain Maierhofer, second McDermott. Motion passed.

Minutes of the Previous Mtg (please review ahead of time) – Secretary - located in the folder. Motion by Beauchem moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jung. No discussion, motion passed. Motion to sustain by McGrew. Seconded by Crouch. No discussion. Motion passed. Bunselmeyer stated that we will keep today's minutes in the folder for today's meeting, but that they will also be added to the document of the minutes that are from 1996 to present.

Financial Report (please review ahead of time) – Treasurer: Motion to approve the treasurer's report Hortin. Seconded by Beauchem. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustain by Crouch Seconded by McDermott. McGrew asked if there was anything that we need to be looking at by percentages used. Such as the chapter visit line item over the budget at 183%. Birrittier explained that we had purchased the locks for the boxes. Bunselmeyer explained that we used the collection from the state fair about \$800 will go towards that to help offset. McGrew just asked if we need to look at some of the figures when budgeting so that we are more accurate. Motion passed.

3:30 p.m. Old Business

- Photo Contest - Bunselmeyer - We have about a dozen entries. Will send out another reminder.
- Bank of Springfield Center (PCCC) future contracts - Bunselmeyer - this will be on the agenda for following meetings, waiting for RFP's.
  - Need an approval of the State Degree Checklist. Motion to approve the list by Beauchem. Welch seconded. No discussion. Motion Passed. Move to sustain by Maierhofer. Seconded by Dr. Steffen. No discussion. Motion Passed.

3:35 p.m. New Business

- Chapter Visits - Break into teams to brainstorm chapter visits ideas, activities and ways to make it engaging. Bunselmeyer said plan was to break into five groups a major in each group. Would like to see a five-year plan to get a template so that it will rotate. McDermott asked if we could cover the other items and come back to this if we have time today and if not cover it in April meeting.
- Operating Policies Illinois FFA Adult Board of Directors - Bunselmeyer-- forming a committee of the adult members of the board to define. It was at the June meeting. Maierhofer said he thinks he was on the committee with Rob and Cassie. They will work on, get a conference call set up with the FFA Center staff to work on.
- Midland request to attend National Land Use Invitational Contest in the Spring of 2018.

Riden moved to Midland to represent us. Hortin seconded. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustained by Crouch Seconded by Gittings. Maierhofer asked if there was a cost. No, just that we have to approve. No further discussion.

Motion carries.

- Eastland - To use the name of "2017 IL State Dairy Judging team" on the letters that the group will be using for fundraising. In addition they would like permission to use the FFA logo on the letters and on jackets for the team to wear while traveling. Discussion ensued that it was not necessary for a motion. Bunselmeyer will let advisor know

Additional items added to the agenda

- FCAE added. Janssen moved to allow FCAE to have a vote and representation on Administrative Council. Seconded by Jung. McGrew asked if we could find out why this is being brought up now. Bunselmeyer said that she and Edgar had been looking at Team Ag Ed, it was best that FCAE have some representation on Admin Council when they contribute to the FFA Center. Motion passed. Sustained by Gittings. Seconded by McDermott. No further discussion. Smithers abstaining from voting. Motion passed.
- Change in the advisors guide. Bunselmeyer just wanted to bring what National has in their handbook does not match what we currently have in the Advisors Guide. McDermott stated that to him it reads as if a member wins in entrepreneur area they can win placement the next year. McGrew asked are they using the same book? National does not use books, it is all based on the application submitted. We are saying that the

same SAE cannot win both as placement and entrepreneur. Crouch said that we need to be sure there is a statement in the advisors guide that you cannot use the same records for multiple years, but in different SAE's. Hepner said that we need to clean up that paragraph and add the National information. Bunselmeyer says that we need to set up a committee to suggest changes that need to go to the SAE committee at IAVAT.

Maierhofer thought that we have one document that includes all the information/policies about Illinois events and awards. A one-stop shop for advisors. Maierhofer said he will take his committee to looking at this to see if we can make a document that includes everything. No action at this time.

- McGrew asked if Prepared Public Speaking is a state winner, but does not compete at National, they can win state again and then compete the second year at National. That is allowed. However if a member wins a proficiency state winner, they do not have the opportunity to compete in the same area the second year even if they did not go to National to compete.
- Expanding SAE's options in Illinois. Gittings will work on a committee to look at adding some non-traditional SAE options.
- McDermott asked for clarification on SAE's, we allow freshmen to be able to compete, correct. Yes that is correct, any member that has a record book can compete.
- Do you have to have the original record book? Advisor Guide states: Record books should not be recopied, but if they are, the originals should also accompany the application. Previous discussion, it was determined that records could be copied from one record keeping system into AET. We need clarification. Maierhofer stated that from now, we can have three years of records in AET without needing copies of old bookkeeping system.
- Riden moved for state degrees and proficiencies beginning in 2018 that students may submit records in one system without the outside originals. Seconded by Welch. Further discussion that the advisors guide needs updated. McGrew sustained. Seconded by Maierhofer. No discussion. Motion passed.
  - Novice Parli-Pro - Conduct of Chapter Meeting. Discussion that we need to have something in place before the beginning of the school year, however since we cannot bring forward to IHSA until fall after the school year, we need to determine something for 2019.
- Jung moved to continue the practice of offering Novice Parli-Pro and having the state winner represent IL at National level for Conduct of Chapter meeting for 2019. Seconded

by Hortin. Discussion do we need to add to the motion or have another motion to continue Conduct of Chapter Meeting. We do not as we are not changing that motion. Motion passed. McDermott sustained. Gittings seconded. No further discussion.

Motions passed.

- State Officer meeting sponsorships - policies, guidelines, what sponsors can be allowed, etc. Bunselmeyer discussed that we do not have any clear cut policies on what the sponsorship is or allows what the sponsorships means. Some sponsors get time on the agenda, some do not. Some cover costs of meals, lodging, etc.

What do we want to allow, asking for input from the board?

Painter asked, has there been any concerns from sponsors for what we have allowed them? Bunselmeyer said yes there is concern from sponsors and what time they are given.

Bunselmeyer said maybe we rotate the summer meeting between all four universities may be an option, or at least let them have the opportunity to host if they would like.

McGrew brought up that we need to balance it all out.

Bunselmeyer will put a document together and send it out via email so they can review and we can come up with something.

McDermott asked about potential change in Hopper funds. There have not been any changes in how money can be spent. Current money can still be used the same way.

Any new money into the hopper will have new guidelines.

McDermott - Star Discovery - has there been any changes. Bunselmeyer said there have not been any changes, but is not in the folder.

McDermott - concern about 212/360 training of facilitators. Feel they are not as good as facilitators as have been. They are trained by National FFA. Facilitators are recommended by universities, PSO, and past section presidents.

McDermott - can the minutes of these meetings be back on the website. Yes, they will be back on there, just with changes in websites, they have been "lost" in transition. We will be posting the historical document that is from 1996 to present.

McDermott - can we put together a document of the updates from the meetings, so that it is all consistent message. Discussion to make a google document that can be shared among the adult board. Bunselmeyer said that we may need a specific template that can be a quick document. McDermott will work on the document.

McDermott - ICAE may be interested in AET sponsorship, does the board need some sort of directive of it. Smithers said that chapters have paid \$66,000 for subscriptions this year and it would have cost a \$60,000 to continue the state subscription.

McGrew - is there any rational on affiliation, any feedback on why so few have not done it? Crouch said most were concerned about being locked in to affiliation for future years. McDermott said he did not do it this year because there numbers were lower.

Bunselmeyer stated that there is memorial line item for FFA and we would like to

Janssen moved to allocate \$25 for a memorial for the death of Lori Nelson's father.

Seconded by Beauchem. No discussion. Motion passed. Sustained by Gittings.

Seconded by McDermott. No discussion. Motion passed.

Janssen moved to adjourn. Seconded by Clausen. No discussion. Motion passed.

Motion to sustain by Maierhofer. Seconded by Gittings. No discussion. Motion passed.

Reminders of Events Coming Up – review the Calendar online.

Next Meeting dates:

- Wednesday, April 18, 2018
- Thursday, June 21, 2018

5:14 p.m.

Adjourn

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## Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting

**Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, Illinois – Wednesday, September 6, 2017**



9:00 a.m. Adult Meeting Begins: Adult Board meets - no students are to attend this portion of the meeting.

Attending - Darrell Gittings, Jeff Maierhofer, Wyatt McGrew, Cassie Crouch, Tim McDermott, Richard Steffen, Jess Smithers, Harley Hepner, Mindy Bunselmeyer, John Edgar, Lori Nelson, Tammy Yard

- Convention:
  - 1. Mindy had heard that somewhere in election lore, it indicates candidates should not be interacting with delegates. Do we need to entertain inserting guidance to candidate documents informing them not to interact with delegates (i.e. raising hands, asking to move, etc.)? So heads up as this may be brought up at the board meeting.
    - No Concerns/Action
  - 2. We may not want to publically (over the microphone) indicate the channel the clickers are on. If anyone other than a delegate has a clicker, they could tune to the channel and inappropriately vote. While Mindy does not think this election was impacted by this, moving forward we do think it is a good idea to only tell SPs and not tell general public.
    - No Concerns/Action
- National Team representation - discuss and have them have the student reps prepared to make those motions for approval.
  - See under new business those locations.
  - District 5 prep motion
- Orientation to the Board - Jeff Maierhofer - review being on the board
  - Need to keep some things confidential
  - Also need to communicate efficiently with your district
- District Director Responsibilities
  - Attend Fall and Winter IAVAT Meetings to give updates and open the conversation for district concerns.
- District Concerns
  - Please be sure to gather or solicit these concerns from your District, they are not simply your concerns or those of your section, please be sure that all sections are represented.

- Once shared, some will be addressed immediately when shared, some will be referred to future agenda items and some will be held until the end of the meeting to see if they get addressed during other discussions.
- FFA Board CDEs - hosting - Cassie Crouch discuss
  - Send dates (coordinate judges) as early as possible
  - Parli Pro (Conduct of Meetings), Public Speaking, District Proficiencies
  - Stay on top of deadlines
  - KNOW THE RULES
  - Double check results before sending to state
  - District Public Speaking dates NOT expected to be held on the same night
- Events or activities you are expected to attend or coordinate:
  - State Awards day reminder - Stars on the same day - ATTEND and be in one of the Star rooms judging.
  - State Convention - ATTEND and assist with passing out clickers and assist during the election session. Assist in hosting a state convention LDE, review all of the areas and events of convention to gather informed opinions about various events.
- National Chapter Application - review the process - participate in Round 1 or Round 2 judging.
- Selection Process review - ATTEND and serve on one of the judging committees unless you have a student competing then please notify your alternate director to attend.
- State FFA Degree review process - confirm names for State Degree App Review Committee from your district.
- American FFA Degree review process - confirm names for American Degree App Review Committee and Interviewing Committee from your district.
- District LDEs
  - Public Speaking
  - Parliamentary Procedure
  - Conduct of Chapter Meetings

- Results due to state May 15
- Materials due June 1
- District Proficiency Awards
  - Maierhofer and Crouch Review
  - Results to Lori - Section due Feb 16
  - District due immediately following district event
- FFA Calendar
  - Please give FFA Center input for 2018-2019 calendar
- Questions
  - Alumni Scholarships
    - 212 scholarships will remain same deadline, can be presented after attending Decatur conference
  - District Concerns
    - Adult directors upload to agenda prior to meeting

10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies – Officers 10:04 a.m. opening ceremonies

Attending - Birrittier, Janssen, Reeverts, Painter, Clausen, Welch, Beauchem, Riden, Hortin, Jung (adult board attendance above)

Welcome - Reporter

Review of the agenda – President

Minutes of the Previous Mtg (please review ahead of time) – Secretary

Riden motioned to approve minutes. Beauchem seconded

Asked for an introduction of everyone at the board meeting.

Financial Report (please review ahead of time) – Treasurer

Welch moved to approved, Jung seconded. Motion passes Crouch moved to approve. Steffen seconded.

10:15 a.m. District Concerns:

I : No concerns

II : No concerns

III :212 & 360 Standards - Is there a set standard for grade levels that are allowed to attend? Yes - posted in listserv. Number of times students are allowed to attend? No limit how many times they can attend. Parli Pro, Novice & Conduct - Has anything changed? - We discussed @ June Conf. meeting; but have heard grumblings & conflicting stories. Maintain decision of previous year's board

IV : Status of communication with National FFA. National FFA having technical difficulties. Echo concern with Conduct of Chapter Meetings See above

V :State convention, if parking continues to deteriorate where will people park? Staff will continue to work with city of Springfield. Convention contracted years out. Affiliation Fee, what do those benefits include. Recommend to create state benefit document (or adjust national document) Up to local district to decide what's best for them. Electronic newsletter, will it go to students or teachers. Posted on listserv, social media, website (sent to everyone). Katie will share more with her report Proficiency judging, clean up the rubrics to make it clearer. Would like discussed to switch to application based proficiency judging. SAE sub-committee supposed to give report/recommendations. AET- add a safety category to the drop down menu. Google doc for proficiency reporting.

10:30 a.m. FFA Report - Officers

- NLCSO
- Corn Growers Meeting
- State Presidents Conference
- Leadership Camp
- August State Officer Meeting
- State Fair
- Growmark Annual Meeting
- DuQuoin State Fair
- Farm Progress Show
- Future Activities
  - STAR Conference - plans
  - Chapter Visits - lock boxes, evaluations, questions
  - LTS
  - Greenhand Conferences
  - National Convention

10:35 a.m.

Old Business

- Lobbyist Information Update - Butcher
  - Report uploaded to Google folder
- National Officer Candidate Selection Process and Preparation
  - Suggestion of having this take place during State officer Selection weekend - thoughts?? Reactions?
  - Reservations for moving to April - ability to prep and effect on team dynamics
  - No action - stays in June
- State Degree Discussion - format, calculations, checklist, etc.
  - See document from SAE Sub Committee in the folder
- SAE Committee Report - formed two committees, the State Degree Checklist review committee and the Proficiency Awards Rubric.
  - State Degree Checklist Sub Committee as a document in the folder
  - Rubric Committee - no report
  - If checklist changes after already starting application, will you have to start a new app?
- Cardinals Game
  - Need to sell 225 to breakeven. Deadline Friday, September 8, 2017. Many waiting until last minute deadline

Janssen/Welch moved for 5 minute lunch recess @ 12:15 p.m. - Passed

Smithers/Steffen moved to sustain - Passed

Noon

Working Lunch – Organizational Reports will take place during lunch

- ISBE - Hepner
  - Schools still waiting on payments - 9-10 month delay for FY17
  - FY18 additional funds for Three-circle grant and FFA SAE grant; Three-circle waiting for approval before being released, probably in October.
  - Some new consultants, but still some changes and dividing of work load.

- Alumni - Report in the folder
  - This weekend hosting RDC in Springfield
  - Having a gun raffle and gator raffle
  - Merchandise at convention
    - Auction and gator raffle fundraising efforts to go towards scholarships
- University - Dr. Steffen
  - New semester all universities up and going
- IAVAT - Edgar
  - Ag Ed 365 still critical
  - Decatur for the next three years for conference
  - CDE registrations - all will have an earlybird registration prior to two weeks of the event at \$12 per member. After that deadline rate increases to \$20 per member.
- Foundation - Katie - information and materials to share
  - Shared the Foundation folder that was given out at Farm Progress Show and will be used going forward with other sponsorships.
  - Shared examples of the thank you cards.
  - Newsletter - asked for feedback on how often the board would like to see a newsletter done.
  - Jacob Beauchem moved that we send out a quarterly newsletter, four times a year. Seconded by Sean.
  - Sophia amended the motion, seconded by Rob to strike out quarterly and insert bi-monthly, six times a year. No discussion. Motion passed.
  - Motion reread that we will compile a newsletter bi-monthly, six times a year.
  - Dr. Steffan sustained the motion of the bi-monthly newsletter seconded by Wyatt McGrew. No discussion. Motion passed.
  - Discussed the social media presence of the association.
    - Asked for input on what we want our social media plan to be? Mr. Hepner stated that we may need to wait for results of survey before we know what direction to go.

- Ask how many advisors are on each social media platform in winter survey
- Mindy asked if there are suggestions to improve the listserv messages.
- Discussion that we may need to send a message or include in a chat session the websites and where you can find the information that is available for the chapters/advisors/members.
- Mindy asked about the FFA chats, are they helpful?
- Katie - if any suggestions for the IL FFA website, let her know.
- FCAE - Smithers
  - Summarized information for the past year is available on the Ag Ed website.
  - Elite conference coming up. More than 100 students signed up at this time.
  - Number of student teachers up for this coming year.
- IACCAI - Edgar
  - Articulation conference October 12 - 13 at Kaskaskia College
- PAS - Report in the folder
  - Biggest issue, IAA building not available for fall conference. And will not be available in the future for use, as they are reconfiguring the building layout.

1:00 p.m.

Convention Evaluation - Break into smaller groups

- Group 1
  - Social media promotion of workshops
  - No Sliders games
  - Expand colleges/businesses in career show
  - Move universities to lobby
  - Not have alumni in front of the doors in lobby
  - Promote band/chorus on social media
  - Promote the band/chorus to the instructor organizations
  - More social media on call to convention
  - Proficiency/Stars in one session

- Live feed of Twitter like at National convention
- Chapter exhibits highly ranked not important
  
- Group 2
  - Move keynote out of Wednesday evening session but keep retiring address
  - Leadership dinner can be deleted - State Winner dinner can also include CDE teams - American Degree dinner is o.k., AgriScience dinner is o.k.
  - Parking - 2 ½ blocks to large bus lot; street parking can be 1 - 3 blocks; about 5 blocks to the small bus lot. Plenty of parking available in the new lot. If we run a shuttle sometimes you can walk as quickly as you can get the ride. Still not certain how to handle the parking situation.
  - Technical sound and light - can we have a practice session? We pay for Monday - Thursday. If we want to practice on Monday, we would have to include Sunday and possibly Saturday for set up of the sound/lights, which may not be an option, depending on what the BoS Center schedule is prior to convention.
  
- Group 3
  - Keep food trucks
  - Other issues already mentioned.
  
- Group 4
  - Major parent recognition to a separate spot - concern about empty hall.
  - Knowing sooner and what CDE's and LDE's are at convention. - More of the specifics of the events.
  - Instead of band/chorus playing multiple songs in one chunk, have them play a single song within the session.



- Have someone sit with secretary for helping keep track of who is going across stage at that time names are read.
- Clarify pre-session, session and when lights would go down
- Group 5
  - More promotion of the workshops
  - Liked bagpipes with flags
  - Keynote should not be during state degree ceremony
  - Promote merchandise on social media
  - Get band/chorus music in advance
  - More mid-sessions
  - Promote pre-sessions
  - Call to convention video out before registration
- Contracts with BoS Center
- Contracts with Hotels
  - Mindy would like direction from the board to get 2021, 2022, 2023 contracts for BoS Center and the hotels.
    - Based on D5 concern, they would like State Farm Center in Champaign.
    - Redbird arena, Dr. Steffen said parking is still an issue.
    - Peoria Civic Center

Decisions that we need today. Sydney moved that we stay in Springfield for the three years for 2021, 2022, and 2023 at BoS center. Second by Jacob B. No discussion. Motion passed. Wyatt sustained. Jeff approved. Any discussion? Motion carries.

Directed to put out RFP for 2024, 2025, 2026 for Champaign, Bloomington, Normal, Peoria, Quad Cities, Tinley Park, Chicago to have information back by September 2018 meeting.

2:00 p.m.  
Suddeth

2016-17 State FFA Officer Report - Campbell, Morse, Becker, Harding,

2:15 call made to the conference number - to the 2016-17 majors

See their report in the folder.

Many of the points on the PSO report we have in place for this year.

- State Fair - rotating some officers at the hotel, food
- Two sections have chapter visits during FFA week
- Majors will be assisting with 212/360 week

## New Business

- Conference Call with 2016 - 2017 Major State Officer Team
  - 2016 - 2017 Report - Review with Officer Team
- FFA Team CDE'S & LDE's at State Convention on - Mr. Riden email
  - Email sent late last night, we can pull that up to review.
  - When you are a school that is managing multiple events that are taking place at state convention, can be difficult to get it all done.
  - 2017 was first convention that all changes were implemented and taking place at convention. Is to continue for the next four years, still.
    - Discussion on the events. If any questions that you want added to the survey, send to John Heiser, as IAVAT is developing a survey for CDE's.
- Past State Officer Recognition - Schulian email
  - I do ask you encourage next year's state officer team to reconsider what is turning into tradition for Illinois FFA - not welcoming all past state officer teams on stage. Please do not imply that I am requesting this for personal satisfaction - that assumption would be completely inaccurate. The reason this request is coming forth is because last year I had to witness past state officers who were present at convention, came backstage, and were told..."sorry - you can go back to your seat". One person that vividly comes to mind is Jay Harris - while he does not live far from Springfield, he is a busy business owner and his time away from the job is valuable. He even brought his son to convention to see him walk across stage. I believe Jay, as are many past state officers, is also a foundation donor. Personally, I do not feel it takes any time at all to play the video and escort all on stage - do not give them the opportunity to talk (or have those who are the five year teams introduce themselves and everyone else file in behind them). Again, I just

don't want to see them (the non-ag teachers and non-affiliates of FFA) come all the way to convention to only be asked to go back to their seat and see you at lunch. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

- Joey asked the board where do they see PSO recognition taking place at convention. Do you keep it during elections? Discussion led to that we break during the years.
- Sharing POA - Joseph Schneider email
  - Is there anyway an advisor could see the Section Winning POA award applications? If not I will email each section winner?
  - Mindy's initial response is that if you volunteer to judge you can see the entire applications. Discussion led to keeping the process the same as we are currently doing. Tim recommended that we may open the process to make us more competitive at National FFA. Jeff asked if we could add a box added to the applications that it can be shared. Mindy asked how do we add a review process for the National Chapter Award. Tim said most are reviewed after state judging and then they can make corrections before they are sent to National.
- Middle School SAE / Star Discovery - Mark McKown email
  - Would the applicants for the IL Star Discovery have to be an Exploratory SAE or could they be an entrepreneurship, placement, etc.? Thinking beyond the award- would any Middle School member (regardless of their work) have to be in an exploratory book?
    - Discussion: Background, from the Middle School committee there was to be a star discovery in Farmer, Placement, AgriScience, Business. This is all fairly new, so an exploratory area for us. Wyatt has e-mail of a concern, for a middle school National Chapter Award application. Discussion was held.

- Have the middle school chapters use NCA applications for Model of Innovation
  - Sydney moves that we open up a division of the National Chapter Award application for middle school programs. Seconded by Sean. Discussion - none, Motioned passed. Sustained by Dr. Steffen, Gettings seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.
- Parliamentary Procedure Updates - Heavner email
  - Discussion was had on the recommendations.
    - Jacob B moves to approve the changes to the revisions to the Parli Pro rules as presented in the document from Mr. Heavner . Second by Sophia. Wyatt/Tim move to sustain - Passed
    - National FFA Invitation Quiz Bowl Contest - info coming soon
      - The information will be coming from National FFA that Mindy wanted to let everyone know that it is coming.
      - IAVAT sent quiz bowl to FFA board to adopt as an event.
        - Jacob B moved that we keep Greenhand Quiz Bowl as an invitational FFA event. Seconded by Jacob J. Discussion - none, motion passed. Moved by Darrell seconded by Cassie- no discussion - motion carries.

#### FFA Photo Contest

- Dave Cain
- Documents from Gracia

- Information is in the board folder. Just an FYI for when the information about the contest is released. U-Media will be sponsoring the contest.
  - Pre POA - change to National Chapter Award Plan??
    - Discussion - AET has a chapter strategic plan format.
      - Sydney moved to eliminate pre-poa requirement for the next school year (2018-2019) and recommend chapters use the AET strategic plan. Seconded by Sophia. Moved to sustain by Wyatt. Seconded by Darrell. Discussion had about importance of the plan. Discussion to move the pre-poa/strategic plan to an IFG area in itself, not a part of the minimum standard for that area. Should we collect those and compare them when we judge the NCA applications. Motion fails.
      - Do we still call it Pre-POA or National Chapter plan? Call it Chapter Strategic Plan Sophia moved to change the name Pre-POA to Chapter Strategic Plan. Seconded by Jacob B. Discussion. Motion passes. Sustain by Jeff, seconded by Jess. No discussion. Motion carries.
  
- Camp Cancellation Review
  - Jung/Hortin move to refund all listed below - Passed
  - Crouch/McDermott move to sustain - Passed
  - 7/18 – Monica Groth – Having surgery the week of 7/24, forgot to tell Kent Weber (Due)
  - 7/20 – Lilli Groves – Dwight – Went into the Hospital on 7/20. (Due)
  - 7/20 – Faith Follis, Athens, Had Surgery on 7/20 (Hopper)
  - 7/24 – Nina Hall, Brown County – Chickenpox (Already Paid)

- 7/24 – Rachel Nelson, Newark – Alumni Scholarship – Family Funeral on Tuesday (Does Alumni Owe?)
- 2018 WLC Registration
  - See document in the folder
    - Big change is that the deadline to reserve our bus group spot by September 20. Along with \$50 deposit per spot that is reserved.
- Team Approvals
  - Hortin/Jung moved to approve all - Passed
  - Maierhofer/Gittings moved to sustain - Passed
  - Mahomet-Seymour - American Royal
  - Rockridge - National Western
  - Eastland - World Dairy Expo
- EdTPA Evaluators - Due Oct. 15 - if any teachers are interested, please contact John. You would be reviewing EdTPA submissions from other states.
- Missouri Pre-Service Teacher Assessment Scoring - Ag - Paid - Contact John if interested.
- Federal Charter Feedback - Illinois Response - Mr. Hepner
  - Discussion at National level regarding the current Federal charter and removing the connection between Dept. of Education and FFA Organization. Does the IL FFA board want to provide a response? When more info is available it will be sent out and can be handled via e-mail.

Additional items added to the agenda

- Camp report that is has been sent today. It has been added to the meeting folder. Don't think there are any action items. Camp date has been set for next year.
- Letters for IAVAT legislative committee wants sent. Just for informational purposes that IAVAT will be posting to social media.

Reminders of Events Coming Up – review the Calendar online.

Next Mtg dates: January 5, 2018 - with the IAVAT board - location TBA

April 18, 2018 - at the FFA Center

Sophia moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jacob J.

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

### **Illinois FFA Board of Director Meeting Minutes**

**June 22, 2017**

**Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois**

1:47 Opening ceremonies

Those in attendance: Joey Birrittier, Rob Janssen, Ryan Reeverts, Dalton Painter, Chase Clausen, Jasmin Wingert, Eliza Petry, Ann Weber, Sean Welch, Clayton Blunier, Jacob Beauchem, Miriam Hoffman, Emily Dziegnski, Kylie Miller, Noah Wilwohl, Sydney Riden, Katelyn Eathington, Kristen Sibley, Molly Nance, Ben Polo, Reed Jostes, Sophia Hortin, Rebecca Royer, Shelbi McCray, Taylor Hartke, Shaylee Clinton, Jacob Jung, Parker VanDyke, Aaron Duncan, Emma Bradley, Lisa Oellerich, Darrell Gittings, Jeff Maierhofer, Wyatt McGrew, Cassie Crouch, Tim McDermott, Dr. Richard Steffen, Jess Smithers, Howard Heavner, Mindy Bunselmeyer, John Edgar, Tammy Yard

Jeff Maierhofer explained the rules of board meeting and gave an idea on what to expect and how a meeting is ran. Students have to make a motion which then will be voted on by the adult board. The Major State Officers have a vote. District directors will be elected tomorrow. **Agenda is approved with no additions.**

Financial report presented by Chase Clausen. Questions answered by John Edgar. **Financial report approved with no additions.**

Dalton Painter delivered the minutes from the last meeting. A few questions relating to the past State Officer Meeting. **Minutes are approved with no additions**

District Concerns:

D1- concerned that there are too many state CDE's and that it is hard on one teacher programs. Also thought parking passes should be distributed by registrations and that IVAT and FFA board meet once or twice throughout the year.

D2- no concerns

D3- Concerned about how Conduct of Meeting and Novice Parli Pro will go forward, number of team CDE's hosted at state convention, and how hard it is to get a CDE team together after school is out for the summer.

D4- Forestry scholarships should be on stage recognition at state convention.

D5- No concerns

Old business:

Lobbyist update; Mindy Bunselmeyer and Jess Smithers talked about fundraising money for lobbyist. Lapel pins will be used as a fundraiser. Teacher recruitment and funding is being worked on.

FFA Chapter Affiliation, Mindy explained dues increased and how program affiliation is open to chapters who would like to join. Once a chapter goes affiliation they cannot go back.

John suggested adopting the national fee structure. He brought the national chart so it could be reviewed by the board then discussed the fee structure.

**Rob Janssen moved to approve the affiliation dues as presented. Ryan seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed. Jeff sustained the motion. Wyatt McGrew seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.**

Mindy talked about EZ Records and AET. Codes will discontinue being sold 14 to 16 months before end of book year. May of 2020 will be when they stop selling EZ Records codes.

SAE committee developed subcommittee for State Degree checklist.



Child labor laws were discussed regarding SAE's.

Recommendations were made for how many artifacts are allowed for Agriscience fair. One written report will grant one artifact, regardless of pages.

Rob moved to approve SAE committee recommendations. Chase seconded the motion. Motion passed. Wyatt moved to approve the motion. Cassie Crouch seconded the motion. Lisa Oellerich clarified one report plus eleven photos would be twelve artifacts. Jeff said that three photos on one page would be one artifact. No further discussion. The motion passed.

Ryan Reeverts moved to approve the SAE committee recommendations. Rob seconded motion. No discussion. The motion passed. Jeff sustained the motion. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mindy discussed CDE reporting. She talked about responsibilities for filling out CDE reports. It was also thought to have IAVAT representatives help Section Presidents fill out CDE reports if they need help.

Still missing section 11 and 23 reports.

National chapter application process needs some revision. Judges gave us feedback. Collectively they shared that there needs to be more round one judges, round 1 could use some work. Round two could use some adjusting. Also discussed how to entice more volunteers for judging. Possibly asking Alumni, businesses, or friends throughout Ag. Lisa thought this year went better than last year. Tim McDermott wanted to make sure deductions were not doubled up between round one and two. We didn't give the round two judges an area in which to make penalties.

New Horizons Magazine update; The Board all voted in favor of trying an electronic newsletter. There will be no more Illinois addition in the New Horizons Magazine. After this year we will evaluate it and see if people liked the electronic or paper more.

Cardinals Ticket/game opportunity. Sunday Oct 1- game day! Ticket price- includes ticket and state theme shirt. There is a competition to see which section can sell the most tickets. Online form for ordering tickets and shirts. Transportation is your own.

BOS Center Contracts; We had been asked to move convention in 2021 to the third week in June but that is no longer the case.

**Chase moved to go through with contract. Ryan second the motion. Motion passed. D1 moved to approve the motion. Wyatt seconded the motion. Wyatt asked if we would be locked in for a price. Jess asked if we could approve for one year and come back for future years. Tim asked if losing current parking lots could be an issue. Tim asked about parking complaints. Motion passes.**

D5- concerned about record books, having 3 different types of books is hard to judge. Newton to attend Keystone International Livestock contest.

**Chase moved to approve Newton to attend Keystone livestock contest. Rob seconded the motion. The motion passes. Wyatt sustained the motion. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passes.**

Having a conference call or webinar during section president elections was discussed. In constitution, a candidate is required to be present during the election, rule only applies for section president office only, no other offices. Thoughts on including webinar and conference call for other meetings. There were no recommendations to change the constitution for how Section Presidents are elected at this time.

There was discussion on what quorum is for the FFA Board. **Rob moved that we set quorum at six adults and five members. Chase seconded the motion. Discussion on if this needs to be voted on by delegates next year. Motion passed. Jeff moved to sustain the motion. Cassie seconded the motion, if approved it would have to be approved at state convention next year. Jeff moved to withdraw the sustained motion. No objections. Motion is failed.**

**Ryan moved to refer to a committee for a constitutional review committee. Rob seconded the motion. Jeff moved to sustain the motion. Cassie seconded the motion. Motion passes.**

Volunteers for committee- Cassie, Rob, Jeff.

IAVAT Constitution Resolutions- Ag Ed and recruitment and retention- approved, CDE changes- failed Require students to have feedback from CDEs- failed, results to students 3 days after a CDE event instead of same day- failed, new middle school committee- passed, new rules for vet science-passed, having Sthel recognized on stage for state forestry scholarship winners- passed. Ann weber suggested adding a scholarship page to the convention booklet. Concerns of who we allow to use our logo were discussed. Aaron agreed with Jacobs comments from earlier. Possibly establish something for scholarship donors.

**Rob moved to reject resolution 7. Chase seconded the motion. Motion passes. Jeff sustained the motion. Tim seconded the motion. Motion passes.**

Resolution 8 failed. Discussion on Foundation ideas.

Operating Policies for Illinois FFA Adult Board of Directors currently has three bullet points. It was recommended to create a committee and Jeff be on it due to his experience.

**Ryan moved to form a committee for policies of board directors. Rob seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tim moved to sustain the motion. Steffen seconded the motion. Motion passes.** Volunteers for this committee are Jeff, Steffen, and Jess. Jeff will contact past student directors for volunteers.

**Rob moved for a 10 minute recess. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passes. McDermitt moved to sustain the motion. Steffen seconded the motion. Motion passes.**

Recess at 4:14 Meeting resumed at 4:24

Rob introduced the goals for this upcoming year.

Chase discussed state theme ideas. Talked about how we chose the top five theme options through bracket style. Discussion from the board, they liked the one word options. Be Bold was popular.

Section Presidents talked about committees. Ag Ed went first- Jasmine Wingert, Section 1.

Ann Weber, Section 3 talked about the Ag Ed CDE, this CDE could use some work.

Sean Welch, Section 4, discussed Advocacy Committee.

Parker VanDike, Section 14, discussed Special Events Committee.

Financial Committee, Katlyn Ethington section 12.

Ben Polo, Section 15, discussed the Discovery Committee.

District concerns: Mindy addressed the district concerns from earlier in the meeting. Even if IHSA changes rules in the middle of the year we will keep the same policy until two years are up.

John and Mindy talked about upcoming events and meeting dates.

ISBE- no report

FFA- Talked about theme, goals, and new committees.

Alumni- Will meet at camp and sales went well.

University- no reports

IAVAT- Successful conference.

Foundation- Teachers received packets.

FCAE- Ag Ed CDE was discussed.

IACCAI- John explained what it is.

PAS- Mindy explained what it is.

**Chase moved to adjourn the meeting. Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passes. Tim sustained the motion. Cassie seconded the motion. Motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm

## **April 19, 2017- Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Harley Hepner, Paxton Morse, Chase Gripp, Lisa Oellerich, Zach Becker, Sara Edgar, Cassie Crouch, Jeff Maierhofer, Bryan Schullian, Mazi Walker, Max Allbritten, Ryan Kinzinger, Howard Heavner, Corrine Harding, Cody Suddeth, John Edgar, Tammy Yard, Larry Goslin, Katie Burns, Mindy Bunselmeyer, Jess Smithers and J.C. Campbell were present at this meeting.

J.C. opened the meeting at 12:36 pm at the Illinois FFA Center in Springfield Illinois. Mazi Walker, District 3 Student Director, served as the sentinel. There are 22 members and guests present at the meeting.

Paxton Morse gave the welcome from Illinois FFA Center.

J.C. went over the agenda for this meeting. Harley Hepner gave discussion about the Adult Board Meeting.

Sara Edgar, District 4, moved I move that Final Purchases of EZ records by September 1, 2017 and that the website be supported and have access to the EZ

program for the next 4 years. Zach Becker, State FFA Reporter, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lisa Oellerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, seconded the motion. Motion sustained

J.C. went over the agenda for this meeting. Committee Reports will be moved to be the last thing during the meeting.

Corrine presented the meeting minutes. Zach Becker, State FFA Reporter, moved to approve the meeting minutes. Paxton Morse, State FFA Vice-President, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, moved to sustain the motion. Cassie Crouch, District 4, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Cody Suddeth and John Edgar presented the financial report. Mazi Walker, District 3, moved to approve the financial report. Paxton Morse, State FFA Vice-President, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cassie Crouch, District 4, moved to sustain the motion. Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

John Edgar, Illinois FFA Center, went over the budget. 212 and 360 Conferences will stay at conference centers connected to hotels for this year. Advocacy Fund is not on the budget, because of the Ag-Ed 365 to help financial support advocacy fund. Credit Card processing fees, Foundation cannot pay for them anymore, each organization will cover them now. Cannot put a service charge. Bill out our rates that it will cover the fees. Convenience fee, is that possible to do?

## District Concerns:

Chase Gripp, District 1, has no concerns.

Lisa Ollerich, District 1, has no concerns.

Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, electronic scrapbook, have an advocacy proficiency award and who would fund it, and SAE's with AET.

Mazi Walker, District 3, has no concerns.

Bryan Schullian, District 3, four Discovery areas is too much, affiliation issues with inter-curricular or not. All have been addressed

Sara Edgar, District 4, has no concerns.

Cassie Crouch, District 4, where certain proficiencies fit in.

Max Allbritten, District 5, has no concerns.

Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, 212 conferences on how to house their own students.

## **Old Business**

Miny Bunselmeyer discussed how the Band/Chorus/WLC Director application. Still keeping everyone.

Harley Hepner discussed National Officer Candidate Selection Process. It has been sent out for those who are interested. The date is in June. Looking at next year to move it up earlier in the year, in April. A question about if we will follow Andrew Klein's recommendation about having round tables with the candidates.

Mindy Bunselmeyer talked about Camp Committee. Have a Camp Staff Meeting with Super Friday (April 28<sup>th</sup>). Carlinville camp site is higher than 4-H Memorial site. The national conference he went was very beneficial. Still trying to find a camp nurse. Camp should cover its own cost. Should it be \$195 or \$200? Need to set a camp price today. Camper's registration should cover their group leaders cost. Cody Suddeth, State Treasurer, moved to set camp price at \$200. Chase Gripp, District 1, seconded the motion.

Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, moved to sustain the motion. Lisa Ollerich, District 1, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Registration form will be coming out tomorrow for camp.

Discovery Members Involvement Committee. No report now, questions were covered in Adult Board.

FFA Chapter Program Affiliation. Members looked at the survey results from teachers. Teachers seem to have interest in either Option 1 or Option 2. Larry Goslin, National FFA, discussed about affiliation for our state. 11 out of 52 states are 100% affiliation. 29 offer it as an option. 12 states have no affiliation. Only states that he has is that is not affiliation is Illinois and Missouri. Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, asked how does AET get involved with affiliation. Some states do this to help interest in, some states pull in conferences cost too to increase interest. Giving the chapters options is the answer, now what is the choice to make, whether Option 1 or Option 2 or Option 3. Discussion lead to interest in Option 1 more. If we go Option 1, we have to make a separate decision for AET. Option 1 seems more like a stepping stone for affiliation and AET, that it isn't a giant leap. A hopper fund



would be created for each District. Have chapter who aren't affiliated pay a 20 fee for District events, affiliated schools would pay a lesser charge or no charge at all.

Zach Becker, State Reporter, moved to offer an optional affiliation and Option 1 to begin the fall of 2017. Paxton seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, moved to sustain the motion. Bryan Schullian, District 3, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Discussion about if there is any way to get out of affiliation. There is a waiver to leave the program, the only way they can go back is if the state goes 100%. These policies are already in place. If we do option, you can't pay your affiliation and AET on the same check? We do not know yet. There isn't anything stopping us from going to Option 2 if Option 1 is not the right fit.

Sara Edgar, District 4, moved to install a \$20 flat District fee for non-affiliated chapters. Chase Gripp, District 1, seconded the motion.

Cody Suddeth, State FFA Treasurer, moved to amend the motion by striking out "\$20 and inserting \$30 dollars." Paxton Morse, State FFA Vice-President, seconded the amended motion. Motion failed.

Discussion that chapters have not been informed of this increase beforehand. Schools like to pay for individual District events. Everyone needs to pull their weight into helping out their District.

Chase Gripp, moved to amend the motion by striking out \$20 dollars for non-affiliated chapters to inserting \$10 for both non-affiliation and affiliation

chapters. Corrine Harding, State FFA Secretary, seconded the amended motion. Motion passed.

The amended motion now states, “I move that we have a \$10 District Fee for both non-affiliated and affiliated chapters.” Motion passed

Howard Heavner, University Rep., moved to sustain the motion. Lisa Ollerich, District 1, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Discussion about Statewide AET. As EZ Records disappear, what will happen to paper books? Need to find a way to lock them out of free AET. At the State level, the power of locking them out by changing the password. 252 have ten or more active accounts in AET. A question about raising the dues of non-affiliated chapters. It is possible to do for a vote at convention. FFA.org and AET: American Degree and National Chapter Award, AET was the best vendor for these applications. When you go to fill out these forms, National FFA owns it powered by AET. State Degrees are free for teachers. When purchasing AET, you are buying record books. The benefit of this, when you fill out the application you press a button and it automatically completes it. Discussion has led to pass on the statewide payment.

Zach Becker, moved to make the chapters pay for the AET subscription directed through AET not Illinois Association. Cody Suddeth, State FFA Treasurer, seconded. Motion passed.

Ryan Kinzinger, moved to sustain the motion. Lisa Ollerich, District 1, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

District 2 had a question how it will affect chapters that would benefit statewide AET.

Cody Suddeth brought up Greenhand Quizbowl. He proposed on doing this event similar to Nebraska Quizbowl. Pros: we can expand, no need for a district contest, and is time efficient. Only a couple rule changes, like grammar of rules and rewording the bracket. It makes it easier to define who is 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>.

Paxton Morse, State Vice-President, moved to approve the Cody's changes to the rules for Greenhand Quizbowl. Mazi Walker, District 3, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lisa Ollerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Cassie Crouch, District 4, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Cassie Crouch discussed about the Digital Scrapbook Contest. Her one concern is do we need to set a size for the scrapbook.

The Board went over the Convention Tentative Agenda and Registration updates. Parking was discussed. The concern is trying to parallel park an activity bus. Have contact information on parking tags. Food trucks will be near convention hall.

John Edgar went over the 2017-2018 Budget.

John Edgar talked about 212/360 Conferences. Teachers will sign up for rooms, but we are no longer involved. 60% of people who filled out survey want 360 to stay on the same day as 212. They prefer it on Friday-Saturday. Need to know how many locations we want to have. District 3- North and

Central, and South and Central. Still want to do fall and spring, and need three options. 1 in the fall and 2 in the spring. 360 in fall only. North and Central in spring. Central (Decatur) in fall. Debate about having a North and South in spring. Will check out Collinsville.

Sign language at Convention. Did invite a sign language interpreter at convention. Will hire two people to rotate through it all. \$700 total for 212 Conference. General Sessions. Required by law if requested. Would cost around \$2000. Send out a request for a need for an interrupter but also for any physical handicap disability.

St. Louis Cardinals offered us tickets for a FFA Night. Most popular time is in September and October. Make fun incentives to increase interest. Minimum 225 tickets to sell. Anything from 15-18 dollars.

Officer Contracts and Code of Conducts. Jake Butcher sent out forms for everyone to look at. The changes that were made to them. It is saying that when you sign these forms, you have read the disciplinary action form. Waiting to hear if it needs to be notarized.

Paxton, moved to adopt the changes Jake Butcher did and adding the notary for Section Presidents and Major State Officers forms. Zach. Motion passed.

Lisa Ollerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Bryan Schullian. Motion sustained.

Let them compete as a freshman to keep it fair, the books would start in September.

Zach Becker, moved to allow Freshman to compete in proficiencies starting in 2017. Mazi seconded. Motion passed.

Lisa Ollerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Bryan Schullian. Motion sustained.

FFA Center Chats. Foundation concerns. Not sure if that will be the FFA Chat. It will be at 3:30.

John Edgar presented the budget to everyone, Illinois FFA is in a \$30,000 deficit. \$10,000 has already been cut to help lower the deficit. J.C. Campbell had a recommendation for lowering reimbursement to \$.40 per mile and cut out the phone stipend. Questions about the increase in expenses, it is because of the switch from Foundation and Illinois FFA. Would save about 5000 dollars if you drop mileage and phone stipend would be 2500. He explained what Section President Miscellaneous Mileage is, it because of renting vans and everything they do for state officer meetings as well. An idea for an electronic Illinois article and be sent out to student's emails. Another idea for helping is raising the cost of State Convention tickets. \$100 per participant for 212/360, should we set it at \$125 to cover ourselves?

Paxton, moved for next year convention in the budget \$20 to \$25 for the three day pass, \$8 to \$10 for the one day pass for the 2018 State Convention. Zach Becker, State FFA Reporter, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Howard Heavner, University Rep., moved to sustain the motion. Jeff. Motion sustained.

Cody, moved to present the motion to increase the Illinois FFA membership dues to \$7 for the 2017-2018 school year to the 2017 Illinois State FFA Delegates to vote upon. Mazi Walker, District 3, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lisa Ollerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Cassie Crouch, District 4, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Mazi Walker, moved to reconsider the affiliation motion. She voted for the winning. Zach. Motion passed.

Bryan. Heavner. Motion sustained.

Zach Becker, State FFA Reporter, moved to amend the motion by inserting to reflect the National FFA affiliation structure for our state affiliation structure. Cody Suddeth, State FFA Treasurer, seconded the motion. Amendment passed.

So the Amended Motion now states, “to offer an optional affiliation and Option 1 to reflect the National FFA affiliation structure for our state affiliation structure to begin the fall of 2017.” Amended motion passed.

Howard Heavner, Uni. Rep, moved to sustain. Lisa Ollerich, District 1, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Paxton, moved to lower the mileage cost that Illinois FFA pays for from \$.45 per mile to \$.40 per mile and to cut the \$200 phone stipend for Major State Officers. Zach. Motion passed.

Lisa Ollerich, District 1, moved to sustain. Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Zach Becker, State FFA Reporter, moved to set our cost for 212 and 360 members to \$125 per member. Cody Suddeth, State FFA Treasurer, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lisa Ollerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Cassie Crouch, District 4, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Cody Suddeth, State FFA Treasurer, moved to approve the budget as presented and proposed changes. Paxton Morse, State FFA Vice-President, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bryan Schullian, District 3, moved to sustain the motion. Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

J.C. adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm.

**January 23, 2017- Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, Illinois**

Harley Hepner, Paxton Morse, Daniel Hartman, Lisa Oellerich, Zach Becker, Sara Edgar, Cassie Crouch, Kendall Nelson, Jeff Maierhofer, Bryan Schullian, Mazi Walker, Claire Eggerman, Ryan Kinzinger, Howard Heavner, Corrine Harding, Cody Suddeth, Tammy Yard, Mindy Bunselmeyer, and J.C. Campbell were present at this meeting.

J.C. opened the meeting at 11:19 am at the Illinois FFA Center in Springfield Illinois. Sara Edgar, District 4 Student Director, served as the sentinel. There are 10 members and 10 guests present at the meeting.

J.C. went over the agenda for this meeting.

**Sara Edgar, District 4, moved “Illinois FFA board request from ITCS that they continue to sell subscriptions for EZ records until June 30, 2017 and allow those subscriptions to be supported/utilized for the next six years.” Daniel Hartman, District 1, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, moved to sustain the motion. Bryan Schullian, District 3, seconded the sustained motion. Motion sustained.**

**Daniel Hartmen, District 1, moved to “Subtract 20% from each individual floor member individual score per missing member. Teams cannot advance without a full team.” Paxton, State Vice-President seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Bryan Schullian, District 3, moved to sustain the motion. Howard Heavner, SIU, seconded. Motion sustained.**

**Claire Eggerman, “State winning Novice Parli Pro goes on to National Competition for 2017 and 2018 competition years.” Mazi Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Howard Heavner, SIU, moved to sustain the motion. Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, seconded. Motion sustained**

**Kendall Nelson, moved that, “For the purposes of Proficiency competitions and State Degree process, all AET enterprises need to be printed with the start and end dates of January 1 to December 31.” Paxton Morse, State Vice-President, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Cassie Crouch, District 4, moved to sustain the motion. Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, seconded. Motion sustained.**

**Corrine Harding presented the meeting minutes. Mazi Walker, District 3, moved to approve the meeting minutes with two revisions added. Zach Becker, State Reporter, seconded. Motion passed.**

**Cassie Crouch, District 4, moved to sustain the motion. Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, seconded the sustained motion. Motion sustained**



Cody presented the financial report to the board. **Zach Becker, State Reporter, moved to approve the financial report. Claire Eggerman, District 5, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, moved to sustain the motion. Cassie Crouch, District 4, seconded the sustained motion. Motion sustained.**

District Concerns:

Daniel Hartman, District 1, has no concerns.

Lisa Oellerich, District 1, 212 staying on Friday and Saturday. Only one section was against moving from Friday and Saturday. DVD from convention. Sweepstakes keep.

Kendall Nelson, District 2, has no concerns.

Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, Pontiac FFA Chapter having First Year Knowledge Test CDE, interest in making it a state contest. March 17<sup>th</sup> is the contest date. Need to make a decision on record books. Look into directing the advocacy money.

Mazi Walker, District 3, has no concerns.

Bryan Schullian, District 3, discovery degree- 4 areas too much. Freshman in record books. 212 North and Central at same time. South and Central at same time. Novice Parli Pro turn into Greenhand Parli Pro. Greenhand. No more sweepstakes award. Recommendation for Agri-Science Record Book, no room for results, eliminate the artifacts for this year.

Sara Edgar, District 4, has no concerns.

Cassie Crouch, District 4. Low value of sweepstakes contest. 212-hosting 3 sites, keep that. Not opposed to coordinating same date but different sites. Keep Friday Saturday. Dance music is inappropriate. Parking for State Convention-change forms of parking with parking garages and streets. Asked Springfield if they help with shuttle issues/problems. General Concerns- AET/ EZ records. Outside judges don't know how to handle AET. Show case more State Sponsors. Move elections of officers to be like Nationals, slated offices. Let State Officers move from state to state.

Claire Eggerman, District 5, no concerns.

Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, freshman should compete at proficiencies since sophomores can work with a 3 month book. Judging needs clarification. Wording over the 12 meeting requirements. Chapter has to host 12 meetings, not have to be always attended. AET EZ Records- will EZ Records last long enough

for State Degree and American Degrees. 212- some like booking their own hotel rooms. Concern of handling the rooms.

Old Business:

Band/Chorus and WLC Director Applications have not been sent out yet. Will be sent out soon.

Mr. Hepner- National Officer Selection Process. Last year, desire to move Selection process like Nationals. Will try better to reflect the process. There is a motion to change National Officer Selection. Cannot move the process earlier in the year.

Camp- Matt Meyer. Camp Director Conference- Georgia, Jan. 30- Feb 2. Training for camp. Fall Meeting, Spring Meeting, book challenge course, food concerns, booking nurse, looking at Carlinville location. Need to inform more people about the next meeting.

Discovery Member Involvement Committee- haven't received updates. STAR Discovery Application has been sent to Section Chairs. Official Dress is need.

Foundation Discussion. State Officers can't be booked after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Board took lunch at 12:00.

ISBE- Incentive Funding Grants have been submitted and reviewed. Getting closer to being in control. GAST Grants have been sent out. FSAE has been delayed 2 months. All Grants have been delayed. Cutting back because no payments and limited on travel. New Grant for teacher contracts. Being developed. Executed next fiscal year. Eliminating small things on licenses for example 10 years.

FFA- completed all but 1 week of chapter visits. 212 facilitators of past Illinois FFA members are going over well. School Board Conference, Zach and JC went and spoke about Ag-Education and Parliamentary Procedure. Bloomington-Normal West, JC and Paxton did workshops for middle school students. Annual Farm Bureau Meeting and One Acre Fund Gala in December. ILSSO, learn more about South African agriculture, culture, and tourist locations there. Opened our eyes about service project ideas and meeting new state officer teams.

Alumni- Annual Meeting is this weekend. Gun Raffle was successful, sold 75% of the tickets. Auction is Friday night. Continue to sell merchandise and Gator Raffle at Convention

University Report- Student Teacher Bus Tour Southern Illinois. Planning for another one next year. SIU and U of I competed at the National ATA Conference. Go over the IA Foundation, make it a 12 year grant programs.

Foundation- Approached by the Illinois State Fair Foundation, housing their money with ours. Was approved. 501-3C. Donor Management Program, needs updated and revived. Local Collection Drive- \$200,000 right now. Goal is \$500,000. January 31<sup>st</sup> is the cut off. Foundation Conference Call Every Other Week at 10 o'clock.

FCAE- Jess Smithers presented for FCAE. New District 4 Program Advisor, Megan Coy. Teacher recruitment and retention. Ag-Teacher Grant that the IA Foundation has approved.

IACCAI- No updates.

PAS- Annual Meeting is coming up at Lincoln Land College

John Edgar brought up Affiliation. Discussed about the 3 Options FFA Chapters could choose from. Only for High School members. Wants to present the numbers to the membership, and have them give input. Show Option 1 and 2 to schools, Flat Rate and no AET. Spring IAVAT have the teachers give their answers back. Would like to have his done by June. State Staff summarize the information, and then show the 3 Options to all schools. Recommend Option 2, and then let them give input. Don't show all tabs, members need to see what they are paying now and what they would pay. Only show columns B,C, F, and M will be given to teachers.

Jake Butcher discussed about the FFA Constitution and Bylaws, Major State Officers, Section Presidents, and Overall FFA. Not defined of misconduct, are parents/advisors informed of misconduct? Disciplinary actions, are they written down from the Board of Directors? Either be constitution changes or a contract of a State Officer/Section President. More on contract than constitution changes. Second issue, board decision of housing of State Officers. Section Presidents housing State Officers, liability. Maybe house officers at hotels or officers with the same sex. Budget concerns with it, but needs to be addressed. Making sure that the officer has a bed to themselves. With bigger conferences, have a block of hotel rooms. Allow schools to make reservations and allow them to make the decision on who stays with who. Have it written that the teachers know about what is going on with housing (they have to make the decision). Camp will also be looked at, but 212/360 is the big one we need to decide on.

**Claire Eggerman, District 5, moved that “One big venue for 212/360 Conferences at multiple sites for the 2017-2018 year where teachers are in charge of booking the rooms for their own members.” Paxton Morse, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, moved to sustain the motion. Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, seconded the sustained motion. Motion sustained.**

By the next meeting, we need to ask for input from our Districts.

Greenhand Quizbowl, Cody has attached rules/questions from 20 Sections. Only allow Section winners, once you know information needs to be sent to the FFA Center by May 1<sup>st</sup>. If a Section does not have a Greenhand Quizbowl, the Section decides who the representing team will be.

**Paxton Morse, State Vice-President, moved to approve the rules of the Greenhand Quizbowl. Cody Suddeth, State Treasurer, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Lisa Oellerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Cassie Crouch, District 4, seconded the sustained motion. Motion sustained.**

Cassie Crouch brought up the rules and ideas for the Digital Scrapbook. Should we use a standard on it all? What limit of pages do we use? Take out news articles

**Zach Becker, State Reporter, moved that we have an exploratory digital scrapbook at the State Convention using the rubric revisions discussed. Daniel Hartman, District 1, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Bryan Schullian, District 3, moved to sustain the motion. Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, seconded the sustained motion. Motion sustained**

Mindy Bunselmeyer, are we willing to increase funds to the Advocacy Fund. Situations have changed since we made the budget last year, Advocacy is shortened. How do we put it in the budget and keep it balanced? Take what we had in legal fees and put it into the Advocacy Fund. Discussion about waiting till April to decide. John needs direction on what to do, if he should zero out AET fund? Do we need an AET line item?

A map of all Chapters will be posted on the website.

If a middle school is a separate charter, at State a chartered chapter gets 2 delegates. Section matters, it is up to the Section's decision on how they handle the decision.

Granular-would like to congratulate the District Grain Production, Diversified Crop Production, Fiber and Oil Production Winners by giving them a free subscription.

**Daniel Hartman, District 1, moved that Granular gives a free subscription to the District Grain Production, Diversified Crop Production, Fiber and Oil Production Winners. Claire Eggerman, District 5, seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**Lisa Oellerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Bryan Schullian, District 3, seconded the sustained motion. Motion sustained**

**Cody Suddeth, State Treasurer, moved to approve the IACCAI administration change. Paxton Morse, State Vice-President, seconded the motion. Motion passed**

**Howard Heavner, SIU, moved to sustain the motion. Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, seconded the sustained motion. Motion sustained.**

Discussion about if there should be a FFA board meeting on the last day of IAVAT Conference, so that newly elected Major State Officers and Section Presidents can sit in during a Board of Directors meeting.

Mindy Bunselmeyer brought up if people have recommendations about FFA Chat. Please feel free to voice District Concerns not only at Board of Directors Meetings.

AET recommendations for SAE's. Will rely on SAE committee to find the best document, but Board of Directors will find what advisors recommend.

Ag Legislative Day/Seminar- March 30<sup>th</sup>. The schools who were nominated as the NCA Chapters are invited the night before, like last year. Still will be building baskets in South Wing.

Conversation has started with Caterpillar and National FFA Foundation about a Caterpillar CDE and Proficiency Award Discussion. It would be a construction type of event. Nothing is set in stone yet.

Illinois had seven National FFA SAE Grants. What can we do to increase numbers?

We will be moving Honorary State Degree and discussion for Proficiency Awards for freshmen will be moved to the April meeting.

JC Campbell has adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

## **October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016- Illinois Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Harley Hepner, Paxton Morse, Daniel Hartman, Lisa Oellerich, Zach Becker, Sara Edgar, Cassie Crouch, Kendall Nelson, Jeff Maierhofer, Jess Smithers, Bryan Schullian, Brittany Twidwell, Claire Eggerman, Ryan Kinzinger, Dr. Seburn Pense, Corrine Harding, Cody Suddeth, Amy Roachkes, Tammy Yard, Mindy Bunselmeyer, J.C. Campbell were present at this meeting.

J.C. opened the meeting at 11:11 am at the Illinois FFA Center in Springfield Illinois. Kendall Nelson, District 2, served as the sentinel. There are 10 members and 12 guests present.

J.C. went over the agenda for the meeting.

Corrine Harding presented last meeting minutes. Kendall Nelson, District 2, moved to approve meeting minutes. Sara Egar, District 4, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, moved to sustain the motion. Bryan Schullian, District 3, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Cody presented the Financial Report. Brittany Twidwell, District 3, moved to approve the Financial Report. Claire, District 5, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, moved to sustain the motion. Lisa Oellerich, District 1, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

The board discussed District concerns. Daniel Hartman, District 1, has no concerns. Lisa Oellerich, District 1, stated that previous concerns from last meeting was fixed (State Degrees).

Kendall Nelson, District 2, has no concerns. Jeff Maierhofer, District 2, more representation of administration council. Someone from this board.

Brittany Twidwell, District 3, has no concerns. Bryan Schullian, District 3, Conduct in Meeting Contest, Agri-Science, and 212 (Housing, Locations, Dates).

Sara Edgar, District 4, has no concerns. Cassie Crouch, District 4: concern of voting for State Fair 4-H and FFA, extend the age of FFA members to show till they are 21, where we stand on this matter, Junior High participation for CDE's, there is no requirement of being in an Agriculture Class to participate in contests, and they cannot compete out of state.

Claire Eggerman, District 5, has no concerns. Ryan Kinzinger, District 5: political between Section Presidents prior to State Elections, FFA Center closed during State Convention. Direction on what to do with record book keeping, with AET, course dates, and efficiency page will still be on AET, and 212 in Collinsville is during Deer Season.

JC called for a break at 11:50 for lunch. The Board celebrated Zach Becker's Birthday.

The meeting went back to order at 12:26 pm.

The Board went over the Reports. The Major State Officers discussed the State Officers Report have done the past few months. Including STAR Conferences, National Convention, Chapter Visits, and more.

Harley Hepner discussed about The ISBE, all grants have been caught up. Close to releasing grants, (GAST,FCAE, etc), and Incentive Funding Grants you have a 30 day window to submit for the grant. Career Readiness Initiative, New Schools for Youths, impacting K-P:20.

Dr. Seburn Pense, representing SIU, 40 in Agriculture Education. Ag-Ed bus trip, will be visiting 3 different programs down south. Retention for teachers, first year teachers will visit be observed to see if a difference in security.

John Edgar, IAVAT, information about the conference, Ag-Business going to several sites, and legislative communication is going well.

Foundation Report was represented. Goals were written out for everyone to see.

Jess Smithers, FCAE, 10,000 grant is due in January, ELITE Conference had over 100 FFA members in attendance, teacher shortage grants are helping with this issue. Illinois Soybean Association, Illinois

Farm Bureau, scholarship for teachers for their student loans (10,000). Illinois Beef invested in Ag-Education, 10,000, to local chapters who.

John Edgar, IACCAI, conference went well, good university representation,

Mindy Bunselmeyer, PAS, showed the conference competitions that are being offered at the Fall Contest.

Alumni, January 27-18<sup>th</sup>, in Champaign. All Section Presidents, parents, and Major State Officers will be attending. Candidate/Parent Meeting will be during this. Gun Raffle Sales.

#### Old Business

Discovery Members Involvement Committee Update. The Board went over the Florida Discovery Degree Template to figure out on what to do. Having something like STAR Agri-Business, Farmer, Ag-Placement, and Agri-Science rather than all proficiency areas is more practical for this event. There will be 4 STARS rather than one STAR.

Kendall Nelson, District 2, moved to adopt the Application and have the 4 STAR categories for Discovery Members. Daniel Hartman, District 1, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lisa Oellerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Cassie Crouch, District 4, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

John Edgar asked if here are any questions for the Lobbyist Information Update.

Mindy Bunselmeyer brought up FFA Chapter Program Affiliation. The board went over the chart of chapters, of just FFA numbers. Offer AET be a part of Chapters' dues. Add in, Junior High and Graduate to affiliation. A new spreadsheet will be made on last year's numbers to get a better understanding, they will show smaller increments on it. AET will be added onto the spreadsheet as well.

Mindy Bunselmeyer gave an update about the Past State Officer Mentoring Program.

John Edgar discussed 212, 360 numbers and update. Both 212 and 360 conferences are close to capacity. Bloomington-Normal is close to capacity.

The discussion wants SAE's to be under one roof. District 3 is in favor, District 1 is mixed, District 4, District 2, and District 5 are against it.

The new website address is [www.illinoisffa.weebly.com](http://www.illinoisffa.weebly.com), and it is important to spread the word about it.

#### New Business

Mindy Bunselmeyer brought up AET State FFA Degree Application. The board looked at the application. She showed the similarities to past applications, and what American Degree would be like.



Mindy Bunselmeyer talked about having a Board Meeting after IAVAT Conference, have the 30 officers there during it to see what the Board does. Having 212/360 have it at the Interstate Center in Bloomington. It would be around \$50 a student and unlimited amount of students to bring. Have several 212/360's like normal, but have bigger places to hold more students. Example: Springfield, Bloomington, and Collinsville.

Daniel Hartman, District 1, moved to approve the 2017-2018 Calendar. Sara Edgar, District 4, seconded it. Motion passed. Lisa, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, seconded it. Motion sustained.

Mindy Bunselmeyer brought up the tentative convention agenda. Also brought up was Communication Summit, Quiz Bowl, and changing buttons. Selling videos to the public, make a DVD of each session. Sell the DVD for \$5. She discussed Communication Summit, it would start around 10 o'clock. Sliders Event will continue.

Chapter Exhibit discussion continues. Online "Scrapbook" to maybe replace Chapter Exhibit. Digital Chapter Tribute. A committee was formed to do more research about this topic rules and more.

Only one button, ribbons for type of guests, set day price, and more.

Cody discussed State Greenhand Quizbowl. It would be Wednesday afternoon, and sudden elimination. There will be defined questions for each round. More research will be done, how many sections have a Greenhand Quizbowl, logistics of Convention, questions, and rules by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The board brought up if you have a Skyping student, should they be in charge of the extra costs.

The Board discussed about the Parliamentary Procedure Revision. They want the revisions to be finalized and typed out.

Zach Becker, State Reporter, moved to accept the referrals. Paxton Morse, State Vice-President, seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lisa Oellerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Bryan Schullian, District 3, seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Membership Cards, we are able to use the Membership Cards with AET. Some ideas for it, put them with Goals Cards, just use the AET Barcode, digital copy, print it off from computer, and more.

Bryan Schullian, District 3, discussed about Agri-Science Fair. Pages that don't work, use the project and upload that into a portfolio (does not include photos) you can use graphs on it.

Daniel Hartman, District 1, moved to have two major state officers and one adult District Director on Administration Council. Brittany Twidwell, District 3, seconded the motion.

Paxton Morse, State Vice-President, moved to amend the motion to insert “one current major state officer and one past major state officer and one adult District Director.” Cody Suddeth, State Treasurer, seconded the motion. Amended motion passed. The amended motion now states “The Board of Directors moves to recommend to the Administration Council that one current major state officer, one past major state officer and one adult District Director are represented.”

Zach Becker, moved to amend the motion by adding “one year term” for the adult District Director.  
Daniel Hartman, District 1. Motion failed.

Daniel Hartman, moved to amend the motion by adding “a one year term with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.” Motion passed. The motion now states, “The Board of Directors moves to recommend to the Administration Council that one current major state officer, one past major state officer, and one adult District Director with a one year term with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms are represented.” Lisa Oellerich, District 1, moved to sustain the motion. Ryan Kinzinger, District 5, seconded. Motion sustained.

JC adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm.

**Illinois FFA Board Meeting  
May 9, 2016  
Springfield, IL**

The meeting of the Illinois Board of Directors was called to order at 10:40 am on May 9th, 2016 by Harley Hepner, Chairman and Kade Hill, State FFA President. There were 18 members, 2 ex officio members and 3 guests present.

Members:

Kade Hill	Connor Carmody	Kolton Kimpling
Susie Thompson	Jordan Johns	Ann Ochs
Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian
Don Lockwood	Jess Smithers	Gary Ochs
Zach Becker	Cody Suddeth	Aidan Groves

Kendra Flood

Paxton Morse

Harley Hepner

Ex Officio Members

John Edgar    Mindy Bunselmeyer

Guests

Tammy Yard    Amy Rochkes

Kolton Kimpling (State FFA Reporter) gave the welcome. Kade Hill reviewed the agenda with the group. Susie Thompson (State Secretary) reviewed the minutes. Paxton Morse (D5) moved to approve last meeting's minutes. Cody Suddeth (D2) seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lisa Oellerich moved to sustain, Ann Ochs seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Jordan Johns (State Treasurer) reviewed the financial report and budget for the 2016-2017 year. Zach Becker (D1) moves to put the financial report on file for review. Kendra Flood (D4) seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jeff Maierhofer moved to sustain, Bryan Schullian seconded. Motion sustained. Kendra Flood (D4) moves to approve the audit report, Paxton Morse (D5) seconded. Motion passed. Bryan Schullian moved to sustain, Lisa Oellerich seconded. Motion sustained. Zach Becker (D1) moved to accept the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 year, Cody Suddeth (D2) seconded. Mr. Lockwood moved to sustain, Ms. Ochs seconded. Motion sustained.

District Concerns:

D1 Student: No concerns

D1 Adult: Lack of state degree lunch/dinner not perceived well, POA judging online, camp resolution, chapter exhibits should return next convention.

D2 Student: No concerns.

D2 Adult: Length of line for registration at Super Friday, concerns with AET and EZ Records judging rubric.

D3 Student: No concerns.

D3 Adult: POA consistency, issue of allowing State Officers out in May, State Degree Luncheon issue. The board discussed the issue of State Officers coming out to banquets after May 1. This policy will be sent out statewide this summer.

D4 Student: No concerns.

D4 Adult: Issue with Livestock team that competed in reasons/non-reasons.

D5 Student: No concerns.

D5 Adult: #13 in State Degree Checklist,

The group discussed the rules regarding state degrees and definition of active membership. Kolton Kimpling (State Reporter) moved to remove #13 from the State FFA Degree Checklist, effective for the 2017 State Degree Application. Jordan Johns (State Treasurer) seconded the motion. Ms. Ochs moved to sustain, Ms. Oellerich seconded the motion. Mr. Maierhofer moved to postpone this motion to the Summer Board Meeting. Mr. Lockwood seconded the motion. Motion fails. Motion to sustain the student motion was still on the floor. Motion failed. #13 will remain on the State Degree Checklist, and this item will be discussed at the summer board meeting.

Old Business:

Camp Study Update (Ochs, Ochs & Schullian): Last meeting's camp meeting went well, lots of discussions. Small changes such as purchasing National FFA 360 Conference Curriculum, unifying the group experience as much as possible, mandatory training will be held prior to camp with camp staff and section presidents. One camp will be held for the 2016 year. Other notes included matching up experienced camp staff/Section Presidents with inexperienced camp staff/Section Presidents.

Snacks/activity items will be provided for group leaders, so no money is spent out of pocket for the camp staff and group staff. There will be a set 20 groups, so Section Presidents will be doubled up in a few groups, similar to the match up with camp staff and group leader.

Discovery Members Involvement Committee Update: None at this time. Mr. Davin will hold a meeting 9 am on Tuesday of IAVAT Summer Conference.

State Officer Flat Rate: None at this time

Record Book Update: None at this time

Lobbyist Information: Kade Hill, Mrs. Heavner (Pittsfield FFA) and Mr. Smithers testified in front of the committee last week. The group answered questions and contacts were made for convention invitations as well. Finally, the bill from Senator Cunningham was passed in the Senate and will be presented in front of the House Committee tomorrow.

FFA Chapter Program Affiliation: More discussions will be held at IAVAT with hopes to take action at the summer board meeting. Examples of Wisconsin and Indiana FFA were sent out previously, and these examples will also be presented at IAVAT Summer Conference.

PSO Mentoring Program for Candidates: Mrs. Bunselmeyer discussed this item with the group. The 10 candidates have been paired with a PSO Affiliate Member to serve as a support system for the candidate as well as his/her family too.

The group broke for lunch at 12:30 pm, and reports were presented over lunch.

ISBE: Mr. Hepner presented the report. As far as the Ag Ed Line Item, CTSO grant was increased significantly. Specific items are not in place yet for the FY17 Budget. The grant process may be

affected due to a federal act adopted by the state of Illinois, more specifically grants will require a pre-qualification process before receiving grants.

FFA: The officer team gave the report. Things are going well with convention planning, and banquet season was a success.

Alumni: The alumni will be doing a gator raffle as well as a 50/50 raffle and merchandise downstairs in the convention center. The alumni 50/50 raffle will go towards alleviating the costs for TEP and student teachers. In December the alumni will pull a winner for a gun raffle as well. The fundraising support is to maintain scholarship money as well as help cover costs for the lobbyist.

University: June 21st at 9 am is the University Council Meeting. Also, Dr. Baker had written a grant for First Farm Credit to help visit first year teachers amongst the 4 universities.

IAVAT: Excellence in Teaching awards for the section and district levels have been announced, the state will be announced at the state fair. IAVAT dues may potentially raise in future years. There was also a meeting with IHSA, and more information will be brought back to IAVAT in the near future regarding contest start times and other rules.

Foundation: There will be a few positions hired by Foundation, things like District reps for Foundation as well as a part time or full time position for consulting. Foundation increased their time frame for the foundation drive. Foundation drive went well for the 2016 year, totalling out at \$521, 962.

FCAE: Illinois Soybean will send a check towards Foundation for Teacher Development or Beginning Advisor's Workshop as well as potentially a new leadership workshop to be presented by IALF, Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation. Courses for middle school certification through Illinois State University are in the final stages of contracting. Workshops for administrators will be held at State Convention. 6 new programs have been added for this year.

IACCAI: No update

PAS: Elected 3 new officers in February: Cody Lewis (President), Cara Thiems and Wyatt Capps (Vice Presidents). Fall conference will be at the IAA Building in Bloomington, and spring conference will be at Lincoln Land.

### New Business

Andrew T Klein presented a revised Illinois National Officer Candidate Selection Process. Kolton Kimpling (State Reporter) moved to implement a National Officer Candidate Selection Process in the year 2017 to include one-on-one interviews, and advocacy stand-and-deliver, and round robin issues conversations as described in the materials provided. Connor Carmody (State VP) seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Lockwood moved to sustain the motion, Mr. Ochs seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kolton moved to implement a National Officer Candidate Preparation Program in the year 2016 to include at least three state conducted evaluations, weekly workouts and practice materials, and

meetings with outside groups and organizations.”. Connor Carmody seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Lockwood moved to sustain, Mr. Ochs seconded. Motion sustained.

The group signed in with Roger Hanagriff (AET) to discuss via video chat the State FFA Degree Application at 2:00 pm.

The group reviewed the State Convention Tentative Agenda at 3:15 p.m.

Mrs. Bunselmeyer went over Proficiency Award General Eligibility rules.

Susie (State Secretary) moved to remove the two lines that state “have completed at least one year in agriculture education at the high school level” and “must have kept one full calendar year’s worth of records as an FFA member. Paxton (D5) seconded. Motion passed. Mrs. Oellerich moved to sustain, Ms. Ochs seconded. Motion sustained.

Mrs. Bunselmeyer went over the D1 STAR Recommendation. It was discussed to have STAR interviews on the same day as the State Awards Day, with another copy of books available for both judging rooms for STARs and non-STARs for those competing.

Susie Thompson (State Secretary) moved to follow District 1 STAR Recommendation to move State STARs on the same day as State Proficiencies, have copies of record books for both rooms for those students who are competing both in State Proficiencies and State STARs, and to start interviews earlier. Paxton (D5) seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Maierhofer moved to sustain, Mr. Lockwood seconded. Discussions were held regarding judges and time logistics. Motion sustained.

Mrs. Bunselmeyer went over the Advisor’s Guide, and discussed listing examples in areas that are lacking in examples or could be more specific. Examples can be emailed to Mrs. Bunselmeyer.

Mrs. Bunselmeyer and Mr. Edgar went over the 2016-2017 FFA Calendar.

Mrs. Bunselmeyer went over Proficiency Awards for Emerging Ag Tech and Ag Mechanizations - Energy Systems. In 2015, 9, and 2014, 11, for Emerging Ag Tech. In 2015, 7, and in 2014, 8, for Ag Mechanizations - Energy Systems. Paxton Morse (D5) moved to keep Emerging Ag Tech and cut Ag Mechanizations - Energy Systems. Cody (D2) seconded. Ms. Ochs moved to sustain, Ms. Oellerich seconded. Motion failed.

Aidan Groves (D3) moves to remove Emerging Ag Tech and Ag Mechanizations - Energy Systems. Kendra Flood (D4) seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Maierhofer moved to sustain, Mr. Ochs seconded. Motion sustained.

Chapter Exhibit Ideas: District Directors are to discuss with teachers in their sections and report back ideas for ways to present chapter exhibits besides the old way at State Convention.

ILCAE Investment Portfolio for CDEs: No further information to be provided at this time.

Mrs. Bunselmeyer presented to the group Ottawa FFA's request to compete at the American Royal Livestock Judging Contest in the fall. Zach Becker (D1) moved to allow the 3rd place team to compete at American Royal if the 2nd place team has no interest. Paxton (D5) seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ms. Ochs moved to sustain, Mr. Maierhofer seconded. Motion sustained.

Kade reminded the group to check the calendar online for upcoming dates. The next board meeting will be decided via Google Poll.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**

**Illinois FFA Center**

**Springfield, IL**

**January 19, 2016**

The meeting of the Illinois Board of Directors was called to order at 11:11 am on January 19, 2016 by Harley Hepner, Chairman and Kade Hill, State FFA President. There were 18 members, 2 ex officio members and 3 guests present.

Members:

Kade Hill	Connor Carmody	Kolton Kimpling
Susie Thompson	Jordan Johns	Ann Ochs
Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian
Don Lockwood	Jess Smithers	Gary Ochs
Zach Becker	Cody Suddeth	Aidan Groves
Kendra Flood	Paxton Morse	Harley Hepner

Ex Officio Members

John Edgar    Mindy Bunselmeyer

Guests

Tammy Yard            Amy Rochkes            Sam Meteer



State Reporter Kolton Kimpling gave the welcome. Kade asked the group to review agenda and see if any additions or changes should be made.

State Secretary Susie Thompson reviewed last meetings minutes. Kendra Flood (20) moved to approve last meeting's minutes. Paxton Morse (25) seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lisa Oellerich moved to sustain, Mr. Schullian seconded. Motion sustained.

State Treasurer Jordan Johns reviewed the financial report. Zach Becker (2) moved to place the financial report on file for review. Cody Suddeth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ann Ochs moved to sustain, Lisa Oellerich seconded. Motion sustained. Amy Rochkes reviewed aged receivables with the group.

