

**Pennsylvania FFA Association
Board of Directors
May 19, 2017 – Minutes**

Meeting called to order by President Baker-Mikesell at 1:05pm. In attendance were; Baker-Mikesell, Kline, Gonzalez, Palmer, Jenkins, Hojnowski, Nailor, McKelvey, Brown, Oberholtzer, Miller, Foster, Sparks, Fellenbaum, Bier, Gray, Frederick, Brammer, Fay, Day, and guests M. Anderson and Molly Dubble. Introductions were made by all.

Minutes from previous meeting – *Palmer/Gonzalez moved to accept. Motion passed. Miller/McKelvey moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Financial reports were presented.

State Officers report presented by Gonzalez.

FFA Foundation – President Dubble & Director Sparks provided a written report.

- Annual Golf Outing is now open for registration through July 10th
 - Includes option for all day crafting event
- Volunteers (adults and chapters) are needed to work concessions at Ag Progress Days, August 15-17, in State College, PA
- The Competitive Events Campaign has secured full funding for all CDE trip winners to the Big E and National Convention for 2017
- New Executive Committee/Officers have been elected
 - President: Molly Dubble; Vice President: Melissa Sankey; Treasurer: Nathan Hoover; Fundraising Chair: Jacob Haagen
- New Trustees have been accepted – board is currently operating at a full slate
 - Mindy Fleetwood, Jason Klouser, Meagan Slates, and Caleb Wright
- Scholarships provided to the retiring State FFA Officers will be increased by \$200 per officer for this year
- Job opening ~ Part time administrative assistant ~ Opens June 1st

FFA Alumni – President Nailor provided a written report.

- Annual Gold Toe SOCS – June 3-4, 2017, at the Harrisburg/Hershey Sheraton
 - 19 of 23 candidates registered
- Celebration of Corduroy – September 23, 2017 @ Hunters Valley Winery, Liverpool, PA
 - Casual Event with buffet and beverages beginning at 5:30pm
 - Wine tasting available all night
 - Raffles, games, contests and silent auction
 - Tickets on sale July 1st
- Local Affiliate Seminars
 - Looking to host informational and idea sharing seminars at PAAE Fall Meetings
 - More information to come
- Board Positions
 - New Secretary: Stephanie Roscinski
 - Currently have director vacancies representing Northern and Western regions

PSU – Foster provided an oral update on Ag & Extension Education

- RETIRING FACULTY MEMBER
 - Dr. Ed Yoder
- NEW FACULTY MEMBER
 - Welcome Dr. Kevin Curry - Position begins July 1, 2017
- TRAGEDY IN AG ED FAMILY
 - Mr. Seth Landis, passed away unexpectedly
 - Junior in Ag Ed - Originally from Somerset, PA

- 7 students graduated in 2017
 - 4 have secured employment or future plans
- 11 student teachers have been placed for Spring 2018
 - 2 Eastern, 3 Northern, 4 South Central, and 2 Western
- **CURRENT AG ED OPENINGS IN PA**
 - Dover Area High School – Filled pending acceptance and approval
 - Midd West High School
 - Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology
 - Schuylkill Technology Center
 - Technical College High School – Veterinary Technician Program
 - Union City High School

PAAE – Fellenbaum provided an update.

- Legislatively creates an Ag Ed Commission to oversee Ag Ed in Pennsylvania
 - Joint Venture between Department of Education, Department of Agriculture and Department of Labor
 - Utilizes current Ag Ed Advisory Committee
 - Identifies five central leadership positions
 - Director of Commission
 - FFA Specialist
 - SAE and Workforce Development Specialist
 - Curriculum Specialist
 - Program Approval Specialist
- 2017 Summer Conference registration is open
 - Host: Eastern Region ~ Philadelphia, PA
 - Note: Please book hotels through registration process if possible

PDE – Day provided an update.

- All approved CTE programs in high schools **MUST** be reapproved through the CATS system by May 31, 2017 to maintain Chapter 339 reimbursement funding
 - This process will require some time and effort
 - Administrators (as listed in CATS) have been contacted since November
 - At the very least, make contact with Dr. Lee Burkett or Ms. Jean Kelleher
 - If you have questions, contact a neighboring school or have your administration contact Deputy Secretary Matt Stem
- Mr. Cliff Day's contract expires June 30, 2017 - He has been involved in PA Ag Ed since 1970
- 82 American Degree Applications were approved by PA and submitted to Nationals
 - Includes one application for Star in Agriscience and potentially one Star in Production

REGIONAL COORDINATORS:

- Eastern Region – Mr. Frederick
 - April LDE's – Submitted all manuscripts electronically without any problems
 - Filled speaking slots
 - 2 Parli Pro Teams
 - Spring CDE Day – 525 Students - implemented most state changes without problems
- Northern Region – Mrs. Gray
 - Regional LDE's
 - 75 speakers, 4 parli pro teams, 10 tractor drivers
 - 1 new program starting next year: Honesdale High School

- 1 program adding second teacher for next year: Benton High School
- South Central Region – Mrs. Bier
 - Regional LDE's
 - 56 speakers, 3 parli pro teams, 4 small gas engine teams, 4 tractor drivers
 - Next year: April 24, 2018
- Western Region – Presented by Mrs. McKelvey
 - Regional LDE's
 - Full slate of speakers, 5 parli pro teams
 - 2017 WPLC – June 29-30 @ Splash Lagoon, Erie, PA

COMMITTEES:

CDE Committee – Written report provided by McKelvey on behalf of the committee.

