

## PAAE Board of Directors – January 7, 2017

President Isenberg called the meeting to order at 9:07AM. In attendance were: Isenberg, Fellenbaum, Bittner, H. Anderson, Ruvarac, Berndtson, Romberger, Campbell, Cambuzzi, Brammer and Weller.

Isenberg reported the FFA Foundation is pushing for CDE/LDE sponsorships. *Anderson moved to allow PAAE to sponsor the Extemporaneous Speaking CDE for five years at \$500 per year. Motion passed.* Received a thank you from NAAE for the relief fund. We need to find a way to do more.

Fellenbaum reported on the showcase event at LS, FFA Board meeting and his travels to NAAE Conference.

Bittner reported on showcase events, upcoming FFA Week event at Saul, and working on updating/compiling a list of essentials for representatives to and from PAAE board.

Brammer provided the minutes from the previous meeting – *Fellenbaum moved to accept. Motion passed.* Financial reports were presented and discussed.

Fay provided a written report. (Attached)

Legislative – Cambuzzi reported the November meeting went well. A list with priorities is being formed. New leadership in the House and Senate.

Weller provided updates on PDE happenings. Trying to set up a meeting with DVU on articulation agreements. Other items discussed: Retirements, hiring freeze, keeping Ag Ed connected to PDE, Farm Show, Budget, New Programs, Re-Approval of existing programs, Ag Ed Report coming (Sheely), 4-H and FFA board representation.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member Services – Romberger reported NYC trip was cancelled. Scholarships have been applied for – ACES will once again have member appreciation gifts.

Marketing – No report

Strategic Planning – Ruvarac – Need information for survey – Mission/Vision, Committee thoughts, re-evaluate strategic plan.

Public Policy – Cambuzzi - Working on a calendar of events for teachers (Advocacy) Proposed professional development at SLLC

Policies & By-Laws – H. Anderson – Working on Summer Conference. Looking at Constitution and By-Laws to see if anything needs updated.

Finance – Campbell update on the proposed budget. Approval in March

Professional Growth – Berndtson – Hines working on a survey – Awards in March – Discussion on PD at ACES and SLLC

**Standing Special – Bittner reported - 2016 Summer Conference is now all finalized. 2017 Summer Conference – Ruvarac reported tours are ready, workshops are coming – Will provide a report for all spring regional meetings. 2018 Conference – No report**

**NEW BUSINESS – Sponsorship of FFA LDE and PAAE Awards already discussed in previous reports.**

**SPRING REGIONAL MEETINGS – All at 5:30PM**

**West – March 23 – Indiana HOSS's**

**East – April 4 – Conrad Weiser**

**South – April 5 – Cumberland Valley**

**North – April 6 – Williamsport HOSS's**

**Meeting was adjourned at 1pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Brammer", is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

**Mike Brammer**

**PAAE Executive Secretary**

Carole Faye  
SAE Specialist  
Report to the PAAE Board  
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- Travelled to FFA Convention where I judged National Proficiency finalist applications: that process is very interesting!!! I think PA could benefit from encouraging teachers to do that. It takes about 3 hours or so and you learn SO much!!!!
- Travelled to the National SAE summit (Omaha, NE) where the focus was the future of SAE and actually defining what current SAE is and can look like. More to come on that.
- Travelled to NAAE where I received the Lifetime Achievement award AND attended several SAE related workshops and was able to meet with Roger to discuss the future/changes in the Keystone Degree. I think teachers need to be encouraged to travel to NAAE and supported by PAAE. Something also to think about is that we nominate people for awards, they complete these extensive applications and represent PA proudly, but, I think PAAE should help to fund some of their trip. Some of the awards are sponsored by NAAE or other groups and some are not. That needs to be taken into consideration (especially life time achievement award) I was fine and got some help in other areas, but, not everyone who gets this award is as fortunate as I was in that regard. Just something to consider.
- Travelled to the SAE Symposium in College Station, TX. Learned more detail about SAE recordkeeping and new changes coming up in AET and things that are in the works. All of these events were an opportunity to meet teachers from all states and learn their ideas of SAE projects and how records work. I also was able to acquire copies of several state's State Degrees and discuss State degree requirements of other states. Very interesting conversations!!!
- Something that I am going to bring up in our Keystone discussions: some states do not consider FFA meetings as FFA Activities; some students earned their Keystone with mostly FFA meetings as their activities.
- Some states, also review the financial entries and make sure they make sense and are realistic. We need to start doing that in the (near) future when the Keystone Degree is locked to AET records. That is going to happen soon after Farm Show.
- I went to all of the Keystone evaluations, which led to some interesting discussions. I have visited some schools, evaluated SAE grants, and am setting up workshops on SAE in each region. The first one will be at Bald Eagle on Saturday, January 28. The focus is for the Northern region, but, anyone can come.

- I am going to be travelling to the Western region the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup> and visiting: Berlin-Brothers Valley, Meyersdale, Rockwood and Wilmington Area. I am looking for another school to visit while I am out there, have put out a few feelers, at this point. The topics at the workshops are going to be an hour of SAE basics, then, going through an entrepreneurship project, because that is the greatest need that I see in the state, right now. If the board knows of a school that I should reach out to, please let me know.
- I am also going to be visiting WB Saul on Jan. 20 and helping some of the students to start their SAE projects.
- Travelled to Philly with Scott Sheely and met with about 30 urban agriculturists to generate ideas for SAE projects for the Saul students.
- I am going to be helping with proficiency judging and American Degree evaluations this year.
- I am going to try to travel to the regional meetings in the spring, can you cc me on the dates, etc. for those meetings?
- The SAE committee is going to be meeting soon after Farm Show to look at proficiency application process, Keystone Degree updates and new ideas for SAE.
- Teachers are asking about a state record book contest, I have been telling them that I think the teachers and students will get more out of a local contest than they will from a state wide event. Please encourage teachers in the regions to host record book contests. If they need help, they can reach out to me.
- On another note: I am sure that you know that Robin Durila (teacher at Trinity High School) is in ICU in the Washington, PA hospital after some surgery complications. She could use our prayers and please send cards. Please mail cards:

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