#### District Concerns:

I: No student concerns. Adult: concerns moving state degrees from Thursday, CDEs on Monday of State Convention, no objection of sixth officer, more details about camp, questions regarding Pre-POA (Google form) and AET.

II: No student concerns. No adults concerns.

III: No student concerns. Adult: Scoring of AET books versus EZ Records (would like rubric to be available).

IV: Student: Concerns about having two camps. Adult: Registration for 212 Conference/Camp (issues with first come first serve policy), AET discussion (specifically record book codes and reimbursement policy for purchasing subscription codes for EZ records), would like more specific details for when EZ records and AET would be acceptable for judging, lots of concerns with affording sixth officer (no positive feedback, need for more information on lobbyist and spending, large concerns with section fair premiums.

V: No student concerns. Adult: negative feedback about announcing AET system, concerns with first come first serve basis for 212 conference.

Mindy Bunselmeyer discussed district concerns. At the moment the CDEs are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of state convention. Sixth officer and AET will be addressed later in meeting. No concern for two camps this year, potential for future. Camp director will be selected through applications today, and would like the new director to attend a camp development workshops in IN. Mr. Edgar discussed the Pre-POA, looking into having Google Docs for Pre-POA and potentially 212 Conference. Discussions were held regarding Google Docs and submission of POAs. In regards to AET rubric, it is recommended that the IAVAT SAE Committee will develop a rubric or standards for the rubric to be developed.

Concerns with chapters who have converted books to AET and competing this year. Clarification needs to be sent out to teachers via Listserv that students cannot use AET recordkeeping system for competition in 2016 with 2015 books.

Cody Suddeth (6) moved that we only allow EZ records or paper books for competition in upcoming 2016 year, and starting in 2017, AET, EZ Records and paper books will be allowed to be used for competition. Zach Becker (2) seconded motion. Motion passed. Jeff Maierhofer moved to sustain, Lisa Oellerich seconded. Motion sustained.

Discussions were held regarding first come first serve basis. Using online registration was helpful to determine "first come first serve". The FFA Center knows there is frustration with the first come first serve policy and also knows there is room for 212 to grow this is potential for five or six 212 Conference locations in 2017.

The group broke for lunch at 12:15 pm, and the meeting continued during lunch.

Alumni: Sam Meteer presented - 360 attendees, over \$26,000 from auction. State membership is over 8,000, second largest in the nation. Upcoming: gator raffle.

ISBE: Mr. Hepner presented: no state budget. Looking like current budget will be potentially settled in March or April for FY16. It will be a challenging year at the Illinois State Board of Education

FFA: The state officers shared their experiences in South Africa.

University: Gary Ochs shared the university report. Aiming to really help next year's first year teachers to help retain agriculture educators and meet with more than just administrators.

IAVAT: Mr. Edgar shared the report. It was discussed to make a hard due date for October 31st for IAVAT membership. It was also proposed to create section calendars on Google and have section presidents and IAVAT members to have access to calendars, as well as create calendars for each district. IAVAT conference will be held again in Bloomington, bids were sent out for future years. 2016/2017 calendar was distributed. IHSA meeting is scheduled with new director to cover all CDEs, eligibility requirements and other FFA events. Excellence in Teaching awards were proposed to be presented at conference rather than state fair. Another section was added to IAVAT website: CDEs. Any contest that chapters pre-register students and then back out, those chapters will be charged registration fees.

Foundation: \$13,000 down from last year. Extension of foundation drive to February 15th.

FCAE: Jess Smithers presented this report. Kevin Larsen is new District I advisor. New curriculum updates and revised rules for Ag Mechanics, plan to offer SAE mini-grant this year (due February 15th). More than 20 applicants for the PIG grants.

IACCAI: Mr. Edgar gave updated: IAVAT officially hired the lobbyist. Looking for ways to fund lobbyist with IAVAT, IACCAI, FFA, and other organizations in the IL Ag Ed family.

PAS: Mindy Bunselmeyer gave report. Spring Conference is February 19, 2016 at Lincoln Land Community College.

The group went back to addressing district concerns. Lobbyist update: Jake Butcher is working on bill drafts. Looking at declaring agriculture education as a critical need, which would result in federal funds as well as looking to match funds for 1.5 months for 10.5 month contracts to funding for a 12 month contract. It was confirmed that no foundation funds for the lobbyist will be used from the local foundation drive. The money in the Foundation accounts earmarked for advocacy are being utilized to help support the lobbyist.

Fair premiums: the section fair committee has been working on premiums, at the moment there is no money for section or state fair premiums. It was encouraged for section chairs to still complete paperwork for section fairs in case a budget is created, then students could receive fair premiums if/when budget is passed.

Discussions were held regarding AET pilot program and how to help clarify to teachers the background knowledge for the decision to join the pilot program.

#### Old Business

Camp study committee update: the deadline for camp director applications was 1/15/16. There were two applicants. Discussions were held regarding camp director/staff, curriculum, etc. Aidan Groves (15) moves to refer the pending issues of camp study to the FFA Leadership Camp Committee. Paxton Morse (25) seconded the motion. Motion passed. Don Lockwood moved to sustain, Bryan Schullian seconded. Motion sustained.

Discovery Members Involvement Committee update: wanted junior high division at every State CDE events. Still waiting for update.

Mindy Bunselmeyer discussed the \$50 flat rate of requesting a major state officer. After reviewing survey results, 66% of teachers said they would request a state officer if a flat rate was put into place. This will be discussed by foundation at the March meeting.

FFA Chapter Program Affiliation update - Mindy Bunselmeyer shared that 33% of schools said yes they would like to be able to have affiliation membership option. Many said they wanted more information regarding affiliation membership. There have been discussions with WI and IN FFA regarding their affiliation membership. Teachers can go on [www.wisconsinffa.org](http://www.wisconsinffa.org) to reference traditional membership dues versus affiliation. Discussions were held regarding this concept. Still in research phase of this

topic, more information will be shared with teachers at IAVAT conference on what other states do who provide optional affiliation membership.

Major state officer structure: Average cost of officer is about \$16,000/year. Kendra Flood (20) moves to recommend to foundation to have a sixth officer and to be effective immediately at State Convention. Paxton Morse (25) seconded the motion. Motion passed. No motion to sustain, motion was dropped. Discussion was held regarding about needing more information to teachers. Suggestions were made to inquire from foundation, then bring information to IAVAT conference in July regarding the sixth officer.

Mindy Bunselmeyer went over survey results with the group. She also went over the tentative state convention agenda with the group.

Susie Thompson (State Secretary) moved to approve the tentative convention agenda as final. Connor Carmody (State Vice President) seconded. It was discussed to post and promote the agenda with the state. Ms. Ochs moved to sustain, Mr. Ochs seconded. Motion sustained.

Mindy discussed the NOC Selection Process and Preparation created by Andrew T. Klein. Because Andrew was not present, this item will be discussed at the next board meeting.

John Edgar went over the proposed 2016 and 2017 FFA calendars. Highlights include Greenhand Workshops at universities, incorporating section presidents with NLCSO, etc. Mindy informed the group that the entire 30 group of state officers will go to DC for the Corn Growers Conference for the July State Officer meeting.

Paxton Morse (25) moves to approve the 2016 and 2017 calendars. Kendra Flood (20) seconded the motion. Discussion was had about rescheduling dates if necessary. The expectation is to be as consistent as possible with dates from year to year. Motion passed. Lisa Oellerich moved to sustain, Ann Ochs seconded. Motion sustained.

Mindy informed the group regarding National FFA's decision to eliminate Emerging Ag Technologies and Ag Mechanics - Energy Systems, and at the next meeting it was requested to look into what the state wants to do for next year.

ILCAE Investment Portfolio for CDEs: looking at sponsors for CDEs such as Meat Science or Agriculture Communications. It was discussed the pros and cons of having hosts out of state, and with IHSA rules.

John said there would be continued research, and feedback was requested for the next board meeting.

Kade asked the group to review the online calendar for upcoming dates. The next board meeting date will be May 9th, 2016 at the IL FFA Center. The adult board will meet at 9 am, with the student board to join at 10 am.

Dr. Roger Hanagriff joined the group at 3:30 pm to present the AET program, with specific details to the State Degree Application - format, calculations, etc.

The group had a general consensus to adjourn, and meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**

**Springfield, IL**  
**October 20, 2015**

The meeting was called to order to Kade Hill, President and Harley Hepner, Chairman. Paxton Morse (25) served as Sentinel.

Members present

Kade Hill	Connor Carmody	Kolton Kimpling	Susie Thompson	Jordan Johns
Zach Becker	Cody Suddeth	Aidan Groves	Kendra Flood	Paxton Morse
Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Ann Ochs
Jess Smiters	Gary Ochs			

Ex Officio Members

Mindy Bunselmeyer John Edgar

Guests

Tammy Yard Amy Rochkes Andrew Bowman

Kade Hill went over the agenda. Mindy Bunselmeyer moved to add Corn Growers, website update and NLCSO to the agenda as well.

Aidan Groves (15) moved to adopt meeting minutes, Jordan Johns seconded. Motion passed.

Schullian moved to sustain, Ann Ochs seconded. Motion sustained.

Jordan Johns covered the financial report.

Zach Becker (2) moved to place the report on review, Kolton Kimpling seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jeff Maierhofer moved to sustain, Lisa Ollerich seconded. Motion sustained.

District Concerns

District I: No concerns (student or adult)

District II: No concerns (student or adult)

District III: No student concerns, Adult concern: Section Presidents coming from non-active chapters.

District IV: No student concern, Adult Concern: standing of online courses

District V: No student concerns, Adult Concerns: no STAR Conference letter, only via email.

## Old Business

Camp Study Committee Update: Bryan Schullian and Lisa Oellerich shared the camp study committee update. Lisa Oellerich was chosen as committee chair. Oellerich shared some qualities and objectives to see as camp staff and camp director, as well as camp itinerary.

Mindy shared that we have the week of July 24th-30th reserved for camp.

Mindy also shared having the whole state officer team together at the end of the IAVAT meeting to discuss camp and understand the roles/responsibilities as group leaders at camp with the adult leaders.

Mindy also shared the Past State Officer Affiliates ideas and goals, and they would be willing to be camp staff as well.

The group discussed the importance of background checks and the potential cost, as well as the idea of applications for camp staff/camp director(s). The group decided to post applications by December 1st via List Serve, with a deadline of January 15th. The board would then go through applications. The student camp committee consists of Aidan Groves, Cody Suddeth, Nicole Jordan, Lori Woods and Allie Hand.

Aidan Groves shared what the section president committee discussed: No binder, one week of camp, and more organized food time. Cody shared the idea of splitting up the section presidents for the two camp sessions, and having larger group sizes (which may or may not be beneficial). Aidan also shared the idea of a new location of camp at Camp Williamson.

Schullian suggested if camp directors wanted to apply as a team or pair, to use one application. Or, to apply individually and pair together. A third thought is to have a spot on the application to check what the individuals would like.

## New Business

Andrew Bowman, ILCAE Chair, presented to the group two proposals ILCAE has for stakeholders in Illinois. The proposals will be sent via Google Docs.

The group discussed the funding would come from the Illinois FFA budget and the Illinois FFA Foundation as well.

Kade Hill and Harley Hepner asked for ideas and action from the board. Financial support is not asked for today, just support of the overall support of the proposal.

Kendra Flood (20) moves to support the ILCAE Proposal. Jordan Johns seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jeffer Maierhofer moved to sustain, Ann Ochs seconded. Multiple discussions were made. Motion sustained.

### Old Business (cont)

Discovery Member Involvement Committee Update: Mindy Bunselmeyer shared updates for that committee. Don Gavin is taking the lead on this committee. The group would like to see Discovery Levels at all State CDEs. They would also like to see SAE recognition, as well as the potential to offer 212 to 6-9th graders, and 360 Conference held for 10th-12th graders. The group will create a proposal to bring to the January Board Meeting.

Proficiency Pins: Teachers must request directly from Nationals for pins, Illinois FFA is no longer providing section chairs with pins, they must request their needs from Nationals. The pins to request through Illinois are Electricity, Food Service and Safety. A detailed EList Serve will be sent out.

State Officer Flat Rate: Last meeting it was discussed to pay a flat rate of \$50 to request a state officer for banquets or other events. Don Lockwood inquired if the rate could be adjusted if need be later on, and John Edgar confirmed that.

Aidan Groves (15) moves that the Foundation look into a flat rate for requesting state officers for events. Paxton Morse (25) seconded the motion.

Kendra Flood (20) moved to amend the motion adding a \$50 flat rate. Cody Suddeth (6) seconded. Amendment passed.

New motion is adopted.

Lisa Oellerich moved to sustain, Don Lockwood moved to sustain. Motion passed.

Record Book Update: John Edgar discussed the details of the conference call held with National FFA Staff regarding record books. Nationals is considering using AET as the "national recordbook" program. AET is currently used for the American Degree, Proficiency Awards and National Chapter applications. AET will be the only application available to work with National FFA applications. It has been requested across the country that National FFA provides a national record book keeping system. Lisa Oellerich shared feedback about AET from the SAE committee in IAVAT.

Aidan Groves (15) moves that Illinois FFA will allow AET & EZ Records starting in January 2016, and will transition over the State Degree Application through AET for January 2017. Cody Suddeth (6) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bryan Schullian moved to sustain the motion, Lisa Oellerich seconded the motion. Motion sustained.



Cody Suddeth (6) moves that we recommend to the IAVAT Board the Illinois become a pilot program for the AET recordbook system effective January 2016. Jordan Johns seconded. Motion passed.

Don Lockwood moved to sustain, Lisa Oellerich seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

#### New Business (cont)

National Chapter Award: Now online through AET. These forms would be converted into PDFs and shared via Google Docs. April 19th-21st would be the first round of judging. The second round would be April 26th-28th. Both rounds done from home. Hard copies would potentially be requested after judging is completed to send off to Nationals. It was requested to have a letter sent to judges for the days of judging. Section Presidents will be trained on how to judge POAs during the April State Officer meeting. Don Lockwood requested if Section Presidents are not present for training, they should not be judging.

Jeff Maierhofer requested to extend the dates for judging the second round. The new dates for second round will be April 28th-May 1st at midnight.

212 Conference: 3 locations - January 29th-30th in Schaumburg and Collinsville. February 19th-20th in Springfield at the Northfield. All registration due December 18th, no late registration will be accepted. Increased fee explanation: current registration fees do not cover supplemental materials for presenters, as well as DJ and other hotel fees. It has also been requested by Professional Development to increase teacher fees to benefit the training for teachers as well. Student increase by \$15, and teacher increase by \$15 as well. Total cost will be \$125 per student in quad, \$150 in double. Teacher is \$175 for a single, \$125 for double.

Working Lunch Reports: See attached documents for reports.

ISBE: Still no state budget at this time, or solution at this time. Ag Ed Line Item was part of budget that was appropriated. SAE grants and environmental science changes were discussed. ISBE Budget Hearing dates were discussed, October 21st and two dates in November.

FFA: State Fair, STAR Conferences and Chapter Visits have been successful thus far. Convention will be next week

[isbefy17@isbe.net](mailto:isbefy17@isbe.net) - Email to be used in which testimonies or thoughts that can be shared if you cannot attend.

Alumni: PSO Affiliate was established to help assist Illinois FFA in areas such as camp, and debriefing with State Officers after year of service. Alumni Council meeting is on November 7th at the IL FFA Center to judge WLC & 212 scholarship apps. Ron Lynch is running for National Alumni President, and

Ted Hughes is running for National Alumni Region Vice President. National Alumni Conference is the Thursday and Friday of National Convention.

University Report: See attached.

IAVAT: New CDE scoring system, along with record book keeping system.

Foundation: Titan Tires auction raised \$64,840 at the Farm Progress Show, which will split funds with IN FFA. Foundation Day of Giving - did not reach goal but raised some funds.

FCAE: Elite Conference is on November 10th in Bloomington. Expected funds from NAAE of around \$8,000 to determine how to use the funds. Teacher loan forgiveness program is being considered as featured in Farm Week. Will release an updated Agriscience library on MyCaert.

IACCAI: Conference went well at beginning of October, no news.

PAS: Over 200 students competing in the conference on Friday. The spring conference will be held on February 19th at Lincoln Land Community College.

Mindy Bunselmeyer requested to move back to convention breakout session to look over convention agenda and report back in 30-40 minutes. Each group shared major suggestions.

Group 1: Welcome to Springfield a video or in program, not on stage. Use photos to make videos to roll on a video while students are walking across stage. Delegates should hear impromptu questions as well during the first delegate session.

Group 2: Utilizing pre-sessions for alumni and foundation recognition. Potentially having state degrees Wednesday night, and having parent recognition on Thursday.

Group 3: Split state degrees up (one district per session), and Stars on Thursday. Make sure impromptu question is held during delegate session. Recognition of supporters done at one time. Cut Section President walk ins to session 1, 3, & 6. Determine which awards can be recognized on stage and which can be recognized on TVs outside lobby. Move PSO recognition to in between elections. Potentially expanding CDE recognition, and shortening the time of laser show. Recognize all supporters in first session at beginning to show how all things are put together each year.

More discussion included having more speakers, and eliminating the state degree luncheon. Rotate each district each year so each district rotates through all sessions.

New Business (cont)

Affiliation: Does not need to be 100% of the state, it can be optional to chapters in the state. There are forty associations that currently utilize this. The board discussed the pros and cons. No action to be taken today.

Major State Officer Structure: The majors proposed the idea of having a sixth officer to incorporate in teams and to break up the duties of workload throughout the year. Financially there would be an increase, but not significant. No cost analysis has been done, but general discussion has been made. Zach Becker (2) moves that the IL FFA Center does a cost review for adding a sixth state officer to be presented at the January Board Meeting. Paxton Morse (25) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lisa Oellerich moved to sustain, Gary Ochs seconded. Motion sustained.

FFA CDE Review (Public Speaking, Proficiency Awards and Parliamentary Procedure): The discussion is who should review the rules for the contest. Potential group to review is the IAVAT CDE Committee.

Chapter Visit Breakout Time - group will debrief and report back after 30 minutes.

Group 1: One of the best chapter visits in a long time, activities applicable to all students regards of disabilities. Make sure games are fun but still have a purpose, collect the voting for what week each section prefers visits in April. Goal cards go along with membership cards and get more out, incorporate old and new section presidents in calendar process, ask for preferences in a month rather than a specific week.

Group 2: Keep goal cards, ice breaker and keep close location wise. Negatives don't have such deep activities, brainstorm/restructure living activities, have a week set to plan/practice visit, also educate section presidents on what to expect while hosting a state officer.

Mindy brought to the group the idea of having a "backup or go-to place" for state officer housing during visits in each section.

It was brought up to have the new section presidents fill out a form stating whether or not the officer can host a major or not.

Group 3: Liked chapter visits, keeping the same general format for all officers. Negative: the teachers leaving the classroom during the visit. Change: limit the number of section officers per visit, give section presidents outline of responsibilities for visits, Google form for visits for section presidents to send out to visits, provide size/age of classes. It was brought up that the majors should explain at STAR Conferences the officers should say that, rather than the section president.

District Director Responsibilities

- State Degree Application Review Day - March 8th, 2016
  - Identify those who can review, have those names to the FFA Center by January 15th, 2016.
    - Directors will provide 5 (or as many as possible) to the FFA Center
- District FFA Events - Mr. Lockwood described duties for district Parliamentary Procedure, Public Speaking, Novice Parliamentary Procedure, and Proficiency Awards.
  - Mindy also proposed the idea of having the Foundation provide a district budget. Mr. Maierhofer discussed the D2 budget, as well as having the leftover money stored at the FFA Center.
    - The possibility of a District Hopper Fund was discussed.

Zach Becker inquired about student director responsibilities, it was answered to coordinate those responsibilities with their adult director.

- State Awards Selection - Mr. Maierhofer
    - Stars - April 1st, 2016
    - State Awards Day - April 2nd, 2016
  - State Officer Selection Committee - April 23rd, 2016
    - Results will be emailed that day at a specific time. A hard letter will be put in the mail the following Monday with scores and feedback as well.
    - Mr. Lockwood also requested to provide letters to the selection committee judges with results as well.
- Website Update: John Edgar provided the group with an update. As of now we do not pay our website master for updates. Our master has provided about \$20,000 worth of unpaid time put into our new website. A link can be sent out to the board members to test out the new site.
- NLCSO: Mindy Bunselmeyer talked about with the group. Illinois is hosting once again, and the only other state able to attend is the Wisconsin events. The idea of bringing the section presidents along to NLCSO and have training alongside the majors.
- Corn Growers is covering hotel and meal cost for all state officers for the meeting in Washington, D.C. The cost Illinois FFA has to cover is transportation. Mindy proposed the idea of asking the Section Presidents to contribute \$100 towards the trip to offset costs.
  - Mr. Lockwood requested a revised list of expectations to be sent out to sections prior to candidates running for section officers, along with reimbursement policies.
- The Master Calendar Plan will be reviewed in in November for the January Board meeting.
- The January Board meeting potential dates are January 19th-20th, the set date will be January 19, 2016.

**Illinois Board of Directors**

**Illinois FFA Center**

**Springfield, IL**

**August 4, 2015**

The meeting of the Illinois Board of Directors was called to order at 9 am on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by Harley Hepner, Chairman and Kade Hill, State FFA President.

The board held a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Mr. Bill Schrek.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Kade Hill

Connor Carmody

Kolton Kimpling

Susie Thompson

Jordan Johns

Ann Ochs

Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian
Don Lockwood	Jess Smithers	Gary Ochs
Zach Becker	Cody Suddeth	Aidan Groves
Kendra Flood	Paxton Morse	Harley Hepner

Ex Officio Members

John Edgar    Mindy Bunselmeyer

Guests

Tammy Yard	Amy Rochkes	Willow Krumwiede	Renee Kinzinger
	Andrew Klein	Cody Morris	

Kade Hill went over meeting code of conduct and core values.

Harley Hepner went over additions to the agenda:

Item 13, add online courses or program to be discussed

Aidan Groves (D3) moved to adopt the agenda. Paxton Morse (D5) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jeff Maierhofer moved to sustain. Lisa Oellerich seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Hepner seated the new members to the board.

Mr. Hepner and Mrs. Bunselmeyer discussed the duties of the governing committee.

It was decided that all the adult board members would serve on the governing committee rather than appointing two representatives.

Susie Thompson reviewed minutes from the previous meeting.

Susie Thompson (State Secretary) moved to amend the minutes by striking “May” on the last page and inserting “August” for the next meeting date. Zach Becker (D1) seconded the motion. Amendment passed. Paxton Morse (D5) moved to adopt the minutes. Jordan Johns (State Treasurer) seconded the motion.

Bryan Schullian moved to sustain the minutes, Ann Ochs seconded the motion. Motion passed.

State Treasurer Jordan Johns went over the financial report. Jordan moved to place the final report on file for review. Connor Carmody (State VP) seconded the vote.

Bryan Schullian moved to sustain the motion, Jeff Maierhofer seconded the motion. Jeff Maierhofer inquired about the \$10,000 for CDEs, and asked if it had been paid. Mrs. Bunselmeyer said she would ask June Owens about it and see when and if that has been paid.

Harley Hepner discussed with the group the FY 16 ISBE Contract Update. The grant is just under \$3600, and grant has been passed and started for fiscal year. Andrew Klein asked if money was based off of aged enrollment or FFA membership, and Hepner stated it was based off of FFA membership. Aidan Groves (D3) moved to appoint Mindy Bunselmeyer as executive secretary, Susie Thompson (State Secretary) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lisa Oellerich moved to sustain, Jeff Maierhofer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Amy Rochkes discussed with the group to allow the state officers to have a credit card for their year of service. Expenses would be set at \$500/month, and could be used to help streamline the book keeping process, as well as build credit for the officers after their year of service. Reimbursement amount would not change. Credit card systems would maintain the same for the office. Hepner suggested discussing with the parents about the responsibility of having a credit card and maintaining the card after term is finished. Mileage reimbursements would not change, only for food, ECar fuel and clothing.

Susie Thompson (State Secretary) moves that the IL FFA staff set up credit cards for the major state officers. Jordan Johns (State Treasurer) seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff Maierhofer moved to sustain the motion, Lisa Oellerich seconded. Motion sustained.

#### Old Business

Mrs. Bunselmeyer informed the board that the Code of Conduct forms have been updated. Don Lockwood encouraged student directors to use that updated form for their chapters and section too.

#### District Concerns

- a. District 1 - Student: no concerns. Adult: leadership camp concerns, will be addressed later in the agenda. Requests to plan meeting dates during the May meeting rather than at the August meeting.
- b. District 2 - Student: no concerns. Adult: no concerns.
- c. District 3 - Student: no concerns. Adult: Resolutions regarding middle school members, will be discussed later. Same with the state degree applications. Requested to set the FFA state dates a year in advance for booking buses and locations. Also discussed proficiency nights, will be brought up later.

- d. District 4 - Student: no concerns. Adult: group size for livestock judging and location, concerns about camp and state convention will be addressed later, concerns regarding ag ed website, EZ records, section fair premiums.
- e. District 5 - Student: no concerns. Adult: 212 Conference South Location, approval of a program with online courses for FFA membership.

Mindy Bunselmeyer addressed some concerns. Establishing dates a year in advance, Mindy will get sheets for board to take home. Proficiency and Public Speaking dates are set on the same date, will be discussed later. Group size for State Livestock is something IAVAT decides not FFA board. Jess Smithers discussed the Ag Ed Website and EZ Records, no funds are currently provided to update these systems. Any specific examples or ideas can be directed to Mr. Smithers. Section Fair Premiums are based regarding the Ag Ed Budget. Mr. Edgar shared with the group that the IAVAT Board is in the process of creating a proposal regarding the change of EZ Records. Mindy Bunselmeyer stated that the 212 Conference location is in the works.

2014-2015 Officer Report was completed by the 2014-2015 Major State Officer team. The list of improvements in the report is attached to the minutes.

A specific concern was the official dress reimbursements to be heightened. Mindy Bunselmeyer requested that the board make a decision that the FFA pay for an additional amount for official dress reimbursement.

Another concern was the permanent room situation in the Ramada. It was a concern that last year Mr. Al Zwilling had presented the idea to Ramada staff. Another was the state officers coming to chapter meetings but the idea of paying for reimbursements was daunting. Lisa Oellerich expressed concern in creating a flat rate for state officers to attend an event.

Kade Hill had the members break out into groups to discuss FFA State Convention - Breakout into 3 groups, reviewing the convention evaluations and feedback from convention take 15 minutes to do small group convention brainstorming. Report back to the big group - the FFA Center team and officers will begin to work on these suggestions and at each board meeting will brainstorm and work on convention.

Group 1: Cut back on band and chorus stage time in last session, cut past state officers out of last session, invite them to help out at convention (pre-session/mid sessions), create a video of what they are doing now, rolling video (like at Nationals), limit Alumni speech time, announce band and chorus



members at election session, move Banker Plaque award out of last session, clean up Honorary Degree session, have band/chorus members exit the stage, overall move things out of last session.

Group 2: Making state degree ceremony own session Wednesday evening, having reflections Wednesday evening, incorporating section sentinels are courtesy corps, locking the career fair doors on time, setting a fee structure per session not per day (state degree ceremony). Mrs. Bunselmeyer also suggested the possibility of not having a state degree dinner/luncheon, and setting the state convention agenda in October. Kade suggested holding state degrees over the course of convention rather than just one session. Lisa Oellerich expressed concern having parents take off work for the three days over convention. Mrs. Bunselmeyer discussed the idea of incorporating a guest speaker, reflections or other ideas to show off IL FFA Convention to parents.

Group 3: New DJ for the dance, Section President Advisor/Parent recognition live not video recording, promote Agri-science fair with signage, Day of Service change date or a benefit concert (not during convention), more definition to the We Are FFA Room and people to run the room, increase visibility of the scrapbook competition, separate room for shopping vendors instead of combined with the career fair, incorporate more industry people for the career fair, move scrapbooks to the We Are FFA Room.

Kade moved the meeting on to the IAVAT Conference Resolutions.

**Resolution #3:**

Whereas Illinois FFA Leadership Camp is one of the best educational activities we offer, And whereas, high participation has maxed out camp participation the past several years, And whereas, there is currently a substantial waiting list for the 2015 Illinois FFA Leadership Camp. Therefore, be it resolved that the IAVAT Board of Directors recommend to the FFA Board of Directors and FFA Staff that they investigate options of expanding Illinois FFA Leadership Camp.

Connor Carmody (State VP) moved to limit debate to 5 minutes per resolution, Susie Thompson (State Secretary) seconded the motion. Motion carries.

No motion to sustain, so motion to limit debate dropped.

Discussion on Resolution #3: Mrs. Bunselmeyer talked with Curt from 4-H Memorial Park, and we would be able to have the camp from Sunday-Saturday, so we could have two camp sessions during that time period. The idea to rotate camp staff and section presidents through the two camp sessions. Gary Ochs suggested splitting up the sections to attend a separate week of camp. Ex: Sections 1-13 attend first session, 14-25 attend second session. Jeff Maierhofer inquired how much camp costs. \$175 per student, includes food, t-shirt, lodging, etc. Mr. Schullian inquired about providing a stipend for the camp staff who stays for both sessions of camp. Mrs. Bunselmeyer proposed the idea to the group of the camp budget be increased to make sure the campers get the full experience and so camp staff is not purchasing items out of pocket. Schullian also inquired about another location for camp. The idea

of more camp directors to help alleviate director responsibilities was introduced as well. Gary Ochs produce the idea of paying one of the 4-H camp staff to be the designated nurse for camp. Jeff Maierhofer suggested potentially raising the camp registration fees to cover for camp staff purchases for groups. Bryan Schullian inquired about potentially creating a budget for camp staff to utilize. Ann Ochs suggested redoing the group bins, and giving camp staff backpacks with a basic first aid kit plus bug spray, sunscreen, etc.

Kade Hill broke the group to grab lunch at 12:05 p.m., and then go through reports during the lunch period.

#### Reports

- a. ISBE - Mr. Hepner
- b. University - Gary Ochs
- c. FCAE - Jess Smithers
- i. Elite Conference - Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- d. Foundation - Tammy Yard
- i. Online Day of Giving - September 24<sup>th</sup>
- e. Alumni – Connor Carmody
- i. Alumni Conference Date: January 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Decatur Conference Center.
- f. IAVAT - John Edgar
- g. FFA Officers - Susie Thompson
- h. FFA Center Team - Mindy, John, Amy and Tammy -phone system, officer scheduling reminder, cleaning, Mr. Craft Retirement party (8.11.15, starting at 4 p.m.).

Kade Hill then broke the members into groups to debrief about leadership camp.

Group 1: Positive: good activities

Negatives: No power sessions, don't pull SPs away,

Change: Revamp curriculum, application process for director position, training for staff, nurse, more challenge course time

Group 2: Positives: all 5 majors could attend, Ag Olympics, FFA Center representation, add egg drop, smooth photos

Negatives: Too long for Ag Olympics, no Amazing Race, too much packet for egg drop, clean bathrooms, initial letter out to campers should have a list of items to bring

Change: Water jugs, or provide water bottles for campers, more bug spray, more pre-camp letter, leave SPs out of pictures, no binders for students (pocket folders instead) and staff gets binder - all stuff shared posted on Google docs for access after camp, provide drawstring bags to students.

Group 3: Positives: Egg drop, good price for value, Ag Olympics

Negatives: lack of water available, not enough time at meals, not enough down time to write happy grams

Change: If both camps need to be filled, allow for repeat campers after new campers have been taken, choose SPs to lead one session and utilize past section presidents as group leaders.

Paxton Morse (D5) moves to have the FFA staff look into having 2 camps in one week. Cody Suddeth (D2) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jeff Maierhofer moved to sustain the motion, Bryan Schullian seconded the motion.

Aidan Groves (D3) moves to have a committee that develops curriculum and makes staffing decisions. Paxton Morse (D5) seconded. Motion passed.

Bryan Schullian moved to sustain, Ann Ochs seconded. Motion carries.

Kendra Flood (D4) suggested the 5 student district directors be automatically on the Leadership Camp Committee. Zach Becker (D1) suggested to open it all to the section presidents.

Leadership Camp Committee volunteers are as follows:

Ann Ochs      Lisa Oellerich      Gary Ochs      Bryan Schullian

This committee will report back the objectives of camp and the camp director application. The section presidents can then review the objectives and decide who will be on the committee. Those section presidents will then work with the camp director in developing curriculum for leadership camp.

#### Resolution #5:

Whereas there is an increasing number of middle school agriculture students and FFA members, And whereas, the opportunities for these dues paying members are limited, And whereas, the National FFA Organization recognizes these members with the Discovery FFA Degree. Therefore, be it resolved that the IAVAT Board work with the FFA Board to develop activities and opportunities for middle school Discovery FFA Members.

Bryan Schullian expressed deep concerns for a middle school in his district regarding the membership of middle school members and rights as members. Lisa Oellerich and Don Lockwood reviewed for the new board members the discussions held at the January 2015 Board Meeting regarding this subject.

Jeff Maierhofer suggested to have a committee regarding the needs of middle school agriculture programs for SAE recordbooks and other leadership aspects as well. John Edgar suggested including collegiate FFA as well to meet their needs.

Kendra Flood (D4) moves to have the FFA Board refer to a committee regarding middle school agriculture education needs. Paxton Morse (D5) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lisa Oellerich moves to sustain the motion, Gary Ochs seconded the motion. Motion sustained.

Mr. Daven from D3 will chair this committee, the committee will report by May.

#### FFA Program review

- a. Roster Update, deadlines and information - Tammy Yard
  - i. Course codes will NOT be required with the rosters.
  - ii. Due date: November 1<sup>st</sup> - opens September 1<sup>st</sup>.

- b. National Chapter Award - mail it in yourself - discussion
  - i. Mindy Bunselmeyer stated that the applications must be postmarked by April 15<sup>th</sup> and will no longer be a responsibility of the section president.
  - ii. Don Lockwood and Bryan Schullian inquired terminating the Pre-POA or creating a Google Doc or folder for the Pre-POA submission. Pre-POAs will be due November 15<sup>th</sup>. National Chapter Awards postmarked by April 15<sup>th</sup> to the IL FFA Center.
  - iii. Lisa Oellerich brought up the idea of judging the bronze applications for the 4x regarding incentive funding.
  - iv. No action will be taken at this time. Board members will ask sections and report back at the October meeting regarding the IFG funding and turning in clearly marked applications not to be judged.
  - v. 2 boxes: “Yes I want my application to be turned in for IFG funding” and “Yes I want my application to be judged for National Chapter Award”.
- c. Proficiency Awards - pins and National App changes
- d. State FFA Degree Application - any known changes?
  - i. Ensure all math works correctly.
  - ii. Send off to “Excel Wiz” to fix all Excel issues so application is ready by December.
  - iii. Pull off any existing state degree applications from FFA website.

#### Online Course Discussion

- a. Mr. Hepner discussed the requirements for an online course for students to become FFA members. There are approved programs around the state with certified online courses.
- b. Ann Ochs discussed that there has been a school in D5 with an eliminated program. The concern is losing student interest because of the loss of an ag program for two years.
- c. Discussions were held regarding the quality of the program and how the students would become affected.
- d. Mr. Hepner stated that at this point in time online courses are not able to fulfill qualifications for FFA membership.

Cody Suddeth (D2) moves that the Illinois FFA supports the online courses with the approval of ISBE. Kendra Flood (D4) seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ann Ochs moves to sustain the motion, Lisa Oellerich seconded the motion. Motion passes.

- a. Chapter Visits - Breakout into 3 groups, reviewing the what students and teachers want in a strong chapter visits program take 15 minutes to do small group camp brainstorming. Report back to the big group - the FFA Center team and officers will get to work.

#### LTS/Chapter Visit Debrief:

Group 1: More team building, fun but still purposeful, like the idea of multiple officers, doing visits throughout the year, have a mascot (ex: Beep Beep), outside the box ideas, more than 1 game ready to go at all times, reinvent the wheel with games.

Group 2: Newer ideas, hands on and engaging, be prepared for block schedule or regular classroom period, use "Build", recruit and retain membership.

Group 3: Keep goal cards, sent E-List serve out to prepare classes for visits.

Kade discussed National FFA Convention. Illinois has 12 delegates. The committees are:

Increasing Graduate Communication and Engagement

Increased Awards and Recognition Opportunities for Younger Members

Strategies to Increase FFA Participation

Evaluation of the Delegate Process

Clarifying Official Dress and Related Policies

#### 1. Lake Land College Proposal

- a. Tuition waiver for state officers and FFA members.
- b. Susie will research and put together scholarship opportunities for FFA members and bring back to board.
- c. Discussions were held for and against this proposal.
- d. The board was for this proposal, as long as promotion for LakeLand would be the same as the other colleges and universities.

#### 2. District Director Responsibilities

- a. State FFA Degree Review Process
- b. District FFA Events - Parli Pro, Novice Parli Pro, Public Speaking and Proficiency Awards

Mr. Schullian brought up the discussion of having district events on different nights.

Mr. Maierhofer brought up the idea of having proficiencies on the second Wednesday of March each year.

- i. District Proficiency Awards: March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. District Public Speaking: April 6<sup>th</sup>
    1. Finals are at State Convention
    2. Lisa Oellerich requested to clarify the number of days in advance speeches are to be turned in.
    3. Clarification: 10 calendar days not business days.
  - iii. Parli Pro: District Parli Pro results are to be submitted by February 19<sup>th</sup>. State Parli Pro is March 19<sup>th</sup>. Novice Parli Pro results are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. State Awards Selection

Jeff Maierhofer discussed what happened on State Awards Day. Don Lockwood asked to clarify the phone interview rules and requested the rules be made well aware to all committees and students.

1. Future Meeting Dates: Mrs. Bunselmeyer will send out a form to request the future meeting dates for the future board meetings.

The Calendar of Events is online and can be viewed on the website.

Kade Hill adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

#### University Report

The four universities have a STAR trip established for university Ag Ed students. The trip will occur on October 19-20<sup>th</sup>, and will have stops at Paxton-Buckley-Loda, Heyworth, Bushnell-Prairie City and Athens High Schools. We will look to see if scheduled time to stop at the FFA Center at the conclusion of the Board of Directors meeting.

#### FFA Report

- Blast Off Training
- Heritage and Cooperative Tour
- Andrew McCrea training
- National Leadership Conference for State Officers
  - Leadership Camp

- Mr. Schullian's Facilitation Training
  - ILSSO: Taiwan and Thailand
    - State Theme: Build
    - National Theme: Amplify

### 2014-2015 Major State Officer Report

- Timing for Chapter Visits
  - Build better Relationships with Past State Officers
- Secure a permanent room for officers at the Ramada/Housing Situation
  - "Illinois" on the officer polo
    - Make Laptops Cheaper
    - More OD Reimbursement
      - ILSSO Fundraising
  - Time off for college prep-prioritize
    - Keep a running list/notes
- Brief State Officer/Section President Team on important facts and ideas to relay to the public while working at the Barnyard
  - Add more life to the barnyard (plants, lights, space)
- Make better use of officers time (i.e. attend chapter meetings, evening activities) – get them away from Springfield and traveling
  - Groove Book for State FFA Officers (Only \$2.99 a month)
- Video Tape all speeches on Phones or whatever to culminate for the end of the year and to go over later to improve
  - Past Officers go to ILSSO and Foundation Picks up entire bill...
- S.T.A.R. Conference could be one large conference; and the officers could be trained more on how to present those workshops
- More help/input on workshops and chapter visits curriculum. Don't leave everything up to officers, and maybe that conversation needs to be had as an entire state officer and section president team..
- All Section President's should write a testimony for National FFA Convention if possible to turn in as written testimonies from the general public. Train them to do so.
  - Have the April State Officer Meeting (partially) at the Illinois Farm Bureau Board Room
    - Have a Staff Member Accountabilibuddy that you report to every week
    - Spend one evening with the FCAE Staff.. Chuckie Cheese or something
  - Have Officers give ILSSO Presentation at the April State FFA Officer Meeting (Reflection)
    - Have Training Day for Office Work (Location of Items, Copier, Mail Machine, Etc)
      - Use the PR Lists for everything all year (especially the email one)

- Move the December State Officer Meeting to be in conjunction with the State Alumni Meeting
  - Move State Officer Picnic/Reunion to State Alumni Meeting
- Do a Reflections at Convention and make it invite only (Award Winners, Leadership Luncheon Attendees)
- Take Officer Retreat to Indianapolis and National FFA Center (Possibly go see Indiana's Camp)
  - PAS Officers or 4H Reps come to a State FFA Officer Meeting – More joint events
- Have Officers keep up with their SAE's and promote them with Videos, this would help with SAE Promotion and it would make FFA Officers seem more relatable
  - Promotional Videos for CDE's or announce results with a video (not a list)
  - More educational days for State Officers (ILFB or Businesses in Illinois)
  - Immediately purchase Columbia/NorthFace Jackets for Past State Officer Team...



# Illinois FFA Board of Directors

## Illinois FFA Center

Springfield, Illinois

May 7, 2015

The meeting of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors was called to order at 6:52 p.m. on May 7, 2015 by Harley Hepner, Chairman and Cody Morris, State FFA President.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

### Members:

Cody Morris

Andrew Klein

Renee Kinzinger

Willow Krumwiede

Harley Carlson

Jordan Johns

Connor Klingele Collin Smith

Lisa Oellerich

Jeff Maierhofer Bryan Schullian

Don Lockwood

Rylan Rusk

Jess Smithers

Andy Baker

Harley Hepner

### Guests:

Mark Steber

Mindy Bunselmeyer

Items added to the agenda: appointing a new Executive Secretary and District Concerns.

Confirming District Participants was deleted from the agenda.

Klingele/Johns to approve the agenda as revised. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting minutes, reports, etc. will be available in Google docs before future meetings for reference by board members.

Carlson/Smith to approve the revised minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting.  
Motion passed.

Oellerich/Baker to sustain. Motion passed.

W. Krumwiede presented the April 2015 Financial Report.

Klein/Klinge to approve the April 2015 Financial Report. Motion passed.

Baker/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

W. Krumwiede presented the Illinois FFA Budget for FY '16.

There was discussion about taking the group photos at FFA Leadership Camp and only hiring a photographer for the large group photo to lower that cost. Therefore, the Camp Photos line in the FY '16 Budget was of question. It was decided to leave this item in the budget, although it may not be spent.

There were questions about a spike in costs for insurance/bonding.

Carlson/Smith to approve the FY '16 Budget. Motion passed.

Baker/Smithers to sustain. Motion passed.

C. Morris gave a membership report. Our membership currently is at 17,186. However, there is still a lot of membership pending and that number can still go up.

The officers gave a convention report.

C. Morris presented that Brandt will be once again be sponsoring the Sliders baseball game. There may be some changes in the convention agenda to help encourage members to go to the Sliders baseball game. It was suggested that the Sliders game be held on Monday night in the future.

C. Morris stated that Abraham Lincoln will be doing the Welcome to Convention, and he will be launching the Lincoln Selfie Contest where students are encouraged to take “selfies” at Lincoln historical sites around Springfield in hopes of winning a prize from the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau.

W. Krumwiede discussed the Sam Taylor t-shirt quilts. There will be raffle tickets on sale at State FFA Convention for those quilts. There will also be a stamp program at convention where students get stamps for going to workshops, career show, etc. and can win a prize for getting a certain amount of stamps.

A. Klein discussed the Service Project this year. The officers will be having members collect food items and bring them to convention. The food items will then be sorted and members will be chosen to take them to the Central Illinois Food Bank. He also encouraged them to spread the word about workshops.

C. Morris announced that elections will once again be held on Thursday morning at 7:30 am.

The board members and their alternates will be asked to assist with elections.

They will be timers, hand out paper ballots, monitor cell phone use on the delegate floor, and man the exits. Board members are asked to arrive at elections by 7:15 am.

H. Hepner stated there was talk at the State FFA Officer Meeting about amending the constitutional amendment at State Convention. The officers favored amending the amendment from a majority vote to a 2/3 vote.

At the April State Officer meeting the Illinois FFA State Officer Team recommended to the Board of Directors that an Agriculture Education CDE be created at the state level in Illinois.

C. Smith spoke to multiple Illinois universities who were all in favor of creating this CDE. He also shared that approximately 7 states have already started an Ag Ed CDE.

Johns/Carlson to refer the Agriculture Education CDE recommendation to the IAVAT board for consideration. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

M. Bunselmeyer discussed that our State Public Speaking CDE rules do not align with National FFA rules.

The board members favored aligning our State Public Speaking rules to the National rules.

Klinge/Johns to align the Illinois State FFA Public Speaking CDE rules to the National FFA Public Speaking CDE rules. Motion passed.

Oellerich/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

### Reports

#### FFA – Major State FFA Officers

The State Officers talked about traveling the state throughout the past few months going to different chapter/section banquets. They each gave a synopsis of their banquet speeches.

#### Foundation

There was no representative present to give a report.

#### University – A. Baker

The universities are planning a bus tour with Agriculture Education majors to let students see agriculture programs in different districts of the state.

#### IAVAT – M. Bunselmeyer

IAVAT Conference is coming up in June. They are working with EZ Records.

#### Alumni – S. Meteer

There were record highs at the Alumni Conference Banquet, Breakfast, and Lunch/Auction. There have been \$15,580 worth of Gator tickets sold. Last year there were \$19,000 worth of tickets sold. Alumni Council members will be selling Gator tickets at convention as well as helping with the dance and running the Alumni booth.

#### State Staff – M. Bunselmeyer

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the cut-off date for the positions at the FFA Center. The Administrative Council will decide which candidates they would like to interview. Interviews will be

held in the last week of May. They hope to have all 3 positions filled and the new employees start on July 1.

ISBE – H. Hepner

FY '15 Agriculture Education line item was affected by the 2.25% cut made by the governor and general assembly. The Agriculture Education line item is still zeroed out for FY '16 Budget. Incentive Funding grants are also moving online. CTSO grants for next year have also been released. Tony Smith is the new State Superintendent of Schools as of May 1.

FCAE – J. Smithers

There will be a few teaching workshops held at convention as well as a Teach Ag luncheon. J. Smithers has met with Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois Soybean Association to discuss ways to help with teacher recruitment and retention.

M. Bunselmeyer talked about Program Judging. There are 143 POAs to be judged. She also went over the judging assignments.

Jim Craft will be retiring as of July 1, 2015.

Smith/Klein that Mindy Bunselmeyer be appointed the Executive Secretary of the Illinois Association FFA effective July 1. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Rusk to sustain. Motion passed.

Klinge/Carlson an accommodation for Jim Craft commending him on 25 years of outstanding years of service to the Illinois Association FFA and 39 total years of service to Illinois Agricultural Education. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

M. Bunselmeyer spoke about the "Letters for Legacy." Members will be able to write letters and bring them to State Convention. Those letters will then be given to Mr. Craft in a book. Mr. Craft will also be brought on stage and have past members and students read letters to him.

District Concerns:

District I IHSA rules about start time for CDEs. A budget should be available for District events.

District II Hilton Hotel supports Humane Society. Teachers are concerned about giving money to this hotel at State Convention. A student was disqualified at the State Proficiency level without going through the necessary channels.

District III Will chapters receive a paper at convention saying when they will be going across stage? District Proficiency awards last a long time and is a concern for District III teachers. Advisors are requesting more feedback from CDEs. There have been issues with inventory in record books and State Degree applications.

The State Degree application should better align with record books.

District IV No concerns.

District V Not enough hotel space for Southern 212.

H. Hepner reminded adult board members that they will be asked to do a Q & A session at the IAVAT Conference.

H. Hepner expressed appreciation to the 2014-2015 Illinois FFA Board of Directors for their year of service.

The next board meeting will be held on May 4, 2015. The adult members will meet prior to the meeting to discuss District Director responsibilities.

Cody Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois  
January 21, 2015

The meeting of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on January 21, 2015, by Jess Smithers, Chairman Pro Temp and Cody Morris, State FFA President.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Cody Morris	Andrew Klein	Renee Kinzinger	Willow Krumwiede	
Harley Carlson	Susie Thompson	Connor Klingele	Kade Hill	Collin Smith
Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Rylan Rusk
Andy Baker	Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner (by phone)		

Guests:

Jesse Faber	Jim Craft	Al Zwilling
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Item 11a) "Policies to Support Audit" was added to the agenda.

Hill/Klingele to approve the agenda with flexibility. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer/ Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Carlson/Smith to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014. Motion passed.  
Lockwood/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Baker to approve the Adult FFA Board Meeting minutes for the October 17, 2014 and December 11, 2014 special meetings. Motion passed.

W. Krumwiede presented the September 2014 Financial Report.  
Klein/Krumweide to approve the December 2014 Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Baker/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

J. Faber discussed the IAVAT's CDE Realignment Plan.  
It was noted the December FFA Board of Directors meeting minutes did not record any disposition on the motion, "to hold Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure and Agricultural Communication CDE's on the first Saturday in May." A vote on that motion was taken and the motion failed.

Thompson/Krumwiede to hold the Parliamentary Procedure CDE and Agricultural Communication on March 19, 2016 and the State Public Speaking CDE on the first Saturday in May 2016.  
Carlson/Kinzinger to amend by inserting "and State Public Speaking move to the State Convention in 2017. Motion passed.

Smith moved to table the motion. Motion to table failed for lack of a second.  
Amendment passed.  
Main motion as amended passed.  
Baker.Maierhofer to sustain. Motion failed.

J. Faber presented proposed revisions to the Administrative Council Constitution.

Carlson/Hill move to hold the State Parliamentary Procedure and Ag Communications CDE's on March 19, 2016. Motion passed.  
Rusk/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Klingele/Carlson to hold State Public Speaking to the week of the 2016 State FFA Convention with a designated chair from the FFA Board or Associate Executive Secretary or Foundation Director. Motion passed.

Schullian/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

District Concerns:

- District V It was a lengthy process to register for the 212 Conference.  
District IV It was a lengthy process to register for the 212 Conference.  
There is concern with coordinating IHSA and FFA events.  
There is concern with moving away from EZ Records without teacher input.  
District III Concern with errors showing up on the State FFA Degree application.  
District II There is concern with how the revised State FFA Degree is calculating the  
qualifying productively invested assets.  
District I Errors in State Degree calculations.  
Use of EZ Records codes for the future.  
IHSA start time rules and section soils CDE's.

Meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

The board members reported back on the conversations they had with teachers about allowing Junior High records to be used for FFA Award and Degree purposes.

- District III Felt the addition would be a 'good idea'  
Districts I, II, IV & V Teachers with Junior High students were skeptical about allowing the use of Junior High records and teachers without Junior High students were opposed to the use of Junior High records.

Mr. Zwilling discussed the need to develop several policies for the FFA Center that could impact the organizations housed at the center. Examples of those policies include Document Retention, Conflict of Interest, etc. He asked the Board if a set of policies were developed for the FFA Center, would the FFA be willing to adopt those as organizational policies.

The Board asked staff to develop a draft of the policies needed and present them at a later meeting for consideration.

Hill/Thompson to accept the two late Preliminary Program of Activities. Motion passed.

Rusk/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Klinge/Hill to adopt the proposed State Officer Discipline Policy with the correction by adding or her" after him and deleting the second sentence in Item #6 pending legal approval. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Kinzinger/Smith to retain Items #1 and #2 from the previous procedures in the State Officer Disciplinary Policy. Motion passed.

Baker/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Smithers reported that the AFNR Stem Grant is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Funding for the SAE Initiatives will continue, provided funding is continued.

The officers reviewed the convention agenda.

The officers would like to hold a concert on Wednesday night of convention.

Carlson/Thompson to allow the Major State Officers to plan a concert with a reasonable cost recovery as determined by the FFA Staff. Motion passed.

Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.



Additional highlights planned for the convention include:  
Quilt Raffle  
Convention Workshops  
“Illinois Stories” (a Public Broadcast Systems program) interviews at convention  
Day of Service will be a food drive

Smith/Carlton to adopt the proposed constitutional amendment, with the exception of line 2 in #6 and send it to the delegates upon legal counsel approval. Motion passed.  
Schullian/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Smith/Klinge to keep registration fees for the State FFA Convention the same as in 2014 and increase exhibitor fees by \$50. Motion passed.  
Schullian/Rusk to sustain. Motion passed.

#### FFA Report

##### **October:**

- National Convention
- CDEs: 10 gold emblem teams, 9 silver emblem teams, 5 bronze emblem teams
  - 1 National Proficiency Winner
  - 4 National Proficiency Finalists
  - National Officer Candidate
    - **November:**
  - State Food Science CDE
    - State Ag Sales CDE
- ISBE Budget Hearings (Quincy, Chicago, Granite City)
  - Monsanto Retreat
  - **December:**
  - Normal 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Fair
  - Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
  - December State Officer Meeting
    - **January:**
    - ILSSO to South Africa
      - Farm and Industry Visits
        - Geography
        - Culture
      - Soweto/Kliptown Youth Program
        - Upcoming Events
  - Illinois FFA Alumni Conference (January 23-24)
    - 212 Conferences (January 30-31)
      - FFA Alumni
  - 130 of the 190 FFA Alumni chapters have opted to use the affiliation membership option.
    - The FFA Alumni Conference is this weekend
      - FCAE
    - A “Teach Ag Luncheon” is being planned to be held at the State FFA Convention
      - ISBE
  - The Agricultural Education line item is recommended to be funded at \$3.0 million

- There will be changes in teacher licensure
- The Illinois State Board of Education will be composed of a new Chairperson and four new Board Members.
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- FFA Committee Reports
- Membership Committee - Harley Carlson
- Working on a parody to “Rock You”. The committee is currently filming and planning to release the video on February 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - SAE Promotions Committee - Kade Hill
  - Currently in the process of finalizing and distributing an SAE Newsletter.
  - Financial Action Committee - Connor Klingele
- Have developed window clings for supporters of the FFA Foundation. The cost was about \$5 cents per cling.
  - Advocacy Committee - Susie Thompson
  - Will have a page inserted in the FFA Alumni Conference Program.
  - Community Development Committee - Collin Smith
- The committee is working on a video to inform chapters and sections on how to conduct a “Packages for the Troops” program.
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  - The meeting was concluded with Closing Ceremony.
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**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**  
**December 11, 2014**

The meeting of the adult members of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on December 11, 2014, by Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Rylan Rusk
Andy Baker	Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Tommy Justison	Tom Justison	Andy Scharf	Stephen Kaufman	Brian Lee
Jim Craft				

Minutes of the October 17, 2014 meeting of the FFA Board of Directors were distributed for review.

Mr. Hepner reviewed the action taken to date and invited any new information to be presented.

**New Information from Tommy**

- Tommy Justison spoke to the Board and expressed his desire to continue to serve as State FFA Vice President.
- Andy Scharf, attorney for Tommy Justison addressed the FFA Board Members. He expressed concerns with the disciplinary inquiries that were conducted and the accuracy of statements provided. Additionally, he spoke on 25 photographs that he presented for the Board's review.
- Combined, Tommy and Attorney Scharf were provided 58 minutes to present new and relevant information.

**New information from complainants**

- None

**New Information from FFA**

- Mr. Craft presented copies of three text message strings and an e-mail between staff and legal counsel.

Maierhofer/Oellerich to go into Executive Session with Mr. Craft, Mr. Kaufmann, and Mr. Lee in attendance. Motion passed and the Board entered Executive Session at 2:08 p.m.

Baker/Oellerich to exit Executive Session. Motion passed.

The Board recessed at 4:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 4:34 p.m.

Oellerich/Lockwood to dismiss Tommy Justison as a State FFA Officer for violations of the State FFA Officer Commitment Form, effective immediately. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Baker to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois FFA Center and Conference Call  
Springfield, Illinois  
October 17, 2014**

The meeting of the adult members of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors was called to order at 4:04 p.m. on October 17, 2014, by Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

**Members:**

Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Rylan Rusk
Andy Baker	Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner		

**Guests:**

Tommy Justison	Tom Justison	Corey Terwilliger	Jesse Faber	Parker Bane
Tammy Johns	Jim Craft			

Mr. Hepner reviewed the purpose of the meeting and thanked all for their attendance and input.

Mr. Hepner reviewed the materials received and distributed to the FFA Board members to date regarding the disciplinary issue.

Mr. Hepner invited all parties to share any information in regards to the disciplinary issue that has not yet been provided to the FFA Board.

Input was provided by Mr. Terwilliger, Mrs. Oellerich, Tommy Justison and Mr. Faber. Tommy Justison offered an eight page explanation and copies of text messages for the Board's review.

The FFA Board Members asked questions of the staff, advisors and Tommy Justison.

Maierhofer/Rusk to go into Executive Session. Motion passed.

Oellerich/Maierhofer to exit Executive Session. Motion passed.

A second roll call was taken. The roll call showed the following individuals present.

Members:

Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Andy Baker
Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner			

Guests:

Tommy Justison	Tom Justison	Corey Terwilliger	Jesse Faber	Jim Craft
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Mr. Hepner made a final call for information.

Tommy Justison expressed appreciation to the Board for taking time to review the information.

Mr. Hepner expressed his appreciation to all for the time they invested in reviewing and considering the issue.

Lockwood/Maierhofer that Tommy Justison be suspended immediately [*from all State Officer duties*], pending further information, with a final resolution to be made at a Board Meeting to be held within the next 30 days. Motion passed.

Baker/Maierhofer to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois  
October 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:56 a.m. on October 6, 2014, with Opening Ceremonies, by Cody Morris, 2014-15 State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Cody and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Cody Morris	Tommy Justison	Andrew Klein	Renee Kinzinger	Willow Krumwiede
Harley Carlson	Jordan Johns	Connor Klingele	Kade Hill	Collin Smith
Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Rylan Rusk
Andy Baker	Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Jim Craft	Al Zwilling	Mindy Bunselmeyer
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Klein/Hill to approve the agenda with the addition of “Parliamentary Procedure Judges Requirement” and “Electronic Manuscripts”. Motion passed.  
Schullian/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Justison/Klingele to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2014 FFA Board Meeting. Motion passed.  
Lockwood/Baker to sustain. Motion passed.

W. Krumwiede presented the September 2014 Financial Report.  
Justison/Carlson to approve the September 2014 Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Rusk/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the open accounts. At present chapters have obligations of \$5,786 to the Illinois FFA and an additional \$8,644 is to be transferred from the Foundation’s “Hopper Fund” to the Illinois FFA to cover registrations and fees.

Craft reviewed chapter credits that have accrued when chapters overpay registrations. At present there is \$1,911 available to be refunded.

Hill/Justison to accept the Audit Service Engagement letter from CliftonLarsonAllen the new auditing firm. Motion passed.  
Baker/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

**District Concerns**

District I - None

District II - Would like clarification on IHSA policies. There is some concern with the timeliness in releasing CDE rules.

District III - Concern that a Discovery-level competition should be provided in CDE’s. The restriction on Section CDE starting time is a concern.

District IV - The restriction on Section CDE starting time is a concern.

District V - None

It was suggested the printed FFA Convention schedule be replaced with an electronic version.

Craft reviewed the Convention Financial Report.

Craft reviewed the FFA Leadership Camp Financial Report.

Justison/Krumwiede to have the Camp Committee review photo options at camp and report back to the FFA Board. Motion passed.

Schullian/Baker to sustain. Motion passed.

Justison/Klinge to move Job Interview, Ag Issues, Novice Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking to the 2016 State FFA Convention.

Klein/Smith to amend by striking Public Speaking. Motion passed.

Main motion as amended passed.

Oellerich/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Klein/Hill to accept IAVAT's request to hold the Agriculture Communications CDE, Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking CDE's on March 19, 2016.

Schullian/Maierhofer to sustain.

Maierhofer/Lockwood to postpone implementation to the January Meeting and direct staff to investigate with the host as to an agreeable date. [*Disposition of motion was not recorded*]

Meeting went into recess at 12:32 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

There was no report from the Camp Committee.

C. Smith presented a proposal to allow the use of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade SAE records as part of the award and degree process. It was discussed and decided that the Directors would talk to teachers and students about the proposal and report at the next FFA Board Meeting.

Craft reported the IAVAT Board is reviewing their options available regarding EZ Records.

Mr. Zwilling led a discussion on the purpose of State FFA Convention. Purposes identified were:

- Elect new officers
- Recognition of members, supporters and chapters
- Develop a work plan
- Recruit, retain and motivate members
- Advocacy - selling the organization to legislators, ISBE, etc.
- Fun and enjoyment
- Educational - student development, chapter development and community development
- Interaction between FFA Members
- Connect students to careers and college
- Reflect and impact

Ways to achieve the purposes include:

- Video of winners during pre-sessions
- Recognition of participants (camp groups, etc.)
- Better utilize space
- Realize there are multiple ways to recognize
- To many, convention can be boring if they are not being recognized
- Accuracy in recognitions (spelling in program and scripting is critical)

- Share convention experience and stream videos with others for motivation.

Convention was summed up as an opportunity to;

- ❖ Celebrate & Educate
- ❖ Recognize & Visualize
- ❖ Vote and Promote

It was noted that sponsor involvement needs to be consistent.

M. Bunselmeyer presented draft copies of the Outstanding Section and Outstanding Chapter Reporter applications.

Justison/Johns to accept the proposed applications as presented. Kinzinger/Carlson to amend by adding a team or individual checkbox on the Outstanding Chapter Reporter application. Motion passed.

Main motion as amended passed.

Maierhofer/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Hill/Justison to establish two divisions in the Outstanding Chapter Reporter award program and to limit chapter's to one entry as a Team entry or Individual entry. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the revised State FFA Degree application.

Justison/Hill to delete the "Efficiencies Attained" section from the State FFA Degree application.

Motion passed.

Rusk/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Smith/Carlson to approve the revised State FFA Degree for use beginning in 2015. Motion passed.

Oellerich/Rusk to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the current requirements for the Sweepstakes Award.

Justison/Hill to set the minimum Foundation Collection Dive at \$750 in order to qualify for the Sweepstakes Award. Motion passed.

Oellerich/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the current requirements for the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE rules.

Justison/Smith to allow the use of online resources as a reference for the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE. [Note: Online resources do not include files saved to the web through "Dropbox", GoogleDocs, etc.] Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

### **FFA Committee Reports**

Public Relations - Jordan Johns

- The Illinois FFA AGvocate page has 712 "likes".

SAE Promotion - Kade Hill

- The committee is building an SAE template
- They are also working on an SAE packet for use in promoting SAE's.

Membership - Harley Carlson

- Working on a recruitment video that emphasizes leadership, personal growth and career success.

#### Financial Action - Connor Klingele

- The committee would like to distribute window clings to businesses that support FFA.
- They are working on a generic letter for use by Section and Chapter Reporters to use in contacting businesses for support.

#### Community Development - Collin Smith

- Building a plan so chapters can model a local program after the Illinois FFA "Packages for Troops" effort.

#### **FFA Officer Report**

##### **August:**

- FFA Barnyard at the State Fair (August 7-17)
- Salute to Ag Day and Sale of Champions (August 12)
- DuQuoin State Fair (August 22-September 1)
- FFA Night with the Cornbelters (August 23)
- District S.T.A.R. Conferences
- GROWMARK Annual Meeting (August 28-29)

##### **September:**

- Chapter Visits and Leadership Training Schools
- September State Officer Meeting (September 11-12)
- Greenhand Workshops (SIU, WIU, U of I)
- State Forestry CDE (September 27)

##### **October:**

- Beginning Ag Teachers Conference (October 3-4)
- IAVAT Board of Directors Meeting (October 4)

##### **Upcoming Events:**

- Illinois PAS Fall Conference (October 24)
- National FFA Convention (October 29-November 1)

#### **FFA Alumni Report**

- The alumni are moving to an affiliate structure. The cost will be \$100 for National and \$75 for state. If an affiliate has 25 life members the National fee will be waived.
- The alumni annual meeting will be held January 23-24, 2015, at the Decatur Conference Center in Decatur, Illinois.
- The next Alumni Council Meeting will be November 8, 2014, in Decatur, Illinois.

#### **IACCAI Report**

- The IACCAI just concluded their annual meeting.
- The officers are: Gary Shupe, President; Brad Angus, Vice President; Doug Robb, Treasurer; Bill Waggoner, Secretary; and Theresa Meers, Past President.

#### **FCAE Report**

- Busy working with new agriculture programs.
- Illinois was short on the number of teachers to fill vacancies this year.
- Twenty-eight of the beginning teachers are provisionally certified.
- Twenty-one teacher education graduates are expected in Spring `15.
- Aligned the career development events with the state standards.

#### **Foundation Report**

##### **1. Development Progress**



- a. Illinois Farmer Today \$10,000 to support chapters' collection drive or chapters who assist with requalifying farmer/producers and exploring sponsorship of Illinois and Illinois American Stars
- b. Brandt interested in working with State Convention and Springfield Sliders if possible with FFA, happy with investment and willing to see it grow.
- c. Discussion with potential new donor about State Convention Program Booklet Sponsorship
- d. US Army discussion about \$5,000 dollar general convention support ready for full proposal
- e. Illinois Bee Keepers Association potential proficiency/scholarship support
- f. Meeting with John Deere Corporate Alumni leadership. 130 members. Explored goals, found mutual interests and are looking to engage members mostly in District 1. Learned that Illinois and National FFA Foundations have been approved for matching gift program from Deere employees
- g. ATT about general support to Foundation
- h. State Farm pleased with their investments, likes the presence at Farm Progress Show and will plan for another contribution at 2015 Farm Progress Show.
- i. Will host a potential sponsor at National FFA Convention on Thursday. Will attend most Foundation events with them on Thursday.
- j. Exploring potential sponsors about E Z Records
- k. Working with ILCAE Business Engagement work group
- l. DuPont Pioneer sponsorship of two shirts for all 30 state officers
- m. Farm Credit Illinois and University of College of ACES hosted the September State FFA Officer Meeting
- n. Meeting with potential sponsors for NAAE Region 4 Conference in Quad Cities John Deere Alumni, Whiteys Ice Cream, Lagomarcino's
- o. Culvers in Champaign will once again provide discounts to FFA members and Advisors when events are held in Urbana-Champaign.

## 2. Prepared two grant proposals for IACCAI Articulation Conference

- a. Lumpkin Family Foundation \$5,000 not funded
- b. GoodWorksConnect \$1,500 for professional development at Articulation Conference

## 3. Reviewed and revised materials for Foundation Electronic Toolkit

### August- September 2014 Time

Days in office 22

Days working from home 6

Meetings/Events out of office 9

Donor Visit Days 4

Leave Days 6

### ISBE Report

- Agricultural Education line item was level funded for FY`15 at \$1.8 million
- CTE was level funded in the FY`15 ISBE Budget
- Revisions to the Incentive Funding Grant are in process and should be out in mid-October.
- GAST grants for FY`15 have been announced.
- The dates of the FY`16 ISBE Budget Hearings have been announced.
- There will be changes in the list of qualified Professional Development Providers and Provisional Teacher licensure is undergoing changes.

Johns/Carlson to accept Prepared Public Speaking manuscripts that are submitted electronically as a pdf. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Justison/Hill to require Parliamentary Procedure teams to provide judges as required or the team shall be disqualified. Motion passed.  
Oellerich/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Klinge/Justison that schools provide required judges for the Public Speaking CDE's or the individuals from that school will be disqualified. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

Johns/Carlson that participants may draw or schedule an appointment in advance for Public Speaking events. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

Johns/Smith to implement the rule for all District and State level events. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

There were concerns with the cost of hosting district events.

Craft passed out the updated Calendar of Events.

The meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois  
August 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m. on August 6, 2014, with Opening Ceremonies, by Cody Morris, 2014-15 State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Cody and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Cody Morris	Tommy Justison	Andrew Klein	Renee Kinzinger	Willow Krumwiede
Harley Carlson	Jordan Johns	Connor Klingele	Kade Hill	Collin Smith
Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Rylan Rusk
Andy Baker	Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Sam Detwiler	Rachel Hawk	August Schetter	Cody Carman	Joe Heavner
Mark Steber	Jesse Faber	Jim Craft	Al Zwilling	Mindy Bunselmeyer

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Schullian/Oellerich to nominate and elect Don Lockwood and Jeff Maierhofer to serve as members of the 2014 Governing Committee. Motion passed.

Carlson/Klingele to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2014 FFA Board Meeting. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

W. Krumwiede presented the July 2014 Financial Report.  
Johns/Smith Approve the July 2014 Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Oellerich/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

H. Hepner and J. Craft reviewed the FY`15 ISBE CTSO Grant.  
Hill/Justison to approve the FY`15 CTSO Grant application. Motion passed.  
Lockwood/Rusk to sustain. Motion passed.

Justison/Klein to nominate and cast a white ballot for Jim Craft as the 2014-15 FFA Executive Secretary. Motion passed.  
Oellerich/Rusk to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft Update the Board on open accounts to the FFA and indicated a list of those open accounts would be sent by e-mail to the Board.

Klein/Johns to amend the FY`15 FFA Budget by change total membership receipts to \$204,400. Motion passed.  
Baker/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

The process used to confirm District Winners was discussed. Last year there were delays in the District Directors receiving a list of section winners that were advancing to the District level in Public Speaking, Proficiencies and Parliamentary Procedure. It was determined that:

- District FFA Board Members would be copied messages to the Section Presidents when section results were missing or incorrect
- District Directors would be provided e-mail addresses for the Section Presidents in their districts.

M. Bunselmeyer reported the Outstanding Chapter Reporter application and the Outstanding Section Reporter application is undergoing revision. A copy of the application will be available for review at the next FFA Board of Directors Meeting.

#### 2013-14 State FFA Officer Report

- Judge POA's at Section Level first, then advance to State Judging
- Get Al and Mindy more involved with Convention Planning and in "The Know"
- Move up deadline dates on Scripts
- Put a band/chorus/talent in before and after RA's - members backstage don't get to hear all Retiring Addresses.
- Delegate T-Shirts - give delegates certificate to redeem rather than actually passing out shirts
- Book Orr Building Early!
- Start all convention deadlines earlier - make a deadline timeframe
- Laser Light Show - Awesome, but way too long
- Have officer retreat sooner - Right after National Convention
- Find a new living situation - permanent hotel suite, apartment, etc.
- Keep Andrew McCrea Training
- Past Officer Mentoring Program with Current Officers
- Include all of State Staff on important decisions
- Have Staff meetings with Officers included
- More access to the office
- Clean Out the Garage
- E-Car should be Officers only
- Explore possibilities with RAM Truck on possible truck sponsorship
- Continue Sponsor Visits - Increase if possible
- FFA Camera should be with the FFA Officers only
- Finish Changing the Website
- Officers Inefficiencies - magazine folding, etc.
- Better team supervisor - months January - April
- Look at other opportunities similar to Ag Communications Summit
- Explore a possible second week on camp - utilize past officers/alumni as camp staff
- Utilize officers at events - I.E. Ag Legislative Day, CDE's, Other Events
- Why are officers being used as check-in receptionists?
- Officers - build your year-end report during the year
- Conduct officer visits to "start-up" schools
- Consult a variety of staff and experts during the year.

Klein/Hill to appoint August Schetter as the 2015 FFA Representative to the Alumni Council. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Baker to sustain. Motion passed.

It was recommended that:

- Staff investigate long-term (semi-permanent) housing options for the State FFA Officers.
- Mentoring is important, but mentoring acceptance is also important.

Klein/Justison to form a committee of three adults and one student from the FFA Board to explore Leadership Camp options. Motion passed.

Baker/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

The chair appointed Andrew Baker, Bryan Schullian, Don Lockwood and Andrew Klein as committee members.

The FFA Board congratulated the 2013-14 State FFA Officers on a successful year and thanked them for their year of service.

### District Concerns

District I: Chapters would like to have attended the Sliders Ballgame at FFA Convention, but it was at the same time as the National Chapter Award recognitions. Conflicts with the proficiency applications. Would like to streamline the National Chapter Award judging.

District II: Schools needed to be notified there would be a charge for campers to order camp pictures.

District III: Sweepstakes Award needs clarified. District Proficiency times need to be adjusted to allow students and teachers to get home at a more reasonable time. Would like to have the Chapter stage appearances provided to the Advisor's in advance of convention. Scripts need to be reviewed more closely.

District IV: The prepared speaker was not given an opportunity to present on the convention stage and was not recognized at the State Awards dinner. There was no advance notice that camp pictures would be an additional expense to campers. Proficiency applications need to be reviewed in a more timely manner.

District V: There was a lot of noise backstage during some of the retiring addresses. Standardize the envelopes for Prepared Public Speaking. There is a concern with how the SAE records will transfer into the revised American and State FFA Degree applications.

Recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

Reconvened from lunch at 1:15 p.m.

Jesse Faber, IAVAT Vice President, presented Lisa Oellerich the ACTE Outstanding New Teacher Award for Region III ACTE. Mrs. Oellerich will represent Illinois and Region III in National competition at the ACTE Annual Meeting in November.

J. Faber reviewed the CDE issues that the IAVAT Board of Directors had identified. He reviewed the IAVAT resolution, provided an update of EZ Records and reviewed the CDE Survey Options for implementation in 2015-16.

Klein/Johns to support the Option A CDE Proposal from IAVAT, with the intent to phase the 8 CDE's identified into convention activities over a 2-3 year period. Motion passed.

Baker/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

The FFA Board reviewed the FFA Convention Survey. It was noted the Thursday session was long.

Kinzinger/Klingelege to approve the Membership Committee Report. Motion passed.

Oellerich/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

Klingelege/Hill to approve the Financial Action Committee Report. Motion passed.

Rusk/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Hill/Carlson to approve the SAE Promotion Committee Report. Motion passed.

Schullian/Rusk to sustain. Motion passed.

Johns/Justison to approve the Public Relations Committee Report. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

The FFA Board reviewed the convention attendance report and the preliminary Financial Report.

IAVAT Resolution #3 noted there were errors in the FFA Convention script that resulted in the wrong chapters names being read as award winners. As a result of the errors:

- 1) The scripts officers use as templates will not include the previous year's award winners.
- 2) The officers will be required to submit scripts by the deadlines or their activities will be limited to work in the office.
- 3) The list of awards winners listed in the scripts will be reviewed by their team partner and staff members.

The IAVAT Board reviewed the IAVAT Resolutions #1 and #2, but took no action.

Mrs. Bunselmeyer reviewed the proposed changes to the American FFA Degree process.

- 1) A preliminary list of the candidates that submitted an American Degree Intent Form will be sent to the IAVAT Section Chairs about January 15<sup>th</sup> so the Chairs can assist students.
- 2) A final list of candidates will be sent to the IAVAT Section Chair's about March 1<sup>st</sup> so the Chairs can schedule project visits.

Mrs. Bunselmeyer presented her staff report. Items included were:

- Illinois FFA Alumni are go to an affiliation fee with this year's Alumni membership.
- The Alumni will be submitting a state basket to the National FFA Alumni Auction.
- PAS membership is being collected on Google Forms.
- Attendance at the Communications was very good and involved several corporate partners.
- Preparations are underway for the FFA Barnyard at the Illinois State Fair. A new layout will be in place and interactive exhibits will be a part of the Barnyard.
- IACCAI Fall Conference will be October 2-3, 2014 at Parkland College.

Mr. Craft walked the FFA Board through the current State FFA Degree and made notes on the changes necessary to align the application with the constitutional changes that go into effect this year.

Hill/Johns to approve the changes and use them in the 2015 State FFA Degree. Motion passed.

Rusk/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the sections of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Handbook that impact the FFA. He indicated three areas of concern:

- 1) Section competitive events that are held on a school day, should not start before 1:00 p.m.
- 2) High school students cannot compete against Junior High students for awards. Their project can (section fairs) but the student cannot.
- 3) Home-schooled students must take 25 credit hours of course work at the school in a program approved by the member school and granted credit for the work.

A draft copy of the AgriScience Fair Handbook was reviewed.

Justison/Smith to approve the changes to the AgriScience Fair Handbook. Motion passed.

Schullian/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

The evaluation comments from the State Officer Selection Committee members were shared and rubrics used in the event discussed.

Klein/Hill to change the multiplier on the rubrics to a multiple of 10. Motion passed.

Rusk/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the rules for the Sweepstakes Award.

Justison/Hill to postpone the issue until the next meeting. Motion passed.

Rusk/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the National Chapter Award process that was implemented last year. No changes were recommended.

Klinge/Hill to remove "Take from the Table" and "Reconsider" motions from the students' reference card in the Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE. Motion passed.