Three recommendations – *Gonzalez/Jenkins moved to accept the first two recommendations. Motion passed. Oberholtzer/Fellenbaum moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Recommendation 1: Accept the contest payout schedule as submitted. PASSED

Recommendation 2: The website rules for all public speaking LDEs get split into their own pages to provide further clarity for preparation. PASSED

Recommendation 3: The replacement of two At-Large members to the CDE Committee to replace Sarah Sparks and Cliff Day. NO ACTION

SAE Committee – Written report submitted.

- *Fellenbaum moved to have American Degree application locked on AET. Motion passed. Jenkins/Hojnowski moved to concur. Motion passed.*
- *Miller/McKelvey moved to eliminate Keystone Degree Requirements requiring plans and photographs. McKelvey/Baker-Mikesell moved to amend by striking out “plans and”. Amendment passed. Amendment to require no photos. Baker-Mikesell moved previous question – with no objections, vote was taken – Amendment failed. Main motion failed.*
- *Fellenbaum/McKelvey moved to require one plan per project for the last year of the application, just like the American Degree requirements. Motion passed. Palmer/Gonzalez moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Budget Committee – McKelvey moved to accept – Motion passed. Gonzalez/Jenkins moved to concur – Motion passed.

Conference Review Committee – McKelvey moved to extend the committee until August. Palmer/Gonzalez moved to concur – Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Keystone Application – SECOND VOTES

- *McKelvey/Miller – Kline/Hojnowski - Keystone Degree changes must be approved by the May Board meeting to be effective for the current application year – motion passed. NOW POLICY*
- *Oberholtzer/Miller – Jenkins/Palmer - All programming changes to the Keystone Degree Application must be in effect from AET by August 15th of the current application year or changes will have to be held until the next application year – motion passed. NOW POLICY*

Affiliate Fee Policy – SECOND VOTE

- *Miller/Fellenbaum – Jenkins/Palmer - Roster Submissions will be due by May 1st Payment of Affiliate Fees will be due February 1st Financial penalties for late payment of fees will be applied – Affiliate Fees will always be based on the previous years’ membership. Chapters not submitting fees will be considered to be “Not in Good Standing”. Motion passed. NOW POLICY*

Constitutional Amendments presented to the delegates to establish the SAE Committee as a standing committee.

Palmer/Gonzalez moved to accept EIGHT Citation Award winners and THIRTY-TWO Honorary Degree

Recipients. Motion passed. Sparks/McKelvey moved to concur. Motion passed.

Update on Convention registration provided by Brammer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee – *Miller/Foster moved to allow the students of the nominating committee to Attend the convention free of charge, starting in 2018. McKelvey called for previous question – with no objections, a vote was taken. 6 in favor and 3 opposed – motion passed. Gonzalez/Palmer moved to concur – Motion failed.*

CDE Policy for Students with IEP's Requesting Accommodations – *Oberholtzer/McKelvey moved that*

- Students with IEP's requesting assistance or accommodations during local, regional or state CDE/LDE's must:
 - make the request for accommodations at the time of registration
 - be accompanied by a non-parent guardian or chaperone to make such accommodations
 - not require additional work or effort on the part of the chairperson

Brown moved to (Postpone definitely to the August Meeting) Motion passed.

SLLC Refunds – Proposal to refund \$40 per person to those attending SLLC. *Miller/McKelvey moved to accept. Kline/Palmer moved to concur. Motion passed.*

NEW Program Charter process – August meeting

Jenkins provided a listing of delegate committees for the convention.

Sparks/Oberholtzer moved, Chapters with outstanding debt not be permitted to participate in any event after July 1 until debt is paid. Motion passed. Palmer/Gonzalez moved to concur. Motion passed.

ELECTIONS:

Miller nominated McKelvey for VP – Kline moved to close. Unanimous decision.

Oberholtzer nominated Miller for President – Miller declined. McKelvey nominated Nailor for President. Miller moved nominations be closed. Unanimous decision.

BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2017-18:

PRESIDENT – SHERISA NAILOR

VICE-PRESIDENT – JOANNA MCKELVEY

On behalf of the board, Nailor thanked the State Officers for a great year. Excited about their convention. The Officers thanked the board for their commitment.

Future meeting dates – June 13-14 – 6:30am at PSU

August 4 – 10am at PSU.

Meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Brammer
Pennsylvania FFA
Executive Director