Schullian/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

### FFA Report

#### June

- Blast Off!
- IAVAT Conference
- Heritage and Cooperative Tour to D.C.
- NLCSO

#### July

- July State Officer Meeting at SIU
- Andrew McCrea State Officer Training
- State Presidents' Conference
- Illinois FFA Leadership Camp

#### August

- Ag Communications Summit

#### Upcoming Events

- FFA Barnyard at the State Fair
- Ag Day at the State Fair
- STAR Conferences/Chapter Visits
- GROWMARK Annual Meeting - August 28th - 29th
- Du Quoin State Fair - August 29th - September 1st
- FFA Night at the Cornbelters - August 23rd

#### Staff & Foundation Report - Al Zwilling

1. Donor Visits Conducted
  - a. Ball Horticultural
  - b. John Deere Corporate, Foundation, and John Deere Global Citizenship - Learned about Dollars for Doers and matching gift programs
  - c. ADM - Learned about volunteerism program and matching gift programs
  - d. Southern Illinois University College of Agriculture Sciences - Hosted July FFA State Officer Meeting
  - e. Farm Credit Illinois and University of Illinois College of ACES - Confirmed host for September 2014 FFA State Officer Meeting

- f. DuPont Pioneer/Heartland Business Unit - Confirmed host for April 2015 FFA State Officer Meeting
2. Connections to Donors/Sponsors at State FFA Convention & IAVAT Conference
    - a. Illinois Farmer Today
    - b. CF Industries
    - c. TransCanada Pipeline
    - d. Illinois American Water
    - e. Illinois Energy STEM
    - f. Christian-Kropf
    - g. Nutrients for Life Foundation
    - h. Pilson Motors
    - i. Springfield Sliders
    - j. Monsanto
    - k. 1st Farm Credit
    - l. Farm Credit Illinois
    - m. Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders
    - n. Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau
    - o. The Anderson's
    - p. Illinois FFA Alumni
    - q. International Greenhouse
    - r. State Farm
    - s. ATT
    - t. Country Lights Soy Candles Ltd.
    - u. Blue Freedom Fruit Sales
  3. Management of the AFNR Learning Exchange and 2nd payment of SAE grants to schools. AFNR has one more year of funding.
  4. Year-end fiscal review, transfers and payments.
 

May through July 2014	Time
Days in office	36
Days working from home	5
Meetings/Events out of office	13
Donor Visit Days	6
Leave Days	4

**Executive Secretary Report -Jim Craft**

- Working on the CDE consolidation effort that IAVAT is trying to put in place
- Working to get National to import data from EZ Records to the new National FFA Applications
- Wrapping up from convention and getting National Award applications to National was a major focus in June & July
- Illinois was host to the NLC SO and has been asked to host again in 2015.
- Working with officers on training and schedules

It was requested the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Rules be added to the next agenda.

**IAVAT Report**

- Charlie Sappington, Cumberland High School, serves as NAAE President-Elect and will advance to President in November.
- Lisa Oellerich was named the 2014 Region III ACTE Outstanding New Teacher
- Valmeyer High School was named the Region IV 2014 NAAE Outstanding Ag Ed Program.
- Doug Nelson, Princeville, and Bryan Schullian, Southeastern, were selected as NAAE "Teachers Turn the Key" recipients.

**ISBE Report**

- The Governor has signed the FY`15 Budget - the Agricultural Education line item was level funded.
- Incentive Funding Grants should be out by mid-August.



- When the FY`16 Budget Hearings begin, interested individual will be able to submit comments to [FY16@isbe.net](mailto:FY16@isbe.net)
- There are several teaching vacancies that are yet to be filled.
- New programs will open at Warren, Yorkville Christian and Belleville West.
- Several changes have occurred in ISBE staffing.

The following dates were set:

October 6, 2014	FFA Board of Directors Meeting
January 21, 2015	FFA Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2015	Due date for District Parliamentary Procedure results
March 11, 2015	District Proficiency Awards
April 1, 2015	District Public Speaking
May 4, 2015	Round I Program Judging
May 7, 2015	FFA Board of Directors Meeting
May 8, 2015	Round II Program Judging

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois  
May 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. on May 8, 2014, with Opening Ceremonies, by Sam Detwiler, 2013-14 State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Sam and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Sam Detwiler	August Schetter	Cody Carman	Joe Heavner	Xavier Morgan
Willow Krumwiede	Cody Morris	Austin McAllister	Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer
Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Rylan Rusk	Richard Steffen	Jess Smithers
Harley Hepner				

Guests:

Mark Steber	Jim Craft	Al Zwilling	Mindy Bunselmeyer
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Carman/Heavner to approve the agenda with additions. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Schetter/Morris to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

J. Heavner presented the April 2014 Financial Report.

Morris/McAllister to approve the April 2014 Financial Report. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Carman/Morgan to accept the FY`15 FFA Budget. Motion passed.

Schullian/Rusk to sustain. Motion passed.

Governing Committee Report

The Governing Committee reviewed an appeal from an individual whose application was not submitted to the Illinois FFA Center and whose name was not on the list of recommended candidates from the section. The Governing Committee concurred with the staff recommendation to deny the degree for 2014.

Rusk/Oellerich to sustain the action of the Governing Committee. Motion failed 3-4.

Schetter/Heavner to accept Matthew Burger as a State FFA Degree recipient, provided he meets all State FFA Degree requirements. Motion passed.

Schullian/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed 4-3.

Morgan/Krumwiede to allow the candidate five days to make corrections to the application. Motion passed.

Schullian/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

The FFA Membership Report showed 17,517 Illinois FFA Members.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**  
**January 17, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 17, 2014, with Opening Ceremonies, by Sam Detwiler, 2013-14 State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Sam and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Sam Detwiler	Rachel Hawk	August Schetter	Cody Carman	Joe Heavner
Chloe Carson	Xavier Morgan	Willow Krumwiede	Cody Morris	Austin McAllister
Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Rylan Rusk
Richard Steffen	Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Jim Craft	Mindy Bunselmeyer	Al Zwilling
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Carman/McAllister to approve the agenda by adding

8.1 Discipline Policy

8c FY'13 Audit

11d Scrapbook Competition Rules Revisions

11e Alternate Interview Request

and the deleting the current 11e and relabeling 11f through 11g. Motion passed.

Schullian/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed

Carman/Schetter to approve the September 16, 2014, meeting minutes with the noted corrections. Motion passed.

Steffen/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

J. Heavner reviewed the December 2013 Financial Report.

Morris/Hawk to approve the December 2013, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Carman/Schetter to approve the FY `13 Audit Review. Motion passed.

Schullian/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Schetter/Hawk to set the time to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.. Motion passed.

Steffen/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft indicated that a discipline issue with a section president arose and was dealt with. He indicated the issue did result in a suspension from duties, but he failed to involve the Governing Committee in the decision.

Lockwood/Maierhofer to go into Executive Session. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Rusk to reconvene from Executive Session. Motion passed.

## Concerns

District I	Questions on Extemporaneous Public Speaking
District II	Concerns with the proposed FFA Convention Agenda.
District III	Some concern with the realignment of Career Development Events; Some have expressed concerns with the proposed changes to the FFA Convention Agenda
District IV	Would like a third site for 212 Conference; Make the registration deadline for 212 Conference earlier.
District V	Concern with the space limitations at the 212 Conference; Section Presidents working at the FFA Barnyard were seen texting rather than working with visitors; Concerns with the Fair Share for the FFA Foundation.

Mr. Hepner reported that a meeting was held with some of the teachers attending the Elite Conference and while supportive of Program Affiliation they had some reservations due to religious beliefs, funding issues, activity fees, and mandatory drug testing that should be considered and/or addressed. Craft provided a sample of Program Affiliation fee schedule for the Board's discussion. The Board requested that a Chapter by Chapter breakdown be provided to them prior to the 212 Conference so it could be discussed there.

It was announced that members of the IAVAT Board of Directors would be meeting with the FFA Board members attending the 212 Conferences to discuss the best options to use in realigning the Career Developments Events at the State level.

Schetter/Carman to recess. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.  
Meeting recessed at 12:06 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:43 p.m.

Heavner/Steffen to accept the Pre-POA's from the two sections that submitted them after the deadline. Motion passed.  
Lockwood/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Schetter/Hawk to set January 31<sup>st</sup> as the date all corrections to the Pre-POA's must be received. Motion passed.  
Lockwood/Rusk to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the schedule for Ag Legislative Day.

A copy of the current FFA Membership list was distributed. At present membership is down 800 members from the Final 2012-13 Membership.

Mrs. Bunselmeyer presented some proposed changes to the Chapter Scrapbook Competition. McAllister/Schetter to accept the proposed Chapter Scrapbook Competition rule changes and implement them for this year. Motion passed.  
Steffen/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft presented a letter received requesting an alternate means of interviewing for a student should they advance to the District level in Proficiency Awards. The student had a conflict with an out-of-state activity that required pre-registration and was directly related to the student's proficiency award area.

Schetter/McAllister to allow alternate means of interview for the student. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

McAllister/Carman that staff present a proposed policy for the Board to consider at the next meeting.  
Motion pass.

Oellerich/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

[Note: The policy being referred to relates to when and under what circumstances a request for an alternate means of interview would be granted.]

The Board was provided copies of the new AgriScience Fair Handbook for review.

### **State FFA Convention**

State FFA Convention changes were discussed. Most of the discussion was related to the move of the elections from Wednesday evening to Thursday morning.

Concerns about the elections move were: 1) Will seating be limited due to the elections, 2) Can elections be accomplished so the afternoon session can start on time, 3) How will this impact set-up and seating of the State FFA Degree Candidates, and 4) Will this impact the Backstage Crew and their set-up for the Thursday afternoon session?

- Additionally, the officers and staff were cautioned to be careful with the convention agenda time-wise.
- It is likely a function for all the American Degree Candidates would be added to the convention activities. Sponsorship is being sought.
- There is a possibility of having a special event at the Sliders Baseball Game on either Monday or Wednesday evening.
- There is no proposed change in dues for 2014-15.
- Election Procedures for Major State FFA Officers was printed and distributed.

Schetter/Morgan to set registration fees at the 2014 State FFA Convention the same as in 2013. Motion passed.

Rusk/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

- The Day of Service has been discontinued and in its place a School book Drive for two agriculture schools in Liberia will be conducted.
- Lunches will be the same as in the past. Tickets will be priced for a break-even return.
- Dance will take place at the State Fairgrounds, but prices may increase \$1.
- The officers are working to identify workshop presenters and topics.

### **FFA Officer Report** - State FFA Officer Team

October

- Beginning Advisors Workshop
- Chapter Visits
- WGN Visit
- National Convention

November

- National Convention
- State Food Science CDE
- Sullivan Greenhand Workshop
- Start of State Convention Planning

## December

- Easton Corbin Experience - Lakeland College
- IAA Annual Meeting
- Tours of John Marshal and CHSAS Schools
- American Seed Trade Show - Syngenta Program
- State Dairy Products and Agronomy
- Meeting with Farm Credit of Illinois and 1st Farm Credit Services
- December State Officer Conference Call
- Packaged 143 boxes for troops and sent them off

## January

- ILSSO Trip to South Africa
- Board of Director Meeting
- January State Officer Meeting

National FFA Week is February 15-22, 2014.

### University Report - Dr. Richard Steffen

Universities are experiencing serious challenges in recruiting students. Changes in certification have had a negative impact on Teacher Education students.

### FCAE Report - Jess Smithers

- SAE Grant applications are down from last year
- STEM Grants for SAE records will provide reporting school up to \$20 per student who has an SAE
- Posters have been created for Agriculture classrooms, showing the requirements for the various FFA Degrees
- Career Developments Events have been aligned to State Standards
- Revised the template for the teachers Agriculture Education Annual Report
- Held a successful Elite Conference
- The ICAE/ILCAE Symposium is set for April 11<sup>th</sup>

### Illinois State Board of Education Report - Harley Hepner

- Offered his thanks to those who spoke on behalf of Agricultural Education at the recent ISBE hearings
- ISBE Board will meet next week to finalize and recommend its' budget
- Working to address the next generation of Science Standards
- The Agriculture Education Summit is at the end of January in Indianapolis.

### Staff Reports

**Craft:** Met with the Executive Director of the Illinois State High School Association to make certain we are in compliance and that FFA activities are still sanctioned by IHSA. He noted that in general the FFA and IAVAT events are in compliance and our events are sanctioned by IHSA. However, we need to make changes in the events in which High School and Junior High students compete against each other in an event.

**Bunselmeyer:** Conducted a webinar for the American Degree Candidates. The FFA Alumni are selling raffle tickets for a 'gator". Had excellent attendance at the PAS Fall Conference. The PAS and FFA Alumni will be holding their conferences together at the Northfield Inn& Conference Center on January 31<sup>st</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Zwilling: There is no “Fair Share or “Minimum Contribution” for this year’s Foundation Collection Drive.

1. State Results for Thank You Farmers Campaign from Culvers

You might recall the promotion ran from July-September 2013. Culver’s had a store participation rate of just over 90% from their roughly 450 locations in this first year. We didn’t know what to expect, but were encouraged by the results shared below representing money that was sent directly to local chapters by the local franchise owners. We will see what plans they have for the next year. Please note that Illinois was second in contributions received behind Wisconsin to local chapters. Below are the donations made by state:

Arizona total: \$6,028.90	Minnesota total: \$12,274.58
Colorado total: \$575.03	Missouri total: \$20,456.01
Illinois total: \$24,428.57	Nebraska total: \$2,561.62
Indiana total: \$13,077.40	North Dakota total: \$155.23
Iowa total: \$17,176.81	Ohio total: \$2,118.66
Kansas total: \$1,268	South Dakota total: \$2,919.57
Kentucky total: \$4,185.97	Texas total: \$3,633.94
Michigan total: \$9,235.85	Wisconsin total: \$63,181.92

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Grand total: \$183,278.06

2. Collection Drive Updates

- a. Webinar training on the web
- b. Balances to date - - About \$30,000 behind last year at this time.
- c. Discovered issue with list serve messages not being delivered.
- d. Review by District and follow up. As you see either chapter advisors or collection drive volunteers, inquire as to how the process is going for them and if they need any assistance or documents
- e. Review of any of the processes for Donor Management Program or Toolkit

3. State Officer Connections & Visits

- a. Illinois Commodities Conference
- b. American Seed Trade Association invited by Syngenta to Farmer and Dealer Meeting
- c. Visit to John Marshall Metro High School and Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences and their Hunger Banquet.

4. Coordinated Easton Corbin Experience at Lakeland College December 4th 2013.

5. Providing information and process for Foundation Audit

- a. New auditor asking very good questions
- b. Providing detailed description of processes
- c. Working to insure transparency and full reporting of all accounts of Foundation

6. Deepening relationship with Culvers

- a. Two visits to Chicagoland owners and marketing firm. Many have made and are making connections to local programs. Culvers corporate staff present at last meeting and complimented the owners and FFA for identifying ways to make the promotion work in an urban environment. Looks like some owners have long term interest in support of FFA.

7. Successful Fund Raising at Farm Progress Show

- a. Record breaking Illinois/Indiana FFA Foundation Auction - sponsored by Titan Tires and many companies represented at the Farm Progress Show.

- \$102,176.50 -- \$23,000 cash donation from Firestone Tires -- 2011 Total \$65,485.50 and 2009 Total was \$54,105.50
- b. State Farm Grant - prepared grant application and awarded \$2,000 for Leadership Development and Communications Summit
  - c. John Deere/CHSAS - coordinated relationship and experience. John Deere provided motel accommodations and meals for 5 students to assist in their displays at Farm Progress Show. John Deere made a \$2000.00 contribution to CHSAS for this.
8. Collection Drive Materials and Process Progress
- a. FFA Website download materials
    - i. Branding
    - ii. What other items are missing
  - b. Demonstration of Illinois Foundation FFA Donor Management site with access by chapters or local volunteers.
    - i. Transmittals
    - ii. Donor Views
    - iii. Reports
    - iv. Printing certificates
  - c. IL Foundation FFA Sponsoring Committee and BoD October 16, 5 PM
    - i. Officer approval
    - ii. Review recommendations of recognition committee
  - d. Webinars for teachers, collection drive volunteers, others:  
Thur. Oct. 10, 7-8 PM, Thur. Oct. 17, 4:30-5:30, Tues Oct. 22, 3:30-4:30
  - e. Paper versions will also be available
  - f. Annual report is in proofing stage
9. Enhancing September State Officer Meeting Sponsorships
- a. Farm Credit Service of Illinois Meeting Rooms, Lunch and Dinner -Friday
    - i. New Commitment \$2000- \$2500 of Farm Credits to support PAS Annual Conference, with interest in long term support and relationship. Was also able to discuss goals of Farm Credit Services Endowment Gift.
  - b. U of I College of ACES - Motel Rooms, Meeting Rooms and Lunch - Saturday

A review of the FFA Board members' responsibilities at the Parliamentary Procedure CDE, State Degree Review, Proficiency Award Selection, Public Speaking, Selection Committee and State Awards Day was conducted by Mr. Craft.

The meeting was adjourned with Closing Ceremonies at 3:29 p.m.



**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois  
September 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 16, 2013, with Opening Ceremonies, by Sam Detwiler, 2013-14 State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Sam and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Sam Detwiler	Rachel Hawk	August Schetter	Cody Carman	Joe Heavner
Chloe Carson	Xavier Morgan	Willow Krumwiede	Cody Morris	Austin McAllister
Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Rylan Rusk
Richard Steffen	Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Jim Craft	Mindy Bunselmeyer	Mariah Dale-Anderson
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The agenda was approved by consensus.

Carman/Carson to approve the July 17, 2013, meeting minutes with the noted spelling corrections. Motion passed.

Steffen/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

J. Heavner reviewed the August 2013 Financial Report.

Schetter/Morris to approve the August 2013, Financial Report with the noted correction. Motion passed.

Oellerich/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Hepner updated the Board on the status of the FFA Contract (CTSO Grant) with ISBE. FFA membership is being revised by an amendment to the grant.

Craft reviewed a list of the open accounts.

District Concerns:

- District I:
- 1) Would like to discontinue the Official Dress photo at FFA Leadership Camp
  - 2) There is concern with student travel to the STAR Conference. Students are leaving early and traveling a long distance. Since teachers are required to accompany students, it would be helpful to have an activity that would make it worthwhile for teachers.
- District II: No Concerns
- District III:
- 1) Would like to decrease the number of activities that occur in the summer.
  - 2) Would like to have meals provided for students competing at the AgriScience Fair at State FFA Convention.
- District IV: 1) Concern that the Camp Photo was not done through an online order system.
- District V:
- 1) Concerns were expressed on establishing a refund fee.
  - 2) Concerns have been expressed about granting an FFA Charter to a youth detention facility.

The motion “to charge a 3% fee on refund checks with a minimum fee of \$10.” which was postponed from the July meeting was opened for discussion.

Carman/Schetter to amend the motion by striking minimum and inserting maximum. Amendment passed.

Main motion, as amended passed.

Lockwood/Maierhofer to sustain.

Hawk/Krumwiede that the FFA make refunds only on request.

Carman/Hawk to lay the motion on the table. Motion passed.

Oellerich/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft presented a preliminary attendance report for the State FFA Convention. He noted the report did not include the VIP’s that received complimentary registrations.

Craft presented a preliminary financial report for the State FFA Convention. He noted not all sponsorships had been received from the FFA Foundation to offset some of the expenses.

No action was taken on the agenda item “Public Speaking Rubrics”

Mr. Hepner reviewed the status of the Performance Measures Committee.

The “Home School Policy” for FFA participation is the same as that established by IHSA, as FFA activities are sanctioned by IHSA. The staff is following up with IHSA to get better definitions of the terms “approved program”, “credit on transcript” and “certified teacher” as used in the IHSA Policy.

**IHSA Policy 4.011**

*A student must attend a member school and may only represent in interscholastic competition the member school the student attends. For purposes of this by-law, the term “attend” shall mean that the student is enrolled at the member school and is taking at, or under arrangements approved by, the member school, a minimum of twenty (20) credit hours of work for which credit toward high school graduation will be granted by the member school upon the student’s completing and passing the courses. The school which enrolls the student shall be exclusively responsible to verify the student’s compliance with all of the eligibility requirements of the by-laws.*

*The [IHSA] Board of Directors shall have discretion to waive this requirement of this by-law for the Illinois schools for the deaf or blind. In unit systems having a 6-3-3 or 6-4-2 type of organization, ninth grade students may participate on senior high school teams at the member high school in the district designated by the Board of Education, provided:*

*such participation is approved by the district’s superintendent of schools;  
the senior high school principal shall certify that the ninth grade students:*

*are eligible under the requirements of these By-laws;  
are students at a junior high school located in the district which*

*supports the senior high school; and  
are not members of a grade or junior high school team in the same  
activity; and*

*the senior high school principal assumes full responsibility for the conduct of these students during all contests in which they represent the senior high school.*

Heavner/Morgan to accept the proposed revisions to the National Chapter Award scoring process with the addition that photos be required.

Lockwood/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

McAllister/Schetter that when a Section is solid Bronze in a Division or overall, that section shall be scored for the purpose of determining a Section Winner.

Maierhofer/Rusk to sustain. Motion passed.

The process as adopted is:

**Superior Chapter Requirements**

Pre-POA submitted by deadline

Information Page

Completed

Signed

All section of Form I completed

Applications will be reviewed to make certain the answers “fit” the question

**Bronze Chapter Requirements**

Chapter must meet all “Superior Chapter requirements

Chapter must have a minimum of nine activities reported on Form II (these nine activities can be the same activities reported on Form I)

Within each activity, the chapter must have:

- A minimum of two SMART goals/objectives
- A plan of action that to accomplish the goals/objectives
- Provide specific accomplishments of the activity
- Provide an evaluation of the activity
- A photo and caption for each activity

When the highest ranking National Chapter Award in a Section is Bronze and there are multiple applications in that section receiving a Bronze rating, those applications will be scored for the purpose of determining a Section Winner.

**Silver Chapter Requirements**

Chapter must meet all “Superior Chapter requirements

Must receive 50-74.99% of the possible points on Form II

**Gold Chapter Requirements**

Chapter must meet all “Superior Chapter Requirements”

Must receive 75-100% of the possible points on Form II

**Round I** will read for repeated activities and determine

Superior Only

Bronze Chapters

**Note:** No scores will be available for applications ranked Superior Only or Bronze Chapter a critique sheet is all that will be provided.

**Round II** all applications not ranked Superior Only or Bronze Chapter will be scored.

Judges will be provided an Excel score sheet on which to post their scores.

Judges are expected to furnish their own laptop to use in scoring

A detailed report of points received will be provided to the chapters (after convention)

**Penalties**

Penalties will continue for:

Late Postmark

Failure to send through the Section President

Duplicate activities

A lack of or multiple uses of the same Quality Standard

Will be assessed on Silver and Gold ranked Chapters

### Awards

No changes to award recognitions.

Hawk/Heavner to recess for lunch. Motion passed.

Schullian/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting reconvened.

Schetter/Carman to support the national "It Can Wait" campaign being sponsored by AT&T. Motion passed.

Steffen/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Carson/Morgan that Illinois FFA support the Youth Education Committee efforts in the "It Can Wait" campaign. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

August Schetter, Joe Heavner, Mr. Craft and Mr. Zwilling will attend a press conference on the "It Can Wait" campaign that is to be held on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the IAA Building in Bloomington.

Mr. Craft requested guidance from the FFA Board on when it was appropriate to approve an individual to serve on the National FFA Nominating Committee. At present names are solicited at large, but there is no guidance as to what Illinois FFA believes is a qualified individual.

## FFA Officer Report

### July

- Andrew McCrea State Officer Training
- State Presidents' Conference
- Illinois FFA Leadership Camp
- ICCCTSO Conference

### August

- Ag Communications Summit
- Illinois State Fair FFA Barnyard
- DuQuoin State Fair Parade
- Farmyard Follies
- Farm Progress Show
- GROWMARK Annual Meeting
- Salute to FFA Night at the Corn Crib

### September

- District STAR Conferences (Sept. 3,4,5,9, &10)
- Salute to Ag Day at Urbana-Champaign
- Chapter Visits
- September State Officer Meeting

## Alumni Report

- The alumni continue to fund Leadership Camp Scholarships.
- The Alumni Council met at Leadership Camp and served pork chops and sweet corn.
- They assisted at the Farm Progress Show Auction
- The next Alumni Council meeting will be in November at Illinois State University and they will select the 212 Conference Scholarships at that time.
- They would like to begin holding District Meeting during the year.

## IAVAT Report

- Will be holding the Beginning FFA Advisor's Conference in early October
- Frank Dry will be honored with the "Lifetime Service Award" at the NAAE Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada in December. Additionally, Corrine Wengelewski was selected as a "Teachers Turn the Key" recipient.
- Established a 1 year contract with U of I on EZ Records.

## FFA Foundation Report

- A successful auction was held at the Farm Progress Show.
- The Foundation Drive is shifting from a "Fair Share" driven system to an incentivized system.

## ISBE Report

- The Ag Ed line item was funded at \$1.8 million for FY `14.
- CTE was level funded for FY `14
- All grants are being moved to an online application.
- Sequestration at the federal level has cut Perkins funding by 10%.
- The State Directors for CTE discussed the possibility that CTE may serve as an advance placement class.
- David Mouser is working on his Doctorate and is researching data that may help market FFA in the future.

## FCAE Report

- Five new Agricultural Education programs were added this year.
- There was an increase in both the number of students and the number of programs.
- There is an average of 91 students per chapter.
- Only 9% of the students indicate they are from a farm.
- Continued sponsorship is planned for the Science Fair and Agriscience related activities.

Craft reported on staff activities and provided inservice training to the Board members.

It was announced that a webinar on the American FFA Degree would be held in January.

Hawk/Krumwiede to take the business “*that the FFA make refunds only on request*” from the table.

Motion passed

Steffen/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Main motion failed.

Heavner/Schetter to rescind the motion “*to charge a 3% fee on refund checks with a minimum fee of \$10*”. Motion passed.

Schullian/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Hawk/Carman that the Illinois FFA provide financial refunds to FFA chapters only upon request. These requests will be honored, however, with a charge of 3% of the refund, with a maximum fee of \$10.00. Extenuating circumstances may result in the waiving of the fee. Money not refunded will be held by the Illinois FFA and can be utilized by the FFA chapter for future activities.

Motion passed.

Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

The future meeting dates were set as:

January 17, 2014 at the Illinois FFA Center

May 8, 2014 at the Illinois FFA Center

The meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies at 3:03 p.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois  
July 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on July 17, 2013, with Opening Ceremonies, by Sam Detwiler, 2013-14 State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Sam and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Mr. Hepner explained the voting procedures.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Sam Detwiler	Rachel Hawk	August Schetter	Cody Carman	Joe Heavner
Chloe Carson	Xavier Morgan	Willow Krumwiede	Cody Morris	Austin McAllister
Lisa Oellerich	Jeff Maierhofer	Bryan Schullian	Don Lockwood	Rylan Rusk
Richard Steffen	Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Darren Riskedal	Dalton Heavner	Courtney Gerstenecker	Joel Limestall	Tyson Schulte
Mark Steber	Al Zwilling	Jim Craft		

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Mr. Hepner seated the new Board Members.

Krumwiede/Carson to nominate and elect Jeff Maierhofer and Don Lockwood as members of the 2013-14 FFA Governing Committee. Motion passed.

Schullian/Oellerich to sustain. Motion passed.

Carson/Morris to approve the May 8, 2013, meeting minutes with the noted spelling corrections. Motion passed.

Steffen/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

J. Heavner reviewed the June 30, 2013 Financial Report.

Morris/McAllister to approve the June 30, 2013, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Oellerich/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the list of open accounts.

Krumwiede/McAllister to make chapters who have an outstanding debt over 365 days, effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, to be considered not in "good standing".

J. Heavner/McAllister to amend by inserting "excluding dues for the current year". Amendment passed.

Main motion as amended passed.

Steffen/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Hepner reviewed the ISBE Grant to FFA. For FY`14, the FFA will receive \$35,578.

J. Heavner/Carson to appoint James Craft as the 2013-14 Executive Secretary. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft discussed the large number of refund checks that were being issued as a result of overpayments and cancellations.

Morris/Morgan to charge a 3% fee on refund checks.

Schetter/McAllister to amend by adding with a minimum fee of \$10. Motion passed.

Hawk/Carson to postpone to the September meeting. Motion passed.

Steffen/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Hepner reviewed the background and status of Program Affiliation. It was discussed as a session at the IAVAT Conference. Concerns expressed at the Conference included:

- Teachers would like to see an actual dollar amount before committing.
- District 4 was not in favor of the Program Affiliation concept.
- Decisions regarding the Program Affiliation would be dependent on the FFA Board of Directors

It was noted that a committee composed of the previous committee members had been authorized by the FFA Board. The intent would be to assemble that group for further discussions and recommendations.

The Public Speaking Rubrics were discussed.

- Staff were reminded to check the totals in the section labels and they matched the totals for the area.
- The staff commented that time needs to be provided to the judges to make certain all math is done correctly.
- It was recommended that prepared speeches be scored in advance of the Prepared Public Speaking CDE and it was permissible to have the speeches scored by individuals other than those serving as judges the day of the event.

Schetter/Carman to recess for lunch. Motion passed.

Smithers/Rusk to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting recess at 12:01 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

McAllister/Carson to appoint Courtney Gerstenecker as the 2013 Past FFA Officer representative to the Illinois FFA Alumni Council.

Maierhofer/Schullian to sustain. Motion passed.

## **2012-13 State FFA Officer Report**

### Things that worked well

- 1) Programs throughout the year
  - a. Products Expo, State Fair, STAR Conferences, etc.
- 2) State Convention Planning
  - a. The process/timeline was nice
- 3) New staff is a great thing
  - a. Everybody is working together really well to adjust
- 4) Year as a whole
  - a. This year was a great experience for all of us and overall we feel that it was a very successful year.

### Ideas for future years



- 1) Chapter Visits Planning
  - a. More input from the staff would be helpful
  - b. Our problems: Was the lesson plan used in the past effective?
  - c. Should we have changed it or not?
- 2) State Convention planning
  - a. Have first meeting earlier (Officer Retreat was overlooked this year).
  - b. Transition to new staff was difficult and will get better over time.
  - c. Have somebody taking pictures all of convention (Press Corps?)
- 3) More attention to banquet speeches
  - a. Get input and revisions back from staff earlier.
  - b. Practice in front of staff to get feedback.
- 4) Utilize officers more at CDE's
  - a. Make our time there more worthwhile.
- 5) Professional training for State Reporter
  - a. Work on writing skills
- 6) Handle discipline better
  - a. More input from staff when team needs help with an issue.
  - b. Take action quicker,
- 7) Mr. Craft's workload needs spread out.
  - a. We think this will happen as new staff becomes more familiar with operations.
  - b. Pass some things off to the office ladies to lighten executive staff workload.
- 8) State Officer House.

#### Alumni Representative

Courtney Gerstenecker - 2012-13 State Reporter

#### District Concerns

- District I Concern Program Affiliation would negatively impact small schools.  
Concerns with the IAVAT Livestock and Dairy Cattle CDE's: 1) The Facility can't handle the number of students; 2) Animals were not broke to lead; 3) Livestock people should not lead Dairy Cattle; and the paper classes were a good addition.
- District II National Chapter Award Judging
- District III Hosting State FFA Degrees should give teachers a credit on the Incentive Funding Grant  
Would like to see the FFA Leadership Camp on rotating dates, as some county fairs are always in conflict with the event.  
Would like the registration form to clarify how many campers a school can send in with their initial camp registration.
- District IV Try to remove bias in the National Chapter Award judging.  
Extended contracts are being cut and could impact teachers participating in summer FFA activities (Convention, Camp, fairs).
- District V Section Presidents from District V feel as though they are being treated as leftovers when it comes to duties at the FFA Leadership Camp - always being doubled-up on teams and cabins.  
Rules for district events aren't matching with the State event rules.  
212 Conference site is always very full - would like to consider a site on the Missouri side of the river that might provide more space.

Hepner reviewed the "Performance Measures for Agricultural Education" that are being developed. Schetter/J. Heavner that a committee be appointed by the Chair, with the representatives made up from the adult FFA Board representatives. Motion passed.

Steffen/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

### **FFA Convention Review**

- The summary of the FFA Convention Evaluations were distributed.
- It would be helpful if a second round of training for Courtesy Corps and Press Corps were held, as some schools can't arrive by the meeting time.
- A backstage monitor would be helpful, so people in the backstage area could view what was happening on stage.
- Consideration should be given to dropping the "Day of Service" prior to the convention. A video of chapter service activities or an activity that occurs during convention could be substituted, but coordination of the event while preparing for convention is too difficult.
- Convention Committee Reports were reviewed. It was noted the committees would remain the same for 2013-14 and the new committee chairs presented status reports.
  - o Financial Action Committee: Austin McAllister, 2013-14 Chair - emphasis will focus on the use of Social Media, and communicating opportunities with the Culver's sponsorship and Red Brand sponsorship programs.
  - o Public Relations Committee: Willow Krumwiede, 2013-14 Chair - emphasis will be placed on using Social Media and developing a video focused on "Planting Your Potential".
  - o Membership Committee: Cody Morris, 2013-14 Chair - a video showing short clips of activities is being considered, when produced it would be uploaded to ChannelOne.com
  - o SAE Committee: Xavier Morgan, 2013-14 Chair - planning to publish an SAE newsletter 2 times during the year (October and March)
  - o Community Development Committee: Chloe Carson, 2013-14 Chair - planning to continue the efforts with the Harvest4All Campaign and want to continue the packages for the troops activity.

### **Items from IAVAT Conference**

- The due date for the Section Public Speaking Results was a concern. The FFA Board proposed no changes.
- It had been suggested that Floriculture be added as a "state only" proficiency area. The FFA Board proposed no changes.
- The resolution that motions passed by the IAVAT members at their conferences be binding to the FFA was presented, but it was noted the resolution did not pass at the IAVAT Conference. The FFA Board proposed no changes.

Hepner related that there would be several new chapters in 2013-14. Possible chapters in clued: Elverado, Earlville, Alton and Riverdale. There is also the possibility of an approvable program at the Youth Detention Facilities at Harrisburg. If the program is approvable, they would be eligible to request an FFA Chapter Charter.

Current FFA Membership for 2012-13 stands at 17,497, with some students still in holding.

Craft informed the Board that it appears Illinois High School Association has made changes to their policies related to the eligibility of home-schooled students. If there have been changes by IHSA, it could impact the eligibility of home-schooled students to participate in FFA activities. The staff will be contacting IHSA to get an interpretation on some of the wording in the policy.

Chapter Advisors must make certain students have the information to log in to their AgCN accounts. A majority of students have yet to establish their AgCN accounts. Without an active account they students cannot apply for nationally managed scholarships, conferences, degrees and awards. The

dollars Illinois students received from National FFA in the form of scholarships, decreased by \$35,000 this year - due in large part to the fact students do not have active AgCN accounts.

### **National Chapter Award Judging**

The staff proposed the following changes to the National Chapter Award judging process.

- 1) Each judge will be provided a spreadsheet on which they will record their scores for each program they judge.
- 2) Chapter names will be posted on the spreadsheet in advance of the judging.
- 3) Chapters receiving Bronze and Participation ratings will not be scored on a spreadsheet, but will be determined by evaluating for a set on minimum standards.
  - a. Criteria for the minimum standards for Bronze and Participation ratings will be presented to the FFA Board at the September meeting and will consider:
    - i. Number of quality standards met
    - ii. Number of goals met
    - iii. Completeness of plans and accomplish
    - iv. Number of photos
  - b. Discussion was held, but no decisions made as to whether an intent to participate form might be of value.

### **Proficiency Award Judging**

Craft presented a tabulation form that can be used for section, district and state proficiency wards selection. It is to be e-mailed to the Board members so they can review it with Chapter Advisors.

### **National Convention**

The State Officers reviewed the National Convention plans.

- Illinois will have 13 delegates
- It is proposed that National FFA dues remain the same for 2014-15
- Jacob Meisner is the National Officer Candidate from Illinois
- A constitutional amendment has been submitted by Illinois.

J. Heavner/Carson to recommend the Illinois Foundation FFA increase the National Officer Candidate line item and explore other funding options to support the candidates. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

### **State FFA officer Report**

#### June

- Convention (conducted the Post-Convention Meeting with the new Section Presidents)
- IAVAT Conference
- Blast-Off Training
- Heritage and Coop Tours to Washington D.C. (80 members, chaperones and staff)

#### July

- National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO) -attending were state officers from Missouri, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois Associations
- "Fighting Hunger" with Syngenta and Midwest Food Bank at the Bloomington, IL - Marriott Hotel
- July State Officer Meeting
- Board of Directors Meeting
- Andrew McCrae Officer Training
- State Presidents' Conference (Washington D.C.)
- Illinois FFA Leadership Camp

- ICCCTSO Conference

### University Report

- New Agriculture Education staff at the University of Illinois
- New Animal Science staff at Illinois State University
- The Agricultural Communication Summit is being hosted August 1<sup>st</sup> at the University of Illinois
- It is becoming apparent industry is recruiting college students as Juniors, so Agricultural Education must work with colleges to insure there is a sufficient pool of teaching candidates.

### IAVAT Report

The IAVAT Board will meet July 18<sup>th</sup> and the Section Chairs will meet July 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Priority areas

- CDE costs, locations and scheduling. Mr. Craft has developed a host site survey and will use it along with the survey data from teachers in future decision-making. The surveys have FFA CDE's included, so it will be shared with the FFA Board as well.
- Mr. Hepner has requested assistance with the program assessment indicators and IAVAT will work on those this year.
- Illinois is planning for the Region IV Conference in 2015.

#### Collaboration with the FFA Board would be beneficial on:

- Beginning FFA Advisors workshop that IAVAT will host this Fall for 1<sup>st</sup> year teachers/advisors. If the FFA Board has anything they would like on the agenda let Toni Saso, IAVAT President, know.
- Working on a flowchart for IAVAT Section Chairs (and the IAVAT membership) to show which board deals with which activity. Would appreciate feedback to make the flowchart more complete and accurate.

#### Section concerns from IAVAT Conference

- Section 3 - State proficiencies made great improvements. There may be a need for more rooms in the future.
- Section 6 - State FFA Convention - schools were left of some of the award lists in the convention book. No National Chapter Award rubrics were returned - they would be nice to have.
- Section 10 - Public Speaking - why do we need to turn in results on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the District contest isn't until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March.
- Section 12 - National Chapter Award judging - the amount of hours and number of applicants was too much for one day of judging.
- Section 16 - Why was there no National Chapter Award rubric returned. Disliked the lack of communication on the Ag Communications Summit. The booklet at State FFA Convention had a lot of mistakes.
- Section 23 - They had 31 State Degree applicants in their section. That is a lot of interviews, but no good way to run it. Looking for input from other sections and Boards on how to facilitate, as the number of degrees will probably continue to increase around the state.
- Section 25 - Good positive FFA Convention changes - thank you.

The FFA Board is invited to attend the IAVAT Board meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Next summer at the IAVAT Conference, there are plans to allow time for the FFA Board to give a report and interact with the membership.

### Illinois Foundation FFA

### Completion of FY 13 AFNR STEM Learning Exchange Fiscal Agent

- SAE AgriScience Start Up Mini Grants 17 schools - \$7,547.58 Investment
- SAE Mini Grants to Schools 70 schools - \$37,745.17 Investment
- IAVAT Professional Development - \$14,887 Investment
- Marketing and Material Support to Student Organizations \$30,000 Investment
- IL Foundation FFA \$ 14,258 Fiscal Agent Investment
- Direct Mini Grant Support:
  - FFA - \$4,000
  - PAS -\$3,500
  - Student Branch IAVAT - \$1,674
- \$10,000 in new sponsorships for FFA Agri-Science
  - AgriScience Premiums
  - Cash Awards for Students
  - Travel assistance for students to attend national

### Moving forward with development of electronic toolkit of resources for collection drive

- Marketing materials and letters for collection drive
- Information about Corporate Programs that Chapters can connect to:
  - Red Brand Fence Home Grown Program
  - Culvers - Support to FFA
  - Syngenta Blue Jacket Program
  - Del Peterson Auctions
  - E-Grain process for Gifts of Grain
- Access to Chapter Specific Information through Foundation Donor Program
  - Active donors and contributions
  - Export to Excel in csv
  - Transmittal Forms
    - Labels
    - Donors
    - Contributions
- Plan to conduct training through webinars.

### Preparation for Farm Progress Show and State Fair

- Titan Tire and product auction will be held Aug. 27th & 28th at 1 PM.

### Foundation Annual Report

- Will be adding some color to cover and State Stars pages inside
- Page layout for proficiency will be winner, action photo of winner and district winners.

### New Sponsorships

- Exploring interest of with several new sponsors - convention, proficiencies, and safety education
- Conversations with potential new scholarship donors

### FCAE

- Ryan Wildman is the new District IV Program Advisor
- The SAE Grant will allow a a \$20 maximum reimbursement for each student completing a SAE
- AgriScience Grants will be available again next year.

### Illinois State Board of Education

- Level funding for the Agricultural Education line item, but \$550,000 of the funding is coming from a line in the ISBE Budget titled "Downstate Transit Funds"

- Establishing a priorities list for new teachers
- The teacher credentials system move from a “certification” to a “licensure” process is now in effect.

### **FFA Alumni**

The Alumni Council will meet at Leadership Camp and they will once again cook pork chops and sweet corn. Illinois will be represented at the Alumni Development Conference to be held later this month in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Alumni had excellent sales at the Supply Service Booth at the State FFA Convention. The Gator that was raffled was won by an individual from Fisher, Illinois.

Future meeting dates:

September 16, 2013 - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, Illinois

January 17, 2014 - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, Illinois

May 8, 2014 - Illinois FFA Center, Springfield, Illinois

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois  
May 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. on May 8, 2013, with Opening Ceremonies, by acting chair Courtney Gerstenecker, State FFA Reporter, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Courtney and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Courtney Gerstenecker	Joel Limestall	Tyson Schulte		
Ethan Wieland	Austin Granby	Taylor Hardy	Cody Carman	Morgan Doggett
Jason Kilburn	Jeff Maierhofer	Don Lockwood	Bill Kittinger	
Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner			

Guests:

Al Zwilling	Jim Craft
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Granby/Wieland to approve the agenda with the addition of District Concerns. Motion Passed.  
Kilburn/Pense to sustain. Motion passed.

Wieland/Limestall to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013, with the noted spelling corrections.  
Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Schulte reviewed the April 2013 Financial Report.

Limestall/Carman to approve the April 2013, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Pense to sustain. Motion passed.

Granby/Doggett to approve the FY` 14 FFA Budget. Motion passed.

Pense/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Granby/Limestall to raise the Camp Director honorarium to \$300, effective immediately. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

**Convention Report**

Current FFA Membership is 17,256

The officers reviewed the convention agenda and the workshops.

Mr. Craft related the current construction issues at the Prairie Capital Convention Center and how they are impacting the 2013 FFA Convention.

Tyson Schulte reviewed progress on the "Day of Service"

The officers indicated they had been in contact with iHigh.com and would like to broadcast the 85<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention over the internet link provided by iHigh.com.

Limestall/Granby to allow iHigh.com to broadcast the general and business sessions of this year's State FFA Convention. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

## FFA Report

### January

- ILSSO (Argentina)
- 212 Conference
- Convention Planning

### February

- Illinois FFA Alumni Annual Meeting
- Illinois Pork Expo
- State Ag Issues/ Job Interview CDE
- FFA Week (February 16-23)
  - Illinois Grain & Feed Association Mtg (St. Louis, MO)
  - Deere & Co. Reception
  - IACTE Conference
  - Peoria Rivermen/ St. Louis Blues Hockey - FFA Night
- Lunch with Lieutenant Governor
- Convention Planning

### March

- State CDE's
  - Meats
  - Poultry
  - Parliamentary Procedure
  - Ag Communications
- Illinois Products Expo
- Women Changing the Face of Ag (SIUC)
- State FFA Officer Candidate/ Parent Orientation
- Ag Legislative Day (March 14)
- Convention Planning
- Banquets

### April

- Banquets
- Farm Bureau Youth Conference
- State FFA Officer Selection Committee
- State CDE's
  - Livestock
  - Dairy
  - Horticulture
- Convention Planning

### May

- Banquets
- State CDE's
  - Ag Business
  - Public Speaking
  - Ag Mechanics
- Final Convention Planning

### June

- 85th Illinois FFA Convention (June 11-13)

## Foundation Report



Attended the iBIO Conference  
Farm Credit Services has increased their support for the Foundation  
Working with the AFNR Learning Exchange

### **University Report**

John Edgar is the SIU Collegiate FFA President and Jim Tobin is the SIU Collegiate FFA Vice President  
Working on the results of a survey conducted at the 2012 IAVAT Conference  
The changes in the Basic Skills test had a negative impact on the Agricultural Education enrollments.

### **IAVAT**

The current focus is on their IAVAT Conference in June

### **Alumni**

Will be assisting at the State FFA Convention  
They are raffling a Gator, with some of the funds returning to the chapter.

### **FCAE**

Jess Smithers reported that David Mouser's term as the FFA Representative on ICAE is coming to an end.  
Schulte/Wieland to allow State Staff to surface names to serve on ICAE as the FFA Representative and to involve the FFA Board in the final recommendation. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer /Pense to sustain. Motion passed.

### **ISBE**

IFGA grant are moving online.  
Perkins dollars for next year will be reduced due to sequestration.  
Mr. Hepner shared the idea of performance indicators for Agricultural Education and indicated more work is to be done in defining some measurement tools.  
Expressed appreciation to those that were of assistance in preserving the Agricultural Education line item.

### **District Concerns**

District I: None

District IV: Concerns with the proficiency category descriptions.

District II: Scantron scoring of CDE's is taking a long time

American FFA Degrees should be reviewed at the Section level.

Concern that the Dairy Cows at the Dairy CDE were not broken to lead and had to be tied.

Recommend that we combine Ag Mechanics and Public Speaking.

District V: None

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois  
January 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 22, 2013, with Opening Ceremonies, by Darren Riskedal, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Darren and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Darren Riskedal	Dalton Heavner	Courtney Gerstenecker	Joel Limestall	Tyson Schulte
Ethan Wieland	Austin Granby	August Schetter	Cody Carman	Morgan Doggett
Jason Kilburn	Jeff Maierhofer	Chris Miller	Don Lockwood	Bill Kittinger
Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner			

Guests:

Al Zwilling                      Jim Craft

Al Zwilling, Executive Director - Illinois Foundation FFA, shared his background with the group and shared goals that he had for branding and donor management.

Carman/Schetter to approve the agenda. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Doggett/Granby to approve the minutes of September 18, 2012, minutes. Motion passed.  
Miller/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Schulte reviewed the December 2012 Financial Report.  
Weiland/Carman to approve the December 2012, Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Kittinger/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the accounts receivable. \$14,822 was reported as owed to the Illinois FFA.

Schetter/Carman to approve the FY` 12 Audit Review with a correction to the date in Coulmn 1 (from 2011 to 2012). Motion passed.  
Kilburn/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Concerns

District I:            Some teachers are unhappy with the Board's decision to hold State Awards Day at the same site. Would like to have National FFA judge the National Chapter Award applications. Would like to have the Program of Activities removed as a factor on the Incentive Funding Grant.

District II:            Need to fix the State FFA Degree application on EZ Records. There needs to be more consistency as to where the FFA Center is mailing materials - in some cases the mail is going to the teacher's home and in other instances it is going to the teacher's school address.

District III: Space is tight at the Southern 212 Conference. The calendar needs consolidation - there are too many activity dates.  
District IV: None  
District V: The notice to the alternates for the 212 Conference was late.

The starting time for Star Awards Night, which was postponed from the September meeting was taken up and discussed.

The student members of the Board of Directors passed the motion to start registration for the Stars at 2:00 p.m.

Maierhofer/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Public Speaking rubrics and identified a couple errors in the points and point totals. Staff members were instructed to make the necessary corrections.

Craft reviewed the Illinois Commodity Challenge that is being managed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

The Program Affiliation that is being promoted by National was discussed. During the discussion the following concerns and questions were shared:

How can chapters fund the affiliation fee?

Is there interest among the chapters to set up an affiliation program?

Are grants available that might help support Program Affiliation?

How can we make Program Affiliation more affordable?

Can Program Affiliation be an option on a chapter-by-chapter basis?

Will students drop Agricultural Education classes if Program Affiliation is added as part of a course fee?

Program Affiliation should be kept "revenue neutral" at the state-level.

Illinois is currently losing its voice at the national level due to a lesser membership.

The Board asked that time be set aside on the IAVAT Conference agenda to allow for input and discussion on Program Affiliation with a possible report time.

Limestall/Granby to recess for lunch. Motion passed.

Miller/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed

Meeting recessed at 12:42 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:14 p.m.

Craft announced that Novice Parliamentary Procedure would be held June 11, 2013, at the Prairie Capital Convention Center as part of the State FFA Convention.

Granby/Limestall to accept the Preliminary Program of Activities that was sent to the Section President prior to November 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

Miller/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Weiland/Schulte to accept the two Preliminary Programs of Activities that were received by the Section President prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Smithers to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the Agriculture Legislative Day activities and received approval to expend funds to include an item in the legislators' baskets.

Craft presented an offer from Illinois Farm Bureau to host a State Discussion meet for Illinois FFA members. While appreciative, the Board declined the offer.

Smithers reviewed the AgriScience SAE Grant and the SAE Grants that are being offered through the STEM Learning Exchange.

The State FFA Officers reviewed convention planning.

- At this time, no constitutional amendments have been received.
- It is recommended that State dues remain at \$5 for 2013-14.
- It was recommended that convention exhibitor fees be kept the same as last year.
- The Day of Service activities will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- The FFA Dance will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> following the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Session.
- Meal functions will be similar to last year.
- Construction is ongoing at the Prairie Capital Convention Center, but should have a minimal impact on convention.

Scheeter/Gerstenecker to change the size of the Group activity in the Candidate Selection process from "6-8 candidates" to "4-6 candidates". Motion passed.

Kilburn/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

The Board recommended the addition of an item 3e to the "Major FFA Officer Election Procedures" that specifically states the use of social media is not to be used to promote a candidate.

Carman/Schetter to keep the 2013 Convention Registration fees the same as last year. Motion passed.  
Lockwood/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

### Reports

**State FFA Officers:** Activities since the September Board meeting include:

September	Chapter Visits Board of Directors Meeting STEM Learning Exchange Press Conference U of I Salute to Ag Day State Horse CDE @ BHE State Forestry CDE @ SIUC
October	Chapter Visits National FFA Convention: Indianapolis, IN Clayton Carley - National Star Farmer Nick Briscoe - National Ag Services Proficiency Winner
November	Attended ISBE Hearings ILFB Youth Education Committee Meeting Alumni Meeting State Food Science CDE - Pleasant Hill ISBE Hearings Chapter Visits State Ag Sales CDE

December      Farm Bureau Annual Meeting  
State Agronomy/ Dairy Foods CDE  
December State Officer Meeting  
Convention Prep.  
January        ILSSO trip to Argentina

FFA Committees:

Public Relations Committee - working on a publicity video  
Recruitment Committee - working on a member retention video  
Community Development - encouraging participation in the Harvest 4 All campaign  
SAE Promotion - working on a single page newsletter  
Financial Committee - working on the 20/20/20 Program

FFA Week:

Working with the media to schedule interviews  
Have requested a proclamation from the Governor

ILSSO:

January 4: Meeting in Miami

- Got to know the other state officers there and we were told what groups we would be in for the trip. We also learned some fun facts about Argentine agriculture

January 5: Orientation and Departure

- Went through information that would help us “fit in” once we were in Argentina. The staff talked about health fact and things to be aware of during this Orientation
- Finished orientation and then it was time for our official trip to start. We left for the airport about 4:30 for our flight to Buenos Aires

January 6: Buenos Aires and No-Till Farm tour

- After an 8 Hour flight to Buenos Aires we landed in a foreign country and our Jam Packed week had begun. After we all had our luggage and we found our busses we took a ride to a No-till farm operation.
- On the farm we had lunch and looked at and learned about his cattle and farming operation

January 7: Dairy Farm tour, Sheep Farm tour, and Rosario

- We toured a smaller dairy farm in the area and learned about the operation and all the new equipment they were installing.
- We then went to a sheep farm and saw how this small unique farm for the area and learned how they were staying profitable.
- We ended the day with arriving at our hotel in Rosario where we were about to do some shopping and go out for supper.

January 8: Terminal 6 and Boat Ride

- We took a tour of one of the largest river terminals in the country and saw the facilities and the things that they were producing for export.
- We then took a “Cruise” down the river and saw other terminals from the river while enjoying a slow relaxing lunch.

January 9: Livestock Market, Embassy tour, and Flight to Iguazu

- We were able to tour a cattle stock yard and see how they sell, move and store between 8-12 thousand head of cattle a day.
- We took a tour of the U.S Embassy and got to hear from the U.S. Ambassador and ask her a question that helped us understand the country and its’ policies.
- We ended the day by seeing where the Iguazu and Parana Rivers come together, which is also where the borders of Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay all meet.

January 10: Falls, boat Ride

- We went to the Iguazu Falls and saw the 2 miles of waterfalls, the amazing tropical forest and wildlife
- We took a boat ride that took us up into the falls and got us an up close and personal look.

January 11: Tour of Buenos Aires, Gaucho ranch, and Flight Home

- We toured Buenos Aires and saw the President's House, along with other national monuments.
- We then ate lunch at a ranch and had some Argentine BBQ. We watched a "Horse and Gaucho Show", rode horses and took carriage rides.
- Ready to go or not, we then went to a mall and waited to leave for the airport for our trip back home.

January 12: Flight from Miami to Chicago or St. Louis

- Arrived home

**IAVAT:** The IAVAT Conference will be held June 18-20, 2013, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington. Conference registration fees were kept at the same amount as last year.

**FFA Foundation:** Al Zwilling was introduced as the new Executive Director of the Illinois Foundation FFA, replacing Frank Dry, who retired in December. Mr. Zwilling shared his thoughts on branding strategies for FFA and Agricultural Education and discussed funding priorities and strategies.

**University:** Efforts are being placed on recruitment and retention.

**IACCAI:** Jeff Hawes, Black Hawk College, was elected the new IACCAI President. Doug Robb, the immediate Past President was the IACCAI representative on the Administrative Council through the staff hiring process.

**FCAE:** Changes to the Incentive Funding Grant will be implemented in FY`14. Mindy Bunselmeyer has resigned her position as District 3 FCAE Advisor to serve as the Associate Executive Director of the Illinois FFA Center.

**ISBE:** The Agriculture Education line item was level funded for FY`13. The recipients of the GAST grants should be announced in the next six weeks. A list of funding priorities has been developed to adjust for any changes in Agricultural Education line item funding changes in FY`14. Dora Welker is the new Division Administrator. The Governor's Office has announced a "Budgeting for Results" effort to make projected allocations for future budgets.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois  
September 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 18, 2012, with Opening Ceremonies, by Darren Riskedal, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Darren and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Darren Riskedal	Dalton Heavner	Courtney Gerstenecker	Joel Limestall	Tyson Schulte
Ethan Wieland	Austin Granby	August Schetter	Cody Carman	Morgan Doggett
Jason Kilburn	Jeff Maierhofer	Chris Miller	Don Lockwood	Bill Kittinger
Seb Pense	Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Tom Kelley	Frank Dry	Jim Craft
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Schetter/Carman to approve the minutes, with the noted corrections, of July 16, 2012. Motion passed.  
Miller/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Schulte reviewed the Final FY'12 Financial Report.  
Granby/Wieland to approve the FY'12 Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Kittinger/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Schulte reviewed the August 2012 Financial Report.  
Carman/Granby to approve the tentative August 2012, Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Maierhofer/Lockwood to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the "open accounts" (chapters and individuals owing money to the FFA). Approximately \$4,500 is currently in accounts receivables.

Craft reviewed the FY'13 ISBE Grant Contract.  
Limestall /Schetter to approve the FY'13 ISBE Contract. Motion passed.  
Pense/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

District Concerns & Items from Reporters Workshops

District I: The teachers disagreed with the Board's decision to continue the State Awards Day at the University of Illinois and with the decision to continue holding Star Awards Judging the night before the State Awards Day.  
Some schools are having difficulty getting rooms reserved for the 2013 State FFA Convention.

District II: No concerns

District III: Some of the teachers disagreed with the Board's decision to continue the State Awards Day at the University of Illinois.

The question was asked whether a student could participate in both the Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE and the regular Parliamentary Procedure CDE.

District IV: Concern was expressed that there may be too many students advancing from District to State competition and it may make the State event too large to be managed in one day.

District V: No concerns

Granby/Limestall to set the starting time for Star Award Interviews at 2:00 p.m.

Limestall/Wieland to postpone to the January Meeting. Motion passed.

Kilburn/Miller to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft handed out the WLC Bus Trip Report with the recommendation that Holly Baughman be asked to continue as the 2013 WLC Bus Trip Coordinator.

Craft handed out the Camp Directors Reports with the recommendation that Matt Meyer be asked to continue as the 2013 FFA Leadership Camp Director.

Schetter/Granby to contract with a photographer to take the FFA Leadership Camp photos and to then post the photos online for student access and purchase. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Wieland/Carman to approve the 2012 FFA Leadership Camp Financials. Motion passed.

Kilburn/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft presented the tentative 2012 FFA Convention Financial Report. It was noted that preliminary calculations showed the convention income of \$111,292.42 and convention expenses of \$110,141.18, leaving excess revenues of \$1,151.24.

The Board discussed possible dates for the State Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE. The District Directors reported that the dates for their district events were:

District I	March 7, 2013
District II	March 20, 2013
District III	No date has been set
District IV	March 21, 2013
District V	January 30, 2013

The Board was unable to come to a final decision, but recommended the dates of Saturday, May 11, 2013 and Monday, April 8, 2013. Mr. Craft indicated he would research those dates and select one based on the assistance and space available.

Granby/Schetter that National Proficiency application not be required for student competing in areas at State Awards Day that do not advance to the national level. Motion passed.

Maierhofer/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Carman/Schetter to recess for lunch. Motion passed.

Smithers/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

Craft and Dry reviewed the American and State FFA Degree process and reviewed problems that continue to reappear on applications.



Craft reviewed the District Directors responsibilities for Parliamentary Procedure, Public Speaking and Proficiency Awards. He emphasized the point that Directors need to confirm their meeting locations and provide that to the State FFA Office.

Wieland/Schetter to support the Illinois Products Challenge program. Motion passed.

Pense/Maierhofer to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the proposed changes in the administration of Section Fairs. If the IAVAT is given a grant to manage the Section Fairs, it may become necessary to collect exhibitor information so 1099 forms can be issued.

Hepner reviewed the impact FFA Membership can have on a schools incentive funding grant application. It was noted that rosters are due to be completed by October 15<sup>th</sup> with the dues check and Certification Form received by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Reports**

**FFA Foundation** - Sponsors Committee Chair, Tom Kelley, indicated the annual collection drive is poised for kick-off. Mr. Dry indicated the local chapter packets were handed out at Reporter Workshops. It was noted that a mailing was sent by the National FFA Foundation to the FFA Alumni encouraging them to use the National FFA Foundation portal as a means to give money to the state. It is preferred that contributors use the Illinois FFA Foundation site for the contributions or send the contributions through the local collection drive. National will charge 15% of the donation for everything they handle.

**FCAE** - Program Coordinator, Jess Smithers indicated that changes to improve the Incentive Funding Grant Application have been identified and revisions will be incorporated in a future application. Net year, the teacher supply will be limited to 12 - 14 students entering the profession. It may be difficult to fill all the anticipated vacancies. An Agricultural Careers application is available for iPhones and Android phones. It looks as though 12 new agriculture programs will start this year - 11 are already started and Alton is planning to start in the Spring.

**Southern Illinois University** - Dr. Seb Pense reported that enrollment is down for this year. Due to new teacher certification requirements from the state, many students changed majors and left Agricultural Education. Recent legislation will allow students to be admitted to the Teacher Education programs based on SAT and/or ACT scores. This year the SIU Greenhand Conference was combined with a Reporter Workshop and it was a very positive experience. Attendance and participation for both events increased significantly.

**FFA** - The Major State Officers reported that since the last meeting they had:

- July
  - Attended the Illinois Department of Agriculture Logo Unveilings
  - Participated in the Andrew McCrea Officer Training
  - Attended the Brandt Consolidated Open House
  - Darren and Dalton attended State Presidents' Conference
  - Courtney, Joel and Tyson attended Illinois FFA Leadership Camp
  - Attended the Youth Education Meeting
- August
  - Went to the Dinner on the Farm (Stremsterfer Farms)
  - Attended the IAVAT Board of Directors/ Section Chairs Meeting
  - Found out the Clayton Carley is a National Star Farmer Finalist

- Courtney attend the ICCCTSO Board Meeting
- Hosted the Illinois FFA Barnyard @ Illinois State Fair
- Participated in the DuQuoin State Fair Parade & Farmyard Follies
- Three of the officers attended the GROWMARK Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL
- Two of the officers attended the IL FFA Night at the Corn Crib
- September
  - Completed the STAR Conferences
  - Hosted seven Reporter Workshops across the state
  - Held the September State Officer Meeting
  - Were busy on Chapter Visits

**Administrative Council** - Mr. Hepner reported that Dr. Penny Haase-Wittler had submitted a resignation from her position as PostSecondary Director effective August 26, 2012. Additionally, Frank Dry, Associate Executive Secretary, has announced his retirement, which will take place on December 31, 2012. Due to the current and approaching staff vacancies, the Administrative Council will be meeting on September 24 to develop a strategy to fill the vacancies.

**ISBE** - Harley Hepner, Agricultural Consultant - ISBE, indicated the Agricultural Education was funded at \$1.8 million for FY`13 and the three components (Incentive Funding Grant, FCAE Staff and Growing Agricultural Science Teachers) will continue to be funded. A new initiative, "Budgeting for Results" has been announced from the Governor's Office - details on what type of requirements would be instituted as a result are not yet known. The division in which he works has been restructured and now includes additional staff that was involved with Common Core, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grants, etc. Linda King, former Agricultural Education Teacher, has taken a position in ISBE and will work with "Careers and Counselors".

**Associate Executive Director** - Frank Dry reported that he attend the STEM Learning Exchange Press Conference in Chicago last Friday The State FFA Officer Report covers a lot of his activities as well. He reminded the Board that the minimum contribution to qualify for awards is \$700, down from \$750 last year. The Chapter Fair Share is \$1,500. Monsanto has come onboard as an FFA Convention sponsor and will provide \$7,000 for the State Degree Luncheon in 2013. The September State FFA Officer Meeting was sponsored by the University of Illinois and Farm Credit Services.

**Executive Secretary** - Jim Craft presented a written report

- Worked on Section Fairs issues
- Attended "Dinner on the Farm"
- Illinois Learning Pathways – Learning Registry Overview
- Attended National Proficiency Judging
- Attended IAVAT Board of Director and Section Chair's Meeting
- Set-up and managed two NASAE Conference Call
- Took part in a State Ag Ed Leaders Conference Call
- Worked at Illinois State Fair
- Meet with CommonMan for web programming (concerns and possible 1099 programming)
- Met with IDOA staff on Illinois Products Challenge
- Represented FFA and IAVAT on Illinois Cooperative Council Conference Call
- Attended the District I, II and III STAR Conferences
- Attended the State FFA Officer Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.



**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois  
July 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on July 16, 2012, with Opening Ceremonies, by Darren Riskedal, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Darren and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Darren Riskedal	Dalton Heavner	Courtney Gerstenecker	Joel Limestall	Tyson Schulte
Ethan Wieland	Austin Granby	August Schetter	Cody Carman	Morgan Doggett
Jason Kilburn	Joe Steffen	Chris Miller	Don Lockwood	Mark Steber
Seb Pense	Jess Smithers	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Mike Shively	Chris Steppig	Jacob Meisner	Clayton Carley	Debra Korte
Jason Emmert	Kent Weber	Penny Haase-Wittler	Frank Dry	Jim Craft

Item 4a - Seating of the Board Members, and Item 4b - Election of the 2012-13 Governing Committee, were added to the agenda.

Carman/Schetter to approve the agenda with the changes. Motion passed.

Miller/Pense to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Hepner seated the new board members:

- President: Darren Riskedal (Somonauk-Leland-Sandwich) replacing Mike Shively (Paxton-Buckley-Loda)
- Vice President - Dalton Heavner (Pittsfield) replacing Jim Tobin (Blue Ridge)
- Reporter: Courtney Gerstenecker (Carlyle) replacing Chris Steppig (Waterloo)
- Secretary: Joel Limestall (Waterloo) replacing Jacob Meisner (Southwestern)
- Treasurer: Tyson Schulte (Sherrard) replacing Clayton Carley (Cissna Park)
- District I Student: Ethan Wieland (Section 5) replacing Aaron Wetzel (Section 2)
- District II Student: Austin Granby (Section 7) replacing Kye Witek (Section 6)
- District III Student: August Schetter (Section 15) replacing Morgan Kincheloe (Section 14)
- District IV Student: Cody Carman (Section 16) replacing Jacob Dickey (Section 17)
- District V Student: Morgan Doggett (Section 23) replacing Billy Hatfield (Section 23)
- District II Adult: Jeff Maierhofer (Seneca) replacing Kent Weber (Seneca)
- District IV Adult: Don Lockwood (Sullivan) replacing Adam Swigart (Blue Ridge)
- University Representative: Seb Pense (SIU) replacing Bart Gill (WIU)
- ISBE Representative: Jess Smithers (FCAE) replacing Jay Runner (FCAE)

Granby/Wieland to appoint Jason Kilburn and Chris Miller to the 2012-13 Governing Committee. Motion passed.

Kilburn/Pense to sustain. Motion passed.

Carman/Granby to approve the minutes of May 7, 2012. Motion passed.

Pense/Miller to sustain. Motion passed.

Schulte reviewed the tentative July 2012 Financial Report.  
Granby/Doggett to approve the tentative July 2012, Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Lockwood/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Hepner reviewed the status of the ISBE Grant to the FFA with the FFA Board. An omission in the application had put the application on hold until the omission was corrected. Funding is \$36,896 for Fiscal Year 2013.

Schetter/Carman to appoint Jim Craft as the Illinois Association FFA Executive Secretary for 2012-13.  
Motion passed.  
Miller/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Granby/Doggett to accept the FY`11 Audit Review. Motion passed.  
Kilburn/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Schetter/Wieland to accept the Creed Speaking Rubric as corrected for use beginning this year. Motion passed.  
Pense/Miller to sustain. Motion passed.

Wieland/Granby to accept the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE rubric as corrected for use beginning this year. Motion passed.  
Pense/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Granby/Cameron to accept the Prepared Public speaking rubric with corrections for use beginning this year. Motion passed.  
Pense/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Granby/Doggett to use the Illinois Association FFA Parliamentary Procedure CDE Rules for the Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE and limit the required motions to those on the section competition list. Motion passed.  
Lockwood/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.  
**Note:** The Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE is limited to student in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of state competition.

Carman/Limestall to delete the time deduction from the Creed Speaking rubric. Motion passed.  
Miller/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Cameron/Granby to recess for lunch. Motion passed.  
Pense/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed at 11:52 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Debra Korte and Jason Emmert presented a proposal to host the 2012-13 State Proficiency Awards at the University of Illinois. The plan would move the Judging off the Agriculture portion of the campus and use buildings located on the Main Quad at the University of Illinois. Option 1 would use three buildings (English Building, Lincoln Hall and Gregory Hall) and Option 2 would involve four buildings (Foellinger Auditorium, English Building, Foreign Languages Building and Gregory Hall).

Carman/Schetter to hold the 2012-13 State Proficiency Awards at the University of Illinois with the intent to implement Option #1. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

**Note:** Discussion indicated that Option #1 was the preferred choice of the FFA Board, Option #2 was also an acceptable option.

The Board discussed the motion presented and passed at the IAVAT Conference to move State Star Awards Selection to the State FFA Convention.

Granby/Carman to keep the Star Awards Selection the evening prior to State Awards Day. Motion passed.

Lockwood/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Results of the 2012 FFA Convention Survey were distributed. Items that drew the most comments were:

- The addition of a parking lot for busses (positive)
- The Keynote Speaker's speech (negative)
- The student responder used in the election (negative)
- Career Show variety of exhibitors and size (positive)

Carman/Granby to approve the 2012-13 Committee Reports as accepted at the State FFA Convention. Motion passed.

Pense/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

The State Staff reviewed the Agriculture Career Network (AgCN) and the training provided to date on using the system. Comments from the Board indicated:

- AgCN could be a topic to be reviewed at the Reporter Workshops
- Teachers need "Cheat Sheets" on how to enter data into the AgCN system
- A copy of the Excel spreadsheet should be shared with the teachers in advance of the Reporter Workshops. There might be an opportunity for teachers to then upload the names while at the Reporter Workshops.
- If needed staff may need to assist teachers at section or multi-section workshops.

The State Staff reviewed the status of the Program Affiliation program and indicated there had been requests from teachers to revisit the issue.

Granby/Schetter to reconvene the Program Affiliation Committee to further study affiliation options. Motion passed.

Kilburn/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

## **Reports**

### **2012-13 State FFA Officer Report**

Since being elected on June 13, 2012, the officers have attended:

- June State Officer Meeting with the 25 Section Presidents (2 Days) on June 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>
- Annual IAVAT Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>
- BLAST Off Training on June 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Heritage & Cooperative Tour - June 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>
- NLC SO (National Leadership Conference for State Officers) on July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>
- July State Officer Meeting with the 25 Section Presidents (3 Days) on July 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, where they and the section presidents set goals, reviewed responsibilities, had an FCAE Presentation, and a Leadership Camp Presentation

#### Future Activities:

- Illinois Products Logo & Campaign unveiling at Schnucks on Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>
- Andrew McCrea training sessions - July 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>
- State Officer Picnic - July 24<sup>th</sup>
- FFA Leadership Camp July 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>
- Illinois State Fair - August 9<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **2012-13 FFA Committee Reports**

Oral reports were provided by the District FFA Directors

#### **FFA Alumni Report**

- Alumni Development Conference is in Montana mid-July
- The Illinois FFA Alumni board will meet on July 25 at 1:00 p.m. at the leadership camp; corn and pork chops will be cooked and served to the campers by Alumni
- IL FFA Alumni and IL PAS are currently working on the February 2013 Conference.
- Jim Tobin is the past state officer selected to serve on the Alumni Council. His term is effective after the February Annual Meeting.
- Alumni brought in over \$20,000 from the supply booth at State FF Convention.

#### **FCAE Report**

Jess Smithers has been named the FCAE Project Coordinator, replacing Jay Runner who has retired. Additionally, there are several changes within the FCAE Program advisors:

- Kathy Novotney will be the new District I Field Program, filling a vacant position.
- Jennifer Waters will be the new District IV Field Program, replacing Jess Smithers
- Luke Allen will be the new Urban Program Advisor, assuming the duties of Sarah Song, who resigned. Additionally, Luke will continue to work with Sections 6, 7, 8 and 10.
- Mindy Bunselmeyer will serve as Program Advisor for District 4 and Section 9.
- Dean Dittmar will serve as Program Advisor for District 5

Agricultural Career Materials have been completed through a grant from Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and Illinois Community College Board. The materials include: 58 career profiles at MyCAERT.com, career posters, and an application for iPhone, iPad, and Droid phones.

#### **ISBE Report**

- Provided an update on the status of the FY13 line item and each of the grants within the line. Line item was level funded at \$1.8million. Fy12 was the last year for the IAVAT Admin Postsecondary grant and is not part of FY13. The IFG application will be accessed online as it has been historically, but the budget will be on IWAS and grant will flow directly to schools in FY13.
- Provided information on the CTSO FFA grant (FY12 & FY13)
- Provided information on the Learning Exchange initiative through Race to the Top.
- Provided information regarding changes at ISBE.

#### **Associate Executive Director**

Mr. Dry reported that since the last meeting he was busy. Activities included:

- Preparing for State FFA Convention and IAVAT Conference
- State FFA Convention
- IAVAT Conference
- NAAE Region IV Conference
- Preparing materials and pictures for Foundation Annual Report
- State FFA Officer Meeting

### **Post-Secondary Director**

Ms. Haase-Wittler indicated she had resigned her position as Post-Secondary Director. The resignation will be effective August 26<sup>th</sup>, at which time she will assume other duties outside the Illinois FFA Center.

Dalton Heavner reported on the plans for the National FFA Convention. Delegate interviews were held at the July State Officer Meeting. Illinois will have 13 delegates, down one from last year. Convention issues will be determined at the State Presidents Conference later in July.

### **2011-12 Officer Report**

*See Attachment A*

Carman/Doggett to appoint Jim Tobin as the Past FFA Officer Representative to the Illinois FFA Alumni Council. Motion passed.

Pense/Miller to sustain. Motion passed.

Wieland/Granby to congratulate and thank the 2011-12 FFA Officers for their year of service. Motion passed.

Kilburn/Pense to sustain. Motion passed.

### **District Concerns**

District I: National Chapter Award judging process is a concern.

District II: Would like to see the application requirement for the non-National proficiency award areas dropped from the State Awards Day requirements.

District III: Questions as to the need to review State FFA Degrees after the section selection committee has met and recommended the candidates.  
Concern that some of the American Degree Candidates Names were not read when they were being recognized at the State FFA Convention.

District IV: Concern that the merging of online student records with the AgCN will jeopardize student privacy and security.

District V: None

Camron/Schetter to use five judges for each activity on Form II of the National Chapter Award application during Round 2 judging and to drop the high and low score for each activity when calculating the chapter scores for each activity.

Craft reviewed the changes in the Public Speaking events that were adopted by the Board last year for implementation in 2012-13.

It was mentioned that in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE the participants should each be asked two separate questions, not a single two part question. This was not correctly interpreted in the 2012 State CDE.

### **Executive Director**

Mr. Craft reported that since the May meeting his schedule has been full. It was a typical year, with deep concerns on funding for Agriculture Education. Three State Proficiency Winners failed to submit a completed National Proficiency application, so Illinois will not be represented in three of the categories this summer. He indicated a letter had been received from the Mt. Vernon FFA requesting permission to represent the Illinois FFA at either the American Royal Livestock judging contest or the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, depending on requests from other teams that participated



in the State Livestock CDE - Reasons Division. He also distributed a final membership report for the 2011-12 school year and expressed concern that two chapters failed to submit the necessary membership materials until after May 15<sup>th</sup> - to late for the National Convention delegate count determination.

Granby/Schetter to allow the Mt. Vernon FFA Chapter to represent the Illinois FFA at the 2012 American Royal Livestock judging contest, provided no higher ranking reasons team requests makes a similar request prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed.  
Kilburn/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Items for the September 18<sup>th</sup> FFA Board of Directors Meeting:

- A date for the State Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE
- Consider whether the requirement to submit a completed National Proficiency Application for state-only proficiency areas should be changed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.



Attachment A

**2011-12 Illinois FFA State Officer Report**

We would each like to say how extremely grateful we are for the help and support we received from the Board of Directors during our year of service. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to spread the mission of the Illinois FFA and one full of great experiences.

Throughout our year, we encountered situations where we thought improvements/changes could be made. We would like to present these recommendations to the Board of Directors in the hopes that problem areas can be resolved and future officer teams can have as much or more success as we had.

**Letters:** We noticed throughout the springtime that everyone in the office was tied up playing catch-up. Be it from fixing ACN issues or dealing with other problems, current projects started taking backseat priority. The five of us agreed we wish we could have written letters for events like Selection Committee, State Convention, etc. based on a form from State Staff in order to free up their schedules. This could hopefully allow for overdue work to be caught up and current projects (i.e. speech editing, script revisions) to be completed on time. The letters would only have to run by State Staff to be proofed before being sent. Conversely, we would have also liked to have given letters not written by us a once-over before they were mailed. A couple of times during Convention planning, letters were sent out with incorrect information that could have been caught if we had a chance to proofread. We felt a bit of frustration when we had to make extra steps to fix problems that could have been avoided in the first place.

**Communication:** It has been said before a bit more open communication between Officers and State Staff would be appreciated. Not to say there isn't any, but we would have enjoyed having more open communication between ourselves and State Staff. One example would be when asking questions, a more "to the point" answer would be better than a repeat of the previous answer. It would help us save time running around and get to the point in the first place. One recommendation to resolve communication problems might be a "Mood Indicator" of sorts. Something to alert of a good mood/bad mood kind of day or busy/not busy day would help. Also, to create closer relationships between State Staff and Officers, we recommend more evening get-togethers. We enjoyed our evening in August at the Hepner's but that was the only one involving Mr. Craft, Mr. Dry, and Mr. Hepner. We would like to

see future teams spend time with State Staff over dinner at least once a month. It would be a way to bridge any gaps and hopefully keep transparency with any issues that might arise. In addition, it would be a way to get out of the hotel and get to know them better.

**Project Planning:** When it comes to planning for big events (STAR Conferences, State Convention, etc) we would have liked to felt a bit more prepared. While we worked hard to tie up loose ends, there always seemed to be something that went wrong and we found afterwards seemed to be recurring. One example was Convention Script writing. We learned at Convention that the lights were cued up a different way than we had written them which was the same way as years before. When it was brought up, we learned it had been suggested to change the writing of those cues before. We would like to see suggestions from past experiences be taken with more weight than we perceived them to be. Maybe setting up lunch with State Staff/past officers/others involved would be a good way to bring any recurring issues to the table and use past experiences to prevent them. We understand learning from mistakes but don't want future teams to face the same problems over and over.

**Commitment Form:** This is an area our team thought about often. We don't find a complete overhaul is necessary but a few changes could be made. Perhaps tobacco needs to be moved to a line of its own along with alcohol and other drugs so if any future incidents come before the board regarding any of those, they are not handled with the same weight as the others in the same line (comparing tobacco use to alcohol or drugs, etc.). Also, outlining expectations of the commitment form early on with future teams may help prevent any misinterpretations of the form and give everyone a common understanding of the expectations that come with the position. We feel as a State Officer, the Commitment Form is an important document that should guide an officer's year and demands complete enforcement.

In addition to the recommendations above, we had a few miscellaneous suggestions:

- If a new Post-Secondary Director is named, we suggest they work more with FFA related projects at the Collegiate Level. We would like to see the Officers work to engage collegiate members as well as junior high and high school aged members. Assistance from the Post-Secondary Director on these projects would be a great way to connect the Officers with more members.
- A 6<sup>th</sup> Officer: we do not feel a 6<sup>th</sup> officer is needed currently. While there were times we felt swamped with work, there were just as many times where we felt like there was nothing to do. As long as the officers are aware of their project timelines, their current workload shouldn't be impossible to handle without a 6<sup>th</sup> officer.

Again, we thank you for your dedication to the FFA and support you provide to the members. We find these recommendations to be helpful to future teams and ways for our organization to move forward towards a more efficient and prosperous future.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The 2011-2012 Illinois FFA Major State Officer Team  
Mike Shively, Jim Tobin, Chris Steppig, Jacob Meisner, and Clayton Carley

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
Springfield, Illinois

**May 7, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on May 7, 2012, with Opening Ceremonies by Jim Tobin, State FFA Vice President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Jim and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Jim Tobin	Chris Steppig	Jacob Meisner	Clayton Carley	
Aaron Wetzel	Darius Dixon	Morgan Kincheloe	Jacob Dickey	Billy Hatfield
Jason Kilburn	Kent Weber	Adam Swigart	Bill Kittinger	Chris Miller
Bart Gill	Jay Runner	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Mark Steber	Frank Dry	Jim Craft
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The agenda was approved by consensus.

Meisner/Steppig to approve the minutes, with the noted corrections, of January 24, 2012. Motion passed.

Gill/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley reviewed the April 2012 Financial Report.

Wetzel/Meisner to approve the April 30, 2012, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Swigart/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft informed the FFA Board that the FY'11 had not yet been received from IAA Auditing, but the tax papers had been received and were in the mail to the IRS.

Carley reviewed the FY'13 FFA Budget Proposal.

Steppig/Hatfield to accept the FY'13 Budget as proposed. Motion passed.

Weber/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

The officers distributed a copy of the 2011-12 FFA membership report. The report showed 16,486 members, with several chapters not in good standing due to missing materials.

The officers reviewed the 84th Annual State FFA Convention agenda. Specific items reviewed were:

- The video proof of the session videos has been received from Illinois Farm Bureau
- All proficiencies will be presented in the second session
- Hilary Corna will be the Keynote Speaker during the 3rd session
- Chapter Award cards will be provided to chapters

It was suggested that all Gold, Silver and Bronze Heritage and Cooperative Activities chapters be recognized on stage.

The District FFA Directors reviewed their committee reports. Kincheloe/Dickey to forward the FFA Committee Reports to the convention delegates for action. Motion passed.  
Kilburn/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

The officers reviewed the community service activities planned for the State FFA Convention.

- The "Day of Service" activities will be held on the Monday preceding convention.
- A used shoe collection will be held at the convention. It is part of the "Shoeman" project.

Qwizdom (a student response system) will be assisting with the State FFA Officer elections on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Craft Reviewed the FFA Board Members duties at convention.

Carley/Steppig to remove the student's name from the list of recommended State FFA Degree candidates per the chapter advisor's request. Motion passed.  
Runner/Gill to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft noted that 20 State FFA Degree candidates were rejected at either the state or section level this year. The candidate review was slowed due to the lack of assistance on the State FFA Degree day. It was shared how important that each District secure three individuals to assist on the day of review.

Meisner/Gill to assess a 150 point penalty to any National Chapter Award application that is submitted on a 2006 version of the application. Motion passed.  
Runner/Gill to sustain. Motion passed.

Hatfield/Kincheloe to assess a 50 point penalty to any application missing a signature. Motion passed.  
Call for division.  
Motion passed 5-3  
Kittinger/Gill to sustain. Motion passed 4-3

Steppig/Hatfield to set the July 16, 2012 as the July Meeting date. Motion passed.  
Runner/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

#### District Concerns

District I - Why do we have to have multiple buildings for State Awards Day.

District II - Why do we have to have multiple buildings for State Awards Day. Would like to drop the requirement for the second application requirement for State Proficiency Awards selection. To drop the requirement for National Proficiency applications to be completed by students competing Electrification, Safety and Food Service.

District II - No concerns

District IV - To drop the proficiency requirement.

District V - No concerns

Meisner/Steppig to recess the meeting and reconvene at 8:00 a.m. Motion passed  
Gill/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed at 8:39 p.m. on May 7, 2012

Meeting reconvened at 8:07 a.m. on May 8, 2012

Members: Mike Shively, Jim Tobin, Chris Steppig, Jacob Meisner, Clayton Carley, Aaron Wetzel, Darius Dixon, Morgan Kincheloe, Jacob Dickey, Billy Hatfield, Jason Kilburn, Kent Weber, Adam Swigart, Bill Kittinger, Chris Miller, Bart Gill, Jay Runner and Harley Hepner  
Guests: Todd Shively, Mike White, Frank Dry and Jim Craft

Mike Shively called to meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Staff Reports were distributed.

Mike Shively relinquished the chair and requested that Jim Tobin, State FFA Vice President assume the duties of the chair.

Steppig/Dixon to enter Executive Session and invite State Staff, Todd Shively and Mike White to attend the session. Motion passed. Gill/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:11 a.m.  
Carley/Meisner to exit Executive Session. Motion passed.  
Kittinger/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:38 a.m.  
Meisner/Steppig to accept the State Staffs' recommendation as discussed. Motion passed.  
Gill/Miller to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley/Steppig to adjourn. Motion passed.  
Swigart/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned for program judging at 9:43 a.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**  
**January 24, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m. on January 24, 2012, with Opening Ceremonies by Mie Shively, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Mike and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Mike Shively	Jim Tobin	Chris Steppig	Jacob Meisner	Clayton Carley
Aaron Wetzel	Kye Witek	Morgan Kincheloe	Jacob Dickey	Billy Hatfield
Jason Kilburn	Kent Weber	Adam Swigart	Bill Kittinger	Chris Miller
Bart Gill	Jay Runner	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Carl Burkybile	Frank Dry	Jim Craft
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Wetzel/Steppig to set time to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Weber/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Kincheloe/Carley to approve the agenda with the addition of "Veterinary Science CDE Invitation". Motion passed.

Kilburn/Gill to sustain. Motion passed.

Meisner/Tobin to approve the minutes of September 20, 2011. Motion passed.

Runner/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley reviewed the December 2011 Financial Report.

Tobin /Meisner to approve the December 31, 2011, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Swigart/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Steppig/Dickey to exceed the budget and approve the purchase of \$20,000 in Certificates of Deposits for FY`12. Motion passed.

Runner/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the open invoices. There is \$51,443.50 in open invoices. The majority of the funds are due for either 2011-12 dues or the 212 Conference registrations. Only about \$1,800 in accounts receivable are from before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

District Concerns:

I - None

II - None

III - None

IV - Need information on the Agriculture Career Network

V - None

Mr. Craft presented a sample rubric for scoring the FFA Creed.

Carley/Meisner to continue the development of rubrics for each of the three Public Speaking CDE's and review them at the May meeting for use in the 2012-13 Public Speaking events. Motion passed. Gill/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

[Note: It as recommended the sample rubrics be e-mailed to the FFA Board members when completed and feedback should be sought from the coaches of the state public speaking contestants.]

Tobin/Steppig to accept the two Preliminary Program of Activities that were received late from the Section President and to deny the Preliminary Program of Activities that was sent in late and direct from the school. Motion passed.

Runner/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Carl Burkybile, former Agriculture Education teacher at Rantoul High School, presented on opportunities for the FFA to be involved with activities to help address hunger and health in Africa. Specific programs he discussed were:

- Feed My Starving Children
- Kids Against Hunger
- Healing Hands International
- Shoeman Water Projects

Mr. Craft reviewed the Agriculture Career Network. He demonstrated the Teacher portal, the Student portal and the State Staff portal. He explained the problems that the FFA Staff were have in determining whether students were eligible for membership, because the course code was not visible for state viewing.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

The State FA Officers Gave a short presentation on their International Leadership Seminar for State Officers trip to China during the lunch break.

Meeting reconvened at 1:09 p.m.

Mike Shively distributed the FFA Membership Report. It showed 15,842 members, but all have not been cleared for membership.

Mr. Hepner reviewed the action taken by the Governing Committee regarding the invitation to participate in the "Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE". The Governing Committee recommended:

- 1) The Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE is a new program announced November 15, 2011, so the recommendations are for this year until a policy/procedure can be set in place by the entire FFA Board of Directors.
- 2) The event is open to current 7th, 8th, and/or 9th grade agriculture education students who are members of the FFA.
- 3) Each district may submit the names of two FFA Chapters as entries in the state-level event by May 1, 2012. The districts/sections will need to determine how they come up with their two teams.
- 4) The current state parliamentary procedure rules will be used for the event.
- 5) The state final would be at 2012 State FFA Convention with winner competing during National FFA Convention week.
- 6) The National-level event is sponsored by Society for Ag Ed Parliamentarians and hosted by National FFA.

Dickey/Hatfield to ratify the action of the Governing Committee. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Gill to sustain. Motion passed.

[**Note:** It was recommended a review of the Novice Parliamentary Procedure CDE rules be placed on the summer meeting agenda as a business item so any recommendations that arise from this year's event can be implemented.]

Mr. Craft reviewed the procedures for scoring Floor Member discussions in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE.

The State FFA Officers reviewed the tentative agenda for the State FFA Convention. To date, no constitutional amendments have been proposed to the State FFA Constitution. No change in dues amount is being proposed at this time.

Tobin/Carley to strike the suggested topics from the "Major FFA Officer Election Rules and Procedures". Motion passed.  
Swigart/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Hatfield/Steppig to maintain the same convention registration fees as the 2011 FFA Convention. Motion passed.  
Weber/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Witek/Tobin to set the Not-for-Profit, Educational and Governmental exhibit fee at \$100 and the fee for the For-Profit exhibitors will be \$250. Motion passed.  
Weber/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley reviewed the "Day of Service" plans to date. He has received a commitment from seven of the eleven sites contacted. One new site will be located at Southwinds Park, where the proposed Kidzeum will be built.

The officers plan to continue the luncheons, dinners, reception and dance as in previous years.

Tobin reported that some new workshops are being added to the convention. Contacts have been made and time slots are filling up.

The Prairie Capital Convention Center is undergoing some construction. They are adding restrooms to the arena level. As a result, the handicap accessible restroom on the main floor and the ramp on the north side of the building will be closed during the convention.

Committee Reports were presented:

Community Development Committee

Chairperson: Darius Dixon

Secretary: Courtney Gerstenecker

Committee Members: Brianna Harmon, Jamie Mueller, Kirby Fecht

- Accomplishments so far:
- Promoted canned food drives during LTS
- Collected cans from LTS food drive

Refocused Goals from 1st Semester:

- Kick off canned food drives at Reporter's Workshops

New Goals for 2nd Semester:

- Promote more chapters to participate in "Day of Service"
- Participate in "Packaging Event" throughout State Convention
- Promote "Harvest for All" canned food drive for FBYC



### Financial Action Committee

Chairperson: Jacob Dickey

Secretary: Megan Bloemer

Committee Members: Mallory Blunier, Chisum Kirby, Caleb Behme

Accomplishments so far:

- completed poster design
- informational packet on the 20/20/20 Challenge
- laying a foundation for future committees

Refocused Goals from 1st Semester:

- utilized list serve instead of letters
- didn't get poster printed, launch next year, NEW and IMPROVED

New Goals for 2nd Semester:

- Framework for mobile donation campaign
- Campaign on donor friendly website
- Alternative foundation drive collections
- Identify specific large corporations for foundations
- Interpret results from this year's Foundation Drive

### Membership Committee

Chairperson: Billy Hatfield

Secretary: Alex Russell

Committee Members: Tyson Schulte, Dalton Heavner, Jacob Hilliard

Accomplishments so far:

- Designed and released recruitment and retention posters to every chapter in the state

Refocused Goals from 1st Semester:

- None

New Goals for 2nd Semester:

- Promote National FFA Week and State FFA Convention

### Public Relations

Chairperson: Aaron Wetzel

Secretary: Cody Zeeck

Committee Members: Sarah Luce, Joel Limestall, Darren Riskedal

Accomplishments so far:

- Started communications between chapter and section
- Encouraged increased use of social media by creating Facebook pages on Chapter and Section levels

Refocused Goals from 1st Semester:

- Creation of communication pathways from chapter through state

New Goals for 2nd Semester:

- To utilize and build upon communication pathways
- Promote formation of lists of media outlets from each section

### Supervised Agricultural Experience Promotion Committee

Chairperson: Morgan Kincheloe

Secretary: Nick Gimple

Committee Members: Kye Witek, Alex Edwards, Thea Fruhling

Accomplishments so far:

- Updated website on SAE programs

- E-mailed all of the section reporters about including SAE information in their articles
- Published SAE descriptions

Refocused Goals from 1st Semester:

- Hold an EZ Records Workshop

New Goals for 2nd Semester:

- Encourage practice proficiency interviews
- Hold an EZ Records Workshop

Mr. Craft reviewed the State FFA Degree Selection Review process.

Carley/Meisner to use the Joliet Junior College's Veterinary Science CDE to identify one team to participate in the National Veterinary Science Demonstration Event and to use a Veterinary Science CDE at the University of Illinois to identify a second team to participate in the National Veterinary Science Demonstration Event. Motion passed.

Swigart/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Tobin/Dickey that one representative from each of the two invitational Veterinary Science CDE shall represent Illinois FFA at the National Veterinary Science Demonstration Event and should only one invitational event be offered Veterinary Science CDE representation shall be determined by order of finish. Motion passed.

Gill/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

## **State FFA Officer Report**

### October

*National Convention:* The majors and the national delegates left for the week long experience of National Convention. Illinois was represented by 14 delegates who worked tirelessly on these six committees: Continuation of the Floriculture CDE, Alternative Delivery Models, Creation of CDE's for Collegiate FFA, Agricultural Experience Program, Reconstruction of the Delegate Process, and Exploration of Middle School Opportunities. Delegates also voted on national constitutional amendments, directing the work of our organization. Also attached to this report are the results for Illinois proficiency finalists, as well as, CDE teams.

### November

*Farm Bureau Youth Education Meeting:* All the major state officers attended the Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Meeting to give updates, discuss upcoming events for the Youth Ed Committee, and make committee members aware of their duties and responsibilities throughout the year.

*Convention Planning:* In November the majors started the year long task of planning for the next state convention. They split up the responsibilities and began work on preparing and planning for the various events.

*University of Illinois Ag Day Tailgate:* The majors took part in the Ag Day tailgate at the Illinois vs. Wisconsin football game. We got to meet and talk with Orion Samuelson, famous farm radio broadcaster, as well as other members of the U of I Staff. Also, the majors helped meet and greet fans walking in the tent.

*Chicago Council of Global Affairs Luncheon:* Jim Tobin, Mike Shively, & Clayton Carley traveled by train to the Luncheon for the Chicago Council of Global Affairs where they enjoyed lunch with members of the council and other attendees. Among the presentations at the luncheon, the majors heard the Honorable Rajiv Shah who has worked with the USDA and is now working with the famine in the Cape Horn of Africa. He presented facts about the famine, what they are doing to bring food to those in need, and how we can help.

### December

*2011 Annual Illinois Farm Bureau Meeting:* The majors traveled to Chicago for the Annual Farm Bureau meeting. Throughout the weekend experience Mike gave remarks on patriotism and agriculture.

*ISBE Committee Hearings:* The majors put together and gave a presentation to the Illinois State Board of Education regarding the importance of agricultural education. They presented facts and personal experiences and about how Agricultural Education is changing the lives of thousands of students and giving them opportunities they didn't have before.

*December State Officer Meeting:* The majors joined by the 25 section presidents from the state of Illinois met in Springfield at the Northfield Inn & Suites for their December State Officer Meeting. Mariah Dale-Anderson gave her Youth Education committee update. The Pork Producers presented on consumer views of farming and how we can educate them and also about bio-terrorism in the ag industry. The section presidents and majors then enjoyed a Christmas party after the meeting.

*Boxes for Troops:* During the December State Officer Meeting, the majors and the section presidents took a night to fill boxes for troops with toiletries, food, and items to remind them of home. All in all, the group put together 170 boxes for troops! The total cost to ship the boxes was around \$2,200.

#### January

*2012 ILSSO Trip to China!:* The majors are very excited to have the opportunity to travel to China for two weeks and experience just how diverse the agricultural industry is worldwide. They seized opportunities to learn about agriculture, as well as, the culture and history of China. They visited many different agricultural sites as well as some tourist attractions. Thank you to all who have supported us!

*212 Conferences:* Clayton and Mike traveled down to Collinsville while Jim, Chris, and Jacob traveled up north to Schaumburg for the annual 212 Conference. Throughout the weekend, the five took part in sessions working with the members in attendance as well as chaperoning the dance that night. Both conferences were success!

#### February

Chris is locking in interviews for National FFA Week (February 18-25, 2012)

#### March

Ag Legislative Awareness Day is scheduled for March 28, 2012. The schedule will be much the same as in previous years. Chapters should arrive by 8:00 a.m. and baskets will be assembled beginning about 9:30 a.m. There will be group photo with Lt. Governor Simon at 10:00 a.m. and baskets will begin to be delivered about 10:15 a.m.

Dickey/Steppig moved to extend the time of adjournment to 3:30 p.m. Motion passed.

Weber/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Tobin/Steppig to approve the expenditure of up to \$200 for a legislative basket item. Motion passed.

Gill/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

#### FFA Alumni

The Alumni will hold their annual meeting on February 3-4, 2012, at the Northfield inn & Conference Center. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Illinois PAS annual conference. The Alumni are still basket entries their Basket Contest and auction.

#### FFA Foundation

The annual collection drive stands at \$259,540, with a goal of \$450,000. Levi, Ray and Shoup (LRS) has nearly finished the new FFA Foundation donor program. The FFA Foundation's annual meeting will be held March 22, 2012.

### **Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)**

- Due to state funding issues, payments from ISBE continue to be paid later than scheduled.
- The GAST Grants went out in September.
- Team Ag Ed has met and will have representatives in attendance at the P20 meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Illinois will be receiving \$41 million in “Race to the Top” funding from the federal level.
- A program of study for PostSecondary Agricultural Education has been created and addresses the P20 Pipeline strategy.
- Fiscal Year 2013 budget hearings will begin soon.
- This is the last year for the PostSecondary Administrative Grant to the Illinois FFA Center.

### **FCAE/ILCAE/ICAE**

The Ag Ed Symposium is scheduled to be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Bloomington.

### **Staff Reports**

See attachments

Meisner/Steppig to hold the next FFA Board Meeting on May 7, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with Round 2 of Program Judging to be held May 8, 2012, with judges arriving at 9:00 a.m. and program judging starting at 9:30 a.m. Motion passed.

Weber/Kilburn to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting concluded with the Pledge of Allegiance at 3:37 p.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**September 20, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 20, 2011, with Opening Ceremonies by Mie Shively, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Mike and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Mike Shively	Jim Tobin	Chris Steppig	Jacob Meisner	Clayton Carley
Aaron Wetzal	Darius Dixon	Morgan Kincheloe	Jacob Dickey	Billy Hatfield
Jason Kilburn	Kent Weber	Adam Swigart	Bill Kittinger	Christy Joehl
Bart Gill	Jay Runner	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Wm. Lee Meteor      Frank Dry                      Jim Craft

Tobin/Steppig to set time to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Swigart/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Dickey/Kincheloe to approve the agenda with flexibility. Motion passed.

Runner/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Dixon/Wetzal to approve the minutes of August 1, 2011. Motion passed.

Kilburn/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Kincheloe /Meisner to approve the August 31, 2011, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the open invoices. About \$5,200 is due to the Illinois FFA in accounts receivable.

None of the districts reported any District Concerns.

The board discussed the use of rubrics in the Public Speaking CDE's. Two concerns were noted in the discussions at Reporter Workshops: 1) How to enforce the use of Official Dress and what would be accepted as Official Dress, and 2) That possibility of excessive deductions for word errors in the presentation of the FFA Creed.

Carley/Wetzal to pursue using a rubric for the Public Speaking CDE's and direct the Illinois FFA Center Staff to develop a sample rubric for review at the January FFA Board of Directors Meeting. Motion passed.

Gill/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Copies of the National Parliamentary Procedure CDE Rules were distributed.

**State Officer Report**

The officers covered the activities they had attended since the last FFA Board Meeting. Farm Progress Show, GROWMARK Annual Meeting, Reporter Workshops, STAR Conferences, President's Rural Affairs Council Meeting, Illinois State Fair, DuQuoin State Fair and the start of Chapter Visits. Additionally, each of the FFA Student Directors reported on the progress being made by their committees.

### **Alumni Report**

It was reported the FFA Alumni Scholarship Application for the 212 Conference, Leadership Camp and Washington Leadership Conference had been revised for use in 2011-12.

### **Staff**

Frank Dry - set-up for Farm Progress Show and Illinois State Fair, but was unable to attend either event. He managed the "Excellence in Teaching" Award interview process. He attended two of the STAR Conferences and the Reporter Workshops. Indicated he had completed his chemotherapy and was told he was in remission.

Jim Craft - Worked with the officers at the FFA Barnyard during the Illinois State Fair. Attended all three days of the Farm Progress Show and worked with the Illinois and Indiana State FFA Officers in the auction that was conducted the first two days of the Farm Progress Show. Attended the STAR Conferences in Districts I, II and III. Working on National FFA Convention preparations. He indicated the new American FFA Degree was not going to be used by National FFA in 2012.

Dixon/Carley to reconsider the motion to adopt the new American FFA Degree application as the 2012 Illinois State FFA Degree application. Motion passed.

Kilburn/Joehl to sustain. Motion passed

Main motion under reconsideration failed.

Weber/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Steppig/ Tobin to recess for 45 minutes. Motion passed.

Meeting reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

### **FCAE Report**

FCAE would be attending the Illinois Principal's Association Meeting and the Illinois School Board Conference. FCAE staff members are making school visits and they are working on the FY'12 Projects.

### **ISBE Report**

Some of the FY `11 projects have been extended until December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Agriculture Education line item suffered an 8% decrease in funding and he reviewed the cuts that were made on each of the projects being funded through the line item. Parkland CC will continue as the fiscal agent for the FCAE Project. Hearing dates for the FY `13 Budget should be announced soon.

Mr. Meter presented a report on the Agriculture Science Fair. He requested that each FFA District Director identify two teachers that might be willing to assist in conducting the Illinois FFA Agriculture Science Fair.

Carley/Hatfield to drop the AgriScience Essay from the Agriculture Science Fair. Motion passed.

Runner/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley/Meisner to set the initial AgriScience Fair application for April 1<sup>st</sup> with the total completed application due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion passed.  
Swigart/Gill to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft indicated he had been contacted by 4-H Memorial Campground and that there was a possibility to alter our Leadership Camp dates.  
Carley/Steppig to allow staff to work with the Leadership Camp Staff to set the 2012 FFA Leadership Camp dates. Motion passed.  
Runner/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the duties of the FFA Board members.

Discussion was held on whether the evaluation process for the National Chapter Award applications should change. Suggestions included:

- Allow substitutions for the Section Chairs or Section Secretaries when the need arises
- Provide earlier notice to those that are being invited to attend
- Have judges score a single activity
- Provide feedback to the chapters
- Hold the FFA Board Meeting the night before Round 2 Judging, so the scoring could start earlier

After discussion, it was determined there would be no changes for 2012, although it was agreed by consensus that potential judges will be advised of the responsibility earlier, substitutions would continue to be allowed as need arises, and chapters would continue to receive feedback. In January, the board will reexamine the meeting schedule and make a final decision on the possibility of meeting at night prior to program judging.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**August 1, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on August 1, 2011, with Opening Ceremonies by Mie Shively, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Mike and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Mike Shively	Jim Tobin	Chris Steppig	Jacob Meisner	Clayton Carley
Aaron Wetzel	Darius Dixon	Morgan Kincheloe	Jacob Dickey	Billy Hatfield
Kent Weber	Adam Swigart	Bill Kittinger	James Anderson	Jay Runner
Harley Hepner				

Guests:

John Edgar	Jake Ekstrand	Cody Gill	Dean Olson	Penny Haase-Wittler
Frank Dry	Jim Craft			

Dickey/Wetzel to approve the agenda with the addition of item 6d) Governing Committee and item 6e) Appointment of Executive Secretary. Motion passed.  
Swigart/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Dixon/Kincheloe to approve the minutes of May 5, 2011. Motion passed.  
Anderson/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Kincheloe /Hatfield to approve the June 30, 2011, Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Kittinger/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Wetzel/Dickey to approve the FY`12 CTSO Grant as submitted to ISBE. Motion passed.  
Swigart/Anderson to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft and Hepner reviewed the Board's past discussions on the need to identify potential sponsors for future events.

Carley/Steppig to nominate and elect Kent Weber and Bill Kittinger to serve on the 2011-12 Governing Committee. Motion passed.

Runner/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

[Note: Mr. Hepner will serve as the chair of the Governing Committee, as defined by the Illinois FFA Constitution.]

Meisner/Steppig to appoint Jim Craft as the FFA Executive Secretary for 2011-12. Motion passed.  
Runner/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

**2010-11 State Officer Team Report**

- 1) It was indicated the Jeffrey Barnes was the past officer recommended to serve as the FFA representative to the Illinois FFA Alumni Council. [Note: The term of office will begin with the FFA Alumni's next Annual Meeting.]



Meisner/Dixon to elect Jeffrey Barnes, 2010-11 State Treasurer, to serve as the 2012-13 Alumni Representative. Motion passed.

Weber/Anderson to sustain. Motion passed.

- 2) It was suggested that the addition of a sixth State Officer or a Summer Intern at the FFA Center be explored.
- 3) The officers inquired as to whether the new committee process allowed last year's recommendations to move forward as action items for this year's committees.

### District Concerns

District I - None

District II - Would like to see a better definition of FFA Activity for the State FFA Degree Application. Had heard some concerns expressed that there were only two chaperones on each of the WLC busses.

District III - None

District IV - Inquired as to the status of the Section Fairs Reporting tool.

Would like a plan to inservice teachers on the Agriculture Career Network and the new award applications from National FFA.

District V - Some concern that the results for the National Chapter Awards were changed after they were announced.

### 2011 FFA Convention Review

- Craft reviewed the 2011 Convention Financials. Preliminary financial reports show the convention making a profit of \$19,612. He indicated this is a preliminary report and that profit level will in all likelihood be less once all bills for the event are paid.
- Convention attendance was up for 2011. A total of 3,405 members, advisors and guests registered for the event. [1,930 students and 315 advisors registered for all three days. Additionally, another 357 members registered for one day.] It was noted that some schools paid, but failed to turn in a registration form, making it impossible to provide a 100% accurate attendance count.
- The 2011 FFA Convention Survey Report was handed out. To the greatest extent the convention components received high marks. The convention point that needs worked on the most is audio/video technical difficulties.
- The 2010-11 Officers indicated that a practice day on stage at the convention would be helpful and make the convention go smoother.
- There were good comments on the convention speaker, Grant Balden.
- It was a slow process getting the convention sessions started. The officer videos, walk-ins and Opening Ceremonies are taking about 20 minutes at the start of each session - it was suggested that walk-ins and/or videos be reduced.
- The officers were reminded to adhere to the script deadlines they are given by the FFA Staff.
- It was noted the size of the stage was changed, making it smaller than what was expected or ordered.
- It was asked whether the "Day of Service" was an appropriate use of the officer's time during the convention preparations.
- It was suggested that David Cain be contracted for an additional 5 hours on the Monday so all videos can be reviewed.

Kincheloe/Dickey to recess. Motion passed.

Anderson/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Reconvened from lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Hepner reported on the Agriculture Career Network which will be implemented this Fall by National FFA, for membership management and student data gathering.

Craft presented the revisions that will be implemented in the 2012 National Chapter Award Program. Kincheloe/Hatfield to change the policy on National Chapter Award from “no changes allowed on Form I” to “If an error is found on Form I, the chapter may make changes and be recognized as a Superior Chapter only. [Note: The chapter would be ineligible for a Gold, Silver or Bronze rating, but would be able to qualify for Incentive Grant Funding. Motion passed. Kittinger/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Wetzel/Dickey to adopt the National FFA AgriScience Fair rules as the Illinois FFA Science Fair Rules. Motion passed.  
Swigart/Runner to sustain. Motion

Craft reviewed the changes in the AgriEntrepreneurship Award application that will be implemented this coming school year.

Craft reviewed the changes that will be implemented in the American FFA Degree and indicated the changes would go into effect with the approaching school year.  
Hatfield/Wetzel to delete Pages 12a and 12b of the current State FFA Degree from the 2012 State FFA Degree application. Motion failed.  
Dixon/Kincheloe to delete Item X of the current State FFA Degree application from the 2012 State FFA Degree application. Motion passed.  
Weber/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Meisner/Dixon to make page IL12a match the 2012 National Proficiency Award application Skills section. Motion passed.  
Anderson/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Dixon/Carley to keep Page IL12a, Item IX, on the current State FFA Degree application as it is now. Motion passed.  
Weber/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the changes being implemented at the national level in the proficiency award areas.

- Added - Beginning 2012
  - o Agriscience Research - Animal Systems
  - o Agriscience Research - Plant Systems
  - o Agriscience Research - Other Systems
  - o Goat Production is being added for 2012
- Combined - beginning 2012
  - o Diversified Livestock Production Entrepreneurship & Placement will be a single area.
- Dropped - beginning 2012
  - o Floriculture - Entrepreneurship/Placement

Kincheloe/Meisner to accept and implement the changes and scorecard to the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE, as recommended by IAVAT.  
Carley/Meisner to strike “scorecard” and insert “the rubric adopted by the National FFA”. Amendment passed.

Meisner/Hatfield to add a line to the rubric for “Official Dress”, with the line valued at 100 points. Amendment passed.

Meisner/Wetzel called Previous Question. Previous Question passed.

Main motion as amended passed.

Runner moved to sustain. Motion died for lack of a second.

Carley/Steppig to accept the IAVAT recommendations on the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE.

Tobin/Dixon moved to amend by striking recommendation #5 and inserting “National FFA rubric”. Motion failed.

Carley called Division. Amendment passed. (6 in favor and 3 opposed)

Main motion, as amended, passed.

Runner/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Meisner/Wetzel to accept the IAVAT’s Creed CDE recommendations 1, 2, 3 and implement the National FFA rubric”. Motion passed.

Carley/Dixon to call for the Previous Question. Previous Question passed.

Main motion passed.

Runner/Anderson to sustain.

Kittinger/Swigart to amend by deleting the phrase “20 points per word”. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Anderson to amend by adding the phrase “5 points per word” Motion passed.

Motion to sustain, as amended, passed.

Hatfield/Tobin to accept the IAVAT recommendations #1, 2, 4 and implement the national scoring rubric for the Prepared Public Speaking CDE. Motion passed.

Runner/Anderson to sustain. Motion passed.

Kincheloe/Meisner to accept the IAVAT recommendations for the Parliamentary Procedure CDE as presented. Motion passed.

Runner/Anderson to sustain. Motion passed.

Tobin/Meisner to make all Public Speaking changes effective in the 2012-13 school year. Motion passed.

Swigart/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the National FFA Scoring rubric. It was suggested the rubric be posted at the Illinois FFA website for teacher reference.

Craft reviewed the mini-grants that would be offered to FFA Members starting an Agriscience SAE.

Dry reviewed the “Drive for Savings” fundraising program.

Carley/Tobin to make the “Drive for Savings” program information available to chapters so they can use this fundraiser at their discretion. Motion passed.

Weber/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

The State FFA Officers previewed the 84<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention activities.

#### Business Items

- The “Ratification Amendment” is being considered as a constitutional amendment.
- National FFA dues are being proposed to continue at the same level as 2010-11.
- An amendment to set the fiscal year as September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> has been proposed.

### Convention Committees

- Continuation of the Floriculture CDE
- Reconstruction of the Delegate Process
- Increased Middle School Opportunities
- Agricultural Experience Program
- Creation of Collegiate FFA Competitive Events
- Alternate Delivery Models for Leadership Development

### National Officer Candidate

Amie Burke, 2009-10 State President, is serving as Illinois' Candidate

Craft conducted the District Director Inservice. Topics included:

- Confirming District dates for Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, Proficiency Awards and Star Interviews.
- Reminded the District Directors that it was their responsibility to secure three individuals to serve on the State FFA Degree Review team. The directors are to identify and confirm that the individual can serve on March 5, 2012.
- The directors are to identify an individual to serve as a judge for the State Parliamentary Procedure CDE on March 24, 2012.
- The directors need to plan on attending the State FFA Officer Selection Process on Saturday, March 31, 2012.

### Reports

FFA	The officers reported on the FFA Leadership Camp, which went extremely well. They also discussed the various training they had been a part of since they were elected. They had positive comments on the Andrew McCrea Training, BlastOFF Training and the NLCSO. They also shared their observations from the State Presidents Conference and the Heritage/Cooperative Tour.
FFA Alumni	They reported on the activities they assisted with at the State FFA Convention. \$7,200 was returned to FFA Chapters for their sale of this year's raffle tickets.
IAVAT	Two Illinois Agriculture Education Teachers were named recently named regional winners: Outstanding Young Member - Jesse Faber, Pontiac High School and Outstanding Teacher - Tim McDermott, Waterloo High School.
FCAE	Parkland CC has submitted a proposal to serve as the fiscal agent for the project. They are waiting on the FY `12 Funding announcement to know whether any cutback in services would be needed.
ISBE	Some of the grants from ISBE have been extended. The Agricultural Education line item was cut back by about 10%, so reductions in FCAE, Incentive Grant Funding and GAST are likely.
Executive Secretary	Mr. Craft expressed his regrets at missing the 83 <sup>rd</sup> State FFA Convention due to a death in the family. He commended the 2010-11 State Officers for their hard work in securing sponsorship for the convention and the hours of preparation they put into the process. He indicated that the National Program Judging would be taking place next week and that one of the State Proficiency Winners failed to provide a completed National Proficiency Application.
Assoc. Exec. Secretary	Mr. Dry reported on his activities in June and July. Most of his time was spent preparing for or attending the FFA Convention, IAVAT Conference and preparing the Annual Foundation Report so it can go to the printers. He finished his last chemo treatment in June and will now have quarterly

treatments for the next two years. He announced that he had received word from National FFA that Brian Hills, Tri-Point FFA, has been named as a finalist for Star Farmer of America. He and Tammy are working with LRS on a new Foundation Collection Drive Program. That program will be in use this Fall and should be useful to all teachers and Foundation Chairs.

PostSecondary Director The State PAS Officers and she are traveling to Puerto Rico to work with Agriculture students there as they work to establish a PAS program in Puerto Rico. She assisted at the FFA Convention by managing the Career Show. Plans are underway for the classes she will be teaching for beginning teachers.

The meeting concluded at 5:05 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**May 6, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 6, 2011, with Opening Ceremonies.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

John Edgar	Jake Ekstrand	Morgan Ott	Cody Gill	Jeffrey Barnes
Hannah Pieper	Clayton Carley	Jacob Meisner	Jim Tobin	Jay Solomonson
Kent Weber	Adam Swigart	Brian Bender		
Jay Runner	Harley Hepner			

Guests:

Kathy Novotny	Joe Steffen	Donald Bumphrey	Mary Barnes	Jeff Clifton
Jim Craft	Frank Dry	Penny Haase-Wittler		

The group was welcomed by John Edgar, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

C. Carley/M. Ott to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

A. Swigart/J. Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

M. Ott/J. Tobin to approve the minutes of January 21, 2011. Motion passed.

K. Weber/J. Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

J. Tobin/C. Carley to approve the April 2011 Financial Report. Motion passed.

J. Solomonson/B. Bender to sustain. Motion passed.

J. Barnes/J. Meisner to approve the FY`10 Audit Review. Motion passed.

M. Barnes/K. Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

C. Carley/J. Meisner to approve the FY`12 FFA Budget as presented. Motion passed

J. Runner/J. Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

J. Meisner/J. Ekstrand to have retiring officer to surface the nomination(s) to serve as the FFA Representative on the FFA Alumni Council and if more than one officer desires to serve, the FFA Board will select the representative.

B. Bender/K. Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed FFA Convention duties.

National Chapter Award judging teams were identified and applications were reviewed.

The next meeting was set for July 14<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**  
**January 21, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. on January 21, 2011, with Opening Ceremonies.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

John Edgar	Jake Ekstrand	Morgan Ott	Cody Gill	Jeffrey Barnes
Hannah Pieper	Clayton Carley	Jacob Meisner	Jim Tobin	Jay Solomonson
Kent Weber	Adam Swigart	Bill Kittinger	Beth Burrow	
Jay Runner	Harley Hepner			

Guests:

Jim Craft	Frank Dry	Penny Haase-Wittler
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The group was welcomed by John Edgar, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Pieper/Carley to set the adjournment time at 3:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Solomonson/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Ott/Meisner to correct the starting time of the Star Awards Night to 4:00 p.m., correct three spelling errors and approve the minutes of September 21, 2010. Motion passed.

Swigart/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Tobin/Carley to accept the December 31, 2010, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Swigart/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

It was recommended that \$250 (\$50 per district) be added to the FY`12 FFA Budget for use for FFA Committee activities.

The FFA Board reviewed the open invoices.

Barnes/Gill to contribute \$100 to the Larry D. Case Endowment Fund. Motion passed.

Solomonson/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Gill/Tobin to help fund the legislative Basket item at not more than \$250. Motion passed.

Runner/Burrow to sustain. Motion passed.

District Directors were asked to share district concerns.

District I           What's the status of the program affiliation effort?

District II           None

District III          None

District IV          None

District V           None

Craft reported on two preliminary programs of activities that were received late.

Carley/Meisner to accept the 2 late Pre-POA's that were held by the section's leadership, provided copies of the Pre-POA's are received by the Illinois FFA Center. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley/Barnes to require all Pre-POA's to be submitted by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

Swigart/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley/Pieper to require all corrections to incomplete Pre-POA's to be received at the Illinois FFA Center by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

Weber/ Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

The State Officers reviewed progress on convention planning. The officers provided a tentative convention agenda. The officers indicated they had identified a convention speaker, who would be presenting a keynote address and a student workshop. They presented recommendations for change in the "Election Procedures."

Tobin/Gill that all State Officer candidates be provided a list of suggested topics for the candidate rebuttal speeches.

Meisner/Pieper to amend by adding "and the topics be provided in the finalists' confirmation letters. Amendment passed.

Main motion as amended passed.

Solomonson/Burrow to sustain. Motion passed.

Division was called. Main motion passed.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

During lunch the State Officer shared a PowerPoint presentation on their ILSSO trip to Argentina.

Meeting reconvened at 12:54 p.m.

Craft reported the number of Candidate Resume Books will be reduced by ½ and rather than mailing a resume book to each chapter, the resumes will be online at the FFA web site. A printed copy will be given to each chapter when they register at convention.

Ott/Meisner to keep the convention registration fees at the same price as last year. Motion passed.

Solomonson/Burrow to sustain. Motion passed.

The officers distributed the Convention Sponsorship proposal form for the Board's review.

J. Ekstrand presented a progress report on the State FFA Committee activities.

Craft reviewed role of the State FFA Degree Review Committee and reminded the adult FFA Board members that three individuals per district are needed to complete the review in a day.

## FFA Officer Report

### October

- 2- State Forestry CDE (John, Jeff)
- 2-IAVAT Board Meeting (John)
- 4-8- Chapter Visits (All Officers)
- 8-9- Beginning FFA Advisor Workshop
- 10-15- Chapter Visits (All Officers)
- 17-24- National FFA Convention- The 5 majors and 10 section presidents headed to Indianapolis to serve as Convention Delegates. Presented testimonies, voted on the proposed Amendment, listened to keynote speakers, and had a blast!



- 25-29- Chapter Visits (Cody)

#### November

- 1- Jeff and Morgan attended Corn Products International Ingredients of Hope Kick Off in Westchester Illinois. While they were there they represented the National FFA Foundation.
- 3- Morgan, Cody and Jeff headed up to Mundelein Illinois to present a testimony on behalf of the Ag Ed Line Item
- 4- ICAE/ILCAE meeting in Springfield at the Crown Plaza (Morgan, Cody, Jeff)
- 1-5- Chapter Visits (John, Jake)
- 6- State Food Science CDE in Pleasant Hills (Jeff)
- 6- Alumni Meeting at FFA Center (Cody)
- 8- State FFA Convention meeting!
- 9- RFD radio interview with Alan Jarrand (John, Morgan)
- 10- Cody and Jeff presented a FFA booth at Marion High School as part of the agricultural career day
- 11-12- Majors went out to eat with SIUC collegiate FFA and met administrators at SIUC along with having a visit of the campus
- 13- Salute to Ag Day game in Champaign Illinois
- 15- Majors had lunch with Rod Stoll and Narlyn Nelson from Farm Credit Services and First Farm Credit Services
- 15- Mt. Carroll workshop on being a secretary (Cody)
- 16- Workshop for Sullivan FFA Chapter (John, Cody)
- 17- Youth Ed meeting in Bloomington, Illinois
- 18- Dinner with Athens FFA Chapter
- 19- IAVAT Board of Directors Meeting
- 20- IAVAT Section Chairs Meeting (Morgan, Jeff)
- 20- Pleasant Hill Alumni Fundraiser (Jeff)
- 23- Meeting with Mike Massey about Books for Africa
- 30- Normal Junior High Career Expo.

#### December

- 4-6- Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting (John, Jake, Morgan, Jeff)
- 9- Christmas Party at Nashville High School (Cody, Jeff)
- 10- Land of Lincoln Livestock Breeders Association Annual Meeting (John, Jake, Morgan)
- 11- State Agronomy and Dairy Foods
- 12- State Officer Parent Meeting (John, Jake, Cody) (Morgan and Jeff weren't able to attend due to weather)
- 14- Administrative Council Meeting (John)
- 16- Officers went caroling with Mr. Hepner with a Christmas party afterwards
- 17-18- December State Officer Meeting
- 18- Section Presidents and Major Officers Christmas party and gift exchange
- 21- Office Christmas party, gift exchange, and Call to Convention Premiere

#### January

- 3-14- International Leadership Seminar for State Officers to Argentina
- 19-McLean County Agriculture Acquaintance Day (Morgan)

The Membership Report showed 15,284 members. 35 are not in good standing.

Ag Legislative Awareness Day will be March 9, 2011. The program and activities will follow the same agenda as last year.

## Affiliate Reports

- ISBE: FY`10 Payments have been finished up, but no FY`11 payments have gone out yet. The Incentive Funding Grants are out and approved. Although fiscal year 2010 was extended, it is uncertain whether FY`11 will be extended. Six "Growing Agriculture Science Teachers" grant applications were received. FY`12 Budgets have been submitted and both CTE and Agricultural Education have been recommended for funding. ISBE is working on an Ag Pipeline Grant that will develop agriculture career profiles and develop measurement tools. The State Staff are working on a Disaster/Emergency Plan.
- FCAE: The ICAE/ILCAE Symposium will be held March 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be a "virtual" presentation available over the internet. The FCAE Staff will be meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> and would like to have an officer present to assist in ideas for the symposium. The fiscal agent is limiting their available funds to \$250,000 over the amount of funds held in the "royalty" account. This limitation has been placed on the fund due to the late state funding payments.
- FFA Alumni: The FFA Alumni Annual Meeting will be held February 4 & 5, 2011, at the Northfield Inn & Conference Center.
- IAVAT: They will meet on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the IACTE Conference in Bloomington. The State Meats CDE will be March 26<sup>th</sup>. The new IAVAT Committee structure seems to be working. The conference registration prices have been set.
- Foundation: The annual collection drive is starting to wrap up. The Foundation is seeking bids to revise donor program. The Agriculture Education booth at the Farm Progress Show may change for 2011. Farm Credit Services has made a major donation to the Foundation which has been designated to set up an endowment fund for the Foundation.
- IACCAI: No report

## Staff

- Exec. Secretary: See Attachments
- Assoc. Exec. Secretary: See Attachments
- PostSecondary Director: The IAVAT Student Branch Meeting will be held April 8 & 9, 2011, in Macomb.  
The Articulation Conference will be held March 24 & 25, 2011, at Illinois Central College in East Peoria.

Meeting was ended with Closing Ceremonies

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**September 21, 2010** (corrected)

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on September 21, 2010, with Opening Ceremonies by John Edgar, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

John and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

John Edgar	Jake Ekstrand	Morgan Ott	Cody Gill	Jeffrey Barnes
Hannah Pieper	Clayton Carley	Jacob Meisner	Jim Tobin	Christina Greer
Jay Solomonson	Kent Weber	Adam Swigart	Bill Kittinger	Beth Burrow
James Anderson	Jay Runner	Harley Hepner		

Guests:

Jim Craft	Frank Dry	Penny Haase-Wittler
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Tobin/Greer to adopt the agenda with flexibility and add "Request to Represent at National Invitational CDE's". Motion passed.

Swigart/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

Gill/Carley to approve the minutes of July 21, 2010. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley/Meisner to accept the July 31, 2010, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Anderson to sustain. Motion passed.

Meisner/Carley to approve the FY`11 CTSO Grant as submitted to ISBE. Motion passed.

Weber/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Hepner seated the new members of the FFA Board of Directors and reviewed the Board's duties and responsibilities.

Pieper/Gill to nominate and elect Jay Solomonson and Bill Kittinger to the 2010-11 Illinois FFA Governing Committee. Motion passed.

Anderson/Swigart to sustain. Motions passed.

Meisner/Gill to appoint Jim Craft as the Illinois Association FFA Executive Secretary for 2010-11. Motion passed.

Solomonson/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft presented sample proficiency and state degree forms for the Board's review. Corrections were identified and the Board recommended the addition of Yes/No questions to make certain the students met minimum requirements for Star awards.

### PostSecondary Director Report

- National PAS Offices have moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- The consolidated dues package being offered to Post-secondary students includes: IAVAT Student Branch - \$1; Collegiate FFA (State & National) - \$12; and National PAS - \$5. The National PAS Dues are not included and are an additional \$30 per student.

Carley/Meisner to accept the offer of Craig Massey to serve as a provider of FFA T-shirts to Illinois FFA Chapters, with the stipulation that chapter contact information be limited to address labels. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Burrow to sustain. Motion passed.

### State Officer Report

#### June

- 8-10 State FFA Convention
- 9 Elected as the 2010-2011 Major State Officers
- 10-11 Orientation meeting with section presidents
- 14-18 IAVAT Conference
- 21-25 BLASTOFF Training with Seth Heinert -Past Kansas State Officer & National Secretary
- 27- July 2 Heritage & Cooperative Tour (84 students, had a White House Tour and participated in a Rose Laying Ceremony on George Washington's Tomb at Mt. Vernon and a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier)

#### July

- 4-9 National Leadership Conference for State Officers (NLCSO) - included state officers from Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri & Wisconsin
- 12-14 State Officer Meeting -State Theme: FFA in the Spotlight
- 14-16 Andrew McCrea Training
- 16-18 National Alumni Development Conference (NADC) in Rock Island, IL
- 21 FFA Board Meeting
- 22 State Officer Team Pictures
- 23 IAVAT Board & Section Chairs Meeting
- 26-31 FFA LEADERSHIP CAMP!

#### August

- 2 John and Morgan presented Workshop for the Sullivan FFA Chapter
- 6-8 ICCTSO Conference, Springfield IL
- 12-22 Illinois State Fair
- 24 Youth Ed meeting, Bloomington IL
- 27-28 GROWMARK Annual Meeting, Chicago IL (John, Jake and Jeff)
- 27-30 DuQuoin State Fair (Cody & Morgan)

#### September

- 5 Jake and Morgan threw out the first pitch at the Normal Cornbelters game in Normal
- 6 Jake and Morgan were in the Greenview Labor Day Parade with Greenview FFA Chapter
- 7 John and Cody presented District 1 STAR Conference
- 8 John & Cody presented District 3 STAR Conference  
Morgan, Jake and Jeff presented District 5 STAR Conference  
Morgan presented her first Reporter Workshop at Rendlake College.
- 9 John & Cody presented District 2 STAR Conference  
Morgan, Jake and Jeff presented District 4 STAR Conference  
Morgan presented another Reporter Workshop at Lakeland College.
- 10-11 September State Officer Meeting, Springfield IL
- 13-17 John, Jake, Cody and Jeff had their first week of Chapter Visits

- Morgan presented four reporter workshops at Blackhawk East, Macomb High School, Kishwaukee College, and Joliet Junior College
- 18 Jake, Morgan and Jeff attended State Horse CDE held at Blackhawk East College  
Cody attended Alumni meeting0- Morgan presented her last reporter workshop at Lincoln Land College
- 20-24 John, Jake, Cody and Jeff presented their second week of visits
- 21 FFA Board of Directors Meeting
- 25 Cody will attend the Alumni Meeting

After reviewing their activities the officers informed the board that they had ordered wristbands to promote the FFA and communicate the 2010-11 State FFA Theme. Profit from the sale of the wristbands would be budgeted for the use of the State Committees.

Meeting recessed at 11:38 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:16 p.m.

Carley/Ott to begin the registration for State Star Awards at 4:00 p.m. Motion passed.

Weber/Anderson to sustain. Motion passed.

### District Concerns

- District I: Would like to see the Reporter Workshops combined with the Greenhand Workshops that are being conducted. It was suggested that in 2011-12 there be 2 or 3 of the Reporter Workshop sites also offer a Greenhand Workshop.  
Regarding the discussion on Program Affiliation that occurred at the Reporter Workshop, questions that were raised included: 1) When will the committee meet? 2) How will middle school students be handled? 3) What is National going to do with the extra money? and 4) How are schools to pay for the additional cost?
- District II: Regarding the discussion on Program Affiliation that occurred at the Reporter Workshop, questions that were raised included: 1) How will Program Affiliation fees deal with exploratory/Junior High students? and 2) How will programs deal with activity fees? It was the District's position that chapters whose dues and rosters are late by 30 days or more should not be allowed to participate in any FFA events or activities.
- District III: A December 1<sup>st</sup> due date should be observed for chapter participation. Rosters not received by that date would be ineligible to participate.
- District IV: Regarding the discussion on Program Affiliation that occurred at the Reporter Workshop, questions that were raised included: 1) Why are we still discussing this? 2) How will middle school students be handled? 3) How will BSAA/PSAA only students be handled? and 4) Why not fix the rosters?  
Make certain the community service requirements for the State FFA Degree are communicated.  
Chapters failing to mark one item on Form I of the National Chapter Award application took a heavy financial hit for the oversight.  
A late fee would be OK, but it should be reasonable with communication.
- District V: Regarding the discussion on Program Affiliation that occurred at the Reporter Workshop, questions that were raised included: 1) How will middle school students be handled? and 2) How will single semester students be handled?  
The district was not opposed to establishing late fees.
- WIU: A lot of discussion took place on the fact community service hours cannot be used as part of the hours in the student's SAE hours.
- Kishwaukee: A late fee for rosters received after December 1<sup>st</sup> would be supported.

Meisner/Carley that a letter be sent on November 15<sup>th</sup> to administrators whose FFA Chapters are not in good standing indicating they are not eligible to compete in FFA activities until all items (roster, check and Certification Form) are turned in. Motion passed.  
Solomonson/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Gill/Carley to set a late fee of \$10 for bills less than \$100 and \$25 for bills over \$100 compounded monthly for bills that are 30 days past the invoice date. Motion passed.  
Burrow/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

[**Note:** It was recommended the late fee policy be placed on the September 2011 agenda for review.]

### Staff Reports

Assoc. Executive Secretary: Attended two STAR Conferences, assisted in the Reporter Workshops and coordinated the advisors' session at each Reporter Workshop site. He organized the work schedule and worked at the FFA Barnyard at the State Fair and attended the State FFA Officer Meeting. He will assist in the Star American Farmer selection at National FFA Convention. He will be coordinating the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE at National FFA Convention.

Executive Secretary: Organized and coordinated the NLCSO Conference. Assisted at the Illinois State Fair in the Barnyard and IDOA activities. Set up officer training programs for the year, but the change in the Heritage & Cooperative Activities date caused problems in the scheduling. Spent a great deal of time working with contacts on the Ag Ed line item, Continuing to work with the problems that are occurring in the Section Fair program - the response from the programmer has been very slow and frustrating. Served as a member of the Review Committee on the National Star in AgriScience Finalists. Will be serving as the Superintendent for the Proficiency Award Selection at the National FFA Convention.

### ISBE Report

Mr. Hepner:

The GAST Grants have been reduced from a maximum of \$50,000 per school to a Maximum on \$20,000 per school. The FCAE Project Staff have been retained, although the District I Field Advisor position will remain open. There is a move within the ISBE to rewrite the rules for the Incentive Funding Grant program. A taskforce is meeting on EFE, Regional Offices of Education and Special Education Districts to explore and develop recommendations for a better way of doing business.

### FCAE Report

Jay Runner:

They are seeking copies of contacts made to legislators on the Ag Ed Line Item. Fewer projects will be funded this year. Projects being funded, but at a reduced rate include: Elite Conference, Ag Literacy Coalitions, IAVAT Professional Development, PAS Funding, Agricultural Mechanics E-Units, Ag Ed 400 and Ag Ed 420 classes. The District I FCAE position will remain vacant due to reduced funding. The remaining FCAE staff will shift boundaries to insure all schools are covered. Kim Haywood was released from his position due to funding, but is teaching at Lovejoy High School.

Meisner/Ott to approve the Bluford FFA and Eureka FFA requests to represent the Illinois Association FFA at the Denver Livestock Show and the American Royal. Motion passed.  
Swigert/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

Meisner/Ekstrand to adjourn. Motion passed.  
Weber/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned with Closing Ceremonies at 2:32 p.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**  
**July 21, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on July 21, 2010, with Opening Ceremonies by John Edgar, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

John and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

John Edgar	Jake Ekstrand	Morgan Ott	Cody Gill	Jeffrey Barnes
Hannah Pieper	Clayton Carley	Jacob Meisner	Jim Tobin	Christina Greer
Jay Solomonson	Kent Weber	Adam Swigart	Bill Kittinger	James Anderson
Jay Runner	Harley Hepner			

Guests:

Amie Burke	Ellen Reeder	Kiersten Kasey	Adam Herwig	Kraig Krause
Jim Craft	Frank Dry	Penny Haase-Wittler		

Ott/Tobin to adopt the agenda with flexibility. Motion passed.  
Solomonson/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Gill/Carley to approve the minutes of May 7, 2010, as corrected. Motion passed.  
Anderson/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Gill/Ott to accept the June 30, 2010, Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Solomonson/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Meisner/Carley to approve the FY`11 CTSO Grant as submitted to ISBE. Motion passed.  
Kittinger/Anderson to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft presented a copy of Texas FFA Association's Dues/Affiliation process and indicated there are plans to call the Program Affiliation Committee together for an August meeting. It was suggested that a copy of the affiliation information be obtained from each state association participating in the Program Affiliation program. That information should then be presented to the committee for review.

Craft presented a suggested policy for handling appeals regarding Proficiency Award selection. Carley/Pieper moved to require all judges score sheets to be completed and turned in with the final score sheet at District and State Awards. Motion passed. Weber/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley/Ott moved that "In arriving at the final rankings, the lowest total of the judges rankings receives first place, the next lowest total is second, etc. However, if the majority of the judges rank any contestant first, that contestant shall receive first place regardless of the opinion of the other judges. If a tie occurs when adding the rankings of the judges, the individual who has the highest grand total score shall be ranked higher." Motion passed. Anderson/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley/Gill to establish a procedure requiring each committee to check-out with university staff to insure all judges score sheets are present and filled out prior to departing the building where the interviews are being held and that all student record books be brought to Proficiency Awards Headquarters with the results of judging. Motion passed. Solomonson/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

Carley/Meisner that if the results in any proficiency area are in dispute, the committee should contact the state staff to help arbitrate the committee's final decision. Motion passed. Solomonson/Anderson to sustain. Motion passed.

Staff are to develop a check sheet (as part of the ranking sheet) for use by the committee chairs, to insure the committee has completed all steps in the selection process

Carley/Meisner that if all required materials are not returned to the Proficiency Award Headquarters the committee results may not be verified by the Proficiency Review Committee and a new committee may be formed. Motion passed. Weber/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

The issue of the Proficiency Award Score Sheet(s) was presented and samples score sheets were distributed.

Gill/Ekstrand to recess for lunch and reconvene at 12:45 p.m. Motion passed. Solomonson/Anderson to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Carley/Pieper to change Safety to 5 points, Ability to Keep & Use Records to 25, Knowledge Demonstrated to 20 points on all proficiency score sheets. Weber/Swigart to sustain. Motion passed.

**2009-10 State FFA Officer Report**  
Recommendations included:



- Conduct Officer Evaluations in early November
- The purchase of a “Flip Camera” was a good idea
- Need to resolve the issue of using student photos online
- Concern that Illinois continues to bring forth the Ratification Amendment
- Would encourage the officers to meet with the officers once a month

The board reviewed the State FFA Convention Financials and the Convention Survey.

Carley/Ott to seek bids rental and purchase bids for “clickers” at next year’s State FFA Convention. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

It was recommended that teachers and students be better informed that in order to receive a convention t-shirt they must be attendance at all delegate sessions.

The officers need to keep in mind that some videos used at convention have the appearance of self promotion and should be minimized.

Jake Ekstrand reviewed the restructuring that is taking place within the State Officer Committees and the progress that has been made to date.

### **ISBE Funding Report**

Mr. Hepner reported on the revenue issues that ISBE is facing and the delays that are impacting the state payments to schools. He expressed appreciation to those that had presented testimony and made contacts on behalf of Agricultural Education. As of yet the funding for the Agricultural Education line item is uncertain.

### **Section Ag Ed Fairs**

Money has been allocated for the FY`11 year. There are issues that have reappeared in the program that have to be resolved. Those errors have been sent to the programmer for correction.

### **Chapter Awards Selection**

Concerns have been expressed about the costs associated with brining the large number of individuals to Springfield for program judging in the Spring. It was asked whether monies would be better spent by using non-teachers and retired teachers from the area around Springfield.

### **District Concerns**

***District I*** - would like to have District Public Speaking combined with District Parliamentary Procedure.

Pieper/Tobin to allow Districts to hold District Public Speaking and District Parliamentary Procedure CDE’s on the same day, but if held prior to the state established Public Speaking date the District FFA Director is responsible for developing the topics for the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE. Motion passed.

Weber/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

***District II*** - No concerns

***District IV*** - some teachers there was a lack of advance notice on the “clickers”. Some felt the Usher Corps might have had an influence on the election process.

***District V*** - Some concerns remain on the concept of a Program Affiliation fee.

Mr. Craft conducted the FFA Board Inservice.

Meeting dates were set for the year.

John Edgar reviewed the upcoming 2010 National FFA Convention.

- Illinois once again has 15 delegates
- Texas gained 11 delegates
- The Ratification Amendment has been submitted by Pennsylvania
- State Issues submitted and committees will be developed to address those issues.
- Clay Zwilling is Illinois National Officer Candidate

### **FFA Report**

- The officers attended BLASTOFF, IAVAT Conference, Andrew McCrea Training, Cooperative Activities/Heritage Tour, and the National FFA Alumni Leaders Conference.
- The officers took a “StrengthsFinder” survey that determined each officer’s top five traits.
- Conducted their July State Officers meeting where they set the State Goals, began their committee work and set this year’s FFA theme as “FFA - In the Spotlight”.

### **FFA Alumni Report**

- The National FFA Alumni Leaders Conference was held last week in the Quad Cities. There were about 150 in attendance.
- The FFA Alumni is developing a plan to offer free “associate” membership to all FFA members when they graduate high school.

### **Staff Reports**

#### ***Penny Haase-Wittler***

- PAS is making an effort to increase their visibility
- Just concluded the Alumni State Leaders Conference
- Will be assisting at the FFA Barnyard during the State Fair

#### ***Frank Dry***

- Attended Region IV NAAE Conference
- His computer has been down for the last week
- Attended the State FFA Officer Meeting
- Preparing for the FFA Barnyard

#### ***Jim Craft***

- Planned and coordinated NLCSO
- Attended the State FFA Officer Meeting
- Judges Star In AgriScience Finalists
- Will be serving as the Superintendent for the Proficiency Finals at National Convention
- Proficiency finalists will be determined the last week of July and he will serve as the superintendent of the event.
- Assisting in the rewrite of the American FFA Degree.

### **ISBE Report**

- Working on incentive Funding Grants
- There is discussion underway on a Student Information System

### **FCAE**

- Plans are in place to address funding levels (less than 100%) in the Agricultural Education Line item
- For the time being the District I Program Advisor position will remain open
- The FY`10 Fiscal Year has been extended to December 31<sup>st</sup>
- The Illinois Agricultural Education is being printed
- Would like to have copies of support letters sent to the FCAE Office.

The FFA Board was reminded that due to the dues increases at State and National FFA Conventions, the 2010-11 FFA Dues would be \$12 (\$7 National and \$5 State).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois FFA Center  
Springfield, Illinois**

**May 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. on May 7, 2010, with Opening Ceremonies by Amie Burke, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Amie and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Amie Burke	Caroline Bremer	Ellen Reeder	Kiersten Kasey	Adam Herwig
Rebecca Vaessen	Nathan Waldeck	Jennifer Honnold	Josh Troester	Bill Kittinger
Jay Solomonson	Kent Weber	Mike White	Mary Barnes	Jay Runner
Harley Hepner				

Guests:

Don Bumphrey	Mark Wright	Kyle Hadden	Lee Meteer	Brian Bender
Jim Craft	Frank Dry			

Kasey/Bremer to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.

Solomonson/White to sustain. Motion passed.

Vaessen/Troester to approve the minutes of January 22, 2010. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Herwig/Waldeck to accept the February 2010, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Runner/White to sustain. Motion passed.

Reeder/Honnold to approve the FY`10 FFA budget as proposed. Motion passed.

Solomonson/Barnes to sustain. Motion passed.

Waldeck/Vaessen to sustain the action of the Governing Committee and designate the Reasons Division Winning Team of the State Livestock CDE as the team representing Illinois at the National FFA Convention. Motion passed.  
White/Kittinger to sustain. Passed.

Kyle Hadden and Lee Meteer presented concerns with the award selection process and the decisions that were made at the State FFA Awards Day. No action was taken.

The State Proficiency Award Process was identified as an agenda item for the summer FFA Board meeting. Specific items for discussion include:

- Consider policy that would allow an appeal to be filed when the results of a Proficiency Award is in dispute.
- Establish a policy as to whether the proficiency winner is to be selected based on the sum of the total score sheet points or the sum of the total score sheet rankings.
- Review the allocation of points on the SAE score sheet.

Vaessen/(no second provided) to allow the districts the option to consolidate the District Public Speaking CDE with the District Parliamentary Procedure CDE. Motion died for lack of a second.

Craft reviewed the FFA Board Members duties at the State FFA Convention.

Reports from the State FFA Officers, Post Secondary Director and ILCAE were shared.

It was suggested the Officers invite the National FFA Foundation sponsors to the State Convention.

Meeting concluded at 10:45 a.m. with Closing Ceremonies and program judging assignments were made.

# Illinois FFA Board of Directors

Illinois FFA Center  
Springfield, Illinois

January 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 22, 2010, with Opening Ceremonies by Amie Burke, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Amie and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Amie Burke	Ellen Reeder	Kiersten Kasey	Adam Herwig	Rebecca Vaessen
Nathan Waldeck	Jennifer Honnold	Josh Troester	Jay Solomonson	Beth Burrow
Mike White	Bill Kittinger	Seb Pense	Harley Hepner	

Guests:

Aaron Leary          Jim Craft          Frank Dry

Kasey/Herwig to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

Solomonson/White to sustain. Motion passed.

Reeder/Honnold to approve the minutes of September 21, 2009. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Burrows to sustain. Motion passed.

Vaessen/Troester to accept the December 31, 2009, FFA Financial Report. Motion passed.

Pense/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

Waldeck/Herwig to accept the FY`09 Audit Review. Motion passed.

White/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

District Concerns

District I - Farm Bureau Conference should offer Professional Development activities for teachers.  
The Illinois FFA magazine is being destroyed as it goes through the mail.

District III - No concerns that aren't already on the agenda.

District IV - No concerns that aren't already on the agenda.

District V - No concerns that aren't already on the agenda.

The officers reviewed the State FFA Convention agenda and the constitutional amendment that was adopted at the National FFA Convention in October.

Kasey/Herwig to send the proposed amendment to the delegates at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Illinois FFA Convention.  
Motion passed.

Solomonson/Burrows to sustain. Motion passed.

The amendment(s) will be presented as follows:

Chapter FFA Degree

Amend Article VI, Section D, Item 4 of the Illinois FFA Constitution by inserting, "*A student after entering Agricultural Education must....*" So the item would read: "*4. A student after entering Agricultural Education must have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by*

*the member's own efforts or worked at least forty-five hours in excess of scheduled class time and have developed plans for continued growth and improvement in a supervised agricultural experience program..”*

**State FFA Degree**

**Amend Article VI, Section E, Item 4 and Item 5 of the Illinois FFA Constitution by inserting, “A student after entering Agricultural Education must....” So the items would read: “4. A student after entering Agricultural Education must have earned at least \$1,500 or worked at least 750 hours in excess of scheduled class time in a supervised agricultural experience program.**

**and**

**5. A student after entering Agricultural Education must have productively invested at least \$1,000.”**

**American FFA Degree**

**Amend Article VI, Section F, Item 5 of the Illinois FFA Constitution by inserting, “A student after entering Agricultural Education must....” and changing \$7,500 to \$10,000; \$1,500 to \$2,000; \$3.33 to \$3.56; and 9,000 to 10,000. So the items would read: “5. A student after entering Agricultural Education must have earned and productively invested at least \$10,000 ~~\$7,500~~ or have earned and productively invested at least \$2,000 ~~\$1,500~~ and worked 2,250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours times \$3.56 ~~\$3.33~~ plus dollars must be equal to or greater than the number 10,000 ~~9,000~~. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.”**

Craft reviewed a dues proposal for 2010-11. The item was postponed to later in the meeting by consensus.

The FFA Board supported the purchase of “40 years of Women in Agriculture” pins for distribution to VIPS, Past State Officers and special guests at the 82<sup>nd</sup> FFA Convention.

Vaessen/Troester to support the concept of electronic voting options at the State FFA Convention and give the officers the power to act. Motion passed.

White/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft distributed a Convention Sponsorship Overview that had been developed in response to sponsorship inquiries from agribusinesses.

Dry reviewed the Press/Media setup at the convention and indicated the staff were working with a potential sponsor that may provide technical assistance and in-kind contributions to allow the convention news releases to be sent to media outlets electronically.

Kasey/Reeder to set FFA Convention registration fees the same as 2009. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Burrows to sustain. Motion passed.

\$8	Non-member and one day passes
\$15	FFA Band and Chorus participant
\$20	FFA Members and FFA Advisors

Waldeck/Honnold to increase the fees for convention exhibitors \$25 higher than last year. Motion passed.

Solomonson/Pense to sustain. Motion passed.

Adam reported on the progress in scheduling sites for the “Day of Service” at FFA Convention.

At present there are no plans to change the Special functions at convention and meals will be priced on a “break-even” basis.

Troester/Herwig to approve the establishment of an Illinois Association FFA Facebook page. Motion passed.

Solomonson/Burrows to sustain. Motion passed.

Herwig/Troester to develop a photo/media release for State Officers. Motion passed.

Pense/Burrows to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

Reeder/Honnold to accept the Community Development Committee Report and the proposed budget. Motion passed.

Motion to sustain was not presented - committee recommendations will not be implemented. [Note: A second motion on this report was presented later in the meeting.]

Honnold/Vaessen to accept the SAE Committee Report as edited. Motion passed.

Solomonson/White to sustain the recommendation and allocate no funds. Motion passed.

Vaessen/Waldeck to approve the Public Relations Committee Report recommendations without the requested budget. Motion passed.

White/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Troester/Honnold to accept the Membership Committee Report without the requested budget. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Burrows to sustain. Motion passed.

Waldeck/Vaessen to accept the Leadership Committee Report without the requested budget. Motion passed.

White/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Kasey/Herwig to accept the Community Development Report as edited. Motion passed.

Solomonson/Burrows to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Hepner reviewed the Program Affiliation Committee Report and the recommendations.

Kasey/Herwig to accept the report and commend the committee for their hard work and efforts.

Motion passed.

Solomonson/White to sustain. Motion passed.

Kasey/Herwig to ask the Program Affiliation Committee to develop recommendations to address the concerns regarding short-term students, explore funding options (including but not limited to low income/free lunch students), strategies to deal with local activity fees, and equity issues (how to avoid a punitive increase in fees) in low percent membership chapters. Motion passed.

White/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Herwig/Kasey to recommend a proposal forwarded to the delegates requesting an increase in State FFA Dues of one dollar. Motion passed.  
Pense/White to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the District Directors responsibilities at the Spring District and State events.

## Reports

State Officer Report - Amie Burke, Ellen Reeder, Kiersten Kasey & Adam Herwig

June Orientation State Officer Meeting (June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>)

- Recognized all 30 individuals as the 2009-2010 State Officer Team
- Brief overview of duties and responsibilities

Training

- Andrew McCrea (June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>)
- BLAST OFF (June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>)
- NLC SO with state officers from Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri (June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>)

IAVAT Conference (June 16 - 18)

- Met Illinois Ag teachers
- Introduced ourselves as 2009-2010 Major State Officer Team

July State Officer Meeting (July 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>)

- Explained responsibilities of Section Presidents
- Set Goals for the year

Heritage & Coop Trip (July 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>)

- Historical Sites
- Touring Facilities
- First time out with members

State President's Conference (July 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>)

- Amie & Caroline
- Issues decided
- Networking

Leadership Camp (July 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>)

- Daily Dynamite
- Helped where could
- Mingled with members

State Fair (August 13<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>)

- Twilight Parade
- FFA Barnyard
- Sale of Champions

GROWMARK Annual Meeting (August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>)

- Amie, Ellen, and Kiersten participated in entry of the colors
- Amie gave remarks

DuQuoin State Fair (August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>)

- Adam and Caroline walked in parade
- Monitored livestock competition and announced results

Farm Progress Show (September 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>)

- Teamed up with Indiana FFA Association for Titan Tire Auction to benefit IL and IN foundations
- Adam and Kiersten accepted a donation from State Farm
- Caroline spoke at Monsanto technology presentation

S.T.A.R. Conferences (September 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>)

- Section Team Activities and Responsibilities Conference



- Visited district site and presented conference to assist Section Officer Teams in preparing for their year of service
  - Team and communication skills, facts and figures, applications, LTS
- Reporter Workshops (September 9<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Ellen presented at seven sites
  - Informational for reporters
  - Good picture/bad picture
  - Articles, newsletters, and resources to use
- September State Officer Meeting (September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>)
- National Convention delegate issues discussed
  - Chapter Visits information
- Chapter Visits (September & October)
- New curriculum focuses on leadership
  - The presentations were interactive
  - Amie - 1, 7, 9, 16, & 23
  - Caroline - 2, 5, 13, 19, & 24
  - Ellen - 6, 10, 15, 18, & 22
  - Kiersten - 3, 4, 11, 17, & 21
  - Adam - 8, 12, 14, 20, & 25
- Beginning Advisors Workshop (October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Participated in roundtable discussions
- National FFA Convention (October 17<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Served as delegates and committee members
  - Ratification by Association: Failed
  - Dues increase to \$7: Passed
  - American Degree Changes: Passed
  - Illinois was positively represented by CDE teams and Proficiency areas
  - Motivational Speakers
- ILCAE/ICAE Annual Meeting (November 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Toured Taylorville High School
  - Visited MacArthur High School
- Elite Conference (November 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Kiersten & Ellen attended
  - Helped where needed
- Salute to Ag Day (November 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Introduced by Director Jennings
- Illinois Association of School Board Directors Conference (November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Presented on behalf of Agricultural Education and FFA at Tour Breakfast
  - Visited Exhibit Hall
- Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting (December 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> )
- Amie, Caroline, Ellen, Kiersten, & Adam presented flags
  - Amie spoke during opening session
- State Agronomy & Dairy Foods CDE (December 12<sup>th</sup>)
- December State Officer Meeting and Christmas party (December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Rose Bowl Parade (January 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Amie walked in the Rose Bowl Parade with the FFA Float
- International Leadership Seminar for State Officers - China (January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Amie, Caroline, Ellen, Kiersten, and Adam enjoyed touring China and learning about foreign agriculture.
  - 46 state officers attended

It was announced that Legislative Awareness Day would be held on March 16, 2010, at the State Capitol in Springfield. FFA members will be delivering food baskets and lunches to the legislators and Executive Officers.

#### ISBE - Harley Hepner

- The State Payments from ISBE to schools are running 3-5 months late.
- Eight GAST (Growing Agricultural Science Teachers) grants of \$42,000 - \$50,000 in value have been awarded for this year.
- Agriculture Education and its funding was one of the priorities that emerged from the Agriculture Legislative Roundtable.
- Illinois is competing for \$400 - \$500 million in the "Race to the Top" initiative at the USDE. If received, 50% of the funded would go to local schools.
- Agricultural Education is being used as the model for other state learning exchanges.

#### PostSecondary Director - Penny Wittler

- Created dues structure with IL PAS advisors
- Coordinated conference call to confirm use of FCAE funds for dues
- Submitted FCAE & ICCB grant proposals/information (both approved)
- Attended and assisted with the Student Branch/IAVAT conference at SIU, promoted FFA Alumni & PAS-10/16-17 (supplied lanyards, name badges, & FCAE materials)
- Fall Conference (PAS): Plan with officers, scripts, awards, priorities for conference, etc.
- Ordered awards; Prepared all packets for CPA's for advisors; worked with SRC on logistics for conference (meals, judges, etc.); purchased gift cards from WalMart for judges; met officers the night before the conference (11/5/09) at the Super 8 in Canton, IL to complete final preparations; prepared a detailed list of ways to improve for next year's fall conference; rechecked all numbers and spreadsheets for errors; and completed all score sheets and submitted to all PAS advisors and the list serve.
- Annual Conference (PAS & FFA Alumni): Met with Pam at the Northfield Inn to prepare for Spring conference & have been working with Tammy Yard on collaboration with FFA Alumni since they are 'partnering' with us on the conference; prepared detailed agenda for conference (was partially already done by Mariah); ordering all awards on November 30 and will check all for validity after arrival; continue to work on conference details; soliciting items for FFA Alumni Auction; and organizing all judges, readers, verifiers, career fair, etc. for conference.
- Attended Elite conference to promote FFA Alumni/PAS and visit with collegiate advisors, Springfield, IL. Department of Agriculture, 11/13/09
- Attended National FFA convention and served as room host for Grain Crop Proficiency CDE, presented a collegiate workshop on resumes, cover letters and interviewing, attended FFA Alumni auction
- Compiled membership and registration numbers for PAS BOD
- Approved and signed for all mailings/letters for FFA Alumni
- Served as a judge for Agriculture Sales CDE, Parkland College, 11/14
- Prepared for PAS BOD meeting, 11/16/09
- Attended and participated in NAAE conference, Nashville, TN, 11/17-21
- Ordered professional name badges for myself and PAS officers
- Working with PAS advisors on completing National PAS roster
- Working on planning the annual conference for PAS & FFA Alumni (continuation)
- Working with IL Agri News on PAS/FFA Alumni promotion article/ad
- Traveled to Kishwaukee College to promote PAS, 11/23

- Scheduled meeting with Frank Saldana (National FFA Alumni) Dean Olsen, Jim McCray, Tammy Yard, Jaye Snyder, & Mariah Dale-Anderson to continue preparations for State Leaders Conference in July, 2010; continue working on SLC tours, meals, etc.
- Submitted SPECA grant application for P-PAC in early January, 2010
- Working on seeking funding via grants (continuation)
- Serving as administrator at MFE January 29-30, 2010
- Working with National PAS on national conference in March, 2010

#### Associate Executive Secretary - Frank Dry

- Helped conduct the Star Farmer interviews and the Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE at National FFA Convention.
- Attended NASAE and NAAE Conferences
- Was elected to serve as a Representative to the National FFA Board of Trustees.
- Currently serves on the interview committee that is selecting the new CEO for the National FFA Foundation.

#### Executive Secretary - Jim Craft

- Completed term as NASAE Eastern Region Vice President in October
- Worked with officers and delegates on convention issues/testimonies.
- Attended National FFA Convention and assisted as a proficiency area host
- Attended a variety of meetings: ICAE, ILCAE, Youth Education Committee, Land of Lincoln Purebred Livestock Breeders Association, Illinois State Fair Junior Livestock Advisory Committee, Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Chamber of Commerce Ag Day Breakfast Planning Committee, SIU Leadership Board Meeting, Illinois Cooperative Council, Ag Legislative Roundtable
- Staff representative at the Ag Sales CDE
- Met with 4-H State Staff, to visit on possible joint activities to maximize our resources
- Coordinated Officers participation in the ISBE Convention.
- Attended the ACTE/NASAE Annual Meetings
- Worked with ITCS staff on the EZ Records transition to State and American Degrees
- Worked with CDE, Special Projects, Legislative and State Fair Committees
- Conducted training session for Section IAVAT Chairs
- Attended State FFA Officer Meetings
- Participated in Program Affiliation Committee meetings and conference calls at state and national levels.
- Scored State Agronomy & Dairy Foods CDE
- Attended National FFA CDE Advisory Committee Meeting in Indianapolis and was confirmed as Superintendent of Proficiency Awards Process.
- Prepared FFA Convention Tentative Budget and Guidelines for FFA Convention Sponsorship

The meeting was concluded with Closing Ceremonies at 4:06 p.m.

## Illinois FFA Board of Directors

**Illinois FFA Center  
Springfield, Illinois**

**September 21, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 21, 2009, with Opening Ceremonies by Amie Burke, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Amie and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Amie Burke	Caroline Bremer	Ellen Reeder	Kiersten Kasey	Adam Herwig
Rebecca Vaessen	Jeff Barnes	Nathan Waldeck	Jennifer Honnold	Josh Troester
Jay Solomonson	Kent Weber	Beth Burrow	Mike White	Bill Kittinger
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Guests:

Allen Dietz	Jim Craft	Frank Dry
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Reeder/Honnold to approve the minutes of August 4, 2009. Motion passed.  
White/Pense to sustain. Motion passed.

With the addition of “Installation of Adult Board Members”, the agenda was approved by consensus.

Mr. Hepner reviewed the voting procedures.

Waldeck/Barnes to accept August 2009 Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Solomonson/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Hepner installed the adult members of the Board of Directors.

The purpose of the Governing Committee was explained.

Reeder/Herwig to nominate and elect Bill Kittinger and Jay Solomonson to the 2009-10 Illinois FFA Governing Committee. Motion passed.  
White/Pense to Sustain. Motion passed.

Troester/Vaessen to appoint Jim Craft as Illinois FFA Executive Secretary. Motion passed.  
Solomonson/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft informed the Board that there had been several requests for a list of the 2009-10 Proficiency Award list. He indicated that National FFA had not yet provided more than a tentative list. The Board recommended the list be marked tentative and send out a final list after Christmas Break.

Mr. Hepner reported a postsecondary dues package Student Branch will be in place for 2009-10, partially funded by the Ag Ed line item, but the exact combination of organizations included in the package will be available after the PAS Executive Meeting. Penny Wittler has been employed at the Illinois FFA Center for the position of Director of PostSecondary Development.

Vaessen/Honnold to sustain the Governing Committee action of allowing Southwestern FFA to represent Illinois FFA at the American Royal Livestock Judging Contest.

Kittinger/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

The Board shared the discussion they had received at the Reporter's Workshop regarding the Invitational CDE's at the National level.

Kasey/Herwig to add a statement to the CDE General Rules informing chapters wishing to represent the Illinois FFA at a national-level invitational judging contest that they should submit a request to the Illinois FFA Center for consideration. Motion passed.

White/Burrows to sustain. Motion passed.

The Board members shared the input they had received at the Reporter's Workshop on the responsibility for proofing National FFA award applications. Recommendations included:

- Post a list-serve message containing the names of the schools that have State FFA Degree problems.
- Call IAVAT Section Chairs to confirm the faxes on State FFA Degree problems was received.
- Any chapter wishing to compete at the National level must have Form III submitted with the rest of the National Chapter Award application by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The Form II will have no impact on the score an application receives at the state level.

Herwig/Bremer to accept the recommendations as presented and that staff responsibilities for proofing applications is limited to: 1) Missing pages, 2) missing signatures, and 3) missing photos, if photos are present on other pages.

Kasey/Reeder called Previous Question. Motion passed.

Main motion as amended passed.

Solomonson/Burrows to sustain. Motion passed.

F. Dry reviewed the use of the proficiency applications at the state proficiency award judging. He also discussed the possibility of recording interview questions from the State Award Winners for use at the proficiency awards part of the State FFA Convention.

Troester/Bremer to recess for lunch. Motion passed.

Solomonson/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

### **Reports:**

State FFA Officer Report - The officers have been busy and are in the midst of Chapter Visits.

Activities they have participated in include:

- Conducted the June Orientation State Officer Meeting
- Participated in training sessions with: Andrew McCrea (June 14 & 15); BLAST OFF (June 22 - 25) and NLCSO with state officers from Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri (June 30 - July 4)
- Attended the IAVAT Conference and met the Illinois Ag teachers
- Planned and conducted the July State Officer Meeting
- Participated in the Heritage & Coop Tours
- Amie & Caroline attended the State President's Conference
- Worked at FFA Leadership Camp
- Involved with the State Fair activities - participating in: Twilight Parade, FFA Barnyard, Ag Day Activities and the Sale of Champions
- Amie, Ellen, and Kiersten participated in the GROWMARK Annual Meeting
- Adam and Caroline attended the DuQuoin State Fair
- Teamed up with the Indiana FFA Association for Titan Tire Auction to benefit IL and IN FFA Foundations at the Farm Progress Show

- Planned and conducted the five district S.T.A.R. Conferences
- Ellen presented at seven Reporter Workshops
- Planned and conducted the September State Officer Meeting where National Convention delegate issues discussed
- Chapter Visits - New curriculum focuses on interactive leadership

### District Concerns

No concerns were presented from Districts I, II, III, IV or V

### Program Affiliation Fee Taskforce

J. Craft reviewed the results of the “*Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats*” analysis the committee conducted. Concerns shared included:

- Where is National FFA in this process?
- How will student be impacted by activity fees if we adopt an Program Affiliation fee.
- How will small chapters be impacted?

### Alumni

The Alumni Council met on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Two of the major items discussed were the Annual Meeting and the Scholarship Auction. The Alumni did not sell enough raffle tickets to give the truck away, so they are offering a prize of \$1,000 per day for the month of September.

### Staff Report

Associate Executive Director’s Report:

- Attended the State Fair and the FFA Foundation will receive about \$8,000 in proceeds from the Sale of Champions.
- The FFA/Titan Auction at the Farm Progress Show raised approximately \$55,000 that will be divided between the Illinois and Indiana FFA Foundations.
- The ICCCTSO Conference (previously scheduled for August 2009) was cancelled due to the uncertainties surrounding the state budget. It was held earlier in September, but there were no FFA participants, as it conflicted with a previously scheduled event.
- He will be serving as the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Assistant at National FFA Convention.
- He will be coordinating the Star Farmer interviews at the National FFA Convention.

Executive Director’s Report:

- Worked the Illinois State Fair and coordinated the “Excellence in Teaching” award interviews.
- Attended the GROWMARK Annual Meeting with the State Officers, Amie Burke, Ellen Reeder and Kiersten Kasey.
- Worked the Farm Progress Show and assisted in the FFA/Titan Auction.
- Attended the District I, II and III STAR Conferences
- Updating applications for the school year and posting online.
- Attended the State Horse CDE and has scored the event.
- He will wrap up his term as Eastern Region Vice President at the National FFA Convention.
- Plans to take vacation the remainder of this week and part of next.

### FCAE Report

- The FY` 10 ISBE Budget has the Ag Ed line item funded at approximately 90%
- The new [www.agriculutraleducation.org](http://www.agriculutraleducation.org) website is up and running.

### ISBE Report

- Budgets are in for the Incentive Grants.
- GAST Grant applications were due Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

- The FY`11 state budget looks like it will be more of a problem than last year.

#### Leadership Camp Report

The report was postponed as the financials are currently incomplete as we are awaiting bills on some expenses and all support donations have not been received.

#### National FFA Convention

- Delegates include: Amie Burke, Caroline Bremer, Ellen Reeder, Kiersten Kasey, Adam Herwig, Cody Gill, Nathan Waldeck, John Edgar, Cory Kregel, Jennifer Honnold, Elise Krause, Morgan Ott, Rebecca Vaessen, Bronwyn Burgweger and Samantha Snider.
- Positions taken by the Illinois Association FFA
  - In favor of the of the ratification amendment as an “option”.
  - Undecided on the dues increase.
  - In favor of the American Degree amendment, if amended to add “and a member of the FFA”.
  - Kaitlyn Weitekamp is the National Officer Candidate

It was agreed the deadline for the District Parliamentary Procedure CDE results would be March 5<sup>th</sup>. The FFA staff were asked to prepare a report for use in reporting the District Parliamentary Procedure CDE results.

The State FFA Star registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the candidate instructions will begin at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

# Illinois FFA Board of Directors

Illinois State Board of Education  
Springfield, Illinois

August 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on August 4, 2009, with Opening Ceremonies by Amie Burke, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Amie and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Amie Burke	Caroline Bremer	Ellen Reeder	Kiersten Kasey	Adam Herwig
Rebecca Vaessen	Jeff Barnes	Nathan Waldeck	Josh Troester	Jay Solomonson
Joe Steffen	Beth Burrow	Mike White	Andy Baker	Harley Hepner

Guests:

Clay Zwilling	Austin Ashby	Ben Arteman	Lynn Rohrscheib	Mariah Dale-Anderson
Jim Craft	Frank Dry			

Mr. Hepner installed the student Board of Directors and reviewed the voting procedures.

Waldeck/Vaessen to amend the minutes of January 2009, by striking Mike White and inserting Julie Niemerg on the attendance list. Motion passed.

White/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

Vaessen/Troester to approve the minutes of May 8, 2009. Motion passed.

Solomonson/White to sustain. Motion passed.

Waldeck/Barnes to accept the end of year financial report for FY `09. Motion passed.

White/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Vaessen/Troester to approve the FY`10 ISBE Contract as presented. Motion passed.

Baker/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

Troester/Waldeck to follow the delegates wishes and set 2009-10 state dues at \$4.00 per member.

Motion passed.

Solomonson/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the concerns with the quality of some State FFA Degree applicants' SAE and requested assistance in defining the term "outstanding SAE". After discussion it was agreed (by consensus) that the concern with how "outstanding SAE" was being defined would be a discussion at the Advisor's Session during the Reporter Workshops.

Mr. Dry reviewed the American Degree selection process.

The Board reviewed the Parliamentary Procedure CDE Rules and the change that was adopted at the January Meeting related to the scoring of "Additional Motions".



## 2008-09 Officer Report

### Things We Enjoyed

- Working With FFA Members
- Working With Agriculture Instructors
- Meeting Other Officers From Other States
- ILSSO
- State/National Convention
- Chapter Visits
- Beginning Ag Teachers Workshop
- IAVAT Conference
- Farm Bureau Annual Meeting
- GROWMARK Annual Meeting
- E-CAR
- Visits and progress made in Urban Programs
- National FFA Week with Riley Branch
- FFA Center Staff

### Potential Improvements

- Banquet Scheduling
- Rooming and Board
- Honorary State Degrees
- Continue work in Urban Programs

The Board reviewed and discussed the State FFA Convention Evaluations.

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Vaessen/Barnes to accept the 2008-09 Diversity Committee Report. Motion passed.

Baker/White to sustain. Motion passed.

Waldeck/Vaessen to accept the 2008-09 Membership Committee Report as presented. Motion passed.

Solomonson/Baker to sustain. Motion passed.

Reeder/Waldeck to accept the 2008-09 Public Relations Committee Report. Motion passed.

Steffen/Baker to sustain. Motion passed.

Vaessen/Troester to accept the 2008-09 SAE Promotion Committee Report. Motion passed.

White/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

Waldeck/Reeder to accept the 2008-09 Community Development Committee Report. Motion passed.

White/Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Reeder/Bremer to implement "Teach Agriculture Day" as a part of FFA Week activities. Motion passed.

Baker/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

The Illinois FFA Center priorities as related to the Collegiate FFA were discussed. No priorities were added to the existing priorities that were defined by FFA, IAVAT, PAS, FFA Alumni and IACCAI.

Vaessen/Barnes to approve the request from the Tri-Point FFA and allow them to represent Illinois at the Denver Livestock Show and Judging Contest. Motion passed.

White/Solomonson to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the status on Section Fair monies. He also reported the same programming error related to the Pro-Rata has shown up again this year and the programmer is in the process of isolating and repairing the programming problem.

Mr. Craft reviewed the District Director's assignments in identifying the host sites for Public Speaking, Proficiency Awards and Parliamentary Procedure.

The officers shared an FFA Chapter Yearbook that Mr. Craft received while at National FFA Judging. The presented it as a possible idea for a State Association Yearbook. The board members expressed concerns with: 1) the potential cost, 2) how the project would be managed, 3) would the FFA Foundation be hurt if sponsorship was requested, and 4) additional time with other duties.

Kasey/Vaessen to allow the officers to investigate the cost, content and feasibility of developing a compilation of memories for the FFA members. Motion passed.

White/Burrows to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft asked the Board members to visit with the teachers during Reporter's Workshops to determine whether the Star Awards Night could be started earlier in the evening.

The officers reported on the plans for the National FFA Convention.

- Illinois has 15 delegates
- Business items include:
  - o A proposed dues increase
  - o Ratification Amendment
  - o Increase to American FFA Degree amendment
  - o The Delegate Committees will be:
    - Inclusion and Engagement of all Students: *The purpose of this committee is to investigate methods of attaining the levels of engagement and inclusion of all agricultural education students.*
    - Post-Secondary Retention and Engagement: *The purpose of this committee is to improve and promote existing programs in post-secondary education institutions and National FFA while creating a communication network to retain and engage high school graduates.*
    - Global Engagement: *The purpose of this committee is to encourage and support the expansion of the National FFA Organization by providing further opportunities for international study, business , travel and service by exploring both current and new practices in order to further sustain international agriculture, our organization and our world.*
    - Program Affiliation Options: *The purpose of this committee is to discuss and determine whether a program affiliation fee program should be pursued by the National FFA Organization and offered as an option to all state associations within the organization.*
    - Alumni and Engagement Outreach: *The purpose of this committee it to investigate and explore methods in which the National FFA Alumni in conjunction with state and local alumni affiliates may foster student success at the local level.*
    - New Horizons Delivery Options: *The purpose of this committee is to examine sufficient ways to serve all members efficiently and create clear options for the production and distribution of the New Horizons magazine.*
- Awards winners to date:
  - o 88 American FFA Degree Candidates from Illinois
  - o Rodney Bingle of Marissa is a candidate for American Star in Agribusiness
  - o AgriScience Student of the Year Finalist - Rosemary Chapple, Waterloo
  - o AgriScience Teacher of the Year Finalist - Mindy McDermott, Waterloo
  - o 32 National Chapter Entries
    - 11 - 3 Star Chapters
    - 21 - 2 Star Chapters
    - No Models of Innovation Finalists

- 12 National Proficiency Finalists
  - Agricultural Communications: Caroline Bremer, Vienna
  - Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication: Kirk Beutke, Woodland
  - Agricultural Mechanics Energy Systems: Westin Montavon, Amboy
  - Agricultural Mechanics Repair & Maintenance Placement: Brian E. Haas, Mascoutah
  - Agricultural Services: Jeffrey D. Barnes, Somonauk-Leland-Sandwich
  - Dairy Production Entrepreneurship: Mitchell Eickmeyer, Nashville
  - Diversified Crop Production Entrepreneurship: Tyler S. Loschen, TriPoint
  - Equine Science Entrepreneurship: Kaleigh Gasperi, West Prairie
  - Food Science and Technology: Naomi Janelle Harper, Chicago Ag Sciences
  - Fruit Production: Rodney Noe, Metamora
  - Grain Production Entrepreneurship: Marvin Finrock III, Clinton
  - Veterinary Medicine: Sara M. Weirich, Hinckley-Big Rock

## Reports

### State Officer Report

#### June Orientation State Officer Meeting

- Recognized all 30 individuals as the 2009-2010 State Officer Team
- Brief overview of duties and responsibilities

#### Training

- Andrew McCrea
- BLAST OFF
- NLCSO

#### IAVAT Conference

- Met with teachers
- Introduced ourselves as 2009-2010 Major State Officer Team

#### July State Officer Meeting

- Explained responsibilities of Section Presidents
- Set Goals for the year
- 2009-20 State Theme is “Constructing Leaders for Tomorrow”

#### Heritage & Coop Trip

- Historical Sites
- Touring Facilities
- First time out with members

#### State Presidents Conference

- National Convention Issues decided
- Networking

#### Camp

- Daily Dynamite
- Helped where could
- Mingled with members

### FFA Alumni - Lynn Rohrscheib

Met at FFA Leadership Camp and cooked Pork Chops and Sweet Corn for the participants. Four Illinois FFA Alumni Members attended the State Leaders' Conference in Denver. Illinois will host the 2010 State Leaders Conference in Moline, Illinois, on July 14-18, 2010. Are looking forward to a combined conference with the PAS in February 2010. Concern with Mariah's departure and how that will affect programs. Jim McCray is a candidate for Eastern Region Vice President. The Alumni's Truck Raffle is currently underway

## Staff

**Mariah Dale Anderson:** Working to wrap up activities so she can begin new position at Illinois Farm Bureau. She attended the State Leaders Conference and found it very beneficial. Would like to see the efforts she started with Collegiate FFA to be continued as someone new fills the Postsecondary position.

**Frank Dry:** Worked with IAVAT to host the Region IV Conference. 87 teachers from six different states were in attendance. Tim McDermott, Waterloo, was named Region IV Outstanding Young Member. He and Mariah served as hosts for the State Officer Picnic. He will be managing the Extemporaneous Public Speaking at the National FFA Convention. Is working on preparations for the Farm Progress Show. Has spent several days finishing up the FFA Foundation Annual Report.

**Jim Craft:** Has had a very busy summer. Spent last week in Indianapolis judging National Proficiency entries. He is serving as the Chair of the SAE Revision Committee at the National FFA. Changes will be implemented in the 2012 National Award and Degree applications.

## ISBE - Harley Hepner

Career and Technical Education has been level funded for FY 2010. The Agricultural Education line item was originally cut 50% after the ISBE developed their July budget for FY 2010. The Governor has reinstated part of the cuts and the line item is expected to receive 90% funding as compared to FY 2009. The "Growing Agriculture Science Teachers" is part of the line item. The Illinois Community College Board, which is part of CTE funding, was cut 50%, and this causes concern as to whether PAS will have their grant to support operations. The budget for Fiscal Year 2011 is not looking any better than the budget for this year. Travel restrictions are still in place for ISBE staff, which is why the FFA Board meeting was moved to the ISBE Offices.

## University - Dr. Andy Baker

The universities have made good use of the GAST funds and have been able to do new and unique activities, based on the needs. Support for the Agricultural Education is being encouraged by way of university students.

## District Concerns:

- I Some concern as to how the National Anthem was sung at the FFA Convention  
Some sessions seemed long and consideration should be given to dropping the stage recognitions for awards that use a "generic" certificate.  
Wondered whether the FFA should consider a State Convention in the Chicago area.  
Some concerns with schools not receiving full credit when a Section President fails to enter all the Data from Section Career Development events.  
Inquired about the status of the Affiliation Fee Program
- II None
- III None
- IV The schedule for the Major State FFA Officers needs to be monitored, especially in the Spring when there are many demands on their time.  
Inquired about the status of the Affiliation Fee Program
- V None

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**May 8, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2009, with Opening Ceremonies by Clay Zwilling, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Clay and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Clay Zwilling	Austin Ashby	Ben Arteman	Andrew Heavner	Annie Larson
Emily Bogner	Megan Sack	Thomas Marten	Amie Burke	Caroline Bremer
Dan Hartman	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	Bill Kittinger	Andy Baker
Harley Hepner	Jay Runner			

Guests:

Tim McDermott	Joe Steffen	Rich Lessen	Jeff Clifton	Toni Saso
Heather Obert	Jeff Landers	Aaron Heartt	Brian Bender	Curt Robbins
Adam Swigart	Mark Wright	Jesse Faber	C. R. Sloan	Todd Ehlers
John Kabat	Beth Burros	Jim Craft	Frank Dry	Mariah Dale-Anderson

Ashby/Heavner to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.

Buyck/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Arteman/Ashby to approve the minutes of January 20, 2009. Motion passed.

Hartman/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Marten/Heavner to accept the April 30, 2009, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Baker to sustain. Motion passed.

Arteman/Ashby to approve the FY` 10 FFA budget as proposed. Motion passed.

Buyck/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

The State Officer Team reviewed the convention agenda.

- Due to poor response from host sites, the Day of Service was dropped for 2009
- Highlights will include National FFA President, Paul Moya, and Sam Glenn "The Chalk Guy".

Mr. Craft reviewed the FFA Board members' responsibilities in the State FFA Officer election process.

The officers expressed their appreciation and shared their college plans with the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**January 20, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m. on January 20, 2009, with Opening Ceremonies by Clay Zwilling, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Clay and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Clay Zwilling	Austin Ashby	Ben Arteman	Andrew Heavner	Annie Larson
Ellen Reeder	Megan Sack	Thomas Marten	Amie Burke	Jay Runner
Dan Hartman	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	Julie Niemerg	Andy Baker
Harley Hepner				

Guests:

Jim Craft	Frank Dry	Mariah Dale-Anderson
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Item #17 - "FFA Officer Candidate Application" was added to the agenda.

Ashby/Arteman to adopt the agenda with flexibility. Motion passed.

Hartman/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Marten/Burke to approve the minutes of September 18, 2008. Motion passed.

Hartman/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Heavner/Burke to accept the December 31, 2008, Financial Report as presented. Motion passed.

Weber/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the concerns over the open invoices that chapters have failed to pay.

Arteman/Ashby to accept the FY`08 Audit Review. Motion passed.

Baker/Niemerg to sustain. Motion passed.

District Concerns:

District I - Some schools are establishing drug testing requirements for students participating in clubs and organizations. This might cause problems with the proposed Chapter Affiliation program.

District II - Concerns with tolerance for the "new" areas for possible proficiencies.

District III - A standard process of dealing with the "Additional Motions" in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE should be established. Concerned whether liability waivers should be required for State CDE's.

Marten/Ashby to accept an unlimited number of "Additional Motions" in the 2008-09 State Parliamentary Procedure CDE, but total points for the motions cannot exceed 20 points. Motion passed.

Weber/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Marten/Ashby to set the maximum number of "Additional Motions" at three motions, with a maximum of 20 total points, beginning 2009-10.

Burke/Marten to amend by inserting “highest scoring additional” after the word three. Amendment passed. Main motion, as amended, passed.  
Niernerg/Hartman to sustain. Motion passed.

District IV - Would like to have a technical workshop on how to keeping SAE records.

District V - (Absent -due to inclement weather in southern Illinois)

University - Would like to have an Elite Conference at the State FFA Convention.

Ashby/Arteman to accept the one late Preliminary Program of Activities (received January 5, 2009).  
Motion passed.

Baker/Hartman to sustain. Motion passed.

### State FFA Convention

The State FFA Officers reviewed the tentative FFA Convention Agenda.

Reported on the progress on establishing the Day of Service sites.

Ashby/Heavner to forward the proposed amendment, with the addition of the words “not part of the SAE”, to the delegates for implementation in 2011. Motion passed.

Runner/Baker to sustain. Motion passed.

The officers indicated they had written three grant requests for convention support. Registration fees were discussed.

Burke/Ashby to increase all \$7.00 registration fees to \$8.00, beginning in 2009. Motion passed.

Weber/Niernerg to sustain. Motion passed.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from lunch at 12:45 p.m.

### State Officer Report

- Provided feedback to the Board on the results of the National FFA Convention Committees
- Attended the Illinois Farm Bureau Meeting in December
- Andrew and Mr. Craft made a presentation to the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors
- Preparations are underway for FFA Week
- Made for Excellence Conference is this weekend
- Presented testimony at an ISBE Budget Hearing
- Attended ILSSO in early January, traveling to China.
- Work is underway on the Million Can Challenge

### **Chapter FFA Degree**

***Amend Article VI, Section D of the Illinois FFA Constitution by inserting, “10. Have participated in at least 10 additional, unduplicated hours of community service activities.”***

### **State FFA Degree**

***Amend Article VI, Section E of the Illinois FFA Constitution by inserting, “11. Have participated in at least 25 additional, unduplicated hours of community service activities, within at least two different community service activities ” and renumber the current item 11 to item 12***

- On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, FFA will be recognized at the Peoria Rivermen Hockey Game

- Collected and shipped packages to the troops overseas.

Reports from the five State officer committees were presented (see attachment) with the following budget requests:

- 1) Diversity - no budget
- 2) Membership - no budget
- 3) Public Relations - \$3,000
- 4) SAE Promotion - no budget
- 5) Community Development - no budget

Marten/Larson to continue the committees' efforts and report back to the Board. Motion passed.  
Arteman/Heavner to amend by strike "to continue the committees' efforts" and insert "that committees implement the plans based on available funding". Amendment passed. Main motion, as amended, passed.

Baker/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Ashby/Burke to accept Illinois State University's invitation to host a State Ag Communications CDE and designate the winner as Illinois FFA's entry in the National CDE. Motion passed.

Weber/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reminded the FFA Board members they needed to identify their District's representatives on the State Degree Selection Committee and confirm their attendance.

FFA membership is currently at 15,406 with 2,430 of those member in a holding status.

Agricultural Legislative Awareness Day will be March 26, 2009.

Arteman/Larson to require the "Why I Want to be a State Officer" speech to be turned in with the officer candidate application. Motion passed.

Weber/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

#### ISBE Report - Harley Hepner

- Grant funding should arrive soon
- "Growing Agricultural Science Teachers" (GAST) grants were released Friday - 7 grant were funded with amounts up to \$50,000.
- A present time, the Agricultural Education line item is recommended for level funding in the ISBE FY`10 Budget.

#### Alumni Report - Jim Craft/Mariah Dale-Anderson

- The Alumni Annual Meeting will be January 30-31, 2009, at the Northfield Inn in Springfield.
- The Alumni restored the Riordan Family Barn in Reddick, Illinois, in August. Several alumni members and FFA Chapters from the area participated in the event. They have been invited to restore a barn just outside Nashville, Tennessee, and will travel there in the Spring.
- Have selected the Made for Excellence scholarship winners and will be offering scholarships for the FFA Leadership Camp and Washington Leadership Conference.

#### Foundation Report - Frank Dry

- A new Illinois Foundation FFA web site is up and running. The URL is [www.illinoisffafoundation.org](http://www.illinoisffafoundation.org). The site can take credit cards.
- The foundation collection drive will cut-off on January 31<sup>st</sup>
- The annual collection drive will be down this year if funds don't arrive soon



#### PostSecondary Report - Mariah Dale-Anderson

- Has been working to get all universities and community colleges participating in the consolidated dues package.
- There has been a significant increase in the number of Collegiate Organization Membership
  - o 364 PAS
  - o 132 CFFA (SIU-66, WIU-20, ISU-12, U of I-34)
  - o 32 Student Branch
- Several activities will be held in the near future:
  - o IL PAS Annual Conference February 1-2, Richland College
  - o IAVAT Student Branch Workshop February 29-March 1, ISU Normal
  - o National PAS Conference March 12-15, Dallas, TX

#### Associate Executive Director's Report - Frank Dry

- Attended several activities since the last meeting:
  - o Salute to Agriculture Day at the University of Illinois
  - o December State Officer Meeting
  - o NAAE/ACTE Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina
- Will be attending the Made for Excellence Conference in the southern location
- Is working on the 2009 NAAE Region IV Conference

#### Executive Directors Reports - Jim Craft

- Is working on the transfer of the IAVAT and Section Fairs data to a web developer and host.
- Revised CDE and FFA Award rules
- Will be a presenter at the Ag Ed Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Complimented the officers on the manner in which they represented Illinois at the National FFA Convention.

District Directors Inservice was held.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**September 18, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 18, 2008, with Opening Ceremonies by Clay Zwilling, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Clay and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Clay Zwilling	Austin Ashby	Ben Arteman	Andrew Heavner	Annie Larson
Emily Bogner	Megan Sack	Thomas Marten	Amie Burke	Caroline Bremer
Dan Hartman	Kent Weber	Boyd Paulsmeyer	Mike White	Bill Kittinger
Jay Runner	Harley Hepner	Andy Baker		

Guests:

Wyatt McGrew	W. Lee Meteer	Tim McDermott	Jeff Bash	Joe Steffen
Jim Craft	Frank Dry	Mariah Dale-Anderson		

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Ashby/Larson to approve the minutes of May 8, 2008. Motion passed.

Baker/White to sustain. Motion passed.

Larson/Arteman to approve the Final Financial report for FY 2008. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Ashby/Heavner to accept the August 2008 Financial Report. Motion passed.

Hartman/Baker to sustain. Motion passed.

Arteman/Heavner to approve the FY `09 ISBE Contract as presented. Motion passed.

Baker/ White to sustain. Motion passed.

Copies of the Annual Report were distributed to the Board.

Ashby/Arteman to appoint Hartman, Weber and Hepner to the 2008-09 Governing Committee. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Arteman/Ashby to appoint Jim Craft as the 2008-09 Executive Secretary. Motion carried.

White/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Ashby/Burke that all State Proficiency Award applicants attach a copy of their SAE Evaluation Form to their data form and that they be turned in at registration with their record books. Motion passed.

Hartman/White to sustain. Motion passed.

It was suggested that students not use the plastic sheet protectors with their record books and the information sent out by the Illinois FFA Center should indicate the plastic sheets should not be used on the record book pages.

Craft reviewed the Program Affiliation Pilot and indicated Illinois had been accepted as a Pilot, but due to the timing implementation would not take place in 2008-09. A committee is being assembled and will meet to provide direction.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:52 p.m.

Arteman reported there was an increase in number of participants and schools at the Reporter Workshops. There were 7 additional chapters participating and 31 additional participants.

Anderson reviewed the consolidated dues proposal and indicated that she expected 8 new Collegiate FFA Chapters to be chartered this year.

Wyatt McGrew, 2007-08 State FFA Treasurer presented the past officer report.

#### Positive Items From the Year Included

- Materials covered in NLCSO, BLASTOFF and other conferences
- Help with the Day of Service
- Knowledgeable staff to work with
- Great Secretaries
- State Convention: U-Media, Audio Visual Staff, Becky Sullivan and Day of Service
- Officer Retreat
- 28-year membership high

#### Items That Weren't So Good During The Year

- Travel from Chapter Visits to beginning Ag Teachers Workshop
- Century of Progress Show
- The time between Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and the State Officer Meeting
- Travel from ILSSO to Made for Excellence Conference
- Traveling to the FFA Center
- Need to do more with Habitudes and "StrengthsFinder"
- Need to increase FFA participation in urban areas
- Need to utilize past officers in order to build on past years

He indicated they would have liked to have done more with the "Habitudes" program. Additionally, he encouraged the officers and Association to address the issues surrounding urban school involvement. He also noted that using the skills and experiences of past officers might be useful in convention planning and other issues.

The 2008-09 Officers reported on their activities to date:

- "Performance Plus" is the state theme
- They have attended the cooperative Activities/Heritage Tour, Illinois Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Student Organizations, FFA Leadership Camp, State President's Conference and the National Leadership Conference for State Officers.
- There was excellent attendance at the FFA Barnyard at the Illinois State Fair.
- The Sale of Champions raised approximately \$15,000 for the FFA Foundation.
- The Officers attended the DuQuoin State Fair and participated in the parade and livestock event.
- Annie and Ben participated in a recruitment activity in Chicago.
- The theme for STAR Conference was "High Octane Leadership". A summary of the evaluations was distributed.
- Mr. Dry, Clay Zwilling, Austin Ashby and Andrew Heavner represented Illinois FFA at the GROWMARK Annual Meeting.

#### District Concerns

District I - Would like to see a standard rate (not based on mileage) set for a State Officer to attend a Chapter FFA Banquet.

District II - None

District III - None

District IV - There is a concern with constantly repeating the information needed on applications. There is a concern that standards used to evaluate programs are changing without notice. Teachers need assistance in preparing the National Chapter Award application for credits.

District V - Would like to see the IAVAT Directory printed  
It is difficult for teachers to find things on the web because the AgEd, FFA and IAVAT sites are so similar.

### Alumni Report

- The alumni assisted in restoring a barn in near Kanakakee.
- The restoration was part of a project being sponsored by Campbell's Soup.
- The State Alumni Annual Meeting will be held January 30-31, 2009, at the Northfield Inn & Conference Center.
- An auction will again be held at the annual meeting to support student scholarships.

### Staff Reports

PostSecondary - Mariah Dale-Anderson

- Reported the consolidated dues proposal is being accepted by most, but there are some of the college/universities questioning why they need to be a part of all organizations.
- She is working to establish a Foundation Drive through the Collegiate FFA Chapters.
- November 6<sup>th</sup> is the PAS Fall Conference.
- She is helping to prepare for the IACCAI Conference which is October 2-3, 2008, at Spoon River College.

Foundation & FFA - Frank Dry

- Attended ICCCTSO
- Work ed the Illinois State Fair
- Attended the Reporter Workshops and coordinated the teacher sessions.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> is Salute to Agriculture Day at the U of I.

FFA - Jim Craft

- Serving as Regional Vice President of the National Association of Supervisors Agricultural Education and preparing for the National Conference
- Attended the National Proficiency Judging in July
- Spent many hours at Illinois State Fair
- Attended the STAR Conferences to assist and provide the officers feedback on their presentations
- Working on revising the State CDE Handbook and the FFA Advisors Guide.

### FCAE Report - Jay Runner

- The "First Impressions Grant" information is out and applications would be due October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- A "Teacher Recruitment" web site is being developed
- The ELITE Conference will be held November 5<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Land College
- Encouraged FFA and Agricultural Education to have a presence at the "Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRR's) Conference".

ISBE - Harley Hepner

- Discussed the Agricultural Education line item and suggested changes

- ISBE is seeking input on the rules that will affect the management and awarding of funds that were received in response to House Bill 1922.
- Schools should be completing their budgets in the first part of October

#### Million Can Challenge

- Illinois FFA Alumni and the Illinois FFA are participating in the “Million Can Challenge”
- The program is designed to allow chapters to conduct food drives in their communities to benefit local food pantries, charities, etc.
- Toyota is sponsoring the project through national
- Materials are available for download at the Illinois FFA web site

#### State FFA Convention

- Evaluations and Financial Reports were distributed.
- It was suggested the Stars be recognized at the State FFA Degree Luncheon rather than the State Awards Dinner.
- It was suggested the award winners be recognized by groups at the State Awards Dinner, rather than each individual winner.
- More work was needed for the Day of Service work at Camp Butler Cemetery.
- Would like to have the State Officers in attendance at the evening activities following the Day of Service
- There was concern expressed that this was the second year the Audio Visual costs at State Convention had been underestimated by \$7,000.
- Committee reports were reviewed.
- FCAE would like to have time set aside at the 2009 State FFA Convention to recognize the Agriculture Advocacy Awards presented.
- It was requested that a meal be provided to the judges and students at the AgriScience Fair, as many are working through the lunch hour. It was indicated a sponsor was willing to pick up that expense.

#### FFA Leadership Camp

- Leadership Camp had a net income of \$1,900 for 2008, after losing \$500 in 2007.
- 228 students and 30 staff attended Leadership Camp
- There were 30 No Shows at Leadership Camp.

#### National FFA Convention

- The officers reviewed the Committee Issues that will be discussed at convention and indicated the position they would be taking on behalf of the State Association.
  - “Going Green” Program - Proponent
  - “National Goat Proficiency” - Proponent
  - “American Degree Changes” - Proponent
  - “Additional Officer Parts” - Proponent
  - “National Greenhand Award” - Neutral at present time
- The officers reviewed the amendments that would be considered at the National FFA Convention and provided their stance on the proposals.
  - “Ratification of Constitutional Amendments by Association” - Proponent
  - “Adding a Community Service Requirement to the American, State and Chapter FFA Degrees” - Proponent
  - “Increasing the Minimum Dollars/Hours Requirement for the American FFA Degree” - Proponent, provided the phrase “after entering Agricultural Education” is deleted or changed.

- The officers reported the State Officer's had voted to support the Proposed National Dues Increase (from \$4 to \$7).
  - Bremer/Heavner to suspend the rules and seek an advisory motion from the adult members of the FFA Board of Directors on the proposed dues increase. Motion passed.
  - Runner/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.
  
  - Hartman/Kittinger to request the Illinois Association FFA delegates to the National Convention take a neutral position on the dues increase until further information is received at convention. Motion passed.
  
- The officers reviewed the awards and honors the Association and members receive.
  - 9 National Proficiency Finalists
    - Kristin DeSutter (Alwood FFA) - Agricultural Communications
    - Kevin Tobias (Mount Pulaski FFA) - Agricultural Mechanics Design and Fabrication
    - Brian Hills (Tri-Point FFA) - Diversified Agricultural Production
    - Matthew Dehlinger (Olney FFA) - Diversified Crop Production -Entrepreneurship
    - Randy Noe (Metamora FFA) - Fruit Production
    - Chris Younker (Taylorville FFA) - Landscape Management
    - Melissa McDonald (Seneca FFA) - Nursery Operations
    - Drew DeSpain (Griggsville FFA) - Outdoor Recreation
    - McCallie Walker (Cisne FFA) Poultry Production
  - 1 National AgriScience Finalist (Kenzie Reber - Taylorville FFA)
  - 70 American Degree Recipients
  - Pontiac and Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences are competing Model of Innovation Chapters
  - Brad Pilcher is Illinois' National Officer Candidate
  - Illinois will be recognized for a Membership Increase
  - Eureka FFA will be representing Illinois in the Hall of States

Mr. Meter was commended for his many years of service on the FFA Board of Directors.

Meeting concluded at 4:48 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**May 8, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 8, 2008, with Opening Ceremonies by Kaitlin Weitekamp, State FFA President, and Harley Hepner, State FFA Advisor.

Kaitlin and Mr. Hepner welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Kaitlin Weitekamp	Sam Meteer	Tannor Spittler	Janell Baum	Wyatt McGrew
Clay Zwilling	Jenna Braasch	Jared Brown	Ben Wurmnest	Cody Cusic
Mike Chausse	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	W. Lee Meteer	Danny McCrite
Jay Runner	Harley Hepner	James Anderson		

Guests:

John Kabat	C.R. Sloan	Rich McCabe	Parker Bane	Joe Steffen
Jeff Landers	Tim McDermott	Rich Lessen	Aaron Heartt	Curt Robbins
Adam Swigart	Kara Poynter	Gary Ochs	Jim Craft	Frank Dry
Mariah Dale-Anderson				

Wurmnest/Zwilling to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

W. L. Meteer/McCrite to sustain. Motion passed.

Spittler/McGrew to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2008, meeting, as corrected. Motion passed.

Buyck/W. L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Cusic/Baum to accept the April 2008 Financial Report. Motion passed.

Buyck/W. L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Wurmnest/Braasch to adopt the FY '09 FFA Budget as presented. Motion passed.

Weber/Hartman to sustain. Motion passed.

Cusic/Zwilling to refer the issue of program affiliation fees to a committee appointed by the staff for further study and recommendations to the Board of Directors. Motion passed.

Weber/Hartman to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the FFA Convention duties.

Kaitlin Weitekamp reported that two Section FFA President's had submitted letters of resignations. The resignations were from the Section 5 and Section 10 Presidents and both resignations were accepted.

The summer meeting date was set for July 28, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a.m. It was requested that time be allowed on the summer agenda for the discussion of State Awards.

Meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies at 9:51 a.m.

Mr. Craft reviewed the judging committee assignments and duties.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**January 28, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on January 28, 2008, with Opening Ceremonies by Kaitlin Weitekamp, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Kaitlin and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Kaitlin Weitekamp	Sam Meteer	Tannor Spittler	Janell Baum	Wyatt McGrew
Clay Zwilling	Jenna Braasch	Jared Brown	Ben Wurmnest	Cody Cusic
Mike Chausse	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	W. Lee Meteer	Tim McDermott
Jay Runner	Ron Reische	James Anderson		

Guests:

Jim Craft	Frank Dry	Mariah Dale-Anderson
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Wurmnest/Zwilling to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Meteer/Chausse to sustain. Motion passed.

Spittler/Wurmnest to approve the minutes of September 17, 2007. Motion passed.

Weber/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

McGrew/Meteer to approve the December 31, 2007, financial report.

Anderson/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Baum/Brown to accept the Audit Review for the year ended June 30, 2007. Motion passed.

Meteer/McDermott to sustain. Motion passed.

**District Concerns**

District V:

- Would like to have the Preliminary POA on-line.
- Would like to see a limit to the number of additional motions that can be presented for a score in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE.
- A correction is needed on the tally sheet to show the revised scoring on motions.
- Wondered why teams are now allowed to participate in the Ag Sales CDE multiple times.

District IV

- None

District III

- Chapter entries need to be on a "Download".
- Premise ID is causing negative public relations for the FFA.

District II

- Continue to work on the consolidated calendar

District I

- There needs to be a more equitable way of determining what teams are allowed to participate in the State Ag Issues CDE.



- Would like to see a rotation for the Made for Excellence Conference in the north that would allow it to rotate out of the suburban area.
- Would like IAVAT to develop a question bank for a Quiz Bowl CDE.

It was suggested a space for advisor approval be added to the Section Officer "Intent/Commitment form.

McGrew/Wurmnest to recommend the use of an Officer Resume for section officer elections and that all 2008-09 section officers submit an Officer Commitment form signed by the candidate, their parent(s) and advisor, to the Illinois FFA Center.

Baum/Wurmnest to amend, by striking everything after "section officer elections". Amendment passed.

Main motion as amended passed.

Meteer/McDermott to sustain. Motion passed.

McGrew/Wurmnest that all 2008-09 Section Officers turn in a completed commitment form at the same time as section election results. Motion failed.

Zwilling/Braasch to recommend that all sections use the Officer Commitment form for section elections. Motion passed.

Chausse/Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

McGrew reviewed the tentative Convention Agenda.

Meteer/Brown to set the convention registration fees at the same rate as last year. Motion passed.

Weber/Anderson to sustain. Motion passed.

Registration Fees will be:

- \$20 for advisor and members
- \$15 for Band and Chorus members
- \$7 for non-members
- \$7 for one-day registrations
- \$200 per booth for Commercial Exhibits
- \$75 per booth for Not-for-Profit Exhibits

Wurmnest/Cusic to allow the officers to develop a "Day of Service" for the Monday prior to convention, or another day of convention, and implement. Motion passed.

Anderson/McDermott to sustain. Motion passed.

The convention workshops were discussed and it was suggested the officers consider a workshop on "Using SMV Emblems" and a "Lincoln Library Workshop" for Section Heritage Winners.

Meeting recessed at 12:14 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:50 p.m.

The Board discussed how to make the FFA Committee structure more effective and relevant. There was general agreement that the committees could move from an "idea" committee to an "action" committee. It was suggested a "Special Committee Projects" line be added to the budget.

The Board discussed the concept of a "Program Affiliation Fee". It was noted that if a flat rate were charged, it would take a minimum fee of \$665 to recover the current dollars provided for the budget.

Concern was expressed with the wording that was on the "Evaluation Guide" which required students to describe the agricultural relationship of their SAE.

Zwilling/Meteer to revise the statement for Part I of the "Evaluation Guide" to read "and/or explore" an agricultural career. Motion passed.

Meteer/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

### **FFA Officer Report**

The officers reviewed the major activities since the last FFA Board Meeting. Activities included: National FFA Convention, St. Louis Agri-Business Club Meeting, Land of Lincoln Purebred Livestock Breeders Annual Meeting, State FFA Officer Meeting and Christmas Party, International Leadership Seminar for State Officers, Made for Excellence Conference and the Alumni Annual Meeting. Activities in the near future include FFA Week, FFA with the Riverman Hockey Game, Pork Expo and the Grain & Feed Association Annual Meeting.

### **MFE Report**

Attendance was very good. There were 299 student in the North and 266 students in the south that attended. There were some challenges with housing in Collinsville and some chapters were forced into offsite housing. For those moved to the "Days Inn" a \$20 refund per room will be sent to the chapters.

### **FFA Membership Report**

At present there are 16,313 members in the system. All are not yet cleared and certified.

### **Alumni Report**

The auction at their annual meeting raised approximately \$20,000. The officer team was reelected to a second term. Dr. Larry Case, National FFA Advisor was the featured speaker and gave a good message to the attendees.

### **IAVAT Report**

Conference Registration is being finalized. A "Strategic Planning" session was conducted by Jay Jackman - NAAE Executive Director and the IAVAT Board Members.

### **Foundation Report**

As of last week the Foundation had not yet reached the \$300,000 level in the drive. The chapter minimum will be increasing next year. A gift acceptance policy has been established for future endowments.

### **IACCAI Report**

They held an officer meeting in December and are looking forward to the Articulation Conference that will be held in March.

### **Director of Post-Secondary Development Report**

The PAS Annual Meeting is this weekend, February 1-2, 2008. An amendment on membership eligibility will be presented to the voting member for consideration. Grants are being explored to support the postsecondary activities.

### **Associate Executive Secretary's Report**

Frank Dry shared with the FFA Board the activities he has worked on since the last meeting.

- Facilitator for the American Star Awards at National FFA Convention
- Assisted at the Public Speaking CDE at National FFA Convention
- Attended the NAAE/ACTE Annual Meetings
- Received about 100 American FFA Degree Intents for 2008
- Concluding the annual collection drive for the FFA Foundation. He noted that in 2006-07 there were 41 chapters that contributed the minimum of \$400 towards the Foundation. There were 45 "Zero chapters" and 12 chapters collected between \$0 and \$400.
- He serves as chair of the ICCCTSO
- The Foundation Annual Meeting is March 25th

### **Executive Secretary's Report**

Jim Craft shared with the FFA Board the activities he has worked on since the last meeting.

- Served as a Public Speaking Judge at national Convention

- Has most of the FFA Award information online for download at [www.illinoisffa.org](http://www.illinoisffa.org)
- Has met with Illinois Department of Agriculture on the Premise Registration concerns.
- Working with ITCS and the IAVAT's Special Projects Committee to incorporate some necessary changes into the online recordkeeping program.
- Has been working on Alumni and IAVAT projects as well as those for the FFA
- Will be a presenter at the State Staff Inservice this weekend.
- Working with the Illinois State Board of Education to make certain a replacement is hired for Ron Reische when he retires.
- Coordinating the Section Fair data site for the IAVAT Section Fair Managers.

Spittler/Wurmnest that staff be directed to solicit at least four outside resource people to serve as judges in the State Star selection. Motion passed.

Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Craft reviewed the FFA Board duties related to the Parliamentary Procedure CDE and State Awards Day.

McGrew/Wurmnest to increase the minimum Foundation contribution a chapter must make to qualify for the Sweepstakes Award from \$400 to \$600. Motion passed.

Buyck/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

The FFA Board Commended Ron Reische for his years of service and wished him the best in his retirement. Mr. Reische thanked the Board and presented the officer team with a new station emblem or the FFA Advisor to use. He also presented an advisor's talisman to President Weitekamp, with instructions that she present it to the new State FFA Advisor.

The meeting adjourned with Closing Ceremonies at 4:00 p.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**  
**September 17, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies by Kaitlin Weitekamp, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Kaitlin and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Kaitlin Weitekamp	Sam Meteer	Tannor Spittler	Janell Baum	Wyatt McGrew
Clay Zwilling	Jenna Braasch	Jared Brown	Ben Wurmnest	Ethan Keyser

Dan Hartman      Kent Weber      Steve Buyck      W. Lee Meteer      Danny McCrite  
Jay Runner      Ron Reische      Corey Flournoy

Guests:

Tim McDermott    Joe Steffen      Jim Craft      Frank Dry      Mariah Dale-Anderson

Spittler/McGrew to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8g – PostSecondary Development and item 17 – Section Agricultural Education Fairs/Premises ID. Motion passed.  
McCrite/Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

S. Meteer/Baum to approve the minutes of July 30, 2007, as corrected. Motion passed.  
Hartman/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Wurmnest/Braasch to approve the final financial report for FY 2007. Motion passed.  
Runner/Flournoy to sustain. Motion passed.

Spittler/Wurmnest to appoint Hartman and Weber to the 2007-08 Governing Committee. Motion passed.  
Flournoy/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

The District Directors reported on the input they had received regarding the proposal to consolidate the FFA/IAVAT Calendar of Events. Suggestions included:

- ◆ Hold Agricultural Sales, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure on the same day.
- ◆ Hold Ag Issues and Job Interview the same day.
- ◆ Hold Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking the same day.
- ◆ Hold Reporter Workshop and STAR Conference and Section Leadership Training Schools the same day.

The FFA Board agreed that if the revisions to the State FFA Degree aren't received by October 1<sup>st</sup>, last year's version of the degree will be used for this year's applicants.

**State FFA Officer Report**

- ◆ The Reporters Workshops would conclude with tomorrow's presentation at Macomb.
- ◆ The FFA Foundation will receive about \$13,000 from the Sale of Champions at Illinois State Fair.
- ◆ The officers attended the DuQuoin State Fair and participated in the Ag Olympics and Livestock Judging Contest.
- ◆ STAR Conferences went well and attendance was very high.
- ◆ They are in the midst of the Chapter Visits and are using a "Family Feud" style game in their presentations.
- ◆ The officers reviewed the issues they will address as delegates at the National FFA Convention and the Constitutional Amendments that will be considered. They will be participating in the delegate "Day of Service" and have Illinois Delegates on every committee. We have eight National Proficiency Finalists, Ashley Hanold is our National FFA Officer Candidate, and Mark Hornbostel will be carrying the Illinois flag.

**District Reports**

- I                    Would like the officers to charge a flat rate to all chapters when speaking at chapter banquets.
- II                    Would like to see a consolidated Calendar of Events.
- III, IV & V      No concerns at present.

**Executive Director's Report – Jim Craft**

- ◆ Section Fair Web Site is operational and all sections are using it to report their section fairs. It should provide us some valuable data on SAE's and shows.
- ◆ STAR Conferences were well attended and seemed to go well.
- ◆ Traveled with the FFA Officers to GROWMARK Annual Meeting.
- ◆ Currently revising awards files for distribution.

- ◆ Working with ISBE management in an attempt to get the Consultant position filled.

#### **Associate Executive Director's Report – Frank Dry**

- ◆ Reporter Workshops are going well with good attendance.
- ◆ Some of the FFA Foundation Transmittals are not yet out. There is a programming glitch that is preventing the transfer of chapters from old sections to their new sections.
- ◆ Approximately \$51,000 was generated at the Titan Tire/FFA auction at the Farm Progress Show. The proceeds are to be split with Indiana FFA.

#### **FCAE – Jay Runner**

- ◆ An Agricultural Education Conference will be held at Lake Land Community College on November 6<sup>th</sup>. It is focused on recruiting students into the teaching profession.

#### **ISBE – Ron Reische**

- ◆ The Agricultural Education Consultant position has been advertised and there is a 2 week application period that is now open.
- ◆ Mr. Reische will leave ISBE at the end of December and will use his remaining vacation days until he retires in February.
- ◆ Mr. Reische's out-of-state travel request to attend the National FFA Convention was denied. He is appealing the decision.
- ◆ He noted the recent press release regarding the Incentive Grant was not indicating there was new money, but was a continuation of the previous funding.
- ◆ Coleman Harris, National FFA Executive Secretary has announced his retirement. A search for his replacement will be conducted soon.

#### **Post Secondary Development – Mariah Dale-Anderson**

- ◆ A dues package has been developed to allow community college and university students to pay one fee and cover the membership dues for Illinois PAS, National PAS, State and National FFA, and IAVAT and NAAE Student Branch.
- ◆ Action needs to be taken by IL PAS to allow university students to become members of the state PAS organization.
- ◆ An e-mail list has been set up to communicate directly with collegiate agricultural education students.
- ◆ Preparations are underway to hold an IAVAT Student Branch Meeting this fall.

Wurmnest/Spittler to support the proposed umbrella dues package for collegiate students as presented. Motion passed.  
Buyck/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch

Meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

#### **State FFA Convention Report**

- ◆ Attendance records showed 3,387 members and guests in attendance.
- ◆ The convention posted a loss of \$3,351.56 for the year, but it was noted the costs of the new stage scrims were the major cost overrun. Money received from the Ag Day Auction, conducted by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, will be transferred from the Illinois Foundation FFA to the FFA's account to cover the shortfall.

Spittler/Wurmnest to accept the 2007 State FFA Convention Financial. Motion carried.

Hartman/Flournoy to sustain. Motion passed.

Zwilling/Keyser to accept the 2007 FFA Leadership Camp Financial. Motion passed.

McCrite/Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

It was suggested by the members of the FFA Board that a list of individuals recommended to serve as Parliamentarian for the Section, District and State events be developed.

**National FFA Convention Report – State FFA Officers**

- ◆ Illinois has 15 delegates this year.
- ◆ FFA members will represent Illinois in 8 proficiency areas.
- ◆ Illinois is cosponsoring a Constitutional Amendment with several other associations.
- ◆ All delegates are serving on delegate committees.
- ◆ The Illinois Delegates will participate in a “Day of Service” on the Monday prior to National FFA Convention.

Mr. Craft and Mr. Reische reviewed the changes that will occur at the Section Fairs. They met with the Illinois Department of Agriculture staff to discuss limitations posed by adding the \$250,000 additional dollars in the Section Agricultural Education Premium Fund. The additional \$250,000 that was added to the Section Agricultural Education Premium Funds is expected to continue in FY 2009, but as with any part of the state budget is subject to change. Additionally, they reported to the Board that students will have to have a Premises ID Number (a part of the National Animal Identification System) in order to exhibit at Section Agricultural Education Fairs, 4-H Fairs and the Illinois State Fair in 2008.

District II Concern – Is there a need to print all pages of the State FFA Degree Application, even if the pages are blank? Mr. Craft indicated that was FFA Board policy and the reason all pages are required, is so the evaluation committee and State Staff know have a complete application with all the information and the student’s pages weren’t mistakenly left out.

The Illinois FFA Board of Directors congratulated Mr. Reische on 30-years of service to Agricultural Education and the FFA and commended him on a job well done.

The meeting concluded at 1:58 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
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**Springfield, Illinois**

**July 30, 2007 – (corrected minutes)**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies by Kaitlin Weitekamp, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Kaitlin and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Kaitlin Weitekamp	Sam Meter	Tannor Spittler	Janell Baum	Wyatt McGrew
Clay Zwilling	Jenna Braasch	Jared Brown	Ben Wurmnest	Cody Cusic
Dan Hartman	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	W. Lee Meter	Danny McCrite
Jay Runner	Ron Reische	Dr. James Anderson		

Guests:

Brad Pilcher	Patrick Holland	Mallory Daugherty	Tim McDermott	Charlie Sappington
Curt Rincker	Jim Craft	Frank Dry	Mariah Dale-Anderson	

Chairman Reische seated new members of the FFA Board of Directors and reviewed voting procedures.

The agenda was accepted without change.

Wurmnest/Cusic to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2007, meeting. Motion passed.

W. L. Meter/McCrite to sustain. Motion passed.

Baum/Zwilling to accept the June 2007 Financial Report. Motion passed.

Hartman/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Baum/Wurmnest to approve the FY `08 ISBE Contract as presented. Motion passed.

W. L. Meter/ Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Spittler/McGrew to appoint Jim Craft as the 2007-08 Executive Secretary. Motion carried.

McCrite/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the State FFA Degree review process that was instituted last year. Suggestion included:

- A space is needed to have the student identify the agricultural nature of their SAE program.
- Assistance is needed in defining acceptable “Wildlife Management” activities.
- The proficiency area definitions for “Food Service”, “Wildlife Management” and “Safety” need to be clarified for 2007-08 competitions.

S. Meter/Wurmnest to attach the State FFA Degree Review Sheet and replace the current State FFA Degree Checklist. Motion passed.

Buyck/Hartman to sustain. Motion passed.

Cusic/S. Meter to add the adult FFA Board members to the State FFA Degree Review Committee as ex officio members and that they not be utilized to review applications for their own district. Motion passed.

McCrite/W. L. Meter to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Dry reviewed the American FFA Degree review process.

Baum/Spittler to allow American FFA Degree applicants to make changes to their application upon the recommendation of the review committee. Motion passed.

Buyck/Hartman to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft reviewed the Proficiency Award selection process.

McGrew/Spittler to require all students to submit a statement explaining how their SAE relates to the proficiency area. Motion passed.

Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the Parliamentary Procedure CDE rules.

McGrew/Brown that a required motion that fails to receive a second (if required) be scored as a zero, without the 100 point penalty being assessed. Motion passed.

Buyck/Hartman to sustain. Motion passed.

Baum/Spittler that a motion requiring a second shall not be considered properly presented and eligible to receive points until it is seconded. Motion passed.

Buyck/McCrite to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m.

The 2006-07 State FFA Officers presented their report (see attachment) during the lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

FFA Convention Review

- Penny Wars will be discontinued as of July 2007.
- There was confusion over the planning budget provided to the 2006-07 State FFA Officers.

McGrew/S. Meteer to accept the Community Development Report as written. Motion passed.

Meteer/McCrite to sustain. Motion passed.

Zwilling/Wurmnest to accept the Membership Committee Report as written. Motion passed.

Hartman/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Wurmnest/Spittler to accept the Partner Relations Committee Report as written. Motion passed.

Weber/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Spittler/Baum to accept the Public Relations Committee Report as written. Motion passed.

McCrite/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Wurmnest/Baum to accept the SAE Promotion Committee Report as written. Motion passed.

Hartman/W. L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Zwilling/Braasch to forward the committee reports to the 2007-08 State FFA Officer Team and all other organizations mentioned. Motion passed.

Buyck/W. L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Mariah Dale-Anderson presented a "Post-Secondary Student" report to background the FFA Board on membership opportunities.



Baum/S. Meteer to continue the support for the Collegiate FFA effort and research an umbrella dues package. Motion passed.  
McCrite/Buyck to sustain. Motion carried.

The FFA Board discussed a consolidated calendar of events.  
S. Meteer/Braasch to support the work of the IAVAT in developing a consolidated “Calendar of Events” for state-level CDE’s and activities. Motion passed.  
Weber/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Reische reviewed school code changes resulting from the passage of HB 4986.

- Schools must have approved instruction, FFA and SAE’s in place to receive funding.
- Schools need to document all three components of a quality Agricultural Education program.
- The question was asked, “If FFA is integral to Agricultural Education, why do we charge dues?”

It was reported that House Bill 1922 has passed the House and Senate and awaits the Governor’s signature.

The Section Agricultural Education Fairs were discussed.

- No budget has been passed by the legislature at the present time, so section fair allocations cannot be set.
- Section have a 30-day window to report the Section Fair results after the allocation is set.

Mr. Craft reviewed the District FFA events and duties of the District FFA Director.

The officers reported on National FFA Convention preparations.

- Illinois has 15 delegates
- Six delegate committees have been established for the 80<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention.
- The officers reviewed the pending national amendments.

### Reports

**State FFA Officers:** The officers reviewed their participation in: IAVAT Conference, Blast Off Conference, National Leadership Conference for State Officers, Heritage& Cooperative Activities Tour, July Officer Meeting, FFA Leadership Camp and State President’s Conference. They reported this year’s state theme is Illinois FFA: “Operation Excellence” and they set the membership goal at 17,250.

**FFA Alumni:** The Alumni Council met at the FFA Leadership Camp. They are working on plans for their Annual Meeting and summer shows they will be attending.

**FCAE:** Subscriptions for the EZ Records are being supported through the Agricultural Education line item. Additionally, chapters are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 grant to conduct a chapter exchange.

**ISBE:** No staff replacements have been hired at this time. At present it is being advertised as a ½ time agricultural position. There have been no Agricultural Education constituency involved in the selection to date. Mr. Reische is seeking input on the Incentive Funding Grant Application. Illinois agricultural education needs to address the “*National 10 x 15*” to set the state goals and a platform for specific goals.

### Concerns

District I It was suggested that mileage fees be eliminated and a flat rate be charged for an officer’s attendance at a chapter banquet. There is concern that no Advisor’s signature is required on the Section Officer Commitment Form/Application.

District II Some concern with the State FFA Degree Review, Would like to see a facility other than the Soybean Research Laboratory used for Proficiency results. Feedback should be provided to all students on the points from their interview.

District III None

District IV Would like to have the Envirothon CDE winner recognized on stage at State FFA Convention.

District V None

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
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**May 9, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies by Brad Pilcher, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Brad and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Brad Pilcher	Patrick Holland	Taryn Pfeiffer	Megan Ott	Mallory Daugherty
Kevin Behrends	Sam Meteer	Kaitlin Weitekamp	Jay Telford	
Dan Hartman	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	W. Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger
Richard Steffen	Jay Runner	Ron Reische		

Guests:

Mike Chausse	Joe Steffen	Morris McClelland	Mike White	Scott Page
Stan Toepfer	Chris Kendall	Aaron Heartt	Daryle Wragge	Adam Swigart
Ryan Wildman	Gary Ochs	Julie Niemerg	Alan Merriman	Jim McCray
Ron Lynch	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

P. Holland/Daugherty to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

Buyck/W. L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Ott/Daugherty to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2007, meeting, as corrected. Motion passed.

W. L. Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Daugherty/Pfeiffer to accept the April 2007 Financial Report. Motion passed.

Hartman/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

P. Holland/Ott to add "State FFA Degree Review Process" to the summer agenda. Motion passed.

Buyck/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

The summer meeting date was set for July 30, 2007, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Daugherty/P. Holland to adopt the FY '08 FFA Budget as presented. Motion passed.

Kittinger/W. L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the FFA Convention duties.

P. Holland/ Pfeiffer to adjourn. Motion passed.

R. Steffen/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies.

Mr. Craft reviewed the judging committee assignments and duties.

Student Development Committee – Megan Ott, Sam Meteer, Dan Hartman, Gary Ochs, Scott Page, Chris Kendall and Joe Steffen

Chapter Development Committee – Taryn Pfeiffer, Kaitlin Weitekamp, Morris McClelland, Kent Weber, Ron Lynch, Adam Swigart, Ryan Wildman and Daryle Wragge

Community Development Committee – Brad Pilcher, Kevin Behrends, Steve Buyck, W. Lee Meteer and Aaron Heartt.

Errors/Incomplete Application Committee – Mallory Daugherty, Patrick Holland, Jay Telford, Bill Kittinger, Mike White, Stan Toepfer, Mike Chausse, Julie Niemerg and Jim McCray.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**January 25, 2007**

The meeting was called to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. by FFA President Brad Pilcher and Chairman Ron Reische.

Following greetings by President Pilcher and Chairman Reische each person in attendance introduced themselves. Introductions showed the following individuals present.

Members:

Brad Pilcher	Patrick Holland	Taryn Pfeiffer	Megan Ott	Mallory Daugherty
Robin Holland	Amy Davis	Sam Meteer	Kaitlin Weitekamp	Jay Telford
Dan Hartman	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	Wm. Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger
Richard Steffen	Jay Runner	Ronald Reische		

Guests:

Joe Steffen      Frank Dry      James Craft

Daugherty/ P. Holland to approve the agenda with the addition to the agenda. Motion passed.  
Kittinger/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

It was noted the “Star Eligibility” had been omitted from the agenda.

Weitekamp/ Ott to approve the agenda as corrected. Motion passed.  
D. Steffen/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

R. Holland/Telford to approve the December 31, 2006, Financial Report. Motion passed.  
Kittinger/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Pfeiffer/Ott to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2006, minutes with the noted corrections. Motion passed.  
Hartman/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

P. Holland/Daugherty to accept the FY `06 Audit Review. Motion passed.  
L. Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Weitekamp/Ott to accept the proposed resume’ sample, with either a black & white or color photo allowed, for use by all 2007-08 Section Officer Candidates and a template be made available at the Illinois FFA web site. Motion passed.  
L. Meteer/ D. Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

P. Holland/ Daugherty to accept the late preliminary Program of Activities from Section 6 and 25. Motion passed.  
Buyck/Hartman to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Reische discussed concerns with how the “Integral to Instruction” concepts are being impacted by the school code and agriculture education programs.

P. Holland/Daugherty to adopt the proposed “Indemnification Policy”. Motion passed.  
L. Meteer/D. Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft and Mr. Dry discussed the need for a chaperone policy. This item will be placed on the summer agenda.

Mr. Craft reviewed the jacket purchase policy. "No FFA Jackets will be approved by State FFA staff for any individuals that are not a current FFA member."

Meeting recessed at 12 noon

Meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

The State FFA Officers and staff reviewed plans for the State FFA Convention.

- Convention agenda
- Wrap-up videos will be presented at the end of the general sessions
- Pre-session activities will be sponsored by industry representatives
- Meal functions will be the same as last year
- Public Speaking will not be held at convention, but the state winners in each are will present their speech from the main stage.
- It was suggested the officers work with the Illinois Pork Producers and the Illinois Beef Association to have a lunch at the Old State Capitol.
- The President Abraham Lincoln Hotel is going into receivership. There should be no impact on the 2007 FFA Convention, but it could have an impact in 2008.

Daugherty/S. Meteer to maintain the State FFA Convention registration fees for the 2007 State FFA Convention.

Motion carried.

D. Steffen/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Registration Fees will be:     \$20 for advisor and members  
  \$15 for Band and Chorus members  
  \$7 for non-members  
  \$7 for one-day registrations  
  \$200 per booth for Commercial Exhibits  
  \$75 per booth for Not-for-Profit Exhibits

P. Holland/Weitekamp to allow the second place team in the State Ag Sales CDE to represent the Illinois Association FFA in the Marketing Plan CDE at the National FFA Convention. Motion passed.

Buyck/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Reische reviewed the "Administrative Infrastructure Development for Agricultural Education" proposal that is being addressed by the IAVAT Administrative Council and other agriculture education groups. (see attachment)

S. Meteer/P. Holland the FFA Board of Directors go on record in support of a third professional staff member at the Illinois FA Center. Motion passed.

D. Steffen/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

B. Pilcher discussed the postponed motion "to change the percentage of Hours/Dollars that a Star candidate must work/earn in their Star award area from 33% to 25%." The student members of the Board failed the motion.

K. Weber/D. Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

P. Holland/J. Telford to require 33% of Star Candidates required hours or earnings for the State FFA Degree must be generated by the area in which they are named a Star, effective 2007. Motion passed.

Kittinger/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

The State Officer presented their report. (see attachment)

Ag Legislative Awareness Day will be held March 28, 2007, at the State Capitol. The program and schedule will be similar to last year. Commodity baskets and lunches will be delivered to all the legislators and executive officers.

F. Dry reviewed the status of the “Safety and Community Grants” as well as the “Methamphetamine Awareness Grant”.

Mr. Dry reported that since the last meeting he had attended the ICCCTSO Meeting, IACCAI Conference, NAAE Annual Meeting and had a new granddaughter added to the family.

Mr. Craft reported on office activities and program work that has taken place since the last meeting.

The University Council has been active, working together by conference call. The University Deans and Department Chairs met together on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and discussed how to cooperate by sharing resources.

District Concerns:

District V – Would like to see student teachers get a scholarship to pay their registration for attending the “Made for Excellence” Conference.

There is a concern with the mailing dates not being used for the deadlines for program judging.

Would like a deadline set for the District Proficiency Judges to be submitted to the District Director

District IV - FFA Membership is a struggle for some teachers.

District III - Would like to see a difference in the motions used at the district and state level competitions in Parliamentary Procedure.

Need to clarify the Parliamentary Procedure rules to indicate when a required motion is to be considered “presented”.

District II - Asked how a score should be determined for a misspelled word that is misspelled multiple times.

Would like the FFA Board to set a policy to allow the purchase of FFA jackets by non-members.

District I - None

Ott/S. Meter to score misspelled words in the Secretary’s notes for the Parliamentary Procedure CDE at -2 points each, with a maximum of 10 points deducted for any one misspelled word. Motion passed.

Kittinger/ Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft reviewed the FFA Boards responsibilities for Proficiency Awards, Star Awards, Public Speaking and the State Parliamentary Procedure CDE.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***

**Illinois FFA Center  
Springfield, Illinois**

**September 20, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by FFA President Brad Pilcher and Chairman Ron Reische.

Following greetings by President Pilcher and Chairman Reische each person in attendance introduced themselves. Introductions showed the following individuals present.

Members:

Brad Pilcher	Patrick Holland	Taryn Pfeiffer	Megan Ott	Mallory Daugherty
Robin Holland	Amy Davis	Sam Meteer	Kaitlin Weitekamp	Jay Telford
Dan Hartman	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	Wm. Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger
Richard Steffen	Jay Runner	Ronald Reische		

Guests:

Mark Steber	Joe Steffen	Dean Olson	Mary-Grace Bell	Frank Dry	James Craft
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Chairman Reische reviewed voting procedures.

P. Holland/Daugherty to approve the agenda with the addition to the agenda of: 19) Safety Points for Proficiency Awards and 20) Star Qualification. Motion passed.

Weber/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Ott/P. Holland to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2006, minutes with the noted corrections. Motion passed. Hartman/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Daugherty/Ott to approve the August 31, 2006, Financial Report. Motion passed.

Weber/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

P. Holland/Daugherty to nominate and elect Dan Hartman and Bill Kittinger to the Governing Committee. Motion passed.

R. Steffen/Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Davis/Weitekamp to appoint James Craft as Executive Secretary. Motion passed.

Runner/Hartman to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft handed out the Section Election Procedures that were submitted by the Section FFA Officer Teams.

Weitekamp/S. Meteer to allow no section officer elections to be held prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> and any election held prior to that date shall be deemed invalid. Motion passed.

Runner/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Telford/S. Meteer that each section require their Section Officer candidates to sign the standardized Section Officer Commitment Form. Motion passed.

Hartman/R. Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

Weitekamp/Pfeiffer to require all FFA members running for Section Office complete a resume. Motion passed.

Weber/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Telford/S. Meteer to have the State Officers and Section Presidents develop recommendations for the resume' and report to the FFA Board at the January meeting. Motion passed.  
Buyck/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Weitekamp/Daugherty that only schools in the new sections shall be allowed to vote for their respective 2007-08 Section Officer teams and allow 2 voting delegates per school.  
P. Holland/S. Meteer to strike "2 voting delegates per school and insert "Equal voting representation for each school".  
Amendment passed  
Main Motion as amended passed.  
Buyck/Runner to sustain. Motion failed.

Weitekamp/Telford that only schools in the new sections shall be allowed to vote for their respective 2007-08 Section Officer teams and that each school be allowed two voting delegates. Motion passed.  
Kittinger/ L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m. for lunch.  
Meeting reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

P. Holland/Daugherty that all Section Presidents during Section Officer Elections cast a secret vote to use in case there is a tie vote on any office. Motion passed.  
Hartman/Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

The officers and Mr. Craft discussed the bi-monthly newsletter proposal for FFA Members.

P. Holland/Telford to drop the State Semi-Finals and hold the finals at the current State Semi-Finals site and date.  
Motion passed.  
Hartman/R. Steffen to sustain. Motion passed.

The FFA Board reviewed the agreement developed with the Soil & Water Conservation Districts for the State Envirothon.

#### State Officer Report

- Attended the Illinois State Fair and managed the FFA Barnyard. They also attended the Sale of Champions which generated \$10, 345 of income for the Illinois Foundation FFA. The officer competed in the Moo Moo Classic and ended up placing first.
- Attended the DuQuoin State Fair where Patrick and Megan walked in the Twilight Parade and attended the Livestock Judging Contest. All five officers attended the Ag Olympics.
- STAR Conferences are done and seemed to go well. There was good participation in all five programs.
- Chapter visits started on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Reporter Workshops concluded last night. In addition to the regular program, a representative from PAQ Interactive, Inc. was in attendance to discuss possibilities for chapter web sites.
- The September State Officer Meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Officer worked on the transition to new sections and prepared for the National FFA Convention.
- National Convention – Illinois has 15 delegates and an additional delegate (Mallory Daugherty) who is serving on the Nominating Committee. The Constitutional Amendment to revise voting procedures is coming forward for consideration. Illinois is well represented in National Convention activities: National Star Farmer Finalist – Andrew Bowman, ROWVA FFA; National AgriScience Finalist – Ryan Thoroman, Beardstown FFA; National Proficiency Finalists are Carrie Kuhns in Agricultural Education and Megan Keyser in Diversified Livestock Production; Goreville FFA was named a Model of Innovation Finalist in Student Development and Seneca FFA is a Model of Innovation Finalist in Chapter Development and Community Development.
- Kacy Baugher is Illinois FFA's National Officer Candidate



### District Concerns from Reporter Workshops

- District I – reviewed Proficiency Awards
- District II – Concern that the elimination of the State Degree quota will hurt second semester membership being turned in.
- District III – none
- District IV – Jim Trisler, Catlin Agriculture Teacher passed away.
- District V – Concern with the timeliness of proficiencies, the new due date requirements that were adopted and whether Section FFA Presidents should be reporting the CDE information for Incentive funding.

### Executive Secretary Report

- The 2007-08 Chapter Resource CD-ROM is done and at the programmer.
- The State Officer Meeting went well and Section Presidents are ready for fall activities.
- STAR Conferences went well and the officers had good training programs, but some section officer teams continue to leave the programs early.

### FCAE Report

- Grants are available for improving local Ag Programs.
- There is discussion that funds will be used to support part of the cost of EZ Records at the local level.
- Grants are available for teacher to visit other programs and learn new ideas and methods.

### Associate Executive Secretary Report

- Attended GROWMARK Annual Meeting with the officers
- The Safety and Community Development Grants, sponsored by Alliance Pipelines, are still available.
- EDGE Conference is planned for November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### ISBE Report

- He is trying to follow-up on the Governor's announcement at the Sale of Champions that he would be providing \$250,000 for FFA.
- A review of approvable programs in underway, as far as the requirements for skill level classes.
- Will be working to be able to document the HS4987, now a part of Public Act 094-0855, requirements for SAE and FFA are being met by local Agricultural Education programs.

### University Report

- Working on a "Cooperating Teachers Workshop" project with Richard Treat.

### IAVAT Report

- Realignment was a major issue for the summer conference and the IAVAT Board is working to make certain the transition is as smooth as possible.
- The Board attended the NAAE Region IV Conference.

Financial Reports for State FFA Convention and Leadership Camp were reviewed.

The FFA Board was reminded of the changes adopted for this year's Parliamentary Procedure CDE.

There was discussion on the National Proficiency eligibility.

S. Meter/Telford to lower the point value of "Safety" on the proficiency score sheets from 10 points to 5 points and add 5 points to the "Knowledge" area beginning 2008. Motion passed.

Buyck/Kittinger to sustain. Motion passed.

Weitekamp/P. Holland to change the percentage of Hours/Dollars that a Star candidate must work/earn in their Star award area from 33% to 25%.

S. Meter/Daugherty to postpone until the January meeting. Motion passed.

Buyck/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**August 3, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by FFA President Brad Pilcher and Chairman Ron Reische.

Following greetings by President Pilcher and Chairman Reische each person in attendance introduced themselves. Introductions showed the following individuals present.

Members:

Brad Pilcher	Patrick Holland	Taryn Pfeiffer	Megan Ott	Mallory Daugherty
Robin Holland	Amy Davis	Sam Meteer	Kaitlin Weitekamp	Jay Telford
Steve Buyck	Lee Meteer	Jay Runner	Ronald Reische	

Guests:

Jenna Wicks	Kayla King	Bryan Schullian	Ashley Hanold	James Craft
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Chairman Reische seated student members of the FFA Board of Directors and reviewed voting procedures.

Daugherty/Holland to approve the agenda with the addition of the agenda with the addition of FY`06 ISBE Grant Report. Motion passed.

Buyck/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

P. Holland/Weitekamp to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2006, minutes with the noted correction. Motion passed.  
L. Meteer/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Pfeiffer/Ott to approve the July 31, 2006, Financial Report. Motion passed.  
L. Meteer/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Mr. Craft distributed and reviewed the FY `06 ISBE Grant Rport.

Daugherty/Telford to approve the FY `07 ISBE Grant Application. Motion passed.  
Runner/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Weitekamp/Daugherty to change all current award postmark due dates to dates received at the Illinois FFA Center. Motion passed.

Buyck/ L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

*[Examples: State FFA Degree applications have been due postmarked March 1<sup>st</sup> to the Illinois FFA Center, now State Degree applications must be received by March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Illinois FFA Center; National Chapter Award applications have been due postmarked May 1<sup>st</sup> to the Illinois FFA Center; now National Chapter Award application must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>]*

Daugherty/S. Meteer to have two retired teachers per district to meet on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to review State FFA Degree applications and that State Staff evaluate the Star application. Any application needing correction must be received in the Illinois FFA Center by March 15<sup>th</sup> or they will not be considered for the degree. Motion passed.  
L. Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Ott/Daugherty to recommend to the FFA Foundation that section proficiency plaques be ready for presentation at the district proficiency selection, but plaques should not be presented to students that are not certified as a Section Winner. Motion passed.

Runner/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Following discussion, the “Transition to Realigned Section Boundaries” was referred to the September Board Meeting agenda.

Meeting recessed at 12:25 p.m. for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

Mr. Reische explained Public Act 094-0855, which amended the Illinois School Code and emphasized the integral nature of classroom instruction, FFA and SAE's.

The 2005-06 State FFA Officers reviewed highlights of their year and provided some recommendations for change.

**Highlights about the year:**

- Love having new computers and the opportunity to buy them
- Going on ILSSO as a team
- Working with the hotel staff at the Ramada Limited North
- Working with the FFA Center Staff. We got to know everyone pretty well and loved every minute of it. The Secretaries played the role of boss, sister, and mom.
- The office secretaries did a great job of helping to split the chapter banquets up even amongst the team.
- Having the opportunity of serving on the Youth Education Committee
- Attending events such as the Chicago Auto Show, Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, GROWMARK Annual Meeting, and meeting with individuals from Monsanto and their Foundation Donors.
- Having some team time at the annual Farm Bureau Meeting in St. Louis.
- Working along with the Illinois Farm Bureau.
- Being prepared and well researched of National Convention amendments and committees
- Testifying on behalf of agriculture education and HB 4986 numerous times and being part of the law passage.
- Being able to travel to all different areas of the state and seeing improvements from chapter visits to banquets in one short year.
- Having new workshop topics for State Convention
- Jenna and Jake really enjoyed meeting with President Bush during SPC
- Having the opportunity to meet with ADM Executives along with the National Officers
- National Officer or National Staff training: Blast-Off and NLC SO
- Seeing Illinois FFA Membership reach a 25 Year High!

**Recommendations:**

- During the team Officer Retreat, have a Past State Officer give a workshop on scripts.
- Have secretaries proof scripts as in the past
- During the months of February and March, make some business and industry visits that do not already donate to foundation.
- Officers – Work hard to get everything done so you can have a practice day
- Give the officers a practice day before convention at the convention center
- Take off ALL Velcro on the convention screens and put all new Velcro on.
- Host a meeting with the backstage crew before convention starts.
- Throughout the year, allow all officers the opportunity to bring remarks on behalf of the team.
- Re-evaluate Selection Committee process. Example – Present a workshop that was made up ahead of time or on site.
- Some believe Public Speaking semi finals should be cut out or gotten rid of.
- Support the National Officer Candidate!
- Work more with chapters during National FFA Week
- Quicker responses for the Illinois FFA Website

- o Some how publicize the importance of Chapter Chatter

Daugherty/Telford to accept the Membership Committee Report as written and implement all recommendations except #3 and forward it to the IAVAT for consideration. Motion passed.

Buyck/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

Ott/Weitekamp to accept the Fundraising Committee Report as written and implement all recommendations except #2b and forward it to the FFA Foundation for consideration. Motion passed.

Buyck/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Pfeiffer/R. Holland to accept and implement the Public Relations Committee Report as written. Motion passed.

L. Meteer/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Weitekamp/S. Meteer to accept the SAE Promotion Committee Report as written and implement all recommendations except #3band forward it to the FFA Foundation for consideration. Motion passed.

Runner/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

P. Holland/Davis to accept and the Community Development Committee Report as written

Ott/S. Meteer to strike “per section” and insert “state”. Motion passed.

Main motion as amended passed.

Runner/Buyck to sustain. Motion passed.

Brad Pilcher reviewed information on a Camp Directors Meeting that will be held during October in Georgia and presented a request that Illinois assist an individual in attending.

Holland/Daugherty to sponsor a representative to the Camp Directors Meeting in Georgia and provide \$200 for expenses. Motion passed.

Meteer/Buyck to sustain.

P. Holland/S. Meteer to support the concept of a bi-monthly newsletter for members.

P. Holland/Telford to postpone consideration until the September FFA Board of Director’s Meeting. Motion passed.

L. Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Daugherty/Holland to adopt and implement the Parliamentary Procedure CDE rule change recommendations as presented by the IAVAT.

Holland/S. Meteer to amend by striking recommendation #4. Motion passed.

Main motion as amended passed.

Buyck/Runner to sustain. Motion passed.

Pfeiffer/Ott to add the information that complete sentences are not required for the Secretaries notes to the rules and secretary’s score sheet.

P. Holland/Daugherty to insert and “that secretary’s record action by the contestants’ number”. Motion passed.

Main motion as amended passed

Buyck/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the IAVAT’s proposal to develop a consolidated Calendar of Events.

### **Reports:**

**FFA Officers** – The officers reviewed their activities since being elected at the State FFA Convention. Major activities included: Orientation Meeting, Training with John Moats, Blast-Off Conference, National Leadership Conference for State Officers, Heritage & Cooperative Activities tour, Illinois Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Student Organizations Conference, July State Officer Meeting, Leadership Camp and State President’s Conference.

- FFA Alumni** – The FFA Alumni held an Alumni Council meeting at Leadership Camp and cooked pork chops for the campers. The Alumni would be offering grants to local Alumni affiliates to remodel their local Agricultural Education departments
- Executive Secretary** – Mr. Craft handed out copies of the FFA Annual Report that was sent to the Executive Secretary of the National FFA Organization.
- FCAE** - Mr. Runner indicated that ideas for a new Agricultural Education billboard were welcome, but needed to be submitted by the first of November. He asked the FFA Officers to take photos while making Chapter Visits, so they could be used in next year's Annual Report.
- ISBE** - Mr. Reische indicated efforts were underway to ensure the Agricultural Education Consultant position would be filled prior to his retirement. He indicated that the Agricultural Education line item was increased by \$500,000 for the second year in a row.

**Concerns:**

- District I** - None
- District II** - Concerns were emailed, expressing a desire the FFA Board consider revising the policy that 1/3 of a student's income or hours must come from the SAE in which they are named a Star. Additionally, it was indicated there were too many points being credited to Safety on the Proficiency Award score sheet.
- District III** - Concern that the meters for convention parking were being used by vehicles that shouldn't have parked there.
- District IV** - Would like to have a sheet for advisors to use in collecting student information that could later be used to complete the on-line rosters. Inquired whether the FFA hands out promotional items at the State Fair.
- District V** - None

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**May 5, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies by Jake Bonnell, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Jake and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Jake Bonnell	Jenna Wicks	Kayla King	Bryan Schullian	Ashley Hanold
Mallory Daugherty	Sara Jane Bretzman	Michelle Milstead	Brad Pilcher	Blaine Milam, Jr.
Dan Hartman	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	W. Lee Meteer	Jay Runner
Ron Reische				

Guests:

Kara Poynter	Aaron Heartt	Mike Delligati	Kelly Knobloch	Ryan Gilbert
Kurt Robbins	Becky Meyer	Chris Miller	JoEllen Seaman	Danny McCrite
Daryle Wragge	Mark Wright	Coleen Larkin	Ryan Wildman	Chris Kendall
Alan Merriman	Bob Brown	Ron Lynch	Jim Craft	Frank Dry

Hanold/Schullian to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Buyck/Hartman to sustain. Motion carried.

Wicks/King to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2006, meeting. Motion carried.

Hartman/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Hanold/Schullian to adopt the FY '07 FFA Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Schullian/Daugherty to allow bureau Valley FFA to represent the Illinois Association FFA at the 2006 Ohio American Quarter Horse Congress – Junior Division Horse Contest in October. Motion carried.

Buyck/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

King/Schullian to establish a State FFA Degree Review Team as presented. Motion carried.

Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft reviewed the FFA Convention Business:

- Constitutional Amendment related to the State FFA Degree Quota
- FFA Committee Reports

Jake handed out the current FFA Membership report and compliment the teachers and Section Presidents for their membership recruitment effort. Membership is at 16,630, the highest it has been since 1982-83.

Jake Bonnell and Mr. Reische reviewed the responsibilities of the FFA Board Members and alternates during the election of the 2006-07 Major State Officers.

He also announced a Keynote Speaker has been secured and will be speaking at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Convention Session (Wednesday morning). The speaker, Kevin Wanzer, is very highly recommended and spoke at the ICCCTSO Conference last summer.

Hanold/Pilcher to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies.

Mr. Craft reviewed the judging committee assignments and duties.

Student Development Committee - Jake Bonnell, Blaine Milam, Michelle Milstead, Lee Meteer, Kara Poynter, Aaron Heartt, Mike Delligati and Kelly Knobloch.

Chapter Development Committee – Jenna Wicks, Mallory Daugherty, Brad Pilcher, Steve Buyck, Ryan Gilbert, Kurt Robbins, Bob Brown and Becky Meyer

Community Development – Kayla King, Sara Jane Bretzman, Dan Hartman, Ron Lynch, Chris Miller, JoEllen Seaman, Danny McCrite, Daryle Wragge.

Errors/Incomplete Application Committee - Bryan Schullian, Ashley Hanold, Kent Weber, Mark Wright, Coleen Larkin, Ryan Wildman, Chris Kendall, Alan Merriman.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**January 30, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies by Jake Bonnell, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Jake and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Jake Bonnell	Jenna Wicks	Kayla King	Bryan Schullian	Ashley Hanold
Mallory Daugherty	Sara Jane Bretzman	Michelle Milstead	Brad Pilcher	Blaine Milam, Jr.
Dan Hartman	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	W. Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger
Jay Runner	Ron Reische			

Guests:

Ron Lynch	Jim Craft	Frank Dry
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Mr. Reische explained the voting procedures and seated the new members of the FFA Board of Directors.

Wicks/King to accept the agenda with flexibility. Motion carried.

Weber/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Pilcher/Schullian to accept the September 29, 2005, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Buyck/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Schullian/Daugherty to approve the December 2005 Financial Report. Motion carried.

Hartman/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

Pilcher/Schullian to accept the 2 late POA's that provided a reasonable explanation as to why their pre-POA's were late. Motion carried.

Hartman/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Reische and Mr. Craft provided background information on the effort to amend the Illinois School Code to reinforce the integral nature of FFA and SAE's to Agricultural Education. Representative Donald Moffitt is proposing legislation.

Hanold/Milam to accept the 2005 Audit Review. Motion carried.

Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

State FFA Convention

The officers provided a tentative convention program and reviewed it with the FFA Board. The Board suggested the 6<sup>th</sup> Session be reviewed further and shortened if at all possible.

Hanold/Wicks moved to maintain the same registration fees as 2005. Motion carried.

Buyck/Hartman to sustain. Motion carried.



Pilcher/Milam to offer a State Degree meal package for parents attending the State FFA Degree Luncheon. Motion failed.

Schullian/Milstead to offer 2006 Convention parking for over-size vehicles only. Motion carried.  
Buyck/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:26 p.m.

Hanold/Daugherty that the beginning in 2006-07 the State Semi-Finals for Extemporaneous and Prepared Public Speaking be the Final State competition for Extemporaneous and Prepared Public Speaking. Motion carried on a vote of 6 for and 3 against.

Kittinger/Runner to sustain. Motion failed on a vote of 2 for and 3 against.

It was requested that this item be placed on the Board's summer meeting agenda.

It was suggested the officers work with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum to set up activities for the FFA Convention attendees.

Bretzman/Schullian to allow 2004 and 2005 records to be recopied into the new online web records. Motion carried.  
Weber/Buyck to sustain. Motion carried.

[Note: It is not required that students recopy their records, but if they choose to do so the records must be completely recopied and the original records must accompany the web records to all award and degree competitions.]

## **Reports**

### FFA Officers

- The officers reported they had attended the EDGE Conference, the program was presented well and made a big impact on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade members in attendance.
- They participated in the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting by presenting colors at the session and Jake had the opportunity to present remarks to the attendees.
- The officers recently returned from the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO). They visited Spain and Portugal, saw a great deal of agriculture industry while on the trip and learned a great deal about the culture.
- Made for Excellence went well with over 500 FFA members participating in the conferences.
- The Youth Education Committee is working on the FB/FFA Youth Conference.
- The January State FFA Officer Meeting was held January 26-27, 2006, and the officers spent time reviewing goals and preparing for spring events.

### Safety & Community Grants

- This is the second year for the grants.
- \$4,200 in Community Development Grants was awarded to chapters.
- \$5,400 in Safety Grants was awarded to chapters.
- A total of 12 chapters received grants
- It was suggested the Grant application be included in the IAVAT Conference packets to increase awareness and help teachers remember the due dates.

### Made For Excellence Conference

- The MFE was held at the Oak Brook Hills Resort and the Collinsville Holiday Inn.
- Both conferences went well and there were very few discipline issues.
- A large number of chapters are participating in the program.
- Teacher inservice sessions seemed to go well, but participation was fairly light on Saturday morning.

#### Ag Legislative Day

- The event will be held March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the State Capitol.
- Jake Bonnell and Heather Miller (Miss Illinois County Fair & TriValley FFA Member) will present remarks to the House and Senate.

#### Building Fund/Facility

- The final payment on the loan at Illinois National Bank was made last week.
- \$93,000 is owed to the Illinois Foundation FFA for the cash outlay they made for construction purposes.
- An escrow account will be established to use for facility repairs and improvements.

#### Envirothon

- The State Envirothon Committee is willing to consider that each section or district send a participant to the State Envirothon.
- It will be impossible to arrange for this year, but discussions are scheduled to work out a plan for 2006-07.

#### FFA Center Staff

- Schedule is typical for this time of year.
- Planning for summer events is underway (WLC Buss and Leadership Camp).

#### **Concerns**

District I - Resectioning

- District II - There is a need to examine the score sheet for Proficiency Awards and State FFA Degree selection.
- There is a concern that special accommodations that are made for students based on their IEP's are going to cause serious problems and judgment calls.
  - There is a concern that students are being added to the National CDE teams as substitutes when they have not participated in the State CDE.

District III - None

District IV - More communication on the progress in the section realignment.

- District V - Teachers don't want to complete the points for the District Proficiency Report forms.
- Section realignment is not desired.

Mr. Craft reviewed the duties and responsibilities in regard to the District Proficiency Awards, District Public Speaking, and State Awards Day.

Jake Bonnell reviewed the Membership Incentive Award program that is being used to encourage FFA membership and recruitment.

Meeting concluded at 3:40 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**September 29, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies by Jake Bonnell, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Jake and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Jake Bonnell	Jenna Wicks	Kayla King	Bryan Schullian	Ashley Hanold
Mallory Daugherty	Sara Jane Bretzman	Michelle Milstead	Brad Pilcher	Blaine Milam, Jr.
Dan Hartman	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	W. Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger
Jay Runner	Ron Reische			

Guests:

Ron Lynch	Jim Craft	Frank Dry	Kacy Baugher	Cliff Dolbeare
Becky Littlefield	Shana Stine			

Mr. Reische explained the voting procedures and seated the new members of the FFA Board of Directors.

Schullian/King to accept the agenda with flexibility. Motion carried.

Meteer/Buyck to sustain. Motion carried.

Wicks/Daugherty to accept the May 6, 2005, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Kittinger/Hartman to sustain. Motion carried.

Pilcher/Hanold to accept the FY '05 Final Financial Report. Motions carried.

Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Hanold/Schullian to approve the August 31, 2005, Financial Report. Motion carried.

Hartman/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

King/Bretzman to approve the FY '06 ISBE Contract. Motion carried.

Weber/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Reische reviewed the duties of the Governing Committee.

Milam/Daugherty to nominate and elect Bill Kittinger and Dan Hartman to the 2005-06 Governing Committee.

Motion carried.

Weber/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Schullian/Milstead to appoint Jim Craft as the 2005-06 Executive Secretary. Motion carried.

Hartman/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Hanold/King to present the P.R.I.D.E. Award to chapters having a 10% or 10 member increase and keep the Century Award for chapters having membership of 100% or more. Motion carried.

Kittinger/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Hanold/Wicks to change the eligibility policy for the Officer Selection Committee and allow a chapter to have a representative serve on the committee after a 3-year layout, rather than a 4-year layout. Motion carried.  
Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Cliff Dolbeare reviewed the research he did on the registration costs other state associations charge.  
The board thanked him for his work. No other action was taken.

Mr. Craft reviewed the attendance and financial report for the 77<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention.  
Wicks/Pilcher to approve the financial report for the 77<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention. Motion carried.  
Buyck/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

Wicks/Pilcher to accept the 2005 FFA Convention Committee Reports for: *Membership, Capital Development, Student Relations, Public Relations* and *Leadership*. Motion carried.  
Buyck/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Hanold/Milstead to refer Item #1 under Industry in the Public Relations committee report [NOTE: The recommendation reads: "Form a committee appointed by the Board of Directors to create a Top Ten Do's and Don't's for approaching businesses and companies for FFA and agriculture support."] to the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee. Motion carried.  
Weber/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Milstead/Milam to accept the recommendation from IAVAT and recognize the highest ranking FFA Team (100% FFA members) from the State Envirothon contest as qualified to compete in the National FFA Environmental & Natural Resources CDE. Motion carried.  
Weber/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

Schullian/Pilcher to direct State Staff to research the possibility of having one FFA team advance from each council competition to the State Envirothon. Motion carried.  
Hartman/Buyck to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft reviewed the District FFA events and informed the District Directors of their responsibilities for the conduct of the events.

Mr. Dry reviewed the Foundation Business and Industry Tour scheduled for November 8-11, 2005.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m.  
The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Pilcher/Daugherty to judge state awards for the National Chapter Award based on the information on Forms I and II of the application, but the entry must have Form III to advance to National FFA competition. Motion failed.  
Hanold/Schullian to reconsider. Motion passed.  
Hanold/Wicks to amend by adding Entries will be given a 15 day grace period, beginning the day after judging, to complete Form III. Motion carried.  
Main motion as amended passed.  
Hartman/Buyck to sustain. Motion carried.

Milstead/King to allow the 2006 State FFA Degree applicants to use the 2004 or 2005 version of the State FFA Degree application. Motion carried.  
Buyck/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

Wick/Daugherty to accept the revised Parliamentary Procedure CDE rules as presented. Motion carried.  
Kittinger/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Wicks/Schullian that Section Proficiency Winner's plaques not be ordered until the participant has been certified as a Section Winner at the District competition. Motion carried.  
Weber/Buyck to sustain. Motion carried.

Wicks/Bretzman to keep the current requirements for the Proficiency application for State Proficiency Award competition. Motion carried.  
Buyck/Hartman to sustain. Motion carried.

Pilcher/Daugherty to request the FFA Foundation seek sponsorship and establish a Food Service proficiency award beginning 2006-07. Motion carried.  
Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

### **2004-05 State FFA Officer Team Report**

The 2004-05 Officer Team presented a report on their year of service. They reviewed their duties and shared concerns and commendations with the FFA Board in order to assist the Board in their future decision making.

#### *Pro's to the Year of Service*

- ⇒ Being elected
- ⇒ Serving with each other
- ⇒ A GREAT Website!
- ⇒ Working out of the office
- ⇒ Supportive hotel staff
- ⇒ Officer Training
- ⇒ Contacts with numerous individuals and organizations
- ⇒ Tremendous support staff inside the office
- ⇒ Support groups (Board, FCAE, Alumni)
- ⇒ Financial support from the Illinois Foundation FFA
- ⇒ Gas prices being below \$2/gallon.
- ⇒ The education we received
- ⇒ Seeing Jay elected as a National FFA Officer
- ⇒ Playing a role in the increase of the Agricultural Education Line Item
- ⇒ College opportunities
- ⇒ Ending our year with an awesome convention

#### *Con's to the Year of Service*

- ⇒ Lack of communication at certain points during the year
- ⇒ Procrastination near convention time
- ⇒ Falling short on our State Officer Team goals
- ⇒ Not burning the mortgage – Hopefully it happens soon
- ⇒ Being asked by FFA Advisors to show results from contest, an action that FFA Office policy prohibited us from doing
- ⇒ Having to check in and out of the hotel
- ⇒ Not every officer went on Business and Industry Visits
- ⇒ Not making it on “Oprah” during FFA Week
- ⇒ Lack of restaurants near the office at the beginning of our year
- ⇒ Not getting the convention t-shirts sponsored
- ⇒ Not realizing the hotel had wireless internet access...all year long.

#### *Items to Continue*

- ⇒ Business and Industry Visits – State and National (for all officers)
- ⇒ ILSSO – As an entire team!
- ⇒ Officer Retreat!
- ⇒ Other Association's Conventions – Only if a few months before Illinois'
- ⇒ Pre-convention Practice Day!
- ⇒ Eight different sections of Proficiency Awards at convention
- ⇒ Officer laptops – being able to purchase after the year of service
- ⇒ Supper at the Reische residence

- ⇒ Use of the Ethanol Car
- ⇒ Chapter Recognition Cards at convention
- ⇒ Working with Jay Kelley on Retiring Addresses
- ⇒ Expressing Illinois' beliefs at the National Convention

Items to Discontinue

- ⇒ Other events the week before the convention
- ⇒ P.R.I.D.E. qualifications being tied to Century Challenge

Suggestions

- ⇒ Having a professional speaker during Session 3 (Wednesday morning)
- ⇒ Coordinate band and Chorus with the Backstage and Sound Crew

**Leadership Camp Report**

Mr. Craft presented the Leadership Camp Report for the camp staff. The Financial Report showed the 2005 Leadership Camp generated \$3,631.54 income in excess of expenses. [Note: The expenses reported did not include postage and printing costs.] The camp was attended by 223 students, 27 officers, and 14 camp staff. The number of staff were lower than what had been planned on, and a bit lower than is desirable. Recommendations/Concerns from the camp staff were: 1) Give one free camp registration to the schools whose teacher serves on the camp staff, 2) Make it a committee area for IAVAT, 3) Make camp staff service an X –value on the Incentive Funding Grant application, and Provide a stipend for those participating with camp. The camp staff recommend the group operate as a committee , with a Chairperson and Assistant Chairperson, rather than as a group with a director.

Pilcher/Daugherty to accept the 2005 FFA Leadership Camp Report. Motion carried.

Buyck/Hartman to sustain. Motion carried.

**National Convention Report**

The 2005-06 FFA Officers reviewed the plans for the 78<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention.

- Ryan Robinson, Sullivan FFA, is the National Officer Candidate
- Seth McMillan, Taylorville FFA, is a finalist for Star in Agriculture Placement
- Elisa Bentz, Tri-Point FFA, is a finalist in the National AgriEntrepreneurship Award program.
- Illinois has 6 National Proficiency Finalists.
- Southwestern FFA will exhibit in the Hall of States
- Illinois has 14 delegates attending
- Illinois will receive a Membership Growth Award
- 61 students will receive their American FFA Degree
- 4 adults will receive their Honorary American FFA Degree
- Blaine Milam, Jr. will be Illinois' flag bearer at National Convention.
- 3 buses will travel to Louisville, Kentucky on the Wednesday of National Convention and administrators, guidance counselors and supporters are being signed up across the state to attend the event.

**FFA Officer Report**

The 2005-06 FFA Officers reported on the State Fairs they attended. The Illinois State Fair went very well, with good crowds passing through the FFA Barnyard. The Sale of Champions generated about \$7, 900 of income for the Illinois Foundation FFA. Additionally, after the Grand Champion Barrow was sold it was donated back to the auction and it was resold for \$20,000. That money will be split between FFA and 4-H. The \$10,000 the FFA is to receive will be applied to the Capital Campaign. Doug Anderson was selected as the “Excellence in Teaching Award Winner”. Ashley and Bryan attended the DuQuoin State Fair for the Farmyard Follies and the Judging Contest. STAR Conferences were well attended and the program went very well. Chapter Visits, Leadership Training Schools and Reporter Workshops are underway.

**Executive Secretary's Report**

Mr. Craft reported an on-line tutorial is being developed to assist teacher in SAE's and FFA programs. The tutorials are being funded through the Agricultural Education line item. Part of the STAR Conferences included the development of a Section FFA Recruitment Plan. He noted that scoring sheet for the Chapter Scrapbook Contest was revised this

summer and the points adjusted slightly. He distributed copies of the FFA Annual report and commended the 2004-05 State FFA Officer Team for an outstanding year of service.

### **Illinois State Board of Education Report**

Mr. Reische reported that funding grants are being reviewed and EFE Systems are being notified. He has a new boss, Mark Williams, who is very supportive. Vacant CTE positions that were lost over the last few years are gradually being filled as funding and needs allow. He indicated that he had turned in a notice to retire and would leave the agency in 2007 and would like to see a second Ag Ed Consultant hired this summer.

### **Capital Campaign Report**

Mr. Dry reported the major income received recently:

- Titan Tire Auction at the Farm Progress Show raised \$32,500.
- Bill Johnson, Joliet Jr. College Instructor, gave a \$10,000 donation
- The Sale of Champions at the Illinois State Fair raised \$10,000

Approximately \$8,100 more must be raised to retire the debt at the bank and pay off the mortgage. A debt of \$95,500 remains to be paid to the FFA Foundation.

### **District Concerns**

- District V - Some do not like to have to use the points on the proficiency score sheets
- District IV - Resection carefully, travel time and distance needs to be consolidated.
- District III - FFA Convention
  - Liked the proficiency breakdown into smaller groupings and the location of the Sam Taylor Scholarship Location.
  - Oversized parking passes were not available on Tuesday of convention. There was a lack of breakfast options in the downtown area. The concessions stand closed very early during elections.
  - Spaces for exhibits should be assigned, instead of being a first-come-first-served basis.
  - Move the Ag Science Fair displays to a room for the judging and then have the usher corps move them to the public display area. The judges had a hard time hearing the student's explanations.
  - Two spaces should be available for photos – one for convention press corps and the other location to have a theme sign for chapter photo use.
  - Would like a food court.
- State Awards Day
  - Carrying books all over campus is a problem.
  - Some of the rooms were very poor for interviewing.
  - The PowerPoint® announcement of the winners was a problem due to the delay in viewing. Have two screens or post on poster board in the hallway.
  - Having to pay for the facility and then get a commercial to attend the college.
  - Some of the committees did not start interviewing until 2:00 p.m.
  - Six judges is a problem with only five sets of books.
  - It would be nice to move it around the state – Jacksonville or Lincoln Land CC would be good sites.
- Record Book Questions
  - Ag Education – how can this be done outside of school hours? Still seeing a lot of winners with SAE's that are directly related to school hours.
  - Small Animal Production & Care vs. Specialty Animal – rabbit placement is confusing some people.
- District II - Would like a live video feed of the convention stage to the lobby of the Prairie Capital Convention Center.
  - Consolidate the events at the state level.
  - Make the deadline for State Chorus and Band earlier.
- District I - None

Hanold/Pilcher to invite the IAVAT Section Secretaries to judge the first round of State Program Judging and invite the IAVAT Section Chairs to judge the second round of program judging. Motion carried.  
Buyck/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Pilcher/Hanold to send the National Chapter Award program to national level competition as unranked entries. Motion carried.  
Weber/Hartman to sustain. Motion carried.

Wicks/Schullian to set April 15<sup>th</sup> as the deadline for State FFA Band, Chorus and Talent applications. Motion carried.  
Kittinger/Buyck to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting was concluded at 4:25 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.



**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**May 6, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies by Kacy Baugher, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Kacy and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Kacy Baugher	Cliff Dolbeare	Becky Littlefield	Shana Stine	Rich Chapple
Jake Bonnell	Jacqueline Fenn	Bryan Schullian	Stacey Rohrscheib	Emmalee Brink
Rick Pettit	Kent Weber	Mary Barnes	W. Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger
Andy Baker	Ron Reische			

Guests:

Dan Hartman	Ron Lynch	Morris McClelland	Bob Brown	Jo Ellen Seaman
Stan Toepfer	Aaron Heartt	James Anderson	Jim Craft	Frank Dry

Fenn/Schullian to add items #11 P.R.I.D.E. Award Eligibility, #12 Convention Survey Report, and #13 State Officer Selection Committee and accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Pettit/Baker to sustain. Motion carried.

Bonnell/Rohrscheib to accept the January 24, 2005, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Baker/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Schullian/Brink to approve the April 30, 2005, Financial Report. Motion carried.

Baker/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Littlefield/Stine to approve the FY '06 FFA Budget as proposed. Motion carried.

Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Kacy Baugher reviewed convention business items and the FFA Board's duties at the State FFA Convention.

Fenn/Brink to place the P.R.I.D.E. Award eligibility rules on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the FFA Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Meteer/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Cliff Dolbeare reviewed the information he received on FFA Convention registration rates from other state associations. It was suggested the Board review the items for consideration at a later date.

Concern was expressed regarding the difficulty in filling the positions on the FFA Officer Selection Committee. It was recommended the Selection Committee process be reviewed at the next regular meeting of the FFA Board of Directors.

Dolbeare/Schullian to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meteer/Baker to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies.

Following Closing Ceremonies Mr. Craft Reviewed the process to be followed in scoring the National Chapter Award applications. After instructions were given and questions answered, the attendees were split into committees and the evaluation of the National Chapter Award Programs began.

**Committee Assignments:**

*Student Development:* Kacy Baugher, Dan Hartman, Bryan Schullian, Jo Ellen Seaman, Bill Kittinger and Lee Meteer

*Chapter Development:* Cliff Dolbeare, James Anderson, Emmalee Brink, Stan Toepfer, Kent Weber and Jake Bonnell

*Community Development:* Shana Stine, Morris McClelland, Jackie Fenn, Bob Brown, Stacey Rohrscheib and Rich Pettit

*Committee #4:* Becky Littlefield, Ron Lynch, Mary Barnes, Aaron Heartt, Rich Chapple and Andy Baker

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**January 24, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies by Kacy Baugher, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Kacy and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Kacy Baugher	Cliff Dolbear	Becky Littlefield	Shana Stine	Rich Chapple
Jake Bonnell	Jacqueline Fenn	Bryan Schullian	Stacey Rohrscheib	Emmalee Brink
Rick Pettit	Kent Weber	Mary Barnes	W. Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger
Andy Baker	Jay Runner	Ron Reische		

Guests:

Ron Lynch	Matt Vinyard	Dane Hunter	Gretchen Boggess	Jim Craft
Frank Dry				

Fenn/Brink to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Baker/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Rohrscheib/Littlefield to accept the September 30, 2004, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Pettit/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Dolbear/Schullian to approve the December 31, 2004, Financial Report. Motion carried.

Kittinger/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Stine/Bonnell to accept the 2004 Audit Review. Motion carried.

Barnes/Baker to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft reported there were no late Preliminary Programs of Activities to address.

Becky Littlefield, State FFA Reporter, presented the State FFA Officer Report. The report was a PowerPoint presentation and focused on the officers activities since the September meeting. Major items were the Dairy Foods and Crops CDE's, GROWMARK and Farm Bureau Annual Meetings, State Officer Christmas Party and the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers.

Rich Chapple reported that nearly 600 FFA members attended the Made for Excellence Conference. There were two locations: Collinsville and Oak Brook. Two sessions were held in each location. The materials and presenters were good.

Mr. Craft handed out an updated FFA membership report. The report showed 14,277 members had been entered in the online roster system, but there were several schools that had incomplete information. Additionally, several chapters have yet to submit their rosters. He indicated that chapters whose rosters were not approved were considered "not in good standing" and their members were ineligible for FFA recognition and awards. Once the chapter rosters were approved, the chapter and its members were eligible for awards.

Mr. Dry announced the Ag Legislative Day would be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol. The assembly of the baskets will begin about 8:30 a.m. and lunches would be delivered about 10:30 a.m. Chapters are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Dry presented a Capital Campaign report. He indicated the "Barns of Illinois" books have generated nearly \$50,000 in income. The Chevy truck program when completed will bring in about \$9,000. The IAVAT Committee continues to work and hopes to generate enough dollars to retire the mortgage on the FFA Center this year.

Kacy Baugher, State FFA President, discussed the team's membership goals. They will continue the Century Challenge and P.R.I.D.E. Awards as chapter incentive awards. She and the major officers then presented a plan to motivate the Section FFA Officer teams to become actively involved in membership recruitment. [See Attachment A] Chapple/Bonnell to adopt the 2005 Membership Growth Initiative as changed. Motion carried. Runner/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.  
Reconvened from lunch at 12:50 p.m.

The officers reviewed the tentative agenda for the 2005 State FFA Convention. There was some desire expressed that an outside speaker be hired for a presentation.

Fenn/Schullian moved the FFA Board develop an amendment pertaining to changing the Collegiate FFA membership eligibility to align the Illinois FFA Constitution with the National FFA Constitution and present it to the delegates at the 2005 State FFA Convention. Motion carried. Weber/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

Chapple/Schullian to hold the convention registration fees at the same level as 2004. Motion carried. Runner/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

The following suggestions were provided for the officers to consider as they prepared for the convention.

- Signage is needed to direct buses to the FFA Dance
- Move the Penny Wars downstairs
- Expand the Agriculture Science Fair into the area occupied by the Penny Wars
- Put Public Speaking Finals on the main stage

The idea of holding a Trivia/Quiz Bowl was discussed. The majority of the board felt the addition would be good, but were concerned it would distract from the sessions. It was suggested that the time of the dance and elections might be a good time to offer this alternative.

Mr. Craft indicated a \$3,600 grant from the National FFA had been received to assist the state in promoting the Washington Leadership Conference. National FFA's goal was to have chapters in attendance that had not had previous participants. Mr. Craft indicated he would like to use part of the grant to cover the WLC registration fee for the FFA Advisor coordinating the state bus to the WLC.

Chapple/Dolbeare the Washington Leadership Conference grant be used for a \$200-300 registration stipend for teachers and that an application for the grant be used to determine the teachers to receive the stipend.

Littlefield/Schullian to amend by adding that preference be given to teachers that have not previously attended the Washington Leadership Conference. Motion carried.

Main Motion as amended passed.

Barnes/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

The board discussed whether students with special needs should be granted any special accommodations at the career development events based on information contained on their IEP.

Bonnell/Rohrscheib that hosts for an event be given 10 school days written notice requesting any special accommodations necessary for Special Needs students. Motion carried.

Weber/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

It was noted by Mr. Reische and Mr. Craft this motion was to be considered a temporary answer until advice could be obtained from the Illinois State Board of Education, National FFA and the Illinois High School Association. The board should expect this issue on a future agenda for discussion and possible policy amendments.

Mr. Dry reported that nine chapter have been awarded "Safety and Community Development Grants". There was sufficient sponsorship from Alliance Pipeline to present 16 grants, but not enough chapters submitted applications. The Chapters receiving grants are: Arthur FFA, Barry FFA, Central A & M FFA, Cuba FFA, Hartsburg-Emden FFA, Lewistown FFA, Midland FFA, Pontiac FFA and the Seneca FFA.

Concerns:

District I None

District II Would like to have the Parliamentary Procedure changed to 10 points for the questions and 60 points for the discussion.

District III The State Forestry CDE needs more control and should follow the National rules.

Pleasant Hill would like to host the Food Science CDE for 2005-06

Would like to have a video done on Sam Taylor that could be played at the State FFA Convention. (Note: This was completed and done at the 2004 State Convention)

District IV Have two rounds of competition at the State Livestock CDE. The first date is open to all chapters and the second round would invite the top teams back for a reasons event.

FFA is an important part of Agriculture Education and the IAVAT needs to communicate that to the universities.

District V Bus parking at the State FFA Convention is a concern.

Teachers need training on the recordbooks.

Teachers need training on the Parliamentary Procedure CDE.

WIU Encouraged all to get involved with the activities of the IAVAT Student Branch.

Staff Associate Executive Secretary

He is working with Farm Credit Services to host a golf outing on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Made for Excellence Conference went very well. Mr. Dry, Ed McMillan, Kacy Baugher and Cliff Dolbeare did a Business and Industry Tour in November. The Foundation had a display at the Quad Cities Farm Show. An American Degree Workshop will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the FFA Center.

Executive Secretary

Mr. Craft reported the ILSSO trip was very enjoyable and educational. He reminded the Board the FFA Alumni Annual Meeting would be held January 28-29, 2005, at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. The FFA Officers would meet following the Board Meeting and the Illinois Pork Producers would present their Business in America program tomorrow. Efforts are underway to promote an understanding of the Agriculture Education line item. Mr. Craft, Mike Massie, Jay Runner and Mr. Reische have met with the new Superintendent of Education. Additionally they met with Elliot Regenstien and Ginger Ostro, members of the Governor's staff. The CD-ROM with all the chapter applications has been distributed to all teachers.

ISBE Mr. Reische reminded the Board that when we discuss Agriculture Education, we must talk about all Career & Technical Education not just Agricultural Education. We need to get our legislators in the local Agricultural Education programs so they can see the positive impact the Ag Ed line item has on the local program. He noted that we need to look at the number of days we are requiring teachers to be away from their home and families for FFA and Agricultural Education events.

Mr. Craft reviewed the duties of the FFA Board members in respect to the State Parliamentary Procedure CDE, District and State Proficiencies and the District Public Speaking CDE's.

The meeting adjourned with closing ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**

**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**September 30, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies by Kacy Baugher, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Kacy and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Kacy Baugher	Cliff Dolbear	Becky Littlefield	Shana Stine	Rich Chapple
Jake Bonnell	Jacqueline Fenn	Bryan Schullian	Stacey Rohrscheib	Emmalee Brink
Rick Pettit	Kent Weber	Mary Barnes	W. Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger
Andy Baker	Jay Runner	Ron Reische		

Guests:

Ron Lynch	Richard Treat	Jim Craft	Frank Dry
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Chapple/Schullian to accept the agenda with the necessary changes (added items: #18 Non-public/Home Schooled Students Participation and #19 State Representation at National Events). Motion carried.  
Meteer/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Littlefield/Stine to accept the July 10, 2004, meeting minutes. Motion carried.  
Weber/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Bonnell/Rohrscheib to accept the FY '04 Final Financial Report. Motions carried.  
Kittinger/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Littlefield/Brink to approve the August 31, 2004, Financial Report. Motion carried.  
Baker/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Dolbear/Fenn to approve the FY '05 ISBE Contract. Motion carried.  
Runner/Barnes to sustain. Motion carried.

Schullian/Rohrscheib to elect Lee Meteer and Andy Baker to the 2004-05 Governing Committee. Motion carried.  
Barnes/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Fenn/Schullian to support the purchase of 5 laptop computers as approved by the Governing Committee. Motion carried.  
Kittinger/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Dolbear/Littlefield to appoint Jim Craft as the 2004-05 Executive Secretary. Motion carried.  
Weber/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Reports were provided to the FFA Board reviewing the State FFA Convention attendance and financial outcome.

- The report showed 3,002 members, advisors and guests in attendance. It was noted that several schools were shown as having no students in attendance when in fact the chapter had students at convention. As a result, the attendance report will be considered preliminary and a revised report presented at a later date.

- The convention financial report showed \$85,119.58 in income, with \$2,113.20 in accounts receivable. Expenses were \$83,543.24, so the convention will finish in the black, provided the accounts receivable are paid by the chapters.

Mr. Dry reported the EDGE Conference will be held on November 13, 2004, at the Sangamon County Extension Building – Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the conference should conclude at 3:00 p.m. It was suggested a letter be sent to the management staff at the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois State Board of Education inviting them to attend the conference so they can see the quality of the activities provided to students and the cooperation between the FFA and 4-H.

Mr. Craft reviewed the responsibilities of the FFA Board at the Parliamentary Procedure, Proficiency Awards and Public Speaking events. The directors were reminded to secure facilities for the events and notify the Illinois FFA Center so those locations could be published on the Calendar of Events.

Kacy Baugher informed the State FFA Officer team is participating in a research project being conducted by Sarah Tweet, U of I Graduate Student. The project was started at the September meeting and will conclude at the April meeting.

Bonnell/Rohrscheib to accept the proposed point distribution for the evaluation of Star and Proficiency Awards. Motion carried.

Runner/Barnes to sustain. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

The staff was instructed to develop detailed instructions on the process to be followed in scoring students using the new score sheets. Items to note: 1) The instructions should indicate all judges must use the score sheet. 2) Using the score sheet the judges should determine their individual rankings based on the score. 3) The judging committee's decision is to be based on the total of the judges rankings. 4) The point totals by the individual judges and the committee's point totals must justify the final rankings. 5) The score sheet forms should be used for the State FFA Degree selection, Star Awards and proficiency awards.

Kacy Baugher reported on the National FFA Convention.

- 13 delegates will be attending
- Rich Chapple will be serving on the Nominating Committee
- Jay Kelley is Illinois FFA's National Officer Candidate
- 6 Constitutional Amendments will be considered
- 6 Delegate Committees will meet and discuss the proposed issues. (Two of the six proposed issues were developed by Illinois FFA)
- 12 National Proficiency Finalists from Illinois
- Lynn Rohrscheib of the Jamaica FFA is a Star Farmer Finalist
- Seneca FFA is a Finalist in the Student Development Model of Innovation

A report from L. C. Coghill, FFA Leadership Camp Director was distributed. (see attachment) The camp financial report showed income of \$33,400 of which \$1,445 is accounts receivable. Expenses totaled \$32,991.71, so if all camp registrations are paid, the camp should clear \$400.29.

Bonnell/Brink to accept the proposed draft policy for the "Use of Live Video Feed in Competitive Events". Motion passed.

Kittinger/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

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## Policy Regarding “The Use of Live Video Feeds for Career Development Competitions”

The following outlines the minimum requirements necessary for a Career Development Event to use a live video feed and be approved for State FFA recognition.

- 1) A central location is designated. The central location will be the location at which all judges shall gather to evaluate the CDE components for all participants.
  - 2) All participants have the option of presenting at the central location or at an approved remote location. At the time of pre-registration, participants must choose whether they will present at the central location or an approved remote location.
  - 3) Locations must provide the following in order to be an “approved remote location”.
    - a) Presentation rooms similar in size and set-up to the presentation room at the central location.
    - b) Equipment and technicians to feed the participants activities to the central location.
    - c) On-site supervision by neutral third parties provided by the “approved remote location” to guarantee the integrity of the event and accuracy of the event. If video cameras cannot show the entire presentation room, a neutral third party must be stationed in the presentation room to insure the integrity of the event.
    - d) The “neutral third parties” shall be approved in advance by the CDE host and/or the Illinois FFA Center staff.
    - e) Participants present from remote locations at their own risk. Should technical problems occur in the transmission or reception of the video feed, participants will not be allowed a second opportunity for a presentation. Judges will score the event based only on the portion of the event that could be viewed/heard.
  - 4) Should the event be an elimination-style event, the event host shall treat the participants at the central location and remote locations in a similar manner.
    - a) The presentation from the first round will be videotaped and that video will be reviewed and scored for the second (and successive) rounds of competition.
    - b) or, all teams will make a fresh presentation for each round of the competition.
  - 5) Components of an event that do not require a live presentation (such as written tests, identification classes, etc.) must be administered and supervised by a neutral third party at the approved remote location.
  - 6) Each Career Development Event may have only one “approved remote location” in each IAVAT district.
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Chapple/Schullian to allow the “Live Video Feed in Competitive Events” policy to be implemented in the Job Interview, Ag Issues, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedures CDE’s.

Fenn/Rohrscheib to amend the main motion by striking the words “Parliamentary Procedure”.

Fenn/Rohrscheib to amend the amendment by adding the words “Public Speaking and”.

Bonnell/Chapple to call for the previous question. Previous Question carried.

The second degree amendment carried.

First degree amendment, as amended, carried.

Main motion as amended carried.

Pettit/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

The State FFA Officers reported the following:

### State Fair – Rich Chapple

- Good experience at both events, although attendance seemed down from last year.
- The “Sale of Champions” generated \$58,350 of which the FFA Foundation will receive 10%.
- Eighteen teams participation in the DuQuoin State Fair Farmyard Follies.
- The Purebred Swine Council failed to receive a thank-you for the donation provided from last year’s sale of champion barrows.

### STAR Conference – Cliff Dolbeare

- Excellent attendance
- The officers presented an exciting, fast-paced program.



- Section Officers are already applying the information at the local levels.
- There was some concern expressed that there were early departures due to conflicts with athletics.

#### Chapter Visits - Shana Stine

- Fifteen sections have been visited and the remaining ten will be done in the next 2 weeks.
- Visits are going very well and the evaluations received to date have been positive.
- The game designed for the workshop has been well received and all students are getting new information in the visits.

#### Reporter Workshops – Becky Littlefield

- All the Reporter Workshops are done – the major topics covered were news releases, photo’s and radio promotion.
- Attendance at the workshops was up slightly
- It was suggested a Presidents/Vice President Workshop be held in conjunction with the Reporter Workshops.

#### Meetings – Kacy Baugher

- Kacy, Cliff and Shana attended the GROWMARK Annual Meeting.
- The September State FFA Officer Meeting was held in Morton.
- The January State FFA Officer Meeting has been rescheduled for January 24-25, 2005, to allow the officers to attend the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers.

#### Executive Secretary’s Report

- Distributed the FFA Annual Report that was sent to the National FFA.
- Distributed the Annual CTSO Report that was sent to ISBE
- Complimented the officers on their work preparing for the Chapter Visits and Leadership Training Schools.

#### ISBE Report

- The Governor has appointed seven of the current nine ISBE members.
- Dr. Randy Dunn was appointed as Interim Superintendent following Dr. Schiller’s resignation.
- Eamon Kelly is the Interim Chief of Staff.
- Mark Kolaz is the Assistant Superintendent of Operation
- A new Agriculture Education certification test is complete.

#### FFA Facilities and Capital Campaign Report – Frank Dry

- A new FFA Foundation brochure is available.
- A loan balance of \$248,527.60 remains with the bank.
- The Capital Campaign account has a balance of \$82,263 so an additional payment on mortgage will be made, but a balance of \$65,000 will be maintained at this time.
- About \$8,000 income from the “Barns of Illinois” books is anticipated by the end of the year. The funds will be applied to the loan balance.
- The Monsanto Project generated \$10,874.38 that was applied to the mortgage principal.

#### Salute to Agriculture – Frank Dry

- Over 1,000 advance tickets were sold for the meal function.
- Nineteen association baskets were auctioned, raising \$4,290. The funds will be split equally by FFA, 4-H and the Orion Samuelson Scholarship.

#### District Concerns

District 1 - None

District 2 – There is concern on the host for the 2005-06 Food Science CDE. If Pleasant Hill is not interested in continuing the event, ISU has expressed an interest.

District 3 – None

District 4 – None

District 5 – Needs information on ordering District plaques.

Schullian/Rohrscheib to allow the State FFA Officer to purchase the new laptop computers for \$500 after successfully completing their year as an officer. Motion carried with five abstentions.

Weber/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

Schullian/Brink to approve the Taylorville FFA to attend the Western Round-Up Livestock Contest in Denver, Colorado. Motion carried.

Pettit/Weber to sustain. Motion carried with one abstention.

Mr. Reische reviewed the current policies on non-public school FFA membership.

- FFA membership is acceptable in non-public schools, provided the school meets the same program approval criteria that public schools must meet for program approval.
- Home schooled students may have membership in the FFA provided they meet the IHSA Eligibility requirements defined in their attendance policies.

The board took no action to change the standing policies.

The meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies at 3:32 p.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**July 10, 2004**

Following Opening Ceremonies, the meeting was called to order by Kacy Baugher, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Kacy and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Kacy Baugher	Cliff Dolbeare	Becky Littlefield	Shana Stine	Rich Chapple
Jacqueline Fenn	Bryan Schullian	Stacey Rohrscheib	Emmalee Brink	Rick Pettit
Kent Weber	Mary Barnes	W. Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger	Jay Runner
Ron Reische				

Guests:

Ryan Robinson	Kenan Peters	Rachel Baum	Bruce Frank	Brian Dallam
Ron Lynch	Matt Wilson	Jim Craft	Frank Dry	

Mr. Reische explained the duties of the FFA Board and seated the new members.

Chapple/Stine to accept the agenda with the addition of #14 Membership and #15 Sweepstakes. Motion carried.  
Meteer/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Fenn/Schullian to accept the May 7, 2004, meeting minutes with the necessary spelling corrections. Motion carried.  
Weber/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Littlefield/Rohrscheib to accept the May 31, 2003, Financial Report. Motion carried.  
Barnes/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

Becky Littlefield presented a video review of the 2004-05 Officer activities.

Fenn/Brink to accept the substitution policy with the changes. Motion carried.  
Pettit/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

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**Substitution Policy Regarding Non-First Place Students Advancing in Competitive Events**

- 1) A first-place individual must meet all eligibility requirements or they will be disqualified and the next ranking individual shall be declared the winner and advance to the next level of competition. It is the responsibility of the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the State FFA Advisor and/or the Associate Executive Secretary, to determine the student's eligibility and the decision shall be final.
- 2) A first place individual may be replaced by the next eligible contestant when:
  - a) Written notice, indicating the first place individual is refusing their right to advance to the next level of competition. The written notice must be signed by the student; the parent's of the student, and the student's chapter advisor. The notice must be received at least seven (7) days in advance of the event with the exception of prepared public speaking. The due date of the contestant's speech shall serve as the final date for substitutions in the Prepared Public Speaking.

- b) Written notice by the local chapter advisor of extenuating circumstances (such as, but not limited to: Changes in Residence, Hospitalization, Death and Legal Issues) which will clearly result in the first place student's absence will be considered adequate reason to advance the next student eligible student to competition. Academic probation, school disciplinary issues, conflicts with other school or family activities, student and/or teacher apathy will not be considered to be extenuating circumstances. Should extenuating circumstances exist, written notice must be received at least seven (7) days in advance of the event with the exception of prepared public speaking. The due date of the contestant's speech shall serve as the final date for substitutions in the Prepared Public Speaking.
- c) It is the responsibility of the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the State FFA Advisor and/or the Associate Executive Secretary, to determine the type of written notice required and the decision shall be final.
- 3) Under no circumstances will substitutions be allowed less seven (7) days in advance of the event with the exception of prepared public speaking. The due date of the contestant's speech shall serve as the final date for substitutions in the Prepared Public Speaking.
- 4) Under no circumstances will eligible student's ranking lower than third place be advanced to the next level of competition in public speaking and no student's ranking lower than second place be advanced to the next level of competition in proficiency awards.

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A letter from Western Illinois University requesting the FFA Board allow the use of video conference interviews in the Ag Issues, Job Interview, Parliamentary Procedure and Public Speaking CDE's. After discussion, the Board referred the request to the IAVAT Board of Directors and requested the issue be placed on the September FFA Board of Directors Meeting agenda to review the IAVAT response. It was indicated that if the video conference concept was acceptable it be limited to the Ag Issues and Job Interview CDE's.

The 2003-04 State FFA Officer team reviewed the 2004 State Convention with the FFA Board.

- The officers indicated it would be a great help if the same individuals ran the sound and light each year.
- Need to revitalize the Penny Wars or develop an alternate activity to fund the Sam Taylor memorial Scholarship.
- The videos and clips developed by the 2003-04 FFA Officers were a good addition to the convention and were well received by the attendees.

Brink/Schullian to accept the 2003-04 Illinois FFA Convention Committee Reports. Motion carried.  
 Barnes/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

The recommendations of the Membership Growth Committee were discussed. No action taken.

The recommendations of the Public Awareness Committee were discussed. No action taken.

The recommendations of the Contest and Awards Committee were discussed.  
 Chapple/Schullian to present all the members of all state winning career development event teams a certificate of achievement on the convention stage. Motion carried.  
 Kittinger/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Littlefield/Brink to refer the recommendation to align the State Crops CDE with the National FFA Agronomy CDE to the IAVAT Board of Directors. Motion carried.  
 Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed at 12:54 p.m. for lunch.  
 The meeting reconvened at 1:26 p.m.

The recommendations of the Partners Committee were discussed.  
 Dolbear/Littlefield to refer recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 to the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

Pettit/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

The recommendations of the Public Awareness Committee were discussed. No action taken.

The 2003-04 Officers were asked for recommendations and comments on their year as State Officers. Their comments included the following:

- Keep the State Officer Retreat. It allowed the team to begin their convention planning and allowed them to focus their attention on the job.
- Get more involved in Business and Industry Tours. Working with the National FFA Foundation staff was a good experience and could be done for the State FFA Foundation.
- Focus chapter visits on the students.
- They have heard advisors would like to have a professional speaker added to the convention agenda.
- New laptop computers are needed for the officers.

Mr. Craft reported the following:

- A teacher requested the order of State FFA Degree presentation be changed. The order would be: Section 1, 25, 2, 24, 3, 23, 4, 22, 5, 21, 6, 20, 7, 19, 8, 18, 9, 17, 10, 16, 11, 15, 12, 14 and 13. The board took no action on the request.
- There was more confusion than normal with the parking. Reserved parking for buses was not set aside for the first day of convention, but the Visitor and Convention Bureau staff recovered and it was available on Wednesday and Thursday. Parking was a problem that was made worse by the construction on the Lincoln Library. Next year the City of Springfield may set up a parking area at the State Fairgrounds for buses. Additionally, the Convention Center was charging the FFA for parking spaces that were not used, the cost was waived for this year and the staff will work to resolve the issue for next year.
- The hotel contracts for future conventions will require chapters to make a deposit about 30 days prior to convention to secure their rooms. This is necessary due to the hotel policy that would require the FFA to pay for all canceled rooms if 10% or more are canceled.
- There was a problem in the number of State FFA Degree lunches reserved. There were more that showed up than were guaranteed, so some guests had to wait for additional seating.

The FFA Board of Directors reviewed a copy of the Illinois FFA Constitution, as revised at the 2004 Convention. A typographical error was noted for correction.

It was announced the Agriculture Day at the State Fair will be Tuesday August 17, 2004

The Livestock Contest at the DuQuoin State Fair will be August 28<sup>th</sup> and the Ag Olympics will be held on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

It was recommended the Chapter Foundation Packets include a form explaining the process for adding non-members to the FFA roster so they can receive a subscription to the "FFA New Horizons".

Matt Wilson presented samples of the revised proficiency report sheets.

- It was recommended that 20% of the points for proficiency awards be determined by the knowledge the candidate's demonstrates in the interview.
- It was recommended that the candidate's FFA Leadership Activities determine 10% of the points for the Star awards.

A revision of all the forms will be presented at the September meeting.

Dolbear/Littlefield that 10% of the total points in Public Speaking be determined by the participants Official Dress. Pettit/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

It was noted that Official Dress is to be enforced according to the policy adopted by the FFA Board of Directors at their January 26, 2004 meeting.

Policy adopted:

Male - Black dress shoes(not tennis shoes), black socks, black dress pants(not jeans), white collared (or light colored), button down dress shirt, dark colored tie, and Official FFA jacket. No hats of any kind.

Female - Black closed-toe dress shoes, black nylons, knee length black skirt or black dress slacks, white collared (or light colored), button down dress shirt, FFA scarf, and Official FFA jacket. No tall boots

Mr. Dry reviewed the "Salute to Agriculture Day" activities scheduled for September 25, 2004, at the University of Illinois.

A review of the Monsanto project was presented. It was noted the section presidents did a good job in trying to complete their assignments, but the information that was provided by Monsanto's advertising firm was sometimes inaccurate or incomplete.

- 390 elevator contacts were possible
- 244 elevators were contacted
- 116 elevators participated in the program
- 108 elevators refused all materials
- \$20,600 will be provided to the Foundation for the Capital Campaign.

Mr. Craft presented a Construction & Expense Report on the Capital Campaign. It was noted by Mr. Lynch there were weeds in the landscape and the staff should either hire someone to weed the landscape or take care of it themselves.

Mr. Meteer expressed a concern that materials aren't available to encourage students to join FFA and challenged the 2004-05 State FFA Officers to work on ideas.

Dolbear/Rohrscheib to set \$400 as the minimum participation in the Foundation collection drive to earn the Sweepstakes Award recognition. Motion passed.

Weber/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

### Concerns

District I – Would like to have the State Star and Proficiency Awards held on the same day.

District II – None

District III – Does not like to have a fee for guest registration

District IV – Does not like to have a fee for guest registration

Did not like how the amendments were handled at the State FFA Convention and would like to have a secret ballot on future amendments.

District V – There are some concerns with applications being changed after being turned in at section level.

Littlefield/Chapple to include all Illinois FFA program and award information on a CD-ROM for all teachers and discontinue all unnecessary mailings. Motion carried.

Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Reische updated the FFA Board of Directors on the Section Vo-Ag Fair monies and ISBE funding.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**May 7, 2004**

Members

Ryan Robinson	Kenan Peters	Rachel Baum	Bruce Frank	Brian Dallam
Kirk Builta	Cliff Dolbeare	Rich Chapple	Rick Pettit	Kent Weber
Mary Barnes	Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger	Ronald Reische	Jay Runner

Guests

Matt Wilson	Steve Keiswetter	Diana Loschen	Ted Mottaz	Morris McClelland
Brian Bender	Bob Brown	Brandy Biros	Sarah Potter	Harley Hepner
John Kabat	Chris Miller	Jay Williams	Mandy Brandenburg	Jim Craft
Frank Dry				

Then meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies.

The group was welcomed by the meeting by State Advisor Ronald Reische and State FFA President Ryan Robinson.

Dolbeare/Frank to approve the agenda with the addition of "Chapters Not in Good Standing". Motion passed.  
Meteer/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Frank/Baum to approve the minutes of January 26, 2004. Motion passed.  
Kittinger/Weber to sustain. Motion passed.

Jim Craft reviewed the FY `05 Budget.  
Baum/Frank to adopt the FY `05 Budget. Motion passed.  
Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Ryan reviewed the FFA Convention agenda and convention duties.

Dallam/Peters to suspend the charters, deny all chapter awards and deny delegate seating to chapters effective June 1, 2004, if all required membership information is not on file at the Illinois FFA Center, and this motion be communicated to the agriculture teachers and their administration. Motion passed.  
Runner/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Frank Dry reviewed the capital campaign progress. He indicated a \$100,000 payment on principal was made to the bank. Section Presidents have been working on the GMO project have encountered some major difficulties, but the project will still raise funds to support the Capital Campaign.

Meeting adjourned with closing ceremonies.

Mr. Craft reviewed the process to be followed in evaluating the National Chapter Award applications and announced the committee assignments.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**January 26, 2004**

Following Opening Ceremonies, the meeting was called to order by Ryan Robinson, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Ryan and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

A winter storm made travel impossible for Bill Kittinger and some invited guests, but introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Ryan Robinson	Kenan Peters	Rachel Baum	Bruce Frank	Brian Dallam
Maurey Peterson	Christina Barrows	Cliff Dolbeare	Kirk Bulta	Rich Chapple
Rick Pettit	Kent Weber	Mary Barnes	W. Lee Meteer	Doug Morrish
Ron Reische	Jay Runner			

Guests:

Rachel Stuart      Jim Craft      Frank Dry

Chapple/Peterson moved to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Meteer/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Chapple/Frank to accept the September 29, 2003, meeting minutes with the necessary spelling corrections. Motion carried.

Morrish/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Dallam/Bulta to accept the December 31, 2003, Financial Report. Motion carried.

Barnes/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Frank/Bulta to accept the 2003 Audit Review. Motion carried.

Weber/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Dallam/Peters to accept the Pre-POA's that were postmarked on or before December 17, 2003. Motion carried.

Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Rachel Baum presented a membership report, which showed 14,295 FFA members. The officers are working on an advisor incentive for chapters with 100% membership. Suggestions offered were:

- Award a banner to chapters with 100% membership
- Prepare a pamphlet on how to get students to pay dues

Dallam/Peterson to present a recognition on stage at the State FFA Convention to all 100% and all 10% growth chapters.

Frank/Bulta to amend by inserting "selected by the State Officers and approved by the Governing Committee" after the word "recognition". Amendment passed.

Runner/Meteer to sustain the amendment. Motion passed.

Main motion as amended was passed by the Student Board.

Runner/Weber to sustain the main motion as amended. Motion carried.



Brian Dallam presented the recommendations for use of official dress by members. (See attachment)  
Dallam/Baum moved to accept the Official Dress report and use it as policy for Career Development Events. Motion carried.

Pettit/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Baum/Builta to direct staff to revise the Career Development Event rules, incorporating the Official Dress policy and adjust the CDE score sheets to allow penalties. Motion carried.

Morrish/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

The Made for Excellence Conferences have excellent registration numbers.

- 279 students attended the northern location at Hickory Ridge Resort in Lisle, Illinois. Officers attending the Lisle conference were Kenan, Rachel and Brian. Mr. Craft managed the event at Lisle.
- 218 students attended the Southern location at the Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Officers attending the Mt. Vernon conference were Ryan and Bruce. Mr. Dry managed the event at Mt. Vernon.

The teachers and hotel staff were very helpful at both locations.

Bruce Frank reported the Agriculture Legislative Awareness Day will held March 24, 2004.

The Governor has signed an FFA Week Proclamation, but an official signing ceremony has not yet been scheduled.

Mr. Dry reported on the progress on the Capital Campaign.

- \$302,225.15 in principal has been paid to the bank.
- \$118,110.45 in interest has been paid to the bank
- "The Barns of Illinois" book will generate approximately \$60,000 in income for the Capital Campaign
- Sufficient funds to cover one year of bank payments are being kept in cash reserves

The Leadership Report was distributed.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from lunch at 12:45 p.m.

State Convention Report

- The Reflections will kick off the convention this year.
- The Officers reviewed the tentative program for the 2004 State FFA Convention.

Rachel Stuart of the Taylorville FFA Chapter presented a proposed amendment to the State FFA Convention. (See correspondence) The amendment proposes to eliminate the 2% quota on the State FFA Degree.

Frank/Dolbeare to send the constitutional amendment to the delegates at the 2004 State FFA Convention and allow staff to work with the sponsoring chapters to refine the language of the amendment. Motion passed.

Runner/Morrish to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft indicated he had reviewed the current State FFA Constitution and indicated there were several items that were not current with the National FFA Constitution and a few sections which should be clarified. He presented a draft with suggestions.

Ryan Robinson, State FFA President, appointed the following individuals to review the staff recommendations and should the committee approve any of the recommendations prepare the amendments for presentation to the delegates at the 2004 State FFA Convention. Members of the Constitutional Revision Committee are: Maurey Peterson, Kirk Builta, Lee Meter, Kent Weber, Brian Dallam and Rachel Baum.

Barrows/Dallam to maintain the 2003 State FFA Convention registration fees for the 2004 State FFA Convention. Motion carried.

Runner/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Registration Fees will be:     \$20 for advisor and members  
  \$15 for Band and Chorus members  
  \$7 for non-members  
  \$7 for one-day registrations  
  \$200 per booth for Commercial Exhibits  
  \$75 per booth for Not-for-Profit Exhibits

The officers anticipate holding the same special events and functions as last year, although there is work to be done on the Past Officer function. The dance is being planned for the State Fairgrounds. The Public Speaking Finals will be at the Hilton Hotel. Crest Foods has been secured as a convention sponsor.

September 25, 2004, will be the “Salute to Agriculture” Day at the University of Illinois football game against the Purdue Boilermakers. Details will be sent to chapters late this Spring.

Alliance Pipeline will provide \$100,000 to the Illinois Foundation FFA over the next 4 years. A part of the funds are to be used for grants to FFA chapter to assist them in Safety and Community Development activities. A sample grant application was handed out and the board members were invited to provide input before it goes to the Illinois Foundation FFA Board of Trustees Meeting.

Peterson/Builta to support the grant proposal and recommend its adoption to the Illinois Foundation FFA. Motion carried.

Pettit/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

#### District Concerns:

- I     A school had a concern that a student didn’t receive a speaking plaque.
- II    There is concern with the current State FFA Degree requirements in regards to placement students.
- III   Commended the officers for the job they are doing.  
      There is a need to better define the terms “assigned motion” and “random order” as used in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE rules

Would like to see the Foundation donations posted by chapter on the FFA web site. (Postings are currently by section)

- IV   None
- V    None

#### ISBE Report:

Superintendent Schiller has informed staff to expect more cuts in staffing. This follows Governor Blagojevich’s “State of the State Address”. The Governor’s staff met with ISBE staff and indicated a new Department of Education will be formed. ISBE will be marginally staffed and operate as a “think tank”. Action on the new Department of Education could take place this Spring.

#### Staff Report:

Mr. Dry reported the EDGE Conference was quite successful and numbers were up. During the recent NAAE Annual Meeting, Jeff Maierhofer was elected as President-Elect of NAAE; Bill Kittinger was selected as the Syngenta Advocate for Agriculture; and Parkland College was the Regional IV Winner in the PostSecondary Allstar Team program. He spent time meeting with Alliance Pipeline representatives.

Frank/Barrows to allow the FFA Staff to schedule the 2004 STAR Conferences prior to Labor Day. Motion carried.

Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

David Stille presented the “Harvest for All” program that is proposed by the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee. A challenge is being issued to chapters to gather items for community food pantries and bring the items to convention.

Peters/Dallam that Illinois Association FFA participate in the “Harvest for All” program. Motion carried.

Weber/Barnes to sustain. Motion carried.

FFA Foundation Report:

The collection fund drive is wrapping up and final numbers will be in soon.

Staff Report: (continued)

Mr. Craft indicated the rules for all the Public Speaking CDE’s have been revised and mailed to chapters. He reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the FFA Board members in regards to the District Public Speaking, District Stars Selection, District Proficiency Selection, and State FFA Officer Candidate Selection.

Two companies presented information for the board’s consideration. By consensus, the FFA Board indicated the FFA Staff could provide mailing information for the Boylan Farms fundraising project that deals with the sales of roses. MT Publishing Company has offered to publish a 75 year history of the Illinois FFA. Mr. Craft indicated that William B. Schreck, past State FFA Advisor, is currently assembling the Illinois FFA’s history and when that part of the work is done a contact might be made to MT Publishing about the services they would offer.

The meeting concluded at 3:45 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**September 29, 2003 – (corrected)**

Following Opening Ceremonies, the meeting was called to order by Ryan Robinson, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Ryan and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and guests. Mr. Reische seated the new members of the FFA Board of Directors and reviewed voting procedures.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Ryan Robinson	Kenan Peters	Rachel Baum	Bruce Frank	Brian Dallam
Maurey Peterson	Christina Barrows	Cliff Dolbeare	Kirk Bulta	Rich Chapple
Rich Pettit	Kent Weber	Mary Barnes	W. Lee Meteer	Bill Kittinger
Doug Morrish	Ron Reische	Jay Runner		

Guests:

Matt Wilson	Kim Portz	Jay Kelley	Drew DeRiemacker	Meagan Wells
Jim Caudle	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

Dallam/Bulta to accept the May 9, 2003, meeting minutes. Motion carried.  
Meteer/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Peters/Chapple to accept the Final Financial Report for FY `03. Motion carried.  
Barnes/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

Frank/Peterson to accept the FY `04 ISBE Contract. Motion carried.  
Meteer/Kittinger to sustain. Motion carried.

Baum/Barrows to approve the 2003 FFA Leadership Camp Financial Report (as of September 29, 2003). Motion carried.  
Runner/Pettit/Barnes to sustain. Motion carried.

Dolbeare/Peterson to accept the August 31, 2003, Financial Report. Motion carried.  
Weber/Morrish to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Reische explained the duties of the Governing Committee and membership requirements.  
Dallam/Baum to close nominations and elect Kent Weber and W. Lee Meteer to the 2003-04 Governing Committee. Motion carried.  
Pettit/Barnes to sustain. Motion carried.

Frank/Dallam to nominate and elect James Craft as the 2003-04 Executive Secretary. Motion carried.  
Runner/Morrish to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft distributed copies of the 2003 FFA Convention Attendance Report. The report showed the convention was attended by: 1,848 (1,815) members on Tuesday, 1,859 (1,833) members on Wednesday and 1,930 (1,866) members on

Thursday. Additionally, 269 (286) Advisors attended and 833 (1,114) non-members attended. Total unduplicated attendance was 3,120 (3,425). [Note: the 2002 Convention attendance figures are in (brackets)] There is some question on the accuracy of the non-member attendance figures, as a complimentary registration was provided to the Convention VIP's and it is uncertain whether they were included in the attendance figures this year.

There was discussion on the registration fees that were charged to the non-members.

Peters/Chapple to accept the 2003 State FFA Convention Financial Report. Motion carried.  
Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Frank/Builta to accept the 2003 FFA CDE Committee Report and forward it to the IAVAT Board of Directors for action. Motion carried.  
Kittinger/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Dolbeare/Dallam to accept the 2003 FFA Public Relations/Awareness Committee Report. Motion carried.  
Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.  
The State FFA Officer team will research information and present a plan on how to accomplish the committee's recommendations at the next meeting.

Peterson/Barrows to accept the 2003 FFA Membership Growth Committee Report. Motion carried.  
Pettit/Morrish to sustain. Motion carried.  
The State FFA Officer team will research information and present a plan on how to accomplish the committee's recommendations at the next meeting.

Chapple/Builta to accept the 2003 FFA Chapter Participation Committee Report. Motion carried.  
Runner/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.  
Dallam/Baum to refer recommendation #4, "Promote formation of an active alumni in each Illinois FFA Chapter through the use of the **Reconnect** program", to the Illinois FFA Alumni Council. Motion carried.  
Pettit/Barnes to sustain. Motion carried.

Builta/Peters to accept the 2003 FFA Partner Development Committee Report. Motion carried.  
Weber/Morrish to sustain. Motion carried.  
Dallam/Chapple to refer the 2003 FFA Partner Development Committee Report to the Illinois Foundation FFA Board of Trustees. Motion carried.  
Pettit/Barnes to sustain. Motion carried.

Peterson/Chapple the adults serving on the FFA Election Tally Committee may not have a student from their chapter or a family member as a candidate for major office. Motion carried.  
Pettit/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Chapple/Barrows that 2 adult representatives from each District serve on the Election Tally Committee. Motion carried.  
Kittinger/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Dry reviewed two staff proposals for the State FFA Officer elections.

- 1) Have all candidates (non-Section Presidents and Section Presidents) give their 3-minute speech prior to balloting for the first office.
- 2) Provide the candidates the votes they received for the previous office in the first round of balloting for the previous office, during intermission between the election of each officer.

The proposals were discussed, no action was taken.

The meeting was recessed at 11:55 a.m. for lunch.

During lunch Kim Portz, Agriculture Education Instructor at Marissa High School, presented a proposed research project. The research would focus on “Determining the Factors Contributing to the Decrease in Illinois FFA Membership Despite the Increase in Illinois Agricultural Education Enrollment”.

The meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Jay Kelley, 2002-03 State FFA President, reviewed recommended changes in the selection of the State FFA Degree recipients.

Frank/Baum to adopt recommendation #4, “Every candidate must submit a summary of his or her SAE projects.” Motion carried.

Meteer/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Peterson/Dallam to accept recommendation #1 and #2 from the IAVAT Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Runner/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

The recommendations related to the conduct of the Creed CDE and are:

- 1) The FFA Creed questions be revised.
- 2) The FFA Creed rules be revised to include an explanation of what a proper introduction should be.

FFA staff was directed to make the necessary changes for implementation this year.

The evaluation process for the National Chapter Award program was discussed – no changes adopted.

The Proficiency Award process was discussed. It was indicated:

- 1) The proficiency award score sheets should be revised.
- 2) The State Star Awards selection should start earlier.
- 3) The District FFA Board members need to be notified in advance as to who will not receive award plaques due to their chapter's lack of participation in the Foundation Collection Drive.

Barrows/Dallam the proficiency award score sheets be updated by the District FFA Board Alternates. Motion carried.

Runner/Morrish to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Dry reported on the EDGE Conference, which will be held on November 8, 2003, at the Cooperative Extension Office on the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The conference is open to Junior High students whose school have an Agriculture Education program.

Mr. Craft reviewed the Directors' responsibilities at the District CDE's. A district event sheet was distributed and the Directors were asked to complete and return it as soon as possible.

Ryan Robinson reported on Illinois State Fair activities:

- The FFA Barnyard had good traffic all week
- The Sale of Champions went well and generated dollars for the FFA Foundation. After being sold the first time the Grand Champion steer was auctioned a second time and the FFA will receive 25% of the second sale.
- The State Officers were involved in numerous events on the fairgrounds, serving as rabbit judges, Spam Cooking judges, and participated in the Swine herding contest.
- Art Engelbrecht was named the Excellence in Teaching winner on Ag Day.

Rachel Baum reviewed the officer's involvement at the DuQuoin State Fair.

- Rachel, Bruce and Kenan attended the Livestock Judging Contest at the fair and indicated there was excellent participation by local chapters
- The officers also attended the Farmyard Follies and enjoyed watching the competition and visiting with the members.

Mr. Reische indicated he had received notification from the Illinois Department of Agriculture the Section Vo Ag Fair monies had suffered a 2% reduction during the Spring session of the General Assembly. Sections will have \$7,036 to use as premiums in this year's fair.

The officers reported on the National FFA Convention.

- 1) Kenan Peters, State FFA Vice President, has been selected to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- 2) Ryan Robinson, State FFA President, is serving as Chairman of the committee dealing with "*Selection of the National FFA Officer Nomination Committee*"
- 3) Mallory Kautz, Section 20 President, will serve as the State Flag Bearer.
- 4) Illinois has 13 delegates attending the convention.
- 5) Josh St. Peters of the Greenville FFA Chapter is a finalist for Star in Agricultural Placement.
- 6) Grant Lewis of the Delavan FFA Chapter and Mateusz Tomkowiak of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences have been named as National Finalists in the AgriScience Student of the Year program.
- 7) 2003 Proficiency finalists are: Tim Tygrett in Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance - Entrepreneurship/Placement, Megan Quaka in Beef Production – Placement, Brandon Cole Smith in Diversified Crop Production – Placement, Fahran Kathaleen Jaymes Robbin in Equine Science – Entrepreneurship, Bruce Frank in Forest Management and Products - Entrepreneurship/Placement, Bethany Wilson in Specialty Animal Production – Entrepreneurship, and John E. Schamberger in Wildlife Production and Management – Entrepreneurship.
- 8) Honorary American Degree recipients are: Mr. Ron Warfield, President of the Illinois Farm Bureau; Mr. David Stille, Manager of Young People's Activities for the Illinois Farm Bureau; Mr. Nelson Thorp, member of the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education and a Past Chairman of the Illinois Foundation FFA; and Mr. Gary Taets, past Agriculture Education Teacher at Annawan High School
- 9) Three Illinois entries will be competing for Models of Innovation in the National Chapter Award program. Seneca FFA in the Student Development; Seneca FFA in Chapter Development; and Somonauk-Leland in the Community Development.

Mr. Dry reported on the Capital Campaign efforts to date.

- Approximately \$12,125 have been deposited from the Titan Tire Auction at the Farm Progress Show. The last two days of the show were canceled due to rain and as a result one auction was lost, costing the Foundation the opportunity to generate an additional \$12,000-15,000 for the Capital Campaign.
- The "Barns of Illinois" book is selling well. Approximately, 850 books remain out of an original order of 3,700 copies. When all copies sell, the proceeds will generate about \$60,000.
- We continue to keep one year of mortgage payments in the bank, and will soon pay an additional \$12,000 on the remaining principal.
- Pledge cards have gone to chapters.

Mr. Craft gave a staff report. He indicated the forms used in state programs and scholarships have been converted to electronic forms and will be provided to teachers on a CD-ROM in the next 2-4 weeks. STAR Conferences, Reporter Workshops and the fairs went well and the officers have been doing a good job. He and the officers attended the GROWMARK Annual Meeting. Mr. Dry, Michelle McCafferty and Mr. Craft have been trained on the electronic rosters and are willing to help chapters as they work through the process. All the Section FFA Presidents have had training on the rosters and can assist on the local basis.

IACCAI will be holding their annual conference on October 2 & 3, 2003, at Spoon River College in Canton, Illinois.

Foundation – No additional report

FCAE – No additional Report

FFA Alumni – The alumni are raffling a McCormick MTX200 tractor. Sales are going slow, with approximately 150 tickets sold to date.

District Concerns:

- District I – A request has been made that the State Parliamentary Procedure Rules be amended to allow teachers to be in the presentation room.
- District II – A request has been made to have the State FFA Degree determined at an earlier date.
- District III – Would like to see the top 10 National Chapter Award applications available for review at the State FFA Convention.  
Would like to have the Illinois 3 Star National Chapter Award applications posted on the FFA web site.  
Have a concern with how the teachers that had assisted in the backstage area for many years were treated.  
Some concern that every year the first day of convention is a bit rough in regards to the “sound crew” and lighting.  
Would like to see pre-registration for convention mailed out.  
Would like a State Degree package that would include the registration, parking and meal.  
Wondered if there were rules regarding the color of pages the electronic records were to be printed on.
- District IV – Would like to have a video made available to promote FFA.
- District V - There seemed to be disorganization backstage and in the front stage area at this year’s convention.  
There was concern with people leaving during Director Hartke’s remarks.  
Other concerns were addressed earlier in the meeting.

Peterson/Barrows to qualify for a Star award, 33% of the student income or hours must be from the SAE’s related to Star category they are to win. Motion carried.

Runner/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Ron Reische presented an ISBE report. He indicated the continued cuts on staff at ISBE are having a negative effect on the staff morale and effectiveness. The continued downsizing of the budget puts all Agriculture Education dollars at risk and at this point in time there is no indication the financial difficulties are easing.



**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**May 9, 2003**

Following Opening Ceremonies, the meeting was called to order by Jay Kelley, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Jay and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Jay Kelley	Rebecca Yandell	Emilee Bocker	Drew DeRiemacker	Meagan Wells
Rich Roach	Matt Shriver	Ryan Robinson	Nick Santamaria	Doug Robb
Rich Pettit	Kent Weber	Bruce Eidson	W. Lee Meteer	Ron Reische

Guests:

Matt Wilson	Todd Ehler	Bob Brown	Rodney Main	Marilyn Engelbrecht
Art Engelbrecht	Kristen North	Sam Robb	Randy Meyer	Mary Barnes
Jim Craft	Frank Dry			

Shriver/Santamaria to accept the agenda with the addition of District Concerns. Motion carried.  
Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Wells/DeRiemacker to accept the January 27, 2003, meeting minutes. Motion carried.  
Eidson/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Robinson/Roach to accept the March 2003, Financial Report. Motion carried.  
Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Santamaria/Wells to accept the Fy`04 Budget. Motion carried.  
Robb/Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

[It was noted members of the FFA Board would like to see a Membership Recruitment reward program developed.]

Bocker/Wells moved to accept the FY`02 Audit Review. Motion carried.  
Pettit/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

District Concerns:

District I	None
District II	Concern with the use of tobacco and cellphones during IAVAT sponsored events. Would like the State FFA Degree and Sweepstakes Award as topics on the summer agenda.
District III	Staff should review the start time of the Star's Judging at the state level. Recommended the addition of "Host" on the FFA Report Forms.
District IV	None
District V	None

President Jay Kelley handed out a list of recommendations related to the determination of State FFA Degrees and requested it be a discussion item at the next meeting of the FFA Board of Directors meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies and program judging continued the rest of the day.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**January 27, 2003**

Following Opening Ceremonies, the meeting was called to order by Jay Kelley, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Jay and Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Jay Kelley	Rebecca Yandell	Emilee Bocker	Drew DeRiemacker	Meagan Wells
Brian Peterson	Rich Roach	Matt Shriver	Ryan Robinson	Nick Santamaria
Rich Pettit	Kent Weber	Bruce Eidson	W. Lee Meter	Doug Robb
Jay Runner	Ron Reische			

Guests:

Ron Byers	Jim Craft	Frank Dry
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DeRiemacker/Yandell to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Meter/Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

Wells/Shriver to accept the September 19, 2002, meeting minutes with spelling corrections. Motion carried.

Eidson/Robb to sustain. Motion carried.

Peterson/DeRiemacker to accept the December 2002, Financial Report. Motion carried.

Weber/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

The Major FFA Officers presented an update report to the FFA Board of Directors. They indicated the Illinois FFA had a very successful convention, with a first place Ag Mechanics team (Prairie Central FFA) and a first place Proficiency Winner (Adrienne Ostrom – Greenville) in Sheep Production. A successful EDGE Conference was held in November. Four of the officers attended the Illinois School Board Convention and assisted at the ICCCTSO Booth. The officer all attended the Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, where they presented colors and Jay Kelley gave remarks. Emilee Bocker and Meagan Wells just returned from the ILSSO trip to Europe. They visited Germany, Austria and Italy and had the opportunity to stay with a host family and go sledding in the Alps. The officers held the January State officers meeting on January 3-4, 2003, at the Northfield Inn. The Pork Producers conducted a Business in America program at the officer meeting. Jay, Rebecca and Mr. Dry recently went to Chicago to attend the unveiling of the new state quarter. Jay spoke on behalf of youth and agriculture. Three of the officers attended the FFA Alumni Meeting.

Mr. Craft reported the registration numbers for the Made for Excellence Conference are good. Pre-registration shows:

Alton – 64 FFA Chapters with 215 students and 64 advisors

Lisle – 61 FFA Chapters with 245 students and 59 advisors

Total registered to date – 125 FFA Chapters with 460 students and 123 advisors

He indicated there are few cancellations, so these numbers should be close to actual attendance later this week.

The FFA Membership Report showed 15,177 members as of January 14, 2003, with several rosters still being held due to missing information, along with some chapters yet to report their memberships.

Wells/Robinson that letters be sent by December 1<sup>st</sup> to chapters ‘not in good standing’, with a copy to the school administrator. Motion carried.

Pettit/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

Wells/DeRiemacker that chapters whose roster, dues and required membership information are not received on or before October 31<sup>st</sup> shall be considered to be “not in good standing” and shall be ineligible to participate in any FFA activity or award program until such materials are received. Motion carried.

Meteer/Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

Shriver/Robinson the staff and officers develop an incentive/recognition program, in addition to the Century Award, to honor chapters with 100% membership. Motion carried.

Meteer.Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Agriculture Legislative Awareness Day will be held March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Illinois State Capitol. The schedule of events will be similar to last year.

Ron Byers, FFA Alumni President, reported for the Illinois FFA Alumni. The alumni had a good annual meeting on January 17-18, 2003, at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. Attendance was about normal with 125-150 Alumni members in attendance. The new officers are: Ron Byers - President; Dean Olson - Vice President; Rich Sanders – Secretary; Tanya Wells – Treasurer; and Sally Kittinger – Reporter. Two district directors have been elected to serve each district. Over \$14,000 was raised at the scholarship auction. The Alumni Council will hold their first meeting on March 7 – 8, 2003, at the Illinois FFA Center.

Frank Dry reported on the Capital Campaign. The engraved bricks that needed corrected will be installed in the lobby next week. The pledge card program for 2002-03 showed \$36,235.51 in pledges, with \$14,551.85 received to date. The bank has been contacted and the building loan will be refinanced to take advantage of lowered interest rates. The loan will be 6.5% versus the present 7.5% loan rate. Seneca FFA is coordinating a Donate-a-Phone program, which will gain a minimum of \$1 for each cell phone turned in for recycling.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

The State FFA Officers reviewed the Tentative Program for the 2003 State FFA Convention. It was noted that no specific time has been set aside for the Section Meetings/Election, the sections are encouraged to elect at the section prior to convention. Mr. Craft noted that if elections take place prior to convention they should not be held until after May 1<sup>st</sup> and the State Degree pool is decided, as all eligible candidates will not be known until that time. It was recommended the officers consider a “Grand Finale” to close the 75<sup>th</sup> Convention. The Board suggested the State FFA Degree presentations be held later in the session to help hold the crowd and that some information be presented to inform members about the purpose and origin of the Sam Taylor Scholarship.

No constitutional amendments have been submitted for consideration.

Photos will be taken by Chappell Photography. They will be at the convention on Wednesday and Thursday. They will be taking chapter and individual photos. Additionally, they will take the pictures of all State Degree recipients.

Three registration fees proposals were presented. It was recommended the Convention Registration Fees be increased as follows:

Member Registration - \$20.00

Band & Chorus Member Registration - \$15.00

Non-Member Registration - \$7.00

One-Day Registration - \$7.00

Advisor Registration - \$20.00

Additionally, it was recommended to increase Commercial Exhibit fees from \$150 to \$200 and Not-For-Profit/Educational Exhibit fees from \$50 to \$75.

It is expected that all meals will increase in cost by \$1.00 this year.

A proposed budget was presented to the FFA Board. The budget outlined specific expenses and incomes, with the option of adding special features to the convention, should sponsorship be obtained.

Shriver/Wells to set 2003 Convention Registration Fees at \$20 for advisor and members, \$15 for Band and Chorus members, \$7 for non-members and one-day registrations; to increase Commercial Exhibit fees to \$200 per booth and Not-for-Profit Exhibit fees to \$75; and that meal fees to increase by \$1. Motion carried.

Weber/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Wells/DeRiemacker that a registration package that includes registration and a State Degree Luncheon ticket be offered for those registering for Thursday only. Motion carried.

Eidson/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

#### District Concerns:

District I – None

District II – Has the Camp Director been confirmed. Seneca travel to Denver and represented Illinois in the Livestock Expo, placing 7<sup>th</sup>. There are some concerns that EZ Records were made available for use to all students rather than limiting the first year useage.

District III - Concerns with science research papers being considered as a single item in proficiency award selection.

District IV - Concern with funding at the local level and the effect it will have on Agriculture Education classes and employment. Will there be an impact on the CTSO Grant from ISBE? (Mr. Reische responded that he did not anticipate an impact, but as the state budget unfolded we would have a better idea.)

District V - None

#### Staff Reports:

Frank Dry, Associate Executive Secretary – He provided an update on the collection drive. He also reported he conducted four American/State FFA Degree Workshops. Intents for the American Degree are down from last year. The IAVAT will be hosting Region IV NAAE Conference in June at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois. He will be attending the southern MFE and will man the booth at the Pork Expo in Peoria.

Jim Craft, Executive Secretary – He distributed an updated Calendar of Events. He reported that he attended a meeting at ISBE where the policy on Career Delivery Systems were being discussed and provided a draft copy of the policy. The State Star Candidate Interviews will be held Friday, April 4, 2003, at Parkland CC in Champaign. The Proficiency Award Interviews will be held the next day at the University of Illinois. The officers have written the 2003 FFA Week Proclamation and it has been sent to Governor Blagojevich's office with a request for a meeting. He shared a copy of his work schedule for the months of October/November.

DeRiemacker/Bocker that home-schooled State FFA Degree applicants be required to submit a transcript of all school subjects from the home-school and high school to verify the scholastic record; and that an Agriculture Education class must attended each year of membership. Motion carried.

Eidson/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Considerable discussion was held on the 2% limitation on State FFA Degrees.

DeRiemacker/Wells to maintain the current State FFA Degree Requirements with further observation and surveying, including online input, by the FFA Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Meteer/Runner to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft reviewed the Board's responsibilities for the State Parliamentary Procedure CDE, District Proficiency Awards selection and the District Public Speaking Finals.

The next FFA Board of Directors Meeting was set for May 9, 2003, which will be the second round of program judging. The first round of judging will be May 7, 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. with closing ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**September 19, 2002**

(Corrected Minutes)

Following Opening Ceremonies, the meeting was called to order by Jay Kelley, State FFA President, and Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor.

Mr. Reische welcomed the members of the Board and seated the new members.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Jay Kelley	Rebecca Yandell	Emilee Bocker	Drew DeRiemacker	Meagan Wells
Brian Peterson	Rich Roach	Matt Shriver	Ryan Robinson	Nick Santamaria
Rich Pettit	Kent Weber	Bruce Eidson	W. Lee Meteer	Doug Robb
Ron Reische				

Guests:

Jim Craft          Frank Dry

DeRiemacker/Robinson to accept the agenda with the addition of item #17 Western Livestock Exposition Request and #18 District Concerns. Motion carried.

Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Shriver/Wells to accept the May 10, 2002, and the July 15, 2002 meeting minutes with the correction to the District III Concerns shown in July. Motion carried.

Pettit/Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

Wells/Shriver to accept the June 30, 2002, Financial Report. Motion carried.

Meteerr/Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

Shriver/Bocker to accept the August 2002 Financial Report. Motion carried.

Weber/ Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Wells/DeRiemacker to appoint Kent Weber and W. Lee Meteer to the 2002-2003 FFA Governing Committee. Motion carried.

Eidson/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Bocker/Santamaria to appoint James Craft as Executive Secretary. Motion carried.

Weber/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Robinson/Shriver to recommend Officer Candidate Applications be typed and the General Interview Committee assign an application score. Motion carried.

Meteer/Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

Bocker/Wells that instructions be provided to all candidates informing them the committee evaluating the "Group Activity" and "Impromptu Scenario" will be role-playing and the candidates should react as they would in a real-life situation. Motion carried.

Pettit/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Shriver/Robinson to accept the State FFA Officer Candidate application and timeline as presented. (see attachment)  
Motion carried.

Pettit/Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

Wells/Santamaria the use of the EZ Records is open to all students beginning January 2003. (Note: Freshman students in the Fall of 2002 may include 2002 SAE records in their first year of computer records.) Motion carried.

Eidson/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Shriver/Wells computerized records prior to 2003 shall not be considered for use in determining awards and State FFA Degrees. Motion carried.

Eidson/Robb to sustain. Motion carried.

Roach/Peterson that 2004 will be the first year that computerized records can be used for award and degree selection purposes. Motion carried.

Weber/Robb to sustain. Motion carried.

DeRiemacker/Shriver that it is recommended that colored paper be used to separate crop, livestock and agribusiness enterprise units, but failure to use colored paper or an alternate means of separating enterprise units will not result in a student's disqualification from competition. Motion carried.

Eidson/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Robinson/Roach that all pages including pages that do not contain record entries, of the records must be submitted for award and degree selection. Motion carried.

Meteer/Robb to sustain. Motion carried.

Bocker/Santamaria that handwritten records will continue to be accepted for award purposes, with no penalty in judging. Motion carried.

Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Wells/DeRiemacker that the EZ Records, as developed by the University of Illinois and the IAVAT, is the only computer record keeping system accepted for FFA award purposes. Motion carried.

Weber/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Wells/Santamaria to sustain the action taken at the July FFA Board Meeting and allow districts to hold the Star Candidate interviews on an alternate date prior to the District Proficiency Awards selection. Motion carried.

Robb/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the 2002 State FFA Convention and the possibility of allowing chapter pre-registration or expanding registration on the first day. The board reviewed a preliminary financial report, showing a net convention loss.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Committee work began at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

Jay Runner, FFA Board of Directors member and Richard Treat, guest joined the meeting.

Mr. Reische introduced Sandy Dunkel, Division Administrator at the Illinois State Board of Education.

Wells/Roach to accept the Career Development Committee Report and forward the recommendations, with the exception of 1a, to the IAVAT Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Pettit/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Santamaria/Peterson moved to accept the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Report and forward recommendations 1, 3, 4 and 5 to the State FFA Officer Team. Motion carried.

Eidson/Robb to sustain. Motion carried.

Bocker/Robinson to accept the Membership Growth Committee and adopt item #1. (“We move the 2002-2003 Major State Officer Team create a video for use in the 2003-2004 school year, could be introduced at Leadership Camp.) Motion carried.

Meteer/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Shriver/DeRiemacker to accept the Public Relations/Awareness Committee Report. Motion carried.

Weber/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Yandell/DeRiemacker to accept the Chapter Participation Committee report and forward recommendation #2 to the IAVAT, #3 to the FFA State Officers and send IAVAT Resolution #4 to the IAVAT. Motion carried.

Weber/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Meteer reported the numbers of entries in the 2002 Agriculture Science Fair were down slightly and the committee would like to see increased participation by the schools.

Mr. Dry reminded the EDGE Conference will be held on November 9, 2002, at the Northfield Inn & Suites, Springfield, Illinois. Registration fees were increased slightly this year and the State 4-H Staff will manage the registration process.

Mr. Craft passed out the District Activity Forms and gave instructions to the District Board Representatives on their responsibility in conducting the District Parliamentary Procedure CDE, Public Speaking and Proficiency Awards.

The officers reported the Illinois State Fair was a success. A large crowd visited the FFA Barnyard. The “Sale of Champions” was a big success, the steer was sold twice and the FFA received an additional \$7,500 that will be used in the Capital Campaign. The officers thanked the chapters that assisted in selling the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caps & Pins. The first Ag Olympics were and Sullivan FFA was 1<sup>st</sup> out of 9 teams.

They officers also reported on the DuQuoin State Fair. All five officers worked at the fair during the fair. They assisted in the FFA Exhibit Building and worked with the chapters attending the fair. It was suggested the FFA consider having a float in the Twilight Parade.

Wells/Peterson to hold State Star Award selection the Friday evening prior to State FFA Proficiency Award selection beginning in 2002-03. Motion carried.

Runner/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

There was a short discussion on allowing graduated students to compete for State Proficiency Awards and represent Illinois as a National Proficiency entry.

The State FFA Officer reported on the approaching National FFA Convention. Illinois has four Proficiency Finalist, one National AgriScience Finalist, a National FFA Officer Candidate – Sarah Swenson, and one Model of Innovation Chapter. The 15 delegates and state staff will be traveling to convention by rental van, rather than flying. The foundation will save about \$1,000 by changing how the group travels.

Mr. Dry reported the Capital Campaign paid \$55,000 on the loan principal with this month’s loan payment and the remaining loan at the bank is about \$495,000. A press conference will be held tomorrow in Morton, Illinois, as a corporate sponsor will present the State Officers with a contribution check.



The officers reviewed their recent activities: GROWMARK Annual Meeting, STAR Conferences, Reporter Workshops, Chapter Visits and Leadership Training Schools.

Peterson/Santamaria to accept the FY '03 ISBE Contract as presented. Motion carried.

Pettit/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Shriver/Robinson to accept the 2002 FFA Leadership Camp Report and thank Mindy Elvidge for her work as Camp Director. Motion carried.

Meteer/Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Reische reported for ISBE: He indicated he is the only Agriculture Education Staff member remaining since Mr. Schreck retired. He is moving forward on the Supplemental Funding Grants. He is working with the Illinois FFA staff and FCAE to establish an online database. He is working to set up a meeting with the new State Superintendent, Robert Schiller.

Bocker/Yandell to allow Seneca FFA to serve as Illinois FFA's representative to the Western Livestock Exposition. Motion carried.

Pettit/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried on a roll call vote 4 yes and 1 abstention.

District Concerns:

District I – Would like to allow advisors to observe their students as they present in the State Parliamentary Procedure CDE.

District II – Concern on how the Fall elections will affect Agriculture Education. What is the process to raise FFA dues by \$1?

District III – Would like to have the Bronze, Silver and Gold Emblem awards in the National Chapter Award Program presented in different convention sessions. There are some schools that would like to see a plaque presented for the Sweepstakes Award.

District IV – Many schools in the District have financial concerns due to the tough economic times the State of Illinois is facing.

District V – None that haven't been mentioned.

Mr. Dry announced the FFA Foundation Fair Share is approximately \$1,060 for 2002.

Mr. Reische announced Bill Schreck will receive the VIP Award at the FFA Convention and will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the NAAE in December.

The meeting was concluded with Closing Ceremonies at 4:10 p.m.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***Illinois FFA Center***  
***Springfield, Illinois***

**July 15, 2002**

The Illinois Association FFA Board of Director' meeting was called to order in at 10:00 a.m. by State FFA President Jay Kelley and Chairman Ron Reische.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Jay Kelley	Rebecca Yandell	Emilee Bocker	Drew DeRiemacker	Meagan Wells
Sarah Swenson	Leon Adams	Jesse Faber	Rick Pettit	Kent Weber
Bruce Eidson	W. Lee Meteer	Doug Robb	William Schreck	Ronald Reische

Alternates:

Mathew Wilson	Sam Robb
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Guests:

Frank M. Dry	James Craft
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Chairs Jay Kelley and Ron Reische welcomed the group. Mr. Reische explained the meeting was to be considered a planning meeting as the student directors had not yet been elected, preventing the newly elected members from being seated. All action taken at the meeting will be presented in September for sustaining action. Since it was a planning meeting only, motions could be presented by student or adult members.

W. L. Meteer/D. DeReimacker to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

The May 10, 2002, minutes were reviewed and action was deferred until September.

The FFA Board discussed the implementation of the EZ Records system being developed by IAVAT and the University of Illinois. Action on the implementation will take place in September after the FFA Board meets with the IAVAT Board of Directors. The following points were reviewed.

- ◆ Whether the first year use of the EZ Records should be limited to 1<sup>st</sup> year students or freshman students only.
- ◆ Whether records can be copied into the EZ record system by students other than 1<sup>st</sup> year students or freshman students.
- ◆ That 2004 will be the first year that computerized records can be used for award purposes.
- ◆ The use of colored paper for the enterprise units was discussed as a recommendation, but not as a rule that could result in disqualification.
- ◆ All pages of the records must be submitted for award and degree selection. This will include pages that do not contain record entries.
- ◆ Hand written records will continue to be accepted for award purposes, with no penalty in judging.

The FFA Board reviewed the Officer Selection process. Although the review was planned as a part of the change in the Election Procedures, it also serves to meet the motion passed by the delegates at the 74<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention. An open discussion occurred on the selection process. It was agreed, with one dissension, the new process was a positive move and should be continued with efforts made to address concerns identified by the candidates, committee members, FFA Board and staff. Specific items that should be addressed in the 2003-04 Officer Selection Process include:

- ◆ Tell candidates and selection committee members whether the application is to be handwritten or typed.
- ◆ Add time (4 minutes was discussed) to the General Interview Session.
- ◆ Provide more guidance on the specific interview areas in the General Interview Session.
- ◆ There was some concern that the "Why I Want to be a State Officer?" could be repetitive of the General Interview.
- ◆ It was felt that some of the questions on the Written Test may have been to trivial.
- ◆ Efforts should be made to keep the same number of candidates in each presentation group for the Group Activity.
- ◆ The candidates need to be told to speak up during the planning phase of the Group Activity.

- ◆ The candidates should be reminded the committees in the “Group Activity” and “Impromptu Scenario” will be role playing and the candidates should react as they would in a real-life situation.
- ◆ There was concern that candidates did not know state staff would score the Written Test or Writing Exercise. It was suggested the sections to be scored by state staff be noted in the instructions.
- ◆ It was discussed, but not agreed, that all candidates reaching a certain point total be allowed to advance to convention with a minimum of ten candidates advancing.

The State Staff was directed to make the recommended changes in the process and present a draft at the September meeting.

Activities at the State Fair were reviewed.

Leon Adams reported on the progress towards holding the Ag Olympics. The event will be held on Sunday, August 11, 2002, at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. There are currently 8-10 teams signed up and there will be eight events for each.

Agriculture Day will be August 13<sup>th</sup> and highlights will include the selection of the Excellence in Teaching award and the Sale of Champions.

FFA Chapters are being asked to assist in the sale of hats and pins commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Illinois State Fair. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Capital Campaign.

An evaluation summary of the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual State FFA Convention was reviewed. Specific items noted were:

- ◆ Some continuing parking concerns at the parking garage and bagged meters.
- ◆ Change “Guest” registration to “Non-member” registration.
- ◆ Change “VIP” registration to “Guest” registration.
- ◆ Present the Sweepstakes Award on stage and make the award something other than a certificate.
- ◆ Provide a ranking list of the National Chapter Award winners the day they are announced. (It was noted by staff the list was available and had been handed out)
- ◆ Poor attendance at some of the sessions.

The proposal to change State FFA Degree selection from a Section activity to a District activity was discussed. All the District Directors reported they met with the teachers in their district at the IAVAT Conference and discussed the proposal. All districts were opposed to the proposal. In addition to the proposal, it was suggested the selection of degree recipients from the “pool” be done earlier to allow all potential Star Degree Candidates to advance to the District Proficiency Awards Selection.

Frank Dry discussed the Capital Campaign efforts since the last meeting.

District concerns:

District I – They would like to move the selection of the District Stars to an evening different from the Proficiency Awards.

Pettit/D. Robb to allow districts to hold the Star Candidate interviews on an alternate date prior to the District Proficiency Awards. Motion passed. [Note: This motion must be sustained at the September meeting of the FFA Board of Directors to become policy]

District II – None

District III – Would like to move District Proficiency Awards to a new location for improved space and environment.

District IV – Chapters with less than 100% membership.

District V – None

A draft copy of the FFA Recruitment brochure that is being funded by ISBE was handed out for input.

The meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies at 4:10 p.m.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***Illinois FFA Center***  
***Springfield, Illinois***

**May 10, 2002**

The Illinois Association FFA Board of Director’ meeting was called to order in at 9:00 a.m. by State FFA President Colleen Dickinson and Chairman Ron Reische.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Colleen Dickinson	Phil Dare	Sarah Swenson	Leon Adams	Jesse Faber	Ben Fehr
Drew DeRiemacker	Karen Stuart	Tammy DeCounter	Adrienne Ostrom	Rick Pettit	Kent Weber
Bruce Eidson	W. Lee Meteer	Doug Robb	Ron Reische	Bill Schreck	

Alternates:

Art Engelbrecht	Matt Wilson	Mary Barnes	Sam Robb		
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Guests:

Brian Stahl	Steve Buyck	Jamie Van Dyke	David Stille	Christina Wells	Jay Runner
Larry Wernsing	Frank M. Dry	James Craft			

Chairs Dickinson and Mr. Reische welcomed the group.

L. Adams/T. DeCounter to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

L. Meteer/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

K. Stuart /B. Fehr to approve the January 28, 2002, minutes as printed. Motion carried.

B. Eidson/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

A. Ostrom/S. Swenson to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

B. Schreck/R. Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

L. Adams/T. DeCounter to adopt the FY '03 Budget. Motion carried.

K. Weber/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

FFA membership currently stands at 15,798 members, down about 250 from last year.

A letter of concern from Section 6 was entered into record. One FFA Board member expressed concern that State Staff scored the FFA Knowledge Test and the Writing Exercise. The selection process will be evaluated at a summer meeting.

S. Swenson/D. DeRiemacker to conduct State FFA Degree at the District level.

P. Dare/B. Fehr moved to postpone to the next meeting. Motion carried.

B. Schreck/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

The officers reviewed FFA Convention activities. It was requested the Agriculture Science Fair be added to the tentative agenda.

Meeting was adjourned with Closing Ceremonies and National Chapter Award Evaluation Committees began their work.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***Illinois FFA Center***  
***Springfield, Illinois***

**January 28, 2002**  
(corrected)

The Illinois Association FFA Board of Director' meeting was called to order in at 10:00 a.m. by State FFA President Colleen Dickinson and Chairman Pro-temp Bill Schreck.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

**Members:**

Colleen Dickinson	Phil Dare	Sarah Swenson	Leon Adams	Jesse Faber	Ben Fehr
Drew DeRiemacker	Karen Stuart	Tammy DeCounter	Adrienne Ostrom	Rick Pettit	Kent Weber
Bruce Eidson	W. Lee Meteer	Doug Robb	Bill Schreck		

**Guests:**

Mike White	Jay Runner	Carl Dillow	David Erickson	Frank M. Dry	James Craft
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Chairs Dickinson and Mr. Schreck welcomed the group. It was noted that Mr. Reische was recovering from surgery and was not able to attend the meeting

P. Dare/J. Faber to adopt the agenda with the following additions: Video Request, Alumni Report, State Degree, Barns of Illinois and Executive Secretary Report. Motion carried.

L. Meteer/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

A. Ostrom/B. Fehr to approve the November 27, 2001, minutes as printed. Motion carried.

B. Eidson/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

K. Stuart/P. Dare to approve the December Financial Report. Motion carried.

K. Weber/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

Carl Dillow reported on the Alumni Annual Meeting. The 2003 Annual Meeting will be held on the third weekend of January and in 2004 and 2005 the Annual Meeting will go back to the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in January. It is scheduled for the Hilton Hotel, Springfield, Illinois, in 2003, 2004 and 2005. Changes were made to the FFA Alumni Constitution by adding a second Director for each district and the office of Past President was dropped. The scholarship auction was low this year, raising just over \$3,000.

Sarah Swenson discussed requests she had received for the FFA Leadership Camp Video.

J. Faber/P. Dare to make copies of the video available to chapters. Motion carried.

K. Weber/R. Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/ J. Faber to include a video waiver release in the information to each Leadership Camp participant. Motion carried.

B. Eidson/D. Robb to sustain. Motion carried.

Mike White presented a report from IAVAT. The IAVAT Special Projects Committee has requested the FFA Board have a representative in attendance at the next Special Projects Committee. They will be working on the computerized record book and would like the Board's input on how the transition will be made from the handwritten records to the computer version. Kent Weber, Lee Meteer, and Bruce Eidson indicated an interest in attending the meeting.

P. Dare/T. DeCounter to accept all the Preliminary Programs of Activities received by January 23, 2002. Motion carried.

R. Pettit/K. Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

The State FFA Officers reported on their activities since the last meeting.

J. Craft presented a Made for Excellence Conference update. There are 287 students registered for the Moline MFE and 212 students registered for the Marion location. A total of 119 teachers are registered for the professional development activities. Late registrations continue to cause scheduling problems, but the late fee has reduced the number of late registrations.

Leon Adams reported that a meeting had been held with Debbie Dickason, Illinois State Fair staff member, to discuss details on the Ag Olympics/Farmyard Follies at the Illinois State Fair. A series of activities were presented to Ms. Dickason and possible dates. There was discussion on potential chapter interest and appropriate prizes.

J. Faber/D. DeRiemacker that eligibility for Star awards will be based on the section FFA membership received at the Illinois FFA Center by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

K. Weber/R. Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

Colleen Dickinson and Frank Dry reviewed the Agriculture Legislative Day activities. Agriculture Legislative Day will be held March 20, 2002. Due to the increased security, FFA members need to wear their FFA Jacket and have picture identification with them. Once the students have cleared security the baskets and lunches will be delivered by using the tunnels in the Capitol Complex. The names of all participants must be sent to the Illinois FFA Center in advance of the event.

Long Range Planning Reports

P. Dare/DeRiemacker to accept the *Events and Awards Committee* report and adopt recommendation #2. (The Illinois FFA should sponsor a Farmyard Follies activity for all chapters in conjunction with Director of Agriculture, Joe Hampton.)

L. Adams/B. Fehr to amend recommendation #2 by striking Illinois FFA and insert Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Amendment passed. Main motion as amended passed.

L. Meteer/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/DeRiemacker to adopt recommendation #1. (Provide training related to Parliamentary Procedure by making copies of the videotape of the State Parliamentary Procedure CDE available.) Motion carried.

B. Eidson/K. Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Faber/B. Fehr to adopt recommendation #1 (Assure a minimum of 9 judges per committee on the second day of program judging.) Motion carried.

R. Pettit/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/ B. Fehr to accept the *Training and Development Committee* report. Motion carried.

B. Eidson/K. Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/J. Faber to accept the *Public Relations and Promotions Committee* report. Motion carried.

L. Meteer/R. Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

The FFA staff was directed to work with partners to achieve the recommendation on National Chapter Award judging. The FFA staff will continue to work with the local State Representative to have a sign placed at the Interstate 55 exit identifying the Illinois FFA Center.

J. Faber/P. Dare to adopt recommendation #2. (Obtain a sign on I-55 for the Illinois FFA Center and/or billboard in Springfield area promoting FFA and the State FFA Convention) Motion carried.

Weber moved to sustain. Motion died or lack of a second.

J. Faber/ S. Swenson to adopt part 4 of recommendation #3. (Develop a Greenhand Packet that can be distributed at Chapter Visits and/or during Greenhand Workshops and include it as a part of the Section President's Handbook.) Motion carried.

L. Meteer/R. Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:48 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from lunch at 1:22 p.m.

The officers reviewed the tentative program for the 74<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention. Changes in convention include: Public Speaking will be held off-stage on Wednesday morning. Reflections will be held at the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> session to set the mood and focus of the convention. Alumni awards may be presented at one of the luncheons. There was some concern with the time assigned for the Star Ceremonies (Thursday morning). Some small group recognitions will occur between elections during the Wednesday evening

session. The officers are struggling with how much time to devote to past officer recognition. Section meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. with another short time period provided as well.

There have been no constitutional amendments submitted to date, although there have been concerns expressed on the State FFA Degree quota.

K. Stuart/P. Dare to strike the first sentence in Article VI, Section E, Part 12, and present as an amendment to the delegates at the 2002 State FFA Convention. Motion failed.

K. Weber/R. Pettit to sustain the student action. Motion passed.

P. Dare/J. Faber to amend Article VI, Section E, part 4, by striking \$2,500 and inserting \$2,500 and amend Article VI, Section E, part 5 by striking \$1,000 and inserting \$1,500, and present as constitutional amendments at the 2002 State FFA Convention. Motion failed.

R. Pettit/ K. Weber to sustain the student action. Motion passed.

T. DeCounter/B. Fehr to set 2002 State FFA Convention registration at the same prices (\$18 for members and advisors; \$12 for band and chorus; and \$6 for a one-day student or advisor pass) as 2001. Motion passed.

B. Eidson/R. Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Swenson/D. DeRiemacker to set 2002 State FFA Convention guest registration at \$5 for the convention, with invited guests, presenters, state officers immediate family and section presidents' parents at no charge.

L. Adams/T. DeCounter to amend by inserting guests 12 years and older be charged \$5 and guests under the age of 12 years be free. Amendment passed.

J. Faber/K. Stuart called for Previous Question. Previous Question passed.

Motion as amended passed.

K. Weber/R. Pettit to sustain motion as amended. Motion carried.

B. Eidson/R. Pettit to set Thursday guest registration at \$2. Motion carried.

L. Adams/T. DeCounter to sustain. Motion passed.

#### Capital Campaign Report

Mr. Dry reported the Foundation is working on a "Barns of Illinois" book. The funds generated will be used for the Capital Campaign. Mr. Craft and the State FFA Officers have composed a letter that will go out to Capital Campaign donors asking them to upgrade their sponsorship to the \$150 level so they can be recognized with a commemorative brick.

#### District Concerns:

District I – Would like to see State Parliamentary Procedure one week later.

District II – No concerns.

District III – Would like to have only five judges on the committee at State Proficiency selection.

District IV – Concern over the State FFA Degree quota.

District V – Questions on the Foundation and Capital Campaign status.

Mr. Craft reviewed the FFA Board members responsibilities at the District Public Speaking and Proficiency Awards.

Bill Schreck reviewed the FFA portions of the incentive funding application.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***Illinois FFA Center***  
***Springfield, Illinois***

**November 27, 2001**

The Illinois Association FFA Board of Director' meeting was called to order in at 10:01 a.m. by State FFA President Colleen Dickinson and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Colleen Dickinson	Phil Dare	Sarah Swenson	Leon Adams	Jesse Faber	Ben Fehr
Drew DeRiemacker	Karen Stuart	Tammy DeCounter	Adrienne Ostrom	Rick Pettit	Kent Weber
Bruce Eidson	W. Lee Meteer	Doug Robb	Bill Schreck	Ron Reische	

Guests:

Sarah Tweet	Adam Maas	Cade Lawrence	Rebecca Yandell	Matt Wilson	Richard Treat
Larry Pfeiffer	Joe Webel	Dean Dittmar	Jay Runner	David Erickson	Ron Byers
Frank M. Dry	James Craft				

The group was welcomed by Chairs Dickinson and Reische.

S. Swenson/J. Faber to adopt the agenda with the addition of the State FFA Degree and Capital Campaign. Motion carried.  
B. Schreck/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/J. Faber to approve the September 24, 2001, minutes. Motion carried.  
B. Schreck/R. Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Faber/B. Fehr to accept the State FFA Degree Application with the changes noted in scholarship certification and post the computer version on the FFA website as a free download or charge \$15 per disc for mailed copies. Motion carried.  
K. Weber/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for committee meetings at 10:55 a.m.  
Meeting reconvened at 2:01 p.m.

Reports were presented by the Events & Awards Committee (see attachment), Training & Development Committee (see attachment), Public Relations & Promotion Committee (see attachment) and the Election Process Committee.

J. Faber/B. Fehr to change the selection committee make up for 2 FFA members to 3 FFA members and allow three adult representatives from the following categories: University & Community College, Corporate Past State Officer and Media. Motion carried.

R. Pettit/B. Schreck to sustain. Motion carried.

[**Note:** This action did not affect the assignment of a representative of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors as a voting member of the selection committee.]

S. Swenson/J. Faber to accept the candidate selection materials as presented. Motion carried. (See attachment)  
R. Pettit/D. Robb to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/J. Faber to accept the application and process as presented from the Election Process Committee and require a \$40 application fee. Motion carried.  
K. Weber/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.



A discussion was held on the Capital Campaign progress. It as reported that 49 schools had returned their pledge cards, totaling \$24,574.98. The IAVAT Committee and the standing corporate committee continue to work on the effort.

Meeting was adjourned with Closing Ceremonies.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***Illinois FFA Center***  
***Springfield, Illinois***

**September 24, 2001**

The Illinois Association FFA Board of Director' meeting was called to order in at 10:00 a.m. by State FFA President Colleen Dickinson and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische.

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Colleen Dickinson	Phil Dare	Sarah Swenson	Leon Adams	Jesse Faber	Ben Fehr
Drew DeRiemacker	Karen Stuart	Tammy DeCounter	Adrienne Ostrom	Rick Pettit	Kent Weber
Bruce Eidson	W. Lee Meteer	Doug Robb	Bill Schreck	Ron Reische	

Guests:

Mike White	Jay Runner	Frank M. Dry	James Craft
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The group was welcomed by Chairs Dickinson and Reische.

Mr. Reische seated the new members to the FFA Board and discussed voting procedures

P. Dare/S. Swenson to adopt the agenda with the addition of the Audit Review, John Deere Request, Group Photo, Affiliate Reports. Motion carried.

B. Schreck/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/D. DeRiemacker to approve the May 11, 2001, minutes. Motion carried.

L. Meteer/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/T. DeCounter to approve the June 30, 2001, minutes with spelling corrections. Motion carried.

R. Pettit/K. Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/K. Stuart to accept the FY 2001 Final Financial Report. Motion carried.

D. Robb/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/D. DeRiemacker to approve the ISBE FY 2002 Contract. Motion carried.

R. Pettit/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/L. Adams to accept the FY 2001 Audit Review. Motion carried

B. Eidson/K. Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for the two seats on the Governing Committee. Nominations were: Kent Weber and W. Lee Meteer.

P. Dare/A. Ostrom to close nominations and elect Ron Reische, Kent Weber and W. Lee Meteer to the Governing Committee. Motion passed.

B. Schreck/D. Robb to sustain. Motion carried.

L. Adams/T. DeCounter to accept James Craft as Executive Secretary. Motion carried.

K. Weber/R. Pettit to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft reviewed the Election Process Committee Report.

P. Dare/L. Adams moved to accept the Election Process Committee Report. Motion Carried.

B. Schreck/R. Pettit to sustain. Motion carried

B. Fehr/K. Stuart to adopt the first part of the election committee report, with the addition of a team activity to items #3 and #4.

J. Faber/T. DeCounter to amend by striking "3 week minimum" and inserting "4 week minimum" in items #2 and #3. Motion to amend carried.

W. L. Meter/K. Weber to sustain. Motion carried.  
Main motion as amended passed.  
B. Eidson/B. Schreck to sustain. Motion carried.

D. DeRiemacker/L. Adams moved to adopt the proposed committee structure with two FFA members, nominated by their advisors and selected by the State FFA Officers and State FFA Staff, on each committee. These students cannot serve as convention delegates.

J. Faber/D. DeRiemacker to amend by striking “two” and inserting “four”. Motion to amend failed  
S. Swenson/K. Stuart moved to add the words “and senior” to the proposed committee structure. Motion passed.  
L. Meter/B. Schreck to sustain. Motion carried.  
Main motion as amended passed.  
R. Pettit/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed for lunch.  
Meeting reconvened.

D. DeRiemacker/P. Dare to adopt Option A from the Election Process Committee Report.  
D. DeRiemacker/P. Dare called Previous Question On All Pending Business. Motion passed.  
R. Pettit/D. Robb to sustain. Motion failed.  
S. Swenson/K. Stuart to refer back to the committee. Motion failed.  
B. Schreck/L. Meter to sustain. Motion to sustain passed.  
Main motion as amended passed on a vote of 6 in favor and 3 opposed.  
K. Weber/R. Pettit to sustain. Motion passed with the chair casting a vote 4 in favor and 3 opposed.

P. Dare/D. DeRiemacker to implement the new election process for the 2002 State FFA Convention. Motion passed.  
K. Weber/D. Robb to sustain. Motion carried.

#### The election process, as adopted reads:

Candidates submit a resume and an intent form.

Prior to convention (4 weeks minimum) all candidates complete an application (similar to National FFA Officer Application), written exam and a written exercise (e.g. thank you note, request for a meeting)

Prior to convention (4 weeks minimum) all candidates go through a series of interviews (General Interview – Q & A; Prepared – sample of what could be used; Extemporaneous – scenario; Impromptu – feedback & final thoughts; present the “Why I want to be a State Officer from their application); and participate in a team activity.

The scores on the written test, written communication, interviews and team activity are averaged to gain a score.

The top ten scores advance to the elections at the convention.

Within one week following the interview, all candidates participating in the interviews are mailed a letter providing a summary evaluation of their performance at the candidate interview process and notifying them whether they will advance to the State FFA Convention.

During their first appearance the top ten candidates are introduced onstage.

P. Dare/J. Faber to defer consideration of the FFA Convention Committee Reports to the December meeting. Motion passed.  
R. Pettit/B. Eidson to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft presented the FFA Convention Attendance Report and a summary of the information received on the IAVAT Conference Survey.

W. L. Meterer reported on the Agriculture Science Tour sponsored by Monsanto.

The National Chapter Award Application evaluation committee was deferred to the December meeting.

The status of the E.D.G.E. Conference was reported by F. Dry and B. Eidson.

J. Craft reported on the FFA Board member responsibilities for the District FFA Events. He reminded the Adult Board members they needed to identify host sites for the Proficiency Awards, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure.

The State FFA Officers reported on the Illinois and DuQuoin State Fairs. The Grand Champion steer was auctioned at the Sale of Champions and was donated back to the FFA and 4-H. It was resold for \$30,000 and the proceeds of the second sale will be split evenly between FFA and 4-H.

Two new categories were added to the list of proficiencies offered by the National FFA.

The State FFA Officers reviewed National FFA Convention plans. Illinois has:

- 15 delegates.
- 4 Proficiency Finalists
- 1 Star Candidate
- 2 Model of Innovation Chapters
- National Officer Candidate (Robin Niehaus)

F. Dry reviewed the Capital Campaign. Activities were suggested that might assist the campaign drive. It was announced a dedication of the Illinois FFA Center will be held on November 9 & 10, 2001. A copy of the donor list was provided to the Board.

The State FFA Officers reported on the following events:

- Jesse Faber – Cooperative Activities Tour & FFA Leadership Camp
- Colleen Dickinson – State President's Conference & GROWMARK Annual Meeting
- Leon Adams – Illinois State Fair
- Sarah Swenson – Youth Education Committee & Reporter Workshops
- Phil Dare – S.T.A.R. Conferences

Jim Craft provided the FFA Board of Directors copies of the FFA Annual Report, Membership History and activities to date.

District Concerns:

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| District I   | None   |
| District II  | Would like to have the Scantron put in use   |
| District III | The record Book Committee has a concern with the FFA Board's action to accept computerized record books. Would like to see the Star Awards held on a different day than the State Proficiencies selection. |
| District IV  | Complimented the staff on the appearance of the facility. Encouraged the Administrative Council to formulate a maintenance plan.   |
| District V   | None   |

Affiliate Reports:

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| IAVAT | Mike White, IAVAT President, shared a Capital Campaign Committee Report, but cautioned the FFA Board the report had not yet been reviewed by the IAVAT Board of Directors. |
| ISBE  | Several retirements from the agency are pending, including William B. Schreck, agricultural consultant.  |

T. DeCounter/P. Dare to provide a set of chapter mailing labels to Keith Soltwedel at John Deere. Motion carried.

B. Schreck/K. Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois FFA Center  
Springfield, Illinois***

**July 30, 2001**

(corrected)

The Illinois Association FFA Board of Director' meeting was called to order in a Special Session at 10:00 a.m. by State FFA President Colleen Dickinson and State FFA Advisor

Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members:

Colleen Dickinson	Phil Dare	Sarah Swenson	Leon Adams	Jesse Faber	Ben Fehr
Drew DeRiemacker	Karen Stuart	Tammy DeCounter	Adrienne Ostrom	Mike Chausse	Kent Weber
Joe Coldwell	W. Lee Meteer	Mark Steber	Bill Schreck	Ron Reische	

Guests:

Bruce Eidson	Doug Robb	Craig Sanford	Jay Runner	Frank M. Dry	James Craft
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The group was welcomed by Chairs Dickinson and Reische.

The agenda was adopted by consensus with the addition of the American FFA Degree Consideration, Incentive Funding Grant Application and Capital Campaign.

R. Reische reviewed the voting procedures for the Special Board Meeting.

S. Swenson/P. Dare to adopt the changes to the American Degree template and implement the changes for the State FFA Degree application and implement the new application for 2001-2002. Motion carried.

M. Steber/M. Chausse to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare/K. Stuart to add pages 3, 7 and the top of page 8 from the Stars Battery as part of the application requirements for American Degree Candidates from Illinois, Motion carried.

J. Coldwell/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

The group discussed the use of the National FFA Proficiency Award Application in the state selection process. No changes were made for 2001-2002.

J. Faber/L. Adams to allow typed records for award selection purposes when the IAVAT adopts and implements a computerized record keeping system. Motion carried.

B. Schreck/J. Coldwell to sustain. Motion carried.

B. Fehr/T. DeCounter to allow typed captions for pictures and typed captions for supporting materials for proficiency award selection. Motion carried.

M. Chausse/L. Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

The group discussed the composition of the National Chapter Award evaluation committee. The item was placed on the September meeting agenda to give the Board members a chance to discuss the issue with their members.

R. Reische presented a proposed Official FFA Dress policy. (See attached)

P. Dare/J. Faber to adopt the proposed "Operating Procedure Related to Official Dress for State Officers".

J. Faber/B. Fehr called for Previous Question. Motion carried.

M. Chausse/K. Weber to sustain the Previous Question. Motion carried.

Main Motion carried.

B. Schreck/M. Steber to sustain. Motion carried.

The board reviewed IAVAT Resolution #2 and directed the officers to consider the resolution as they began convention planning.

Faber/Ostrom to refer IAVAT Resolution #5 to the Election Process Committee. Motion carried.  
Coldwell/Weber moved to sustain. Motion carried.

The board asked the National Chapter Award "Top 10 Recognition" be placed on the September agenda.

The presentation of individual member awards was referred to the Major State Officers to use in planning the 2002 State FFA Convention.

J. Craft reviewed the electronic roster process that will be implemented this Fall.

Swenson/DeRiemacker moved to accept Western Illinois University's offer to host an Invitational Job Interview CDE and use that event to identify Illinois FFA's national entry. Motion carried.  
Chausse/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Faber/Fehr to use the Invitational Food Science CDE at Pleasant Hill to identify Illinois FFA's national entry. Motion carried.  
Coldwell/Meteer to sustain. Motion carried.

The FFA Board discussed the State FFA Convention

B. Schreck requested input from the FFA Board on the Incentive Funding factors. The board recommended: 1) to maintain the current number of X's for the National Chapter Award; 2) the board did not reach consensus on whether to add X's for the Heritage and Cooperative Activities programs; and 3) that chapters collecting fair share for the Annual Foundation Collection Drive receive 3X's.

A "Capital Campaign" report was given by President Colleen Dickinson and F. Dry. The committee is continuing to work with corporate donors and the State Officers have addressed the issue at their State Officer meeting and will be aggressive in their efforts.

#### District Concerns

District I – None  
District II – Would like to see a board member at the Election Procedures Committee Meeting.  
District III – None  
District IV – A tour for the Agriculture Science Fair participants will be held on Monday, August 6, 2001, sponsored by Monsanto.  
District V – None

Faber/Dare to amend the Leadership Camp Expense line on the FY 2002 Budget to correct the mathematical error and maintain a balanced budget. Motion carried.

Coldwell/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Staff reports were presented.

Meeting adjourned with Closing Ceremonies at 4:20 p.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

**May 11, 2001**

The meeting was called to order by Chairmen Reische and Woodrum.

Introductions showed the following present:

Board Members:

Steve Woodrum	Ted Ufkes	Danny Miller	Rene Mettler	Jennifer Herman
Matt Nordstrom	Sarah Swenson	Jay Scholl	Phil Dare	Sharon Glaenzer
Michael Chausse	Kent Weber	Joe Coldwell	Art Engelbrecht	W. Lee Meteer
Mark Steber	Andy Baker	Ron Reische		

Guests:

Ron Baker	Carl Burkybile	Mary Barnes	Kevin Brannan	Matthew Wilson
Bryan Myers	Carrol Rodgers	Bruce Eidson	Scott Faifield	Frank Dry
James Craft				

FFA President, Steve Woodrum welcomed the group.

Dare/Glaenzer to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

Chausse/Coldwell to sustain. Motion carried.

Mettler/Swenson to approve the minutes of January 29, 2001. Motion carried.

Steber/Baker to sustain. Motion carried.

Miller/Nordstrom to approve the April 30, 2001, FFA Financial Report. Motion carried.

Meteer/Steber to sustain. Motion carried.

Ufkes/Dare to approve the FY 2002 Budget. Motion carried.

Baker/Coldwell to sustain. Motion carried.

The State FFA Officers reviewed the convention agenda. Some concern was expressed that Public Speaking Finals were being held prior to the elections.

Steber/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Ufkes/Swenson to appoint a committee of the five newly (2001-02) officers, one past state officer and three state staff to look at the election procedures and report to the Illinois FFA Board of Directors in September. Motion carried.

Steber/Weber to sustain. Motion carried.

Glaenzer/Miller to adopt the American FFA Degree with the addition of efficiency factors and narrative and allow the staff the funds to accomplish. Motion carried.

Meteer/Steber to sustain. Motion carried.

Dr. Baker suggested the National FFA Officers be used to conduct a series of Greenhand Workshops as a part of the new officers training. It was recommended this item be placed on the agenda for the September Board meeting.

In response to a request by the Camp Point FFA it was agreed to allow the FFA Jacket pillow to be displayed at the FFA Convention.

Craft presented a concern to the Board of Directors on a State FFA Degree candidate that had been recommended by a section committee.

Dare/ Glaenzer to recommend the candidate for the State FFA Degree. Motion carried.

Chausse/Coldwell to sustain. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the officer's proposal to have a professional photographer at the convention to take chapter photos and award winners pictures on a fee basis. After lengthy discussion, the board supported the recommendation.

Meeting was adjourned with Closing Ceremonies and committees began their judging assignments.



***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***Illinois FFA Center - Springfield, Illinois***  
**January 29, 2001**

Steve Woodrum, President, called the meeting to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:02 a.m.

State FFA President Steve Woodrum and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische welcomed the board members and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:	Steve Woodrum	Ted Ufkes	Danny Miller	Rene Mettler
	Jennifer Herman	Sarah Swenson	Phil Dare	Jay Scholl
	Sharon Glaenzer	Kent Weber	Joe Coldwell	Mark Steber
	W. Lee Meteer	Bill Schreck	Andy Baker	Ron Reische
Guests:	Jay Runner	Carl Dillow		
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

T. Ufkes moved, D. Miller seconded, to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

D. Miller moved, S. Glaenzer seconded, to approve the minutes of September 29, 2000, and December 15, 2000. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

D. Miller moved, T. Ufkes seconded, to approve the December Financial report. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Glaenzer moved, P. Dare seconded, to accept the FY 2000 Audit Review. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, A. Baker seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft presented a Made for Excellence registration report:

Bloomingdale - 61 chapters, with 246 students and 67 teachers/staff

Alton - 64 chapters, with 213 students and 71 teachers/staff

S. Woodrum presented a FFA membership report. Current membership stands at 14,393.

F. Dry reported that Ag Legislative Day would be held on March 22, 2001. The activities will be similar to last year. Steve Woodrum will present remarks in both the House and Senate Chambers, Honorary Pages will be selected for service with the legislators and both commodity baskets and lunches will be delivered to the legislators.

The board reviewed the Scrapbook Contest rules and made minor changes to the proposal.

D. Miller moved, P. Dare seconded, to implement the Scrapbook Contest as amended and allow the officer to adjust the points for the contest. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, A. Baker seconded, motion carried.

S. Woodrum reviewed the 2001 Election Procedures.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:40 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

T. Ufkes reviewed the Funding Committee report. (See attachment)

J. Scholl moved, S. Glaenger seconded, to accept the Funding Committee report and forward the recommendations to the FFA Foundation Board of Trustees and Sponsoring Committee. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

R. Reische reviewed the Membership & Recruitment report. (See attachment)

P. Dare moved, T. Ufkes seconded, to accept the Membership & Recruitment report. Motion carried.

L. Meteer moved, A. Baker seconded, to sustain Motion carried.

L. Meteer reviewed the Public Relations & Image Committee report. (See attachment)

J. Herman moved, P. Dare seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare moved, R. Mettler seconded, to accept the revised Honorary State FFA Degree application for use in 2001-2002. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Carl Dillow presented a FFA Alumni Report: Their Annual Meeting was held January 26-27, 2001 and a \$3.00 dues increase was adopted. Approximately \$8,000 was raised in the scholarship auction.

New officers include:

- President – Carl Dillow, Anna-Jonesboro FFA Alumni
- Vice President – Dean Olson, A-C FFA Alumni
- Secretary – Ron Byers, Roseville FFA Alumni
- Treasurer – Rich Sanders, Prairie Central FFA Alumni
- Reporter – Sally Kittinger, Eldorado FFA Alumni
- Past President – Jason Webster, Tri-Point FFA Alumni
- District I Director – Hal Lewis, Prophetstown FFA Alumni
- District II Director – Randy Miller, Heartland FFA Alumni
- District III Director – Dick Meyers, Southeastern FFA Alumni
- District IV Director – Lisa Spencer, LeRoy FFA Alumni
- District V Director – Jeremy Wilson, East Richland FFA Alumni

March 16-17, 2001, will be the Alumni Council's first meeting.

J. Craft presented reviewed options for the National Chapter Award selection process.

J. Herman moved, D. Miller seconded, to adopt Option #1 or the proposal with the use of item 4a and 5a, with the addition of a review of all national entries to insure all rules are followed. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, L. Meteer seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The procedure as adopted is:

All applications are due to the Section FFA President by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Section President should check the applications to confirm the application meets the minimums on Form I and contain all required signatures. Should an application not meet minimums or the signatures be missing, the Section President should contact the school to obtain the missing material.

All applications are due to the Illinois FFA Center on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>. They are rechecked for minimum eligibility and separated by division.

Committees are convened to evaluate the three divisions Three (3) committees, one per division, using the National FFA score sheet for each application will evaluate each application.

Using the scored points, the category and final rankings will be determined. Average scores, dropping the high and low score, will be used for all rankings. No tie breakers will be used.

Prepare announcements and videos for convention.

The motion referring the State FFA Degree quota was discussed.

T. Ufkes moved, S. Glaenger seconded, the Illinois FFA Board of Directors recommend to the delegates at the 2002 State FFA Convention that 2% of the membership receive the State FFA Degree.

R. Mettler moved, S. Glaenzer seconded, to insert “and each section receive a degree for Section Star Candidates selected for district competition.

D. Miller moved, T. Ufkes seconded, to Call for Previous Question. Motion failed.

D. Miller moved, P. Dare seconded, to Call for Previous Question on all pending business. Motion Failed

R. Mettler moved, S. Glaenzer seconded, to refer to a committee of 5 appointed by the chair, Motion passed.

Division was called and on the recount the motion to refer failed

Amendment failed.

J. Coldwell moved, A. Baker seconded, to sustain. Motion to sustain carried.

Main motion passed.

J. Coldwell moved, A. Baker seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The State FFA Officers reviewed the tentative convention program.

P. Dare moved, D. Miller seconded, to set registration fees for the 2002 State FFA Convention at \$18 for a three-day registration fee (Student & Advisors), \$12 for Band & Chorus participants, and \$6 for a one-day pass. Motion carried.

A. Baker moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Glaenzer moved, S. Swenson, seconded to accept the Chapter Exhibit recommendations as revised with the State FFA Theme to be used on all entries. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, A. Baker seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### District Concerns

District 1 – None reported

District II – Would like to see all State FFA Degree candidates in the pool resolved before the District Proficiency Awards.

District III - Concern with a report that cheating occurred at a State CDE. (The procedure for reporting misconduct was referenced from the Advisor’s Guide)

Would like to see a proficiency award in Aquaculture.

Need to have separate rooms for each proficiency area at State Awards Day.

District IV – Would like to see the FFA Foundation adopt a “no pay” – “no play” policy.

District V- Would like to know the date for the Illinois FFA Center dedication.

Would like to know why is grading included in the Livestock CDE.

Would like to see criteria developed for the Star categories.

Need to correct the Parliamentary Procedure Score Sheets to allow a spot for the Chairman’s Question to be scored.

R. Mettler moved, P. Dare seconded to grant the special request to present an unedited video taped from the section proficiency selection process at the District Proficiency interviews. Motion passed.

B. Schreck moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Glaenzer moved, D. Miller seconded, to forward the Mallard Nesting System to FFA chapters as the program details become finalized. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft and F. Dry conducted the inservice sessions in preparation for the District Proficiency Awards and Public Speaking CDE's.

D. Miller moved, R. Mettler seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, J. Coldwell seconded to sustain.

Meeting ended at 5:07 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***Illinois FFA Center - Springfield, Illinois***  
**December 15, 2000**

Steve Woodrum, President, called the meeting to order with Opening Ceremonies at 9:55 a.m.

State FFA President Steve Woodrum and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische welcomed the board members and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:	Steve Woodrum	Ted Ufkes	Danny Miller	Rene Mettler
	Jennifer Herman	Matt Nordstrom	Sarah Swenson	Phil Dare
	Jay Scholl	Michael Chausse	Kent Weber	Joe Coldwell
	W. Lee Meteer	Bill Schreck	Andy Baker	Ron Reische
Guests:	Jay Runner	Richard Treat	Joe Webel	Jesse Faber
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

Jennifer Herman presented the November financial report for the FFA.

J. Scholl moved, D. Miller seconded, to adopt the Star in AgriScience for this year.

D. Miller moved, T. Ufkes seconded, to amend by striking this year and inserting 2001-2002.

T. Ufkes moved, D. Miller seconded, Previous Question On All Pending Business. Motion passed.

M. Chausse moved, L. Meteer seconded, to sustain. Motion failed.

Discussion on the amendment was re-opened.

Amendment failed on a vote of 3 in favor and 5 opposed.

Main motion as amended passed.

J. Coldwell moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion passed.

R. Mettler moved, D. Miller seconded, to offer the position of FFA Leadership Camp Director to Mindy Elvidge. Motion passed.

K. Weber moved, M. Chausse seconded, to sustain. Motion passed.

M. Chausse reviewed the Honorary State FFA Degree application revision.

J. Craft reviewed the National Chapter Award evaluation proposals.

It was requested the Parliamentary Procedure Awards and Administration be added to the January agenda.

Committee assignments were reviewed and the group was dismissed for Long Range Planning activities.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***Illinois FFA Center - Springfield, Illinois***  
**September 29, 2000**

Steve Woodrum, President, called the meeting to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:14 a.m.

State FFA President Steve Woodrum and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische welcomed the board members and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:	Steve Woodrum	Ted Ufkes	Danny Miller	Rene Mettler
	Jennifer Herman	Matt Nordstrom	Sarah Swenson	Phil Dare
	Jay Scholl	Sharon Glaenzer	Kent Weber	Joe Coldwell
	W. Lee Meteer	Mark Steber	Bill Schreck	Andy Baker
	Ron Reische			
Guests:	Jay Runner	Scott Page		
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

Mr. Reische explained the voting procedures.

P. Dare moved, J. Herman seconded, to accept the agenda with the addition of:

- 5c Leadership Camp Financial
- 6e Evaluation Survey Results
- 18d District Concerns
- 19 State FFA Degree
- 20 Parliamentary Procedure
- 21 Annual Report
- 22 Award Participation Report
- 23 Fundraising Proposals

Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

T. Ufkes moved, S. Glaenzer seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2000, meeting. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, J. Colwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

M. Nordstrom moved, P. Dare seconded, to accept the FY '00 Final Financial Report. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, A. Baker seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Scholl moved, S. Glaenzer seconded, to accept the FFA Financial Reports through September 12, 2000. Motion carried.

W. Meteer moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Swenson moved, M. Nordstrom seconded, to accept the Leadership Camp Financial Report. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, A. Baker seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare moved, D. Miller seconded, to dissolve the Leadership Camp Checking account and add the Leadership Camp as an income and expense line item in the Association checking account. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare moved, S. Glaenzer seconded to approve the FY 2001 ISBE Grant Proposal. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

D. Miller moved, S. Swenson seconded to elect M. Steber and K. Weber to the serve on the 2000-2001 FFA Governing Committee. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, J. Colwell seconded to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Herman moved, P. Dare seconded, to elect James Craft to serve as the 2000-2001 Executive Secretary of the Illinois Assocaiton FFA. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, W. Meteer seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

P. Dare moved, S. Swenson seconded, to accept the CDE and Awards Committee report. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

T. Ufkes moved, S. Glaenzer seconded, to accept the Chapter Development Committee report. Motion carried.

A. Baker moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

D. Miller moved, R. Mettler seconded, to accept the Leadership Development Committee report. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, A. Baker seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

D. Miller moved, P. Dare seconded, to accept the Student Development Committee report. Motion carried.

W. Meteer moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft presented recommendations on the FFA Convention Chapter Exhibits.

T. Ufkes moved, D. Miller seconded, to postpone consideration of the Chapter Exhibit recommendations until the December meeting. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, W. Meteer seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Herman moved, R. Mettler seconded, to allow team entries in the Agriculture Science Fair in accordance with the National FFA Agriculture Science Fair rules. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

During the discussion, it was suggested that the Agriculture Science Fair be a discussion topic at the December meeting and Doug Shimmer be invited to discuss the AgriScience Camp sponsored by Monsanto.

Information was distributed to the board members describing the EDGE Conference.

J. Herman moved, R. Mettler seconded to discontinue the use of supporting items for judging the National Chapter Award and the Banker's Plaque. Motion carried.

W. Meteer moved, J. Colwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

D. Miller moved, S. Glaenzer seconded, that the FFA staff develop standards and a revised judging process for the January FFA Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft reviewed the board members' responsibilities at the District Parliamentary Procedure CDE.

J. Herman reviewed the Illinois State Fair. She presented ideas for holding a Farmyard Follies (as was conducted at DuQuoin) at the Illinois State Fair.

S. Swenson moved, D. Miller seconded, the officers continue to work with the Department of Agriculture in the development of alternate activities at the state fairs. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, W. Meteer seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The FFA Staff were directed to develop guidelines for summertime use of official dress.

T. Ufkes reviewed DuQuoin State Fair activities.

T. Ufkes moved, P. Dare seconded, the Illinois FFA adopt the 2001 Proficiency Award categories as proposed by the National FFA, with the addition of Safety.

S. Glaenzer moved, J. Herman seconded, to amend by adding “and Electrical Technology” provided sponsorship is continued. Amendment passed.

[Motion as amended: The Illinois FFA adopt the 2001 Proficiency Award categories as proposed by the National FFA, with the addition of Safety, and Electrical Technology” provided sponsorship is continued.] Motion as amended passed.

J. Coldwell moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

No report was available from the Honorary Degree Committee.

D. Miller moved, P. Dare seconded, the FFA Board of Directors go on record in support of maintaining three Agriculture Education Consultant positions at the Illinois State Board of Education. Motion carried.

A. Baker moved, W. Meteer seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Woodrum reviewed the award winners, delegates and business items for the National FFA Convention.

- 8 Proficiency Finalists
- 1 Star In Agribusiness Finalist
- 5 Chapters competing for Models of Innovation
- 14 delegates
- Parker Bane is serving as Illinois’ National Officer candidate

J. Craft provided an update on the facilities. Due delays in construction the dedication was postponed.

F. Dry provided an update on the Capital Campaign. Currently the campaign is about 30% complete. The Titan/FFA Auction at the Farm Progress Show brought in about \$20,395 that will be deposited in the Capital Campaign. Additional Items at the Farm Progress Show, with the cost of the Commemorative trucks deducted, brought in a total of \$22,360.50.

D. Miller reported on Officer activities since June.

J. Craft reported on activities for July and August.

Dr. Baker suggested that all the Major State FFA Officers attend the Greenhand Workshops conducted at each of the universities.

T. Ufkes moved, D. Miller seconded, to adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Star Award category for the 2002 State FFA Convention.

Miller moved, Herman seconded, to amend by striking “2002” and insert “2001”. Amendment passed.

[Motion as amended: To adopt the 3<sup>rd</sup> Star Award category for the 2001 State FFA Convention. ]  
Motion as amended passed.

W. Meteer moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Swenson moved, D. Miller seconded, to adopt the IHSA policies on Home School student attendance for eligibility to participate in FFA activities. Motion carried.

M. Steber seconded, W. Meteer seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

[The IHSA Policy as adopted reads: *A student must attend a member school and may only represent in interscholastic competition the member school the student attends. For purposes of this by-law, the term "attend" shall mean that the student is enrolled at the member school and is taking at, or under arrangements approved by, the member school, a minimum of twenty (20) credit hours of work for which credit toward high school graduation will be granted by the member school upon the student's completing and passing the courses. The school which enrolls the student shall be exclusively responsible to verify the student's compliance with all of the eligibility requirements of the by-laws*]

F. Dry discussed fundraising proposals that had been forwarded to his attention by various vendors.

District Concerns:

District I - None

District II - None

District III - None

District IV – There is a concern with students and chapters receiving recognition awards from the FFA Foundation, even though they do not participate in the annual FFA Foundation Collection Drive.

District V - None

The meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies.



**Illinois FFA Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**May 11, 2000**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies. Chairman Abel Wurmnest and Ron Reische presented a welcome.

Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance:

**Members**

Abel Wurmnest	Robin Niehaus	Beth Wilson	Kelly Tilsy
Ted Ufkes	Bona Bradbury	Rene Mettler	Jennifer Herman
Ron Reische	Bill Schreck	Jeff Wood	Mark Steber
Joe Coldwell	Kent Weber	Mark Wright	Mike Chausse

**Consultants**

Jim Craft                      Frank Dry

**Guests**

Matt Wilson                      Bill Johnson                      Mary Barnes

Wilson/Tilsy to approve the agenda with the addition of Item #14) Alumni Scholarship for EDGE Conference, #15) Agriculture Science Fair, #16) Food Science CDE Request, and #17) District Concerns. Motion carried  
Steber/Schreck to sustain. Motion carried.

Ufkes/Niehaus to approve the minutes of January 17, 2000. Motion carried.  
Wright/Wood to sustain. Motion carried.

Niehaus/Bradbury to approve the April 11, 2000, Financial Report. Motion carried.  
Weber/Coldwell to sustain. Motion carried.

Mettler/Niehaus to approve the FY 2001 FFA Budget. Motion carried.  
Chausse/Wood to sustain. Motion carried.

Mettler/Ufkes to adopt the FFA Officer Disciplinary Procedures as proposed. Motion carried.  
Wood/Coldwell to sustain. Motion carried.

Niehaus/Herman to adopt the Operating Policies of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors. Motion carried.  
Weber/Wright to sustain. Motion carried.

The Honorary State FFA Degree committee presented the preliminary revisions to the application. The committee will meet again and finalize their report this summer.

The ISBE Committee presented preliminary revisions to the applications. They will meet again and finalize their recommendations this summer.

The State FFA Officers reviewed the 72<sup>nd</sup> Illinois FFA Convention program, election process, and business items.

Wilson/Ufkes to forward the amendments, as presented, to the delegates at the 72<sup>nd</sup> State FFA Convention for action. Motion carried.  
Coldwell/Wright to sustain. Motion carried.

Niehaus/Bradbury to support the Monsanto Agriculture Science Camp. Motion carried.  
Steber/Schreck to sustain. Motion carried.

Herman/Mettler to accept the UTI Scholarship as proposed. Motion carried.  
Weber/Schreck to sustain. Motion carried.

Mettler/Tilsy to allow non-FFA members to attend the EDGE Conference, provided their high school has a FFA Chapter. Motion carried.

Wood/Schreck to sustain. Motion carried.

Wilson/Mettler to deny the Agriculture Science Fair team request, but place the item on the September agenda. Motion carried. Wright/Schreck to sustain. Motion carried.

Wilson/Niehaus to allow the Liberty FFA Chapter to represent the Illinois Association FFA in the Food Science CDE at the National FFA Convention, but that travel money not be provided by the Illinois FFA Foundation. Motion carried.

Schreck/Wood to sustain. Motion carried.

### Concerns

District I Shorten the time for State Awards Day

District II Concern with the status of the Leadership Camp Director position and how well the scheduling has progressed on speakers and facilities.

District III See list

District IV Concern was expressed about the size of the interview rooms at proficiency awards.

District V The teachers would like to be able to scan pictures into the new National Chapter Award program application

Chairman Reische reviewed the status of the FFA Board of Directors' contribution to the Capital Campaign.

The meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies and judging committees began their work.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***Illinois FFA Center - Roanoke, Illinois***  
**January 17, 2000**

Abel Wurmnest, Vice President, called the meeting to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m.

State FFA Vice President Abel Wurmnest and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische welcomed the Board members and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:	Abel Wurmnest	Beth Wilson	Robin Niehaus	Kelly Tilsy
	Bona Bradbury	Ted Ufkes	Rene Mettler	Kent Weber
	Joe Coldwell	Mark Wright	Bill Schreck	Jeff Wood
	Ron Reische			
Guests:	William Johnson	Jay Runner		
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

The following business items were added to the agenda.

#19 Corn Grower Proposal  
the committee work was moved to the end of the meeting.

B. Wilson moved, R. Mettler seconded, to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, J. Wood seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

T. Ufkes moved, B. Bradbury seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 11, 1999, meeting. Motion carried.

M. Wright moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

R. Niehaus moved, R. Mettler seconded, to accept the December and January Financial Reports. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, J. Wood seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft reported current FFA membership at 12,417 with 1,676 students' memberships being held for further information from their schools.

The Major State Officers reviewed the Chapter Scrapbook Contest feedback. They indicated the Section Presidents had expressed support for the addition of the project.

The Major Officers reviewed the State FFA Officer election procedures, Candidate Commitment Form and the information sheets they developed on Section President and State Officer duties.

B. Wilson moved, K. Tilsy seconded, the Illinois Association FFA hold a reception for all Major State Officer Candidates and their parents. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Dry reviewed the activities for Legislative Awareness Day. The schedule of events will be the same as previous years with the baskets for legislators being assembled from 8-10 a.m. The baskets will be delivered at 10 a.m. and lunches will be delivered at 10:30 a.m.

R. Niehaus moved, B. Bradbury seconded, to accept all chapter Preliminary Program of Activities received prior to December 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain, Motion carried.

The Major State Officers reviewed the tentative program for the State FFA Convention.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:35 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

R. Niehaus moved, K. Tilsy seconded, to accept the proposed Constitutional Amendments and forward them to convention delegates for action. Motion carried.

J. Wood moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

T. Ufkes moved, R. Mettler seconded, to maintain the same registration fees for the 2000 FFA Convention as were charged for the 1999 FFA Convention. (Note: \$18 for members and advisors, \$12 for band and chorus members and \$6 for one-day member registration.)

K. Weber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The Major State Officers reviewed the suggested workshops and Collegiate FFA Activities.

Mr. Craft presented the Leadership Camp Financial Statement.

B. Wilson moved, B. Bradbury seconded, to accept the 1999 FFA Leadership Camp financial report. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, J. Wood seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

A committee was appointed to review the applicants for the 2000 Camp Director's position. Committee members are Beth Wilson, Bona Bradbury, Kent Weber, and Jeff Wood.

Ron Reische reviewed the National FFA Policy for chartering local FFA Chapters in non-public schools. The State of Illinois does not have a recognition procedure for handling non-public schools. Recognition of public schools is based on the ability to be funded. No action was taken.

Concerns:

District I – None

District II – None

District III – There were some concerns with the summarizing of the new revision of the SAE recordbooks.

District IV – None

District V - None

Mr. Craft conducted inservice on the student and adult directors' duties at the district Public Speaking, Proficiency and Parliamentary Procedure events.

The staff and Major officers gave an update on the Illinois FFA Center construction project. Each member of the adult FFA Board pledged \$150 for the FFA Center Capital Campaign.

Mr. Dry reviewed a proposal from the Illinois Corn Growers Association.

R. Niehaus moved, T. Ufkes seconded, the FFA pursue the program with Illinois Corn Growers. Motion carried.

J. Wood moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies at 2:18 p.m.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***Illinois FFA Center - Roanoke, Illinois***  
**November 11, 1999**

Abel Wurmnest, Vice President, called the meeting to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m.

State FFA Vice President Abel Wurmnest and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische welcomed the Board members and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:	Abel Wurmnest	Beth Wilson	Robin Niehaus	Kelly Tilsy
	Bona Bradbury	Ted Ufkes	Jennifer Herman	Rene Mettler
	Bill Schreck	Jeff Wood	Mike Chausse	Kent Weber
	Joe Coldwell	Mark Wright	Mark Steber	Ron Reische
Guests:	Jason Webster	W. Lee Meteer		
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

R. Niehaus moved, B. Wilson seconded, to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

B. Bradbury moved, R. Mettler seconded, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 1999, meeting with the correction in spelling of Kelly Tilsy's name. Motion carried

M. Wright moved, J. Wood seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

B. Wilson moved, K. Tilsy seconded, to accept the FY 99 Audit Review. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, M. Chausse seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Herman moved, B. Bradbury seconded, to accept the October and November Financial Reports. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The FFA Membership Report was distributed and reported 8,028 FFA members as of November 10, 1999.

The Board began committee work at 10:35 a.m. The assignments were:

Disciplinary Procedures Committee

Jeff Wood	Kent Weber	Rene Mettler	Robin Niehaus
Ron Reische	Jim Craft	Frank Dry	

Honorary State FFA Degree Revision Committee

Mike Chausse	Joe Coldwell	Beth Wilson	Jennifer Herman
Bona Bradbury	Bill Schreck	Jason Webster	Jim Craft

ISBE Relationship Committee

Mark Wright	Mark Steber	Abel Wurmnest	Ted Ufkes
Kelly Tilsy	Frank Dry		

The committees adjourned for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

Committee Reports were presented:

#### Disciplinary Procedures Committee – Dr. Jeff Wood, Chairman

The committee's work is not complete, but they are focusing on four (4) questions: 1) Should the Board of Directors know about violations of the "Officer Commitment Form"? 2) What action should be taken when an alleged violation occurs? 3) Should parents be notified when an alleged violation occurs? and 4) When is the FFA Board of Directors Governing Committee seated?

Preliminary recommendations are: 1) The staff shall be the initial point of contact regarding all alleged violations of the Commitment Form. Initially the staff will decide the action to be taken regarding the level and nature of the violation. 2) The staff will issue a "warning" in instances where the violation is of such a nature that a more severe action is not warranted. In instances where a more severe level of corrective action is warranted, the Governing Committee will be notified for the purpose of determining the appropriate corrective action. 3) Behavior in violation of the "Officer Commitment Form" which warrants a suspension or dismissal shall require the consideration of the full FFA Board of Directors. 4) In all instances where the behavior of an FFA Officer requires corrective action, the legal guardian of the member shall be notified by certified mail. In instances where the behavior of an FFA Officer requires suspension or dismissal, the officer's chapter advisor shall be notified of the recommended corrective action. 5) The committee recommends a constitutional amendment change regarding Article XI, Section C, "Governing Committee." It is recommended the Governing Committee be designated at the first FFA Board of Directors meeting after the election of the board members. It is further recommended the Governing Committee serve until such time that a new Governing Committee is designated and have the authority to conduct essential business on behalf of the Illinois FFA Board of Directors.

#### Honorary State FFA Degree Revision Committee – Mike Chausse, Chairman

The committee has decided to continue to use a point system for nominating teachers for the Honorary State FFA Degree. However, the committee is reviewing the form and updating it by making changes. Recommended changes will be presented at a future meeting.

#### ISBE Relationship Committee – Frank Dry

The committee started developing a list of expectations for the ISBE Agriculture Consultant staff related to the FFA and agricultural education. The committee is attempting to define the activities and the meetings the consultant staff should attend and the services the ISBE should provide the Illinois Association FFA.

No motions were presented. All committees require further time to complete their assignments.

R. Niehaus moved, T. Ufkes seconded, that state staff work with FBFM to recognize first year record keepers in production and agribusiness. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft reviewed the District Directors' role in securing a site for the Parliamentary Procedure CDE and their responsibility to secure a judge to serve at the State Parliamentary Procedure CDE on February 26, 2000.

Abel, Robin and Beth reviewed the activities at the State Fair. The display in the FFA Barnyard included an Aquaculture display, an informational booth on the "Facility Capital Campaign", a visitor map and a "Safety Look-Alike" display. A picture and biography of Illinois Candidates for Star American Farmer and Agribusiness were on display. The FFA was given the Grand Champion Steer at the Sale of Champions.

The State FFA Convention report indicated 3,221 people attended the convention. The financial statement for the convention was presented to the Board.

T. Ufkes moved, R. Mettler seconded, to accept the 1999 FFA Convention Financial Report. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

B. Wilson moved, B. Bradbury seconded, to accept the Career Development & Awards Committee recommendations. Motion carried.

J. Wood moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

T. Ufkes moved, J. Herman seconded, to accept the Public Relations Committee recommendations. Motion carried.  
J. Coldwell moved, M. Wright, seconded. Motion carried.

R. Mettler moved, K. Tilsy seconded, to accept the Student Development Committee recommendations. Motion carried.

J. Wood moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

R. Niehaus moved, R. Mettler seconded, to accept the Chapter Development Committee recommendations. Motion carried.

M. Chausse moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Herman moved, K. Tilsy seconded, to accept the Leadership Development Committee report with no action on Item #2. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

B. Wilson moved, R. Mettler seconded, to refer IAVAT Conference Resolution #3 and the Election Procedures to the State FFA Officers. Motion Carried.

M. Chausse moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Robin Niehaus reviewed proposed changes in the Outstanding Chapter and Outstanding Section Reporters Award applications.

B. Bradbury moved, R. Mettler seconded, to allow chapters with Co-Reporters to submit two applications for Outstanding Chapter Reporter applications. Motion carried.

M. Chausse moved, J. Wood seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The concept of a Chapter Scrapbook Contest was discussed.

R. Niehaus moved, B. Bradbury seconded, to refer the idea of a Chapter Scrapbook Contest to the student Career Development Event Committee. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Abel Wurmnest reviewed the proposed changes in the Outstanding Chapter President Award.

Abel, Robin and Beth reviewed the National FFA Convention Activities. The delegates adopted two of the three proposed constitutional amendments. The first established a "Discovery" degree for Junior High FFA members and the second allowed the Agriculture Education classes taken at the post-secondary level to count towards the American FFA Degree requirements. Jay Harris of the Franklin FFA Chapter was named the 1999 American Star in Agribusiness. The Seneca FFA Chapter was named the National winner in Chapter Development. Illinois won one of the National Proficiency Awards.

The report on the new facilities indicated the lot in Springfield has been staked out and the footings have been poured. The "Bushels to Build" program and the commemorative bricks were reviewed. It was suggested the FFA establish a "I'd Give the Shirt Off My Back" campaign.

J. Craft reviewed the IAVAT Board of Directors' request to help pay for a Scantron unit for use in Career Development Events and FFA elections. The total cost of a new unit would be about \$9,000. A used unit is available and the IAVAT is negotiating a price.

R. Niehaus moved, B. Wilson seconded, to spend up to \$2,000 on a Scantron machine package. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Lee Meter, Section 19 IAVAT Chairman, presented concerns regarding the materials required and evaluation process of the National Chapter Award program.

B. Wilson moved, B. Bradbury seconded, to adopt the National Chapter Award scoresheet and training on its use be provided to the judges. Motion carried.

J. Caldwell moved, J. Wood seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

B. Bradbury moved, J. Herman seconded, to immediately eliminate the use of all supplemental materials with the National Chapter Award application. Motion carried 4-3.

M. Wright moved, M. Chausse seconded to sustain. Motion failed 3-4.

The State FFA Officers reported on Chapter Visits and actions taken at the State FFA Officer meetings.

J. Craft reported on activities since the last meeting, presented the FFA Annual Report and provided copies of correspondence that has been received pertaining to FFA Board decisions.

Jason Webster, Illinois FFA Alumni President, reported over \$90,000 was raised at the National FFA Alumni Auction. Illinois is planning to put out an auction catalog prior to their annual meeting.

District Concerns:

District I There was a concern with two students who used the same record books to compete in two proficiency areas.

District II There was a concern on two chapter's ranking in the National Chapter Award program.

District III There was a concern that a chapter had regular and Junior High Chapter delegates at the convention. A suggestion was made for the FFA Board to establish a committee to interview the major state officer candidates, select the top 10, and allow only those 10 on stage in front of the voting delegates. A concern was expressed about the State Officers rewording motions and/or making recommendations on the selection of top candidates in the second or subsequent rounds of voting. A suggestion was made to have the audit review bid by the current company to allow dollars to be set. There was concern that two state officers were elected from the same section. There was concern that candidates for the State FFA Degree were not given a reason for being ranked lower than top qualified. There are too many students at the Made for Excellence Conference, there needs to be three conferences not two.

District IV No additional concerns.

District V There is concern on the dress of the talent participants at the State FFA Convention, more of the participants need to be in official dress. A chapter had expressed a concern that they received three gold rating in the National Chapter Award program, but received a silver rating overall.

J. Craft distributed copies of the USDE policy on Chartering FFA Chapters in Non-Public Schools. It will be an item of discussion at the January Board meeting.

The FFA Leadership Camp participation increased this year. The new site seemed to work well and the campers seemed to enjoy the activities provided. There was a concern that the Section FFA Presidents were required to pay \$50 for camp registration. Action on the concern was deferred until the January meeting.

B. Wilson moved, K. Tilsy seconded, to allow the 1999 Camp Counselors to apply for the position of 2000 Leadership Camp Director. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting concluded with Closing Ceremonies at 5:00 p.m.



***Illinois FFA Board of Directors***  
***American Legion Hall - Roanoke, Illinois***  
**September 27, 1999**  
(Corrected Copy)

Bona Bradbury, Chair Pro-Tem, called the meeting to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:08 a.m.

State FFA Advisor Ron Reische, welcomed the Board members and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:	Abel Wurmnest	Beth Wilson	Robin Niehaus	Kelly Tilsy
	Bona Bradbury	Ted Ufkes	Jennifer Herman	Rene Mettler
	Bill Schreck	Jeff Wood	Mike Chausse	Kent Weber
	Joe Coldwell	Mark Wright	Mark Steber	Ron Reische
Alternates:	Art Engelbrecht			
Guests:	Tim Anderson	Theresa Anderson	Shawn Anderson	Don Lockwood
	W. Lee Meteer	Rev. Wayne Turner	Jake A. Hughes	Karen S. Hughes
	Roger Hughes	Jay Runner	Scott Page	
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

Ron Reische reviewed voting procedures for the FFA Board of Directors

R. Niehaus moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, to accept the agenda with the addition of:

- 18) POA Proposal
- 19) State FFA Degree Revision
- 20) Leadership Camp – Section President Funding
- 21) District Concerns

Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

A. Wurmnest moved, R. Mettler seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 1999, meeting with the addition of Shawn Anderson as an attendee. Motion carried

M. Wright moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

B. Bradbury moved, B. Wilson seconded, to accept the FY '99 Final Financial Report. Motion carried.

J. Wood moved, M. Chausse seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

A. Wurmnest moved, K. Tilsy seconded, to accept the September 14, 1999, Financial Report. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Herman moved, R. Mettler seconded, to adjust the FY 2000 budget line items: line 12 to \$7,500, line 12a to \$5,450 and 12b to \$1,650. Motion passed.

M. Steber moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion passed.

R. Niehaus moved, T. Ufkes seconded, to approve the FY 2000 ISBE contract. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, J. Wood seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft reported that one FFA roster has been processed for this year, but additional rosters should begin arriving at the office soon.

Mr. Reische reviewed the function of the Governing Committee and the activities of the Governing Committee since the May meeting. He informed the Board the membership of the Adult Board had participated in a conference call and directed the staff to suspend two of the major State FFA Officers for disciplinary reasons.

No recommendation was offered by the Student Board.

K. Weber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, the Governing Committee action to suspend two major officers from their duties be sustained. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened for Public Comment and Concern. During the comment period the FFA Board of Directors was addressed by Tim Anderson, Roger Hughes, Don Lockwood, Shawn Anderson, Jake Hughes. In response to the concerns Mr. Craft, Mr. Reische and Mr. Dry spoke.

K. Weber moved, M. Chausse seconded, moved to go into Executive Session. Motion carried. The board entered Executive Session at 12:06 p.m.

M. Steber moved, J. Wood seconded to exit Executive Session. Motion carried. The board exited Executive Session at 2:15 p.m.

Note: Mike Chausse, District I Director, declared a conflict of interest and Art Engelbrecht, Alternate District I Director, was seated.

No recommendation was offered by the Student Board.

K. Weber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to dismiss from office State FFA President, Jake Hughes, and State FFA Treasurer, Shawn Anderson. Motion carried on a unanimous vote of 7 – In Favor and 0 – Opposed.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 2:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

The Board directed Mr. Craft to notify the two officers, their parents and advisors of the action taken by the FFA Board of Directors. Additionally, the board indicated notices should be sent to the Chapter Advisors and FFA Section Presidents.

R. Niehaus moved, R. Mettler seconded, the 1999-2000 Vice President assume the duties of the President and the 1999-2000 Secretary assume the additional duties of Treasurer, effective September 27, 1999. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, M. Chausse seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

M. Chausse moved, M. Wright seconded, to enter Executive Session. Motion carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 3:17 p.m.

J. Wood moved, M. Steber seconded, to exit Executive Session. Motion carried. The Board exited Executive Session at 4:25 p.m.

M. Chausse moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain the disciplinary action taken by staff in regard to the current State FFA Officers. Motion carried.

R. Reische appointed the following individuals to serve on a Disciplinary Procedures Committee.

Kent Weber	Rene Mettler	Jim Craft – Ex Officio
Jeff Wood	Robin Niehaus	Frank Dry – Ex Officio
		Ron Reische – Ex Officio

The committee was instructed to prepare a report for the January meeting of the FFA Board of Directors.

A. Wurmnest moved, T. Ufkes seconded to appoint and elect M. Wright and J. Coldwell to serve on the 1999-2000 Governing Committee. Motion carried.

B. Wilson moved, R. Mettler seconded to appoint Jim Craft as the 1999-2000 Illinois Association FFA Executive Secretary..

K. Weber moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The Board set November 11, 1999, as their next meeting date.

J. Craft presented reports on the 1999 State FFA Convention attendance and finances. Action was deferred until the November meeting.

J. Craft reported the Illinois Association FFA has scheduled an EDGE Conference, designed for Jr. High FFA members for November 13, 1999, at Park Inn in Urbana, Illinois.

A report on the National FFA Convention business was presented by the State FFA Officers and staff.

- Illinois has 14 delegates
- Illinois has three finalists (Seneca, Franklin Center and Mt. Vernon) in the National Chapter Award Program
- Illinois has seven National Proficiency Finalists
- Jay Harris is a finalist for the Star in Agribusiness and is Illinois' National FFA Officer Candidate

Information was distributed on the Capital Campaign for the new Illinois FFA Center.

Lee Meteer, Section 19 IAVAT Chairman, presented a proposal to revise the Program of Activities and National Chapter Award selection procedure. Action was deferred until the November meeting.

District Concerns were presented:

District I None presented

District II None presented

District III Presentation deferred until the November meeting

District IV None presented

District V Concern how a chapter with three silvers could receive a bronze rating overall.

Concern over the enforcement of official dress at the State FFA Convention

Concern with two schools without FFA Chapters that are using the name "FFA Club"

J. Herman moved, B. Bradbury seconded, to change the meeting date of the January FFA Board of Director from January 21<sup>st</sup>, to January 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, J. Colwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center - Roanoke, Illinois**  
**May 10, 1999**  
(corrected copy)

Parker Bane, State FFA President, called the meeting to order with Opening Ceremonies at 9:01 a.m.

State FFA President, Parker Bane, and Chairman Ron Reische, welcomed the board members and guests.

Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:	Parker Bane	Jay Harris	Tim McDermott	Jenny Schaefer
	Nate Olson	Abel Wurmnest	Shawn Anderson	
	Ron Reische	Bill Schreck	Mark Streit	Joe Coldwell
	Mark Steber	Kent Weber	Mark Wright	
Alternates:	Art Engelbrecht	Mary Barnes	Matt Wilson	Sam Robb
	Genny Schutz			
Guests:	Jim Guilinger			
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

A. Wurmnest moved, S. Anderson seconded, to accept the agenda with the addition of:

Fundraising Proposal  
Update of VSO Status  
DuQuoin State Fair

Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, M. Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Harris moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 1999, meeting as presented. Motion carried

K. Weber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Schaefer moved, T. McDermott seconded, to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

A. Wurmnest moved, S. Anderson seconded, to adopt the FY 2000 budget as amended. (see attachment)

Motion passed.

K. Weber moved, M. Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion passed.

J. Harris moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, to adopt the Parliamentary Procedure CDE rules as revised.

Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The officers reviewed the State FFA Convention, highlighting the election procedures, convention sessions and special functions.

J. Harris moved, S. Anderson seconded, to decline the fundraising offer from VTI at the state level, but allow marketing directly to chapters. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Ron Reische presented a VSO update from ISBE.

T. McDermott moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, to include the DuQuoin State Fair as an assigned duty for the State FFA Officers and Section Presidents. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

N. Olson moved, S. Anderson seconded, that the same penalty points be applied to the National Chapter Award program, as in previous years. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

A. Wurmnest moved, T. McDermott seconded to give no rating if a late application was due to chapter error, but to move to superior if the error was due to other causes. Motion carried.

M. Streit moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Committee assignments were announced and the meeting was adjourned with Closing Ceremonies .

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Roanoke, Illinois**  
**January 25, 1999**

Parker Bane, State FFA President, called the meeting to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m.

State FFA President, Parker Bane, and Chairman Bill Schreck, welcomed the board members and guests. Following Opening Ceremonies, Parker Bane read a letter from Ron Reische, State FFA Advisor, explaining his absence.

Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:	Parker Bane	Jay Harris	Tim McDermott	Jenny Schaefer
	Nate Olson	Abel Wurmnest	Stephani Hess	Gina Puleo
	Shane McNeil	Shawn Anderson	Bill Schreck	Tom Wiles
	Mark Streit	Joe Coldwell	Mark Steber	Kent Weber
	Mark Wright			
Guests:	Jim Guilinger			
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

T. McDermott moved, N. Olson seconded, to accept the agenda with the addition of Item:  
17 – DuQuoin State Fair

Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

A. Wurmnest moved, G. Puleo seconded, to approve the minutes of the September 28, 1998, meeting as presented. Motion carried

M. Striet moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Schaefer moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, to accept the January 12, 1999, Financial Report. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

N. Olson moved, T. McDermott seconded, to accept the FY`98 Audit Review. Motion carried.

M. Wright moved, T. Wiles seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The officers reported:

National convention:

The Constitutional Amendment to allow 6<sup>th</sup> grade student to join FFA was defeated. The chapters representing Illinois in the CDE's did an excellent job and Parker placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the National Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE. Illinois had two proficiency winners and two students selected for the international experience

Made for Excellence:

Registration is quite high and both the Rock Island and Mt. Vernon conferences will be full.

FFA Membership:

The FFA membership currently stands at 13,503 members. Several chapters have not sent in their rosters.  
Legislative Awareness Day:

The Legislative Awareness Day will be held on March 25, 1999, at the State Capitol. The event will follow the same agenda as last year. FFA members will be offered the opportunity to serve as Honorary Pages in the Legislature.

F. Dry reported on the changes that were implemented in the American Degree selection process.

A. Wurmnest moved, J. Schaefer seconded, that American FFA Degree Candidates be required to have their SAE recordbooks present at the interview or they will not be recommended for the degree to the National FFA Organization.

B. T. Wiles moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Harris moved, G. Puleo seconded, to accept all eight (8) late Preliminary Programs of Activities. Motion carried.

M. Striet moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

The officers handed out Tentative Agendas and reviewed plans for the 1999 State FFA Convention. Proficiency awards will be split into four sessions, all on Tuesday. Business items were reviewed. The officers are looking at prices and may resize the FFA Convention Program. They are planning a large area for use by the Farm Broadcasters and would like to have a larger area for the FFA Dance. They are considering adding a dance to Wednesday night's agenda. Workshop presenters will include Lisa Ahearn, National FFA President; two teachers presenting floral design workshops. and "Partners for A Safer Community".

J. Harris moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, to recognize all first place individuals for their CDE accomplishments in their respective areas at the State FFA Convention. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

[This motion will allow students in all five phases of the Agriculture Mechanics CDE, all five phases of the Ag Sales CDE and the Chairman, Secretary, and Floor member in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE to be recognized.]

T. McDermott moved, J. Schaefer moved to keep convention registration fees the same as in 1998. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

A Wurmnest moved, S. McNeil seconded, to accept the IAVAT's recommendation on the Ag Issues CDE and hold a District Ag Issues CDE at the State FFA Convention. Motion carried.

M. Striet moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Harris moved the FFA Board of Directors form a committee to review the Chapter Challenge CDE with the possibility of holding it during District and State Preliminary Public Speaking CDE's. Motion carried.

T. McDermott moved, S. Hess seconded, to amend the motion by inserting “and other Jr. High activities”. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The motion as amended was: the FFA Board of Directors form a committee to review the Chapter Challenge CDE and other Jr. High activities with the possibility of holding it during District and State Preliminary Public Speaking CDE’s.

T. McDermott moved, J. Schaefer seconded to strike all words after “and other Jr. High activities “. Motion carried.

T. Wiles moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried

The motion as amended was passed by the student board.

J. Coldwell moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Jay Harris reviewed the Chapter President’s Award application. There was discussion on how the points would be determined and whether all applicants should be recognized with a Gold, Silver or Bronze rating.

S. Hess moved, T. McDermott seconded, to accept the Chapter President Award application and give the major officers the power to revise and implement the program. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

District Concerns:

I. None

II. In which Star category should placement in ag production considered. [Star Agribusiness and records should be in the Placement Book]  
Can the State FFA Degree quota be raised?

A. Wurmnest moved, that the Illinois Association FFA follow National FFA guidelines and that all placement SAE’s be considered for Star Agribusiness. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

III. Inquired whether information had been obtained from IHSA as to whether the FFA Board of Directors could host CDE’s.

IV. Concern with the use of POA-4 forms being used in determining National Chapter Award rankings.

V. None

J. Craft reviewed the responsibilities of the FFA Board members at the District Proficiency selection and the District Public Speaking CDE.

J. Schaefer moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, the FFA staff seek funding for FFA involvement at the DuQuoin State Fair. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.



T. McDermott moved, N. Olson seconded, that all teams in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE must end their session with an adjournment. Motion carried.

M. Wright moved, K. Weber sustain, to sustain. Motion carried.

N. Olson moved, T. McDermott seconded, that teams are allowed to have one motion unseconded, but all remaining motions must be seconded or they will be scored zero.

K. Weber moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

N. Olson moved, J. Schaefer seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. Striet moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Closing ceremonies were held.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Roanoke, Illinois**  
**September 28, 1998**

Parker Bane, State FFA President, called the meeting to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:02 a.m.

State FFA President, Parker Bane, and State FFA Advisor, Ron Reische, welcomed the board members and guests. Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:	Parker Bane	Jay Harris	Tim McDermott	Jenny Schaefer
	Nate Olson	Abel Wurmnest	Stephani Hess	Gina Puleo
	Shane McNeil	Shawn Anderson	Ron Reische	Bill Schreck
	Mark Streit	Joe Coldwell	Mark Steber	Kent Weber
	Mark Wright			
Guests:	Jim Guilinger	Nelson Thorp		
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

Chairman R. Reische reviewed the voting procedure for the FFA Board.

A. Wurmnest moved, J. Harris seconded, to accept the agenda with the addition of Items:

7c - Camp Financial Statement

21 - FFA in Non-Public Schools

22 - FFA as an Integral Part of the Ag Program.

Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Anderson moved, T. McDermott seconded, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried

M. Wright moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft presented the Leadership Camp Report. Attendance totaled 171 people with 132 of the number being campers. The Leadership Camp generated \$23,492.76 in income and \$23,227.32 in expenses. There are still a few bills outstanding, but the Leadership Camp should be close to a break-even activity. S. Hess moved, S. Anderson seconded, to accept the FY '98 Final Camp Financial Report. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, M. Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

N. Olson moved, J. Schaefer seconded, to have staff advertise for camp staff with the new camp site. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The Major State Officers reported their activities to date.

Nate Olson reviewed the Heritage and Cooperative Activities Tours.

Jenny Schaefer reviewed the 1998 State FFA Leadership Camp.

Jay Harris reviewed the S.T.A.R. Conferences  
Parker Bane reviewed the GROWMARK, Inc. Annual Meeting in Chicago.  
Tim McDermott reviewed Chapter Visits and Reporter Workshops.

J. Harris moved, S. Anderson seconded, to hold the 1999 S.T.A.R. Conferences the week of Labor Day. Motion carried.

M. Streit moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

R. Riesche reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the FFA Governing Committee. Mark Wright and Mark Steber were nominated to serve on the Governing Committee. J. Schaefer moved, G. Puleo seconded, to close nominations and cast a white ballot for Mark Wright and Mark Steber. Motion carried. J. Coldwell moved, M. Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Schaefer reviewed 1998 State FFA Convention attendance and financial reports. The 70<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention had a total attendance of 3267 people, with 1209 attendees being guests. The convention generated \$56542.00 income and \$59,801.56 in expenses. The \$3,259.56 deficit will be made up with proceeds from the Ag Day auction conducted by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce AgriBusiness Committee. A. Wurmnest moved, J. Harris seconded, to approve the 1998 State FFA Convention Financial Report. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, M. Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

F. Dry reviewed the Illinois Foundation FFA financial report for the 1998 State FFA Convention.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:28 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:28 p.m.

The FFA Convention Committee reports were reviewed.

Career Development – No action taken

Public Relations

J. Harris moved, J. Schaefer seconded, to have the State FFA Secretary provide information and keep the web site updated. Motion carried,

M. Steber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Anderson moved, J. Harris seconded, to send the Ad Council recommendation to the National Convention with the delegates. Motion carried.

M. Wright moved, M. Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Chapter Development

J. Harris moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, to reject the Top 5 Chapter Advisor Award recommendation. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Leadership Development

J. Harris moved, S. Anderson seconded, to reject the recommendation to develop a plan to give equal representation. Motion carried.

M. Streit moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

N. Olson moved, J. Harris seconded, to add the Ag Business Management to the list of activities open to Junior High members. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Harris moved, T. McDermott seconded, to strike recommendation #4 from the committee report. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

T. McDermott moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, to forward recommendations #1, 2 & 5 to the appropriate groups.

B. Schreck moved, M. Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Public Relations

A. Wurmnest moved, J. Harris seconded, to forward recommendations #2 & 3 to to the appropriate groups. Motion carried.

M. Wright moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Student Development

S. Hess moved, N. Olson seconded, to forward recommendations #1, 2, & 3 to the appropriate groups.

J. Harris moved, Puleo seconded, to strike #3. Amendment carried. Motion, as amended, carried.

B. Schreck moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain the motion as amended. Motion carried.

#### Chapter Development

S. Anderson moved, S. Mcneil seconded, to support recommendations #4 & 5 and forward them to the appropriate groups. Motion carried.

M. Streit moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Leadership Development

S. Anderson moved, J. Schaefer seconded, to defer action on recommendation #2 until the January meeting. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Anderson moved, S. Hess seconded the Illinois FFA Advisor's Guide be revised and forwarded to teachers as soon as possible. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Harris moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, that American FFA Degree interviews be moved to a Thursday through Friday schedule, the interviews be epanded to 20 minutes per applicant and the slide presentation be eliminated. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Schaefer reported concern with the management of the Chapter Exhibits at the State FFA Convention. Suggestions had been received to establish a committee to oversee the placement and judging of exhibits, more rigidly enforcing the size limitations and recognize all exhibit on stage. It was agreed the officers and staff would review these recommendations as convention planning took place and implement as necessary.

Concern was expressed that there was a lot of noise was coming from the rear of the bleacher during the Public Speaking Finals. There was discussion about the necessity of rebuttal during the elections and whether a nominating committee should be used.

J. Schaefer moved, N. Olson seconded the FY '98 Final Financial Report and the August Financial Reports be accepted. Motion carried.

M. Wright moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

After discussion, it was agreed the State FFA Degree diskette should be upgraded to reflect the constitutional changes and sent to teachers on a cost recovery basis.

G. Puleo moved, J. Schaefer seconded, to reestablish Electrical Technology as a proficiency award, if funding is secured by November 15, 1998, and allow the Illinois Electric Council to establish minimum standards. Motion carried.

M. Streit moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The Illinois FFA Board of Directors discussed the use of the Proficiency Application as a part of the judging decision process at the State Awards Day. No change in the current process was recommended.

S. McNeil moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, to require students applying for proficiency awards in livestock and crop placement categories to use the Agriculture Business recordbook and not the Production recordbook.. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The rules and procedures for the Parliamentary Procedure CDE were reviewed and the adult FFA Board members were reminded they would be in charge of the contest for 1998-99.

It was announced the Agriculture Science Fair Handbook was to be reprinted after bids were returned from printing companies. It should be delivered to chapters before second semester.

The officers reviewed the FFA Barnyard and their activities at the DuQuoin State Fair.

The officers announced the Section presidents that would be serving as delegates to the National FFA Convention. Business items will include a proposal to expand membership to allow 6<sup>th</sup> graders to join FFA and an amendment to make technical amendments to the National FFA Constitution. Illinois will have seven National Proficiency Finalists as well as CDE teams representing the Association. Katie Dallam is Illinois' National FFA Officer candidate.

Mr. Craft reviewed the facilities committee's work. Springfield has been chosen as the new site of the Illinois FFA Center. The committee will meet at the end of November to inspect specific site proposals.

S. Anderson moved, N. Olson seconded, to support the Illinois Hay OK Program. Motion carried.

M. Streit moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The FFA Board of Directors supported the proposal to utilize chapters to update and post information on the internet at the Ag Central site.

J. Harris moved, A. Wurmnest seconded, to limit FFA Chapter charters to public schools with approveable programs. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Anderson moved, N. Olson seconded, to reaffirm that Vocational Student Organization members be directly related to the instructional programs in which they are enrolled. Motion carried.

M. Steber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Concerns:

District III – Wondered why FFA does not manage Public Speaking and Proficiency Awards. Would like the staff to determine the feasibility of the FFA Board of Directors managing the Parliamentary Procedure, Public Speaking and Proficiency awards and report back at the January meeting.

District IV – Would like to do away with the POA-4 forms that accompany the National Chapter Award forms in the spring.

District II - Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences would like to host a Food Sciences CDE. The urban schools would like to see the Reporter Workshops held at a later date, as they've just gotten back to school and don't have their officers elected. Suggested that sections look at conducting activities in cooperation with other sections to ease the work load.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Roanoke, Illinois**  
**May 8, 1998**

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies. Chairmen Matt Wells and Ron Reische welcomed the group to the meeting. Introductions showed the following individuals present:

Members

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Alternates

Mary Barnes  
Sam Robb

Consultants

Jim Guilinger  
Nelson Thorp

Ex-Officio

Jim Craft  
Frank Dry

Nelson moved, Cumberworth seconded, to approve the agenda with the addition of Proficiency Applications and National Chapter Awards Questions. Motion carried.

Weber moved, Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Tate moved, Nelson seconded, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Schreck moved, Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Bane moved, Leavell seconded, to approve the April 14, 1998, Financial Report. Motion carried.

Streit moved, Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Nelson moved, Tate seconded, to approve the FY'99 FFA Budget. Motion carried.

Schreck moved, Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Coldwell reviewed the proposed Parliamentary Procedure CDE rules.

Cumberworth moved, Nelson seconded, to adopt the draft rules as the "Official Illinois FFA Parliamentary Procedure Rules". Motion carried.

Coldwell moved, Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The officers reviewed the 1998 State FFA Convention plans. Matt discussed the election procedures.

Stephen reviewed the business items. Brea presented the tentative agenda. Jessica reviewed the Special Convention functions. Stacey discussed the use of AV and Video in the convention.

Craft reviewed the awarding of State FFA Degrees.

Nelson moved, Dallam seconded, to approve the proposed FFA Leadership Camp contract with 4-H Memorial Campground and authorize the Executive Secretary to sign the proposed contract. Motion carried.

Schreck moved, Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the use of National Proficiency Award applications at State Awards Day. It was suggested that the applications be required and used in the selection of the State Proficiency Winners. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed the evaluation process for the National Chapter Award and agreed to continue the same penalties as previously used during the evaluations.

Nelson moved, Bane seconded, to follow the National Chapter Award evaluation as published and chapters failing to submit a Preliminary Program of Activities be ineligible for awards. Motion carried. Coldwell moved, Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Award committee assignments were announced.

Committee #1 Ron Reische – Chairman  
Matt Wells      Mark Wright      Brandon Tate      Brea Nelson      Mark Streit  
Sam Robb      Jim Guilinger

Committee #2 Jim Craft – Chairman  
Mark Steber      Jackie Higgins      Stephen Leavell      Kent Weber      Jamie Cumberworth  
Mary Barnes

Committee #3 Frank Dry – Chairman  
Jenny Schaefer      Parker Bane      Stacey Dallam      Joe Coldwell      Jessica Wernsing  
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The meeting was closed with ceremonies and award committees began reviewing applications.



**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Roanoke, Illinois**  
**January 26, 1998**

Matt Wells, State FFA President, called the meeting to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:02 a.m.

State FFA President, Matt Wells, and State FFA Advisor, Ron Reische, welcomed the board members and guests. Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

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Chairman R. Reische reviewed the voting procedure for the FFA Board.

B. Nelson moved, B. Tate seconded, to accept the agenda as corrected. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by J. Wernsing, seconded by P. Bane to approve the minutes of the October 27, 1997, meeting and December 12, 1997, conference call. Motion carried

Moved by B. Schreck, seconded by J. Coldwell to sustain. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was presented by J. Wernsing. It was noted that postage and phone had already exceeded the budget and that \$25,000 in Certificates of Deposit had been credited to the miscellaneous expense line. Moved by S. Leavell, seconded by B. Ritter to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried. Moved by M. Streit, seconded by K. Weber, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft presented the FY `97 Audit Review. Moved by B. Nelson, seconded by P. Bane, to accept the Audit Review. Motion carried.

Moved by M. Steber, seconded by K. Weber, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Dallam reported on the National FFA Convention activities and action by delegates.

It was reported that final numbers for the Made for Excellence Conferences were still being compiled and were not available due to the office move.

S. Leavell reported that 11,850 FFA membership had been processed and sent to the National Organization. Additionally, 2,192 members were being held for further information from the chapters.

F. Dry reported that Legislative Awareness Day would be held on March 25, 1998. The activities would start in the early morning with the packing of commodity baskets and lunches for legislators. An exhibit was being setup on "Technology in Agriculture" and FFA members would be manning a computer display in the rotunda of the State Capitol.

Reports from the Long-Range Planning Meeting were presented. (See attachment for recommendations)  
Awards and Events

Moved by B. Nelson, seconded by P. Bane, to adopt recommendation #1 as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by M. Wright, seconded by J. Coldwell, to sustain. Motion carried.

No action on recommendation #2, as it is currently implemented.

No action on recommendation #4.

Moved by B. Ritter, seconded by B. Tate, to adopt recommendation #3 and #5 as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Steber, seconded by M. Wright, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Conferences and Meetings

Moved by B. Tate, seconded by J. Higgins, to adopt the Conference and Meetings report as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by M. Streit, seconded by J. Coldwell, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Convention Recognition and Participation

Moved by P. Bane, seconded by B. Tate, to adopt the Convention Recognition and Meetings report as amended, with the exception of recommendation #2. Motion carried.

Moved by M. Wright, seconded by K. Weber, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Image and Public Relations

Moved by B. Nelson, seconded by J. Wernsing, to accept the Image and Public Relations Report as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by M. Steber, seconded by M. Streit, to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 11:40 a.m. for lunch and was reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

Larry Pfeiffer , District III F.C.A.E. Field Advisor, and Candice Stearns, his intern, gave a presentation on a brochure design competition. Moved by B. Nelson, seconded by B. Ritter, the FFA implement a Chapter Brochure Activity Award Contest for 1998. Motion carried.

Moved by B. Schreck, seconded by J. Coldwell, to sustain. Motion carried.

The Board continued to review the reports from the Long-Range Planning Meeting.

B. Nelson reviewed the tentative program for the 70<sup>th</sup> Illinois FFA Convention.

J. Wernsing presented the Constitutional Amendments that are under consideration for the convention.

Moved by S. Leavell, seconded by S. Dallam, to recommend the ByLaws amendment to Article II to the delegates. Motion carried. (see attachment)

Moved by Wright, seconded by Steber, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by P. Bane, seconded by B. Tate, to set the 1998 FFA Convention registration fees the same as 1997. Motion carried.

Moved by K. Weber, seconded by M. Streit, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft reported on the special convention functions. (Delegate reception, State Degree Luncheon, Leadership Luncheon, State Awards Dinner and Dance)

District Concerns were reviewed. Student members of the FFA Board reported no concerns other than uncertainty with the Parliamentary Procedure CDE. Adult members of the FFA Board reported no concerns, with the exception of District V. M. Steber reported there was some concern with the registration price of the Made for Excellence conference.

Moved by J. Cumberworth, seconded by B. Nelson, the 1998 Parliamentary Procedure CDE be conducted using the 1993 revision of the "Suggested Parliamentary Procedure Rules", as found in the current Illinois FFA Advisors Guide. Motion carried.

Moved by M. Streit, seconded by M. Wright, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by P. Bane, seconded by B. Nelson, to accept all Preliminary Programs of Activities received in the Illinois FFA Center by January 26, 1998. Motion carried.

Moved by J. Coldwell, seconded by M. Steber, to sustain. Motion carried.

Jim Guilinger, F.C.A.E. Coordinator, reported Gordon Ropp will be serving as the Chairman of a coalition that will identify the duties and responsibilities of the Illinois State Board of Education Agriculture Consultants and communicate agriculture's needs to the Illinois State Board of Education. He requested a committee be appointed to help identify the FFA's needs from consultant staff.

Moved by B. Nelson, seconded by B. Tate, to form a committee to review the responsibilities and duties of the ISBE consultants and send to Gordon Ropp. Motion carried.

Moved by M. Steber, seconded by J. Coldwell, to sustain. Motion carried.

Marilyn Engelbrecht, Alumni President, reported that the Alumni awarded 22 Made for Excellence Conference scholarships. The Annual Alumni Conference will be held January 30-31, 1998, in Peoria.

The next meeting will be May 8, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Illinois FFA Board of Directors**  
**Illinois FFA Center**  
**Roanoke, Illinois**  
**October 27, 1997**

The meeting was called to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:02 a.m. by Matt Wells, State FFA President.

State FFA President, Matt Wells, and State FFA Advisor, Ron Reische, welcomed the board members and guests. Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

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B. Nelson moved, B. Tate seconded, to accept the agenda with the addition of #8 - Ag Science Fair, #7b - Election Process, #7d - Long Range Planning Meeting and #19 - Agriculture Future of America request. Motion carried.

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M. Wright moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Wernsing presented the October Financial Report. P. Bane moved, S. Dallam seconded, to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

M. Streit moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft announced the Audit Review had not yet been received from IAA Auditing.

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J. Craft reported the Illinois Electrification Council has been unable to commit to funding an Agriculture Electrification proficiency award at this time, but will continue to support the electrical projects of FFA members with the same recognition as previous years. They will discuss the sponsorship request at a future IEC Board meeting.

R. Reische reviewed the Agriculture Future for America request for mailing labels and indicated the request was denied, as it was a direct competition for the same monies that are collected for the Illinois Foundation FFA.

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The meeting reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

The Board set December 4, 1997, for their Long Range Planning Meeting, with the preferred location as Springfield.

J. Craft reviewed the FFA Leadership Camp financial statement.

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The major officers presented the National Convention Report.

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M. Streit moved, M. Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

B. Nelson moved, B. Ritter seconded, to adopt recommendation #2 (delete the words "or have and average of 85") to be effective 1998-99 and send to the delegates at the 1998 State FFA Convention. Motion carried.

K. Weber moved, J. Coldwell seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

STAR Conferences were discussed and the following points were made:

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

***Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
 Conference Call  
 December 17, 1997***

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Matt Wells, State FFA President.

Roll call showed the following present:

Members:	Matt Wells	Stephen Leavell	Stacey Dallam	Breanne Nelson
	Jessica Wernsing	Jamie Cumberworth	Parker Bane	Nicole Justus
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Coldwell				
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Following roll call there was discussion on the Leadership Camp contract offer.

B. Nelson moved, S. Leavell seconded, to postpone the move to 4-H Memorial Campground for one (1) year, with the intent to negotiate a contract with 4-H Memorial Camp for 1999, by April 1998. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, M. Steber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

B. Nelson moved, S. Dallam seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.  
M. Steber moved, K. Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois FFA Center  
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Illinois FFA Board of Directors

Illinois FFA Center

Roanoke, Illinois

August 4, 1997

(corrected copy)

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Chairman R. Reische reviewed the voting procedure for the FFA Board.

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B. Schreck moved, M. Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Higgins moved, B. Tate seconded, moved to approve the May 10, 1997, minutes. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, S. Robb seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Wernsing presented the July Financial Report. S. Leavell moved, B. Nelson seconded, to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

M. Wells reviewed the results of the 1997 State FFA Convention Survey and attendance figures. The points of discussion from the survey included seating and elections.

J. Wernsing moved, J. Higgins seconded, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000 for development of a scantron program for elections. Motion carried.

M. Streit moved, S. Robb seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The State FFA Degree Committee was announced: James Craft (Chairman), Breanne Nelson, Brandon Tate, Scott Page and Kent Weber. The group will meet and report at the January FFA Board of Director's meeting.

P. Bane moved, B. Tate seconded, to adopt the National FFA policy on the eligibility of students placed on the home farm/business for placement.

"An FFA member is eligible for a Placement Proficiency Award if the student's work experience is on the family farm, family corporation or family and/or partnership. In no case shall a member be eligible for recognition in both entrepreneurship and placement categories in any proficiency award area for the same supervised agricultural experience program and site."

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12:25.

J. Craft presented information on the National Agriculture Issues and Food Science and Technology Career Development Events that will be added in 1997.

B. Nelson moved, and B. Ritter seconded, to certify an Illinois team for the National FFA CDE's in Agriculture Issues and Food Science and Technology, provided they are selected through an invitational event by September 30, 1997, and that those teams be provided a \$100 stipend from the Illinois FFA Foundation. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, L. Harzman seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Information was presented on the National Creed Speaking CDE, which will be implemented in 1998, if Foundation funding is found. Information was also presented on the National Chapter Challenge CDE, which will be implemented in 1999, if Foundation funding is found.

The Board discussed the State Public Speaking Finals and Semifinals.

P. Bane moved, B. Ritter seconded, to hold 1997-98 Public Speaking Semifinals and Creed Speaking Finals on May 2, 1998. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, S. Robb seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

It was announced that PAS has declined to host the 1997-98 Invitational Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

P. Bane moved, B. Nelson seconded, to request the IAVAT, with the assistance of the FFA Board of Directors, to manage the 1997-98 Parliamentary Procedure Contest at the District and State levels. Motion carried.

S. Robb moved, L. Harzman seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

S. Leavell moved, B. Ritter seconded, the Illinois FFA model the rules after the National Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Parliamentary Procedure Career Development Event in 1998-99. Motion carried.

L. Harzman moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Craft discussed Ag Day activities at the Illinois State Fair.

The IAVAT Conference resolution regarding the Agricultural Electrification proficiency award was read and discussed.

B. Nelson moved, S. Dallam seconded, moved the FFA staff request the Illinois Electrification Council to fully fund an Agricultural Electrification proficiency award. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The staff are to report on the request for sponsorship at the Fall meeting.

Reports were presented by Marilyn Engelbrecht, Illinois FFA Alumni President; Jim Guilinger, FCAE Coordinator; Steve Johnson, IACCAI President; and John Kabat, IAVAT President.

Final reports on 1996-97 FFA Membership, National Chapter Awards and chapter contests were distributed. A copy of the FY`98 Budget was distributed.

B. Nelson moved, B. Tate seconded, to nominate and elect Mark Streit and Joe Coldwell to the FFA Governing Committee. Motion carried.

S. Robb moved, L. Harzman seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois FFA Center  
Roanoke, Illinois

August 4, 1997

The meeting was called to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. by Matt Wells, State FFA President.

State FFA President, Matt Wells, and State FFA Advisor, Ron Reische, welcomed the board members and guests. Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:	Matt Wells	Stephen Leavell	Stacey Dallam	Breanne Nelson
	Jessica Wernsing	Jamie Cumberworth	Parker Bane	Brandon Tate
	Jackie Higgins	Breanna Ritter	Ron Reische	Bill Schreck
	Mark Streit	Joe Coldwell	Sam Robb	Len Harzman
Guests:	Steve Johnson	Jim Guilinger	John Kabat	Marilyn Engelbrecht
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

Chairman R. Reische reviewed the voting procedure for the FFA Board.

B. Nelson moved, P. Bane seconded, to accept the agenda with the addition of #11 - Public Speaking, #12 - Parliamentary Procedure and #13 - State Fair. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, M. Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Higgins moved, B. Tate seconded, moved to approve the May 10, 1997, minutes. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, S. Robb seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Wernsing presented the July Financial Report. S. Leavell moved, B. Nelson seconded, to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, B. Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

M. Wells reviewed the results of the 1997 State FFA Convention Survey and attendance figures. The points of discussion from the survey included seating and elections.

J. Wernsing moved, J. Higgins seconded, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,000 for development of a scantron program for elections. Motion carried.

M. Streit moved, S. Robb seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The State FFA Degree Committee was announced: James Craft (Chairman), Breanne Nelson, Brandon Tate, Scott Page and Kent Weber. The group will meet and report at the January FFA Board of Director's meeting.

P. Bane moved, B. Tate seconded, to adopt the National FFA policy on the eligibility of students placed on the home farm/business for placement.

"An FFA member is eligible for a Placement Proficiency Award if the student's work experience is on the family farm, family corporation or family and/or partnership. In no case shall a member be eligible for recognition in both entrepreneurship and placement categories in any proficiency award area for the same supervised agricultural experience program and site."

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12:25.

J. Craft presented information on the National Agriculture Issues and Food Science and Technology Career Development Events that will be added in 1997.

B. Nelson moved, and B. Ritter seconded, to certify an Illinois team for the National FFA CDE's in Agriculture Issues and Food Science and Technology, provided they are selected through an invitational event by September 30, 1997, and that those teams be provided a \$100 stipend from the Illinois FFA Foundation. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, L. Harzman seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Information was presented on the National Creed Speaking CDE, which will be implemented in 1998, if Foundation funding is found. Information was also presented on the National Chapter Challenge CDE, which will be implemented in 1999, if Foundation funding is found.

The Board discussed the State Public Speaking Finals and Semifinals.

P. Bane moved, B. Ritter seconded, to hold 1997-98 Public Speaking Semifinals and Creed Speaking Finals on May 2, 1998. Motion carried.

J. Coldwell moved, S. Robb seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

It was announced that PAS has declined to host the 1997-98 Invitational Parliamentary Procedure Contest.

P. Bane moved, B. Nelson seconded, to request the IAVAT, with the assistance of the FFA Board of Directors, to manage the 1997-98 Parliamentary Procedure Contest at the District and State levels. Motion carried.

S. Robb moved, L. Harzman seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

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B. Nelson moved, B. Tate seconded, to nominate and elect Mark Streit and Joe Coldwell to the FFA Governing Committee. Motion carried.

S. Robb moved, L. Harzman seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois FFA Center  
Roanoke, Illinois  
January 25, 1997

The meeting was called to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:00 a.m. by Hunt Lacey, State FFA President.

State FFA President, Hunt Lacey, and State FFA Advisor, Ron Reische, welcomed the board members and guests. Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance.

Members:     Hunt Lacey                     Lindi Stremsterfer     Katie Dallam             Tim Nelson  
                  Dan Byers                         John Tanner             Breanne Nelson             Steven  
Leavell



	Jessica Wernsing	Tracy Greer	Ron Reische	Bill Schreck
	Art Engelbrecht	Kent Weber	Steve Buyck	Mark Wright
	Sam Robb	Jeff Moss		
Guests:	William Johnson	Steve Johnson	Jim Guilinger	Marilyn
Engelbrecht				
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry		

FFA Alumni President, Marilyn Engelbrecht, brought greetings from the 1997 Alumni Officer Team. The Alumni just concluded their 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting and she distributed a list of the 1997 Alumni Officer Team that was elected. It was reported that the auction at the Alumni Annual Meeting generated approximately \$7,100 for scholarships. The Alumni Council will hold a Strategic Planning Meeting at the end of February. President Engelbrecht pledged to work for FFA members across the state.

William Johnson, FFA Foundation Sponsors Committee Chairman, reported the Illinois Foundation FFA was celebrating it's 50th Anniversary this year and that the current Foundation Collection Drive report showed the drive was at 75% of goal.

Chairman R. Reische reviewed the voting procedure for the FFA Board.

The agenda was accepted with no changes.

L. Stremsterfer moved, J. Tanner seconded, to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

M. Wright moved, J. Moss seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

T. Nelson moved, T. Greer seconded, moved to approve the September 30, 1996, and December 12, 1996, minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, S. Robb seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

H. Lacey presented the FFA Officer Report:

- 4 of Illinois Proficiency Finalists were chosen as National Winners at the National FFA Convention

- 13 delegates represented Illinois at the National Convention

- The "Made for Excellence" Conferences, scheduled for February 7-8, 1997, in Lisle and Mt.

Vernon, have over 345 students and 80 advisors registered.

D. Byers, FFA Treasurer, presented a monthly cash flow history of the Illinois Association FFA. The report showed the past income and expenses for each month of the past 5 years. Discussion on how to level out the income and expenses for the Association.

H. Lacey and F. Dry presented information on the Agriculture Legislative Awareness Day. The event will be held on March 19, 1997, at the Illinois State Capitol. A schedule of events was distributed. Highlights of the day will include distribution of commodity baskets, delivery of lunches to legislators, and visits to senators and representatives. It was announced that the FFA would be allowed 20 Honorary Pages to serve in the House and Senate on March 19th.

Approximately 120 State FFA Degree diskettes have been sold. There have been limited problems with the revision, the major programming error affects line 19, page 2, but does not affect the overall eligibility

of the student. Minor errors include: 1) The number of semesters of agriculture is limited to one digit. 2) Some schools have had problems installing the program on their computer, and in some instances the file names have been corrupted. and 3) Printer compatibility remains a problem for some schools.

The FFA Board addressed the reports of the Long Range Planning Committees. (See attachment)

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:22 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

R. Reische reviewed the 1997-98 State FFA officer Intent and Commitment Forms and the enforcement of the policy for current State Officers.

"Major FFA Officer Election Rules and Procedures - 1997" were distributed. Recommendations for changes in the proposal were:

Procedure 2) Change "submitted" to "postmarked".

Procedure 3) Change "April 8, 1996, or must be in the Illinois FFA Center by April 1, 1997" to "April 1, 1997", or must be mailed to the Illinois FFA Center and postmarked by April 1, 1997".

Procedure 4) Change "June 4, 1997" to "June 9, 1997".

Procedure 9) Correct the spelling of Business

L. Stremsterfer moved, T. Nelson seconded, to adopt the Major FFA Officer Election Rules and Procedures - 1997 as corrected. Motion carried.

A. Engelbrecht moved, S. Buyck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The FFA Board discussed the election process and agreed to reconsider the number of rebuttals allowed each candidate if the time required for the tabulation process can be significantly reduced. The Board also discussed the announcement of ballot totals by each section.

Two proposals requesting changes in the current State FFA Degree requirements. T. Nelson moved, B. Nelson seconded, to refer to a committee of students, teachers and state staff the State FFA Degree requirements for possible implementation next year. Motion carried.

J. Moss moved, A. Engelbrecht seconded, to sustain. Motion failed.

A Division of the Assembly was called. The motion to sustain failed on a vote of 3 for and 4 opposed.

T. Nelson moved, B. Nelson seconded, to send State FFA Degree Proposal #1 to the convention delegates, as a constitutional amendment. Motion failed.

T. Nelson moved, S. Leavell seconded, to set registration fees for the 69th State FFA Convention at \$18 for members and Advisors, \$12 for Band and Chorus members and \$6 for one-day registration. Motion carried.

S. Buyck moved, A. Engelbrecht seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

L. Stremsterfer reported on the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Ag Business Club, and their preparations for the 1997 State FFA Convention. A tour to New Salem will be offered to convention participants, the delegate reception will be moved from the Convention Center to the First of America Bank lobby and an auction will be held on March 14, 1997, to generate funds for the FFA Convention.

The AgriScience Fair exhibits will be located in the main arena to allow greater visibility of the students work and open more area for educational and commercial exhibits.

The Collegiate FFA has been invited to participate at the 69th State FFA Convention. A workshop will be conducted for the Collegiate members by Jayme Feary, former National FFA Officer and business speaker. Also, the Collegiate FFA will be invited to attend the Leadership Luncheon on Wednesday and the Collegiate Discussion meet will follow.

J. Craft presented the Leadership Camp Evaluation and indicated Chris Janssen had agreed to serve as the 1997 State FFA Leadership Camp Director.

The FFA Board reviewed the tentative program for the 69th State FFA Convention and discussed the decision to move the Public Speaking Finals off the main stage.

District Concerns were presented:

District I - No concerns

District II - Indicated a mailing from National indicated the eligibility policy on proficiency awards had been changed to allow students placed in non-corporate home based to compete in proficiency competition.

District III - No concerns

District IV - Concern was expressed on the \$30 participant fee that will be charged the 1997 Farm Bureau/FFA Youth Conference.

District V - Concern was expressed over the limited support being provided by the State for the FFA activities at the DuQuoin State Fair

T. Nelson moved, K. Dallam seconded, to follow the current Illinois interpretation of the Agriculture Placement policy in reference to proficiency and Star awards. Motion carried.

B. Schreck moved, S. Buyck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on May 9, 1997.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. with Closing Ceremonies.

Illinois Association FFA  
Long Range Planning Committees  
Illinois Department of Agriculture  
Springfield, Illinois

December 12, 1996

The Long Range Planning Committee was called to order in the Illinois Department of Agriculture Building, Auditorium, at 9:35 a.m. by State FFA President, Hunt Lacey.

Introductions showed the following present:

FFA Board of Directors

Hunt Lacey    Lindi Stremsterfer    Katie Dallam    Tim Nelson  
Dan Byers    Jessica Wernsing    Breanne Nelson    Stephen Leavell  
Ron Reische    Kent Weber    Mark Streit    Mark Wright  
Bill Schreck

FFA Board of Directors (Alternates)

Angie Wendell    Beth Coldwell Scott Page    Bruce Eidson  
Kevin Geubert

IAVAT Representatives

Richard Watson    Steve Sargeant John Thomas    Steve Johnson

Alumni Representatives

Lori Sefton    R.D. Johnson    Carl Heide    Ruth Neuleib  
David Stille

FFA Foundation Representatives

Nelson Thorp    Bill Johnson    Eldon Aupperle    Karen Fraase

FCAE Representatives

Jim Guilinger    Richard Treat    Dean Dittmar    Ron Biondo  
Jay Runner    Larry Pfeiffer

State Staff

Frank Dry    Jim Craft    Tom Wiles

State FFA President Hunt Lacey and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische welcomed the group.

Tim Nelson moved, Breanne Nelson seconded, to accept all Preliminary Program of Activities postmarked on or before December 12, 1996, be accepted for competition in 1996-97. Motion carried. Mark Wright moved, Scott Page seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

State FFA Advisor Ron Reische welcomed the group and gave committee instructions.

Committees met until 12:00 noon and then presented updates to the group from their meetings.

The committees recessed at 12:20 p.m. for lunch.

The committees reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

At 2:45 p.m. the committee Chairmen and Secretaries reported to the group and turned in their recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. with closing ceremonies.

Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois FFA Center  
September 30, 1996

The meeting was called to order with Opening Ceremonies at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Ron Reische and Hunt Lacey.

State FFA President, Hunt Lacey, and State FFA Advisor, Ron Reische, welcomed the board members and guests. Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance:

Members:	Hunt Lacey	Lindi Stremsterfer	Katie Dallam
	Tim Nelson	Dan Byers	John Tanner
	Breanne Nelson	Steve Leavell	Jessica Wernsing
	Tracy Greer	Mark Streit	Kent Weber
	Steve Buyck	Mark Wright	Sam Robb
	William Schreck	Ed Osborne	Ron Reische

Consultants:	Jim Guilinger	William Johnson	R. D. Johnson
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Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry
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Chairman Reische reviewed the voting procedures with the Illinois Association FFA Board of Directors and Consultants.

There were no additions made to the agenda.

Minutes of the May 6, 1996, Illinois FFA Board of Directors meeting were presented. Sam Robb's name was misspelled in one instance. Stremsterfer moved, Byers seconded, to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Buyck moved, Osborne seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Byers moved, B. Nelson seconded, to accept the FY `96 Final Financial Report. Motion carried.

Streit moved, Robb seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Jim Craft presented the audit review of the FFA finances that was performed by IAA Auditing. It was noted that FFA Board member, Steve Buyck, has an address of Liberty, not Libertyville.

T. Nelson moved, Tanner seconded, to accept the FY `96 Audit Review. Motion carried.

Wright moved, Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Stremsterfer moved, Dallam seconded, to approve the September Financial Report. Motion carried.

Robb moved, Osborne seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Greer moved, Leavell seconded, to approve the FY `97 FFA Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Schreck moved, Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

T. Nelson moved, Byers seconded, to appoint Mark Streit, Steve Buyck and Ron Reische to the 1996-97 Governing Committee. Motion carried.

Schreck moved, Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Wernsing moved, Dallam seconded, to approve the 1996 State FFA Convention Financial Report.

Motion carried.

Weber moved, Wright seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

T. Nelson moved, B. Nelson seconded, to accept the FFA Convention Reports and refer them to the Long Range Planning Committees for further action. Motion carried.

Schreck moved, Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

A tentative date for the long range planning meeting was set for December 12, 1996, in Springfield, with the alternate location of Bloomington.

The board discussed the State FFA Convention and offered the following suggestions:

- Utilize one location for the State FFA Degree Luncheon
- Look at increasing the exhibitor fee
- Move the Ag Science Fair to the back of the Main Arena
- Promote the workshops and schedule them during elections

Byers moved, Stremsterfer seconded, to accept the 1999 contract from the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Illinois. Motion carried.

Buyck moved, Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 11:30 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:42 p.m.

Lindi Stremsterfer reported on the Ag Business Committee of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce activities.

- The are working to provide a memento for convention attendees.
- Scheduling the delegate reception in the lobby of a nearby bank to allow food to be brought in from outside.
- Developing alternative activities for non-delegates to attend during elections.
  - 1) Knight's Action Park - Special Discount Package
  - 2) Night Activities at New Salem State Park (transportation & supper included)
  - 3) Business and Industry tours. (transportation included)
- Soliciting contributions for convention support.
- Solicit support for AV equipment expenses.

T. Nelson moved, Byers seconded, to approve the Ag Business Committee of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce request to offer one (1) complimentary 8' x 8' booth space for businesses and/or organizations that provide State FFA Convention support of \$500 or more in cash contribution or requested product(s). Motion carried.

Schreck moved, Robb seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Dallam moved, Tanner seconded, to allow 1997 Candidates for Major State Office one (1) speech and one (1) rebuttal. Motion carried.

Streit moved, Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Ron Reische reported on the Leadership Camp Site Committee and indicated the committee had not met as a group, but sites near Springfield and Carlinville have been visited and contact has been made with the camp staff at Monticello.

Jim Craft reviewed the 1996 FFA Leadership Camp Attendance Report and Financial Report. Leavell moved, Stremsterfer seconded, to accept the camp report. Motion carried.

Wright moved, Streit seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Hunt Lacey reviewed the National Convention issues, award winners and delegates.

The Major State FFA Officers reported that during the Illinois State Fair, there were times when over 3,000 people were going through the FFA Barnyard each hour. The weather, attendance and cooperation at the fair was excellent. It was noted that McGraw Enterprises owners of the McDonald's franchises in the Springfield area purchased the Grand Champion Steer and donated it to the Illinois Foundation FFA. The officers also reported they attended the majority of the DuQuoin State Fair and assisted at the Barnyard activities.

Dallam moved, B. Nelson seconded, to invite the seconded year IAVAT Chairmen to assist in FFA Program State Judging in the Spring. Motion carried.

Buyck moved, Schreck seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Jim Craft reported on the 1997 Made for Excellence Conference and has contracted with Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn for the southern site, but is still seeking bids from the Lisle/Naperville area for a northern site.

Stremsterfer moved, Tanner seconded, to accept the State FFA Degree application with the correction of the revision date, productively invested statement and typographical error. Motion carried.  
Buyck moved, Weber seconded, to sustain. Motion carried.

Ron Reische reported on the Collegiate FFA Activities and request for continuation of the Discussion Meet. The board (by consensus) agreed to support the discussion meet and examine additional activities for the future.

The Major State FFA Officers reported on the S.T.A.R. Conferences. Overall the programs were highly rated, but better coordination needs to take place in preparing the Section Presidents to serve as presenters. The conferences averaged about 80% attendance, with District III having perfect attendance by the Section Officer Teams.

The following meeting dates were announced:

December 12, 1996	Long Range Planning Committees	Springfield or Bloomington
January 31, 1997	FFA Board of Directors Meeting	Illinois FFA Center, Roanoke
May 7, 1997	FFA Program Judging (Step 1)	Illinois FFA Center, Roanoke
May 9, 1997	FFA Program Judging (Step 2)	Illinois FFA Center, Roanoke

Mr. Schreck reviewed the incentive funding grants and the quality indicators that relate to the FFA.

Mr. Dry reviewed FFA Reporters' Workshop attendance: 219 students representing 122 chapters attended the workshops this year.

Titan Manufacturing is willing to sponsor an auction to benefit the FFA Foundation. Plans are to continue the Ag Education display and address the auction through FFA Foundation.

District Concerns:

A clarification was asked regarding the use of out-of-state record books, for students transferring into an Illinois school from another state. The policy is that records in out-of-state record books are accepted for all Illinois FFA Degrees and Award with no penalty. Students transferring into the state are not required to transfer their records into an Illinois record book, but when new record year begins, the student must utilize Illinois record books from that point forward.

There was some concern with the effectiveness of Leadership Training School workshop sessions when there are 100-150 students in attendance. It was agreed this was primarily a section issue and advisors were encouraged to assist the State and Section FFA Officers in classroom management when the workshops are large.

A concern was expressed there was some negative feed back on the FFA Officers attending the ICCVSO Conference.



The meeting was adjourned with Closing Ceremonies.

Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois FFA Center  
May 6, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Ron Reische and Lynn Boughton.

State FFA President Lynn Boughton, and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische, welcomed the board members and guests in attendance. Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance:

Members:	Lynn Boughton	Rusty Melhouse
Amy Matthews	James Anderson	Melissa Dry
Tim Nelson	Lindi Stremsterfer	Lori Haack
Anthony Oesch	Mark Streit	Charles Cyr
Steve Buyck	Sam Robb	William Schreck
Ron Reische		

Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry
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Moved by Nelson, seconded by Anderson, to accept the January and March minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Moved by Robb, seconded by Buyck, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Matthews, seconded by Stremsterfer, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Moved by Streit, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Haack, to establish the FY '97 FFA Budget after the State FFA Convention. Motion carried.

Moved by Schreck, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

The Major State Officers reviewed the 1996 State FFA Convention preparations:

- 1) Work progressing on meeting the needs of media.
- 2) Meeting with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce - Agribusiness Club to solve some needs.
- 3) Agenda changes were discussed.
- 4) Parking pass purchases were reviewed.
- 5) State degree luncheon was discussed.

Sam Robb presented a request to use the American FFA Degree application as the State FFA Degree application. No action was taken.

Proficiency Awards Day was discussed and it was noted that work needed to to be done to insure contestants can register more quickly and delays in the start time should be avoided.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Oesch, to disqualify any National Chapter Award application not postmarked by May 1st. Motion carried.

Moved by Buyck, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by M. Dry, seconded by Melhouse, that 1 point be deducted per division for applications that were not sent through the section president or chairman. Motion carried.

Moved by Streit, seconded by Buyck, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Stremsterfer, seconded by Matthews, to accept the POA-4 forms that were computer generated. Motion carried.

Moved by Robb, seconded by Streit, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Haack, seconded by Melhouse, to accept the non-official National Chapter Award forms for state recognition only with a 1 point penalty per division. Motion carried.

Moved by Schreck, seconded by Buyck, to sustain. Motion carried.

Judging committee assignments were reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

(Corrected Minutes)

Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois FFA Center  
January 30, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Ron Reische and Lynn Boughton.

State FFA President Lynn Boughton, and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische, welcomed the board members and guests in attendance. Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance:

Members:	Lynn Boughton	Rusty Melhouse
Amy Matthews	James Anderson	Melissa Dry
Tim Nelson	Lindi Stremsterfer	Lori Haack
Anthony Oesch	Mark Streit	Charles Cyr
Steve Buyck	Sam Robb	Charles Atten (ISU)
William Schreck	Ron Reische	
Consultants:	Eldon R. Aupperle	Jim Guilinger
R. D. Johnson	Jeff Maierhofer	
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry

Moved by Matthews, seconded by Nelson, to approve the agenda with the addition of the following items:

- #8. Reports
  - National FFA Board of Directors Update
  - Ag Ed Network Pilot
  - FFA Funding Incentive Grant
- #17 Collegiate FFA Activities
- #20 State Degree Concern
- #21 Parliamentary Procedure Contest

Motion carried.

Moved by Cyr, seconded by Streit, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Melhouse, seconded by Haack, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Moved by Streit, seconded by Atten, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Stremsterfer, seconded by Anderson, to accept the minutes with the correction on Page 3, "Naylor" to "Malir" and eliminate "the" from "Lynn, Rusty...". Motion carried.

Moved by Schreck, seconded by Buyck, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Reports:

National FFA - Mr. Craft updated the FFA Board on the decisions made at the National FFA Board of Directors meeting. Three key items were addressed: 1) Moving the National FFA Center, 2) Putting the National FFA Convention on bid for 1999 National Convention and 3) Accepting a revision of Public Law 81-740 suitable for submission to Congress.

Ag Ed Network - Bill Schreck reported on the Ag Ed Network will be in every Agriculture Education Department by June 30, 1996. the FFA Center, FCAE Office and ISBE will be allowed to input information to the system.

Quality Indicators - Bill Schreck requested input on the FFA section of the Quality indicators. The areas covered included Agriscience Fairs and Junior High instruction.

National Convention - Lynn Boughton reported all the positions on National FFA Business items supported by the Illinois Association FFA were adopted at the National FFA Convention. James Anderson reported on the new National FFA Officers. Amy Matthews reported on the success of the National FFA Judging teams. The accomplishments of the FFA Alumni were discussed by Rusty Melhouse. Mr. Aupperle requested the Illinois FFA inform its members of the opportunity to assist in the hospitality corps at the career show.

Illinois FFA Alumni - R.D. Johnson, Alumni Past-President, reported that over \$7,200 were received from the Scholarship Auction and their Annual Meeting drew over 175 attendees. Ruth Neulieb, of the Kewanee FFA Alumni is the 1996 Alumni President.

Illinois Corn Marketing - Mr. Dry reported the Illinois Corn Marketing Board was sponsoring an ethanol powered (E-85%) car for the Illinois Association officers' use and usage policies had been developed.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:20 a.m. for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 12:17 p.m.

Moved by M. Dry, seconded by Melhouse, to accept the Preliminary Program of Activities from the chapters submitting for an FFA Charter. Motion carried.

Moved by Cyr, seconded by Atten to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Stremsterfer, to accept all Preliminary Program of Activities that were postmarked by November 30th. Motion carried.

Moved by Robb, seconded by Streit, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Haack, seconded by Nelson, that chapters submitting candidates on a computer generated State FFA Degree application be charged the cost of the program or their candidates will be disqualified.

Motion carried.

Moved by Atten, seconded by Cyr, moved to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Dry reported on the American FFA Degree workshops and indicated all candidates would be disqualified if they submit an application on a pirated computer program.

Mr. Dry informed the Board that the State FFA Magazine, Your Illinois FFA, will become a part of the National FFA Magazine, FFA New Horizons, pending approval of the Illinois FFA Foundation Board of Trustees.

Mr. Craft discussed the plans to publish a "Convention Proceedings", since the magazine will be limited in the number of pictures that can be published.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Oesch, to recommend to the Illinois FFA Foundation the State FFA Magazine be included in the New Horizons Magazine and a portion of the savings be invested in a State Convention Proceedings. Motion carried.

Moved by Robb, seconded by Atten, to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft reviewed the State Awards Day Process.

Moved by Melhouse, seconded by Matthews, to adopt the Major State FFA Officer Candidate Intent Form as presented. (See attachment A) Motion carried.

Moved by Buyck, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

Mr. Craft submitted a sample Public Speaking Feedback Report that can be returned to the contestants at the conclusion of the speaking contest. (See Attachment B)

Moved by Stremsterfer, seconded by Nelson, to implement the Feedback Report at the 1995-96 District Public Speaking Contest. Motion carried.

Moved by Buyck, seconded by Streit, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Melhouse, seconded by Oesch, to align the State Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest topics with the National Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest topics. Motion carried.

Moved by Schreck, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Matthews, seconded by Nelson, to adopt the FFA Policy on Livestock Competitions and the FFA Code Ethics. (See attachment C) Motion carried.

Moved by Cyr, seconded by Streit, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Stremsterfer, to accept the Long Range Planning Committee Report. Motion carried.

Moved by Schreck, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Leadership Development Committee

Moved by Melhouse, seconded by Anderson, to appoint Mark Streit, Ron Reische, Chris Jansen, Kent Weber, R.D. Johnson and John Croft to study the Illinois FFA Leadership Camp format and location.

Motion carried.

Moved by Buyck, seconded by Cyr, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Stremsterfer, seconded by Anderson, to adopt the concept of a District Officer Leadership Training School and seek Foundation support. Motion carried.

Moved by Buyck, seconded by Atten, to sustain. Motion carried.

No action on the Leadership Training School recommendation.

Moved by Haack, seconded by Nelson, to seek bid prices on charter transportation to the Washington Leadership Conference and report back at the May meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Schreck, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Program Development Committee

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Stremsterfer, to move the FFA hold a video contest for Junior High members, using Public Service Announcements as the theme, with the entries to receive Gold, Silver or Bronze recognition at the State FFA Convention. Motion carried.

Moved by Robb, seconded by Buyck, to sustain. motion carried.

Moved by Matthews, seconded by Oesch, to add a Junior High category at the Agriculture Science Fair. Motion carried.

Moved by Schreck, seconded by Atten, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Matthews, seconded by Stremsterfer, to refer the Non-traditional Program Proposal be sent to the individuals working with the Agriculture Education Presence in the Chicago Area project that is sponsored by the National FFA Foundation. Motion carried.

Moved by Buyck, seconded by Schreck, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Stremsterfer, seconded by M. Dry, to adopt the International Program recommendations and referrals. Motion carried.

Moved by Buyck, seconded by Cyr, to sustain. Motion carried.

The Ag Ed Network is the first step in integrating the information technology recommendation.

No action was taken on the Illinois Governmental Relations recommendation.

Moved by Melhouse, seconded by M. Dry, to send the Collegiate FFA recommendations on for further consideration. Motion carried.

Moved by Streit, seconded by Atten, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Haack, seconded by Stremsterfer, to adopt the State Officer Priorities as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Cyr, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

#### Program Services Committee

It was recommended to send the Multiple Contest Recommendation to the IAVAT.

It was recommended to send the Teaching Grants Recommendation to F.C.A.E. and IAVAT.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Oesch, to set a minimum fee of \$150 for a space at the career show. Motion failed.

Moved by Melhouse, seconded by Haack, set a fee of \$150 for profit organizations and a \$50 fee for nonprofit organization at the career show, with previous exhibit commitments to be grandfathered. Motion carried.

Moved by Cyr, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

Nelson moved to accept the recommendation that the Star Awards not be tied to the State FFA Degree. Motion failed for lack of a seconded.

The officers reviewed the tentative convention agenda.

The board discussed the composition of the Adult FFA Board of Directors.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Stremsterfer, to present an amendment to strike "two teacher education" and insert "one teacher education" position as related to the FFA Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Moved by Buyck, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Melhouse, seconded by Nelson, to keep the same convention fees as 1995. Motion carried.

Moved by Robb, seconded by Atten, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Matthews, seconded by Haack, to adopt and implement the proposed Illinois Farm Bureau Young Farmer discussion meet contests for Collegiate FFA members. Motion carried.

Moved by Schreck, seconded by Atten, to sustain. Motion carried.

District I through IV expressed no concerns. District V expressed a concern the use of snow days may cause some schools to extend their school year and conflict with the State FFA Convention dates.

Concerns with the State FFA Degree selection process were discussed.

Moved by Matthews, seconded by M. Dry, the FFA board go on record not condoning the behavior at the District IV Parliamentary Procedure Contest and the Executive Secretary draft a letter communicating such to the chapter.

Inservice was conducted for the FFA Board on the District Contests.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. with closing ceremonies.

Illinois FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois State Board of Education  
March 28, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by Chairman Ron Reische and Lynn Boughton.

State FFA President Lynn Boughton, and State FFA Advisor Ron Reische, welcomed the board members and guests in attendance. Introductions showed the following individuals in attendance:

Members:	Lynn Boughton	Rusty Melhouse
Amy Matthews	James Anderson	Melissa Dry
Tim Nelson	Lindi Stremsterfer	Lori Haack
Anthony Oesch	Mark Streit	Steve Buyck
Sam Robb	William Schreck	Ron Reische
Consultants:	Eldon R. Aupperle	Jim Guilinger
Toni Dunker	Jeff Maierhofer	
Ex-Officio:	Jim Craft	Frank Dry

Jim Craft presented information on the FY '96 FFA Budget and a history of FFA dues. Discussion followed.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Stremsterfer, to recommend to the State FFA Convention delegates a dues increase of \$1.00 bringing the State FFA dues to \$4.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Streit, seconded by Buyck, to sustain. Motion carried.

Jim Craft reviewed the proposed amendments to the Illinois Association FFA Constitution, as per action from the last FFA Board meeting.

Moved by M. Dry, seconded by Oesch, to recommend to the delegates that Article I, paragraph 1, be amended as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Robb, seconded by Buyck, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Haack, seconded by Nelson, to recommend the delegates adopt the proposed amendment to Article XI, Section A, paragraph 1 and Section B, paragraph 1, as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Buyck, seconded by Robb, to sustain. Motion carried.

Moved by Stremsterfer, seconded by Matthews, to recommend the delegates delete Section C, Article XII of the constitution. Motion carried.

Moved by Schreck, seconded by Streit, to sustain. Motion carried.

Jim Craft discussed several items concerning State Awards Day for the Board's information.

Moved by Stremsterfer, seconded by Nelson to honor the request and allow the use of a taped interview at the 1996 State Awards Days. Motion carried.

Moved by Schreck, seconded by Streit, to sustain. Motion carried.



State FFA Officer candidacy interpretations were reviewed by the FFA Board.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. with closing ceremonies.

FFA Board of Directors  
Illinois FFA Center  
May 7, 1993

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Kuhlemeier at 8:59 a.m. with opening ceremonies. Chairman Kuhlemeier welcomed the members and guests to the meeting

Introductions showed the following present:  
(insert name)

Flournoy moved, Webel second, to approve the agenda with the addition of :

#18. State FFA Degrees

#19. Work Experience Abroad Opportunity to Russia

Motion carried.

Kuntz moved, Striet second, to sustain. Motion carried.

Hochstatter moved, Corrigan second, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Ferguson moved, McCrite second, to sustain. Motion carried.

Webel moved, McDaniel second, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Striet moved, Kuntz second, to sustain. Motion carried.

Flournoy moved, Webel second, to adopt the 1993-94 FFA Budget. Motion carried.

McCrite moved, Kuntz second, to sustain. Motion carried.

J. Kuhlemeier discussed the commemorative items that is suggested to be presented at the State FFA Convention. Flournoy moved, Webel second, to purchase 3000 key tabs to be distributed at the Illinois FFA Convention. Motion carried.

Kuntz moved, Ferguson second, to sustain. Motion carried.

The Jr. High Natural Resources Contest was discussed. It was suggested the contest areas be limited each year and the areas be rotated each year. Webel moved, Hochstatter second, to adopt the contest for 1993-94, and the rotation recommendation be implemented. Flournoy moved, Corrigan second, to amend by adding "and request the IAVAT to sponsor". Motion carried.

Kuntz moved, McCrite second, to sustain as amended.

Wolter moved, Corrigan second, to allow the top five (5) State Crops teams represent the Illinois FFA at the multi-state judging contest. Motion carried.

Kuntz moved, McCrite second, to sustain.

R. Reische announced Illinois has been selected as a "Project Pals" pilot state and presented a report on the program.

J. Kuhlemeier discussed the National Farm Medicine Center request for support of their grant proposal on skin cancer. The board raised no objections to the Illinois FFA Center staff writing a letter of support for the proposal.

A parents request to video tape the State Public Speaking Semi-finals was presented. The Board agreed to allow video taping, but indicated that if all students competing should be taped to maintain near identical presentation circumstances for all contestants.

The Board reviewed the recommended contest dates for 1993-94. It was noted the Section Public Speaking Results deadline was moved to March 4, 1994, in response to section concerns.

A. Engelbrecht, IAVAT President requested the 1993-94 District Public Speaking Contest be held on April 7, 1994. No motion was presented, the date will be April 6 , 1994.

A Work Experience Abroad opportunity was shared with the FFA Board. The WEA program information was recieved by fax and insufficient time was available to prepare a mailing to all chapters. Board members were encouraged to share the information with the chapters in their districts.

Webel moved, Hochstatter second, that all (including Star FFA Degree applications) be sent to the Illinois FFA Center prior to the District Proficiency Awards Contest (March 1st deadline), and any corrections to the application be made by the section selection committee prior to forwarding them to the Center. Motion carried.

Ferguson moved, McCrite second, to sustain. Motion carried.

Chapter award program judging committees were announced and instructions given.

(insert committees)

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. with closing ceremonies.