

PA FFA Board of Directors

March 3, 2017

The PA FFA Board of Directors met on March 3, 2017 at the Bryce Jordan Center. Call to order and Opening Ceremonies began at 3:30pm led by the PA FFA State Officers. In attendance were: Libby Baker-Mikesell, Jacob Kline, Sarah Gonzalez, Madeline Buss, Jill Palmer, Garrett Jenkins, Tricia Hojnowski, Sherisa Nailor, Sarah Sparks, Holly Oberholtzer, Ayla Miller, Neil Fellenbaum, Daniel Foster, Ron Frederick, Annette Gray, Doug Brown (via phone) and Mike Brammer.

Minutes of the December meeting were presented by Brammer. *Kline/Jenkins moved to accept. Motion passed. Fellenbaum/Oberholtzer moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Financial report presented by Brammer. Filed for audit.

State Officer Team activity report was presented by Gonzalez.

PA FFA Foundation report presented by Sparks. (Written and verbal) Snyder's concessions out – Packers in. Hiring another part time person. Working on CDE/LDE (competitive events) payouts. Zero dollars for CDE chairs.

PA FFA Alumni report presented by Nailor. (Written & verbal) Blue & Gold ball will be a "Celebration of Corduroy". More details to follow.

PSU report presented by Foster. Revamped web site. Thursday teach ag topics – One email, multiple announcements. Discussed spring programming. Student spotlights – Upcoming important dates. (Written report to be provided)

PAAE presented by Fellenbaum. March 12 Board meeting. Conference planning ongoing/held at Saul. Policy seminar in dc will have two PAAE members attending. Fellenbaum attended the Ag Ed showcase at Saul during National FFA week.

PDE/PDA – Brammer provided updates. Verbal agreement from Ag Ed "family" members to conduct a planning session with two members of each board. More details to follow.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Frederick presented the Eastern Region report. Dates of upcoming events were provided. 3/30 Horticulture workshop, 4/20 – LED's, 5/2 – CDE's – Recommended that Carole Fay be commended for her work with SAE and AET.

Gray presented the Northern Region report. Everyone should visit Central Columbia program. A model of an excellent facility/program. Gray participated in three area judging events.

South Central – Biers not in attendance

Western – Wallace not in attendance.

COMMITTEES

CDE Standing Committee – Provided a written report. Two new CDE/LDE Chairs. *Foster moved to accept. Implied second. Motion passed. Jenkins/Gonzalez moved to accept. Motion passed.*

Discussion on CDE Chairs stipend. What was the intent? Incentive or yearly stipend?
Committee to bring back an answer.

SAE Committee - Recommend to the delegates in June, that this committee become a standing committee.
Fellenbaum moved to have the American Degree locked in 2018. Fellenbaum withdrew the motion.
This topic needs to be explored further before action taken.

Budget Committee – Nailor presented the 2017-18 Association budget. *Foster moved to postpone definitely until the May board meeting. Motion passed. Jenkins/Buss moved to concur. Motion passed.* Need to meet with the Foundation folks on who will be paying out the CDE winners.

Conference Review Committee – Nailor reported for McKelvey – Committee members are: S Myers, G Jenkins, M Lowery, N Moyer, and one additional teacher to be named.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Payout schedule for CDE/LDE's SECOND VOTE – *Jenkins/Gonzalez moved to accept. Miller/Foster moved to amend by adding Ag Issues team will receive \$250 per member up to a seven member team. Amendment passed. Foster/Miller moved to amend by adding the blue box with Ag Science Fair to the original document. Amendment passed. Student board vote to accept as amended, passed. Fellenbaum/Oberholtzer moved to concur – MOTION FAILED.*
Foster/Miller moved to reconsider vote – Motion passed. Foster/Miller moved to refer the report to the CDE Committee to be presented in May. Motion passed. Buss/Palmer moved to concur. Motion passed.

5:27pm – Recess – 5:37pm reconvene.

SECOND VOTE – “Students cannot compete in a conflicting scheduled CDE/LDE at Activities Week.”
Gonzalez/Buss moved to accept. Motion passed. Miller/Oberholtzer moved to concur. Motion passed.

Foster/Oberholtzer moved to have FFA communicate with PA 4-H to have a voting representative on each respective board. Foster moved to withdraw the motion. No objections noted.

Delegate Issues from 2016 – Written report provided. Issue #4 (Virtual judging of AG Science) –
Jenkins/Buss moved to accept. Motion passed. Oberholtzer/Kline moved to concur. Motion passed. Issue to be forwarded to the CDE Committee.

ISSUE #5 (Allow 9-10 grade students to compete in FFA Knowledge with two divisions)
Jenkins/Gonzalez moved to accept. Motion passed. Fellenbaum/Oberholtzer moved to concur. Motion passed. This issue will be forwarded to the CDE committee.

OTHER – Locked Keystone Degree – *Oberholtzer/Miller moved to start having the Keystone Degree locked to AET starting with the 2020 recipients. Miller/Kline called for previous question. Previous question passed. Main Motion passed. Jenkins/Kline moved to concur. Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

Keystone Application Revision Deadline – *Miller/Fellenbaum moved effective immediately, all Keystone Degree Application changes must be approved by the May Board meeting. Motion passed. Buss/Jenkins moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Sparks/Oberholtzer moved that no program changes may be made to the application after August 15. Motion passed. Jenkins/Hojnowski moved to concur. Motion passed.

POLICY – SECOND VOTE NEEDED

Nurse on staff at conferences – Issue referred to the May meeting – Brammer.

DVU addition to the Board – *Kline/Buss moved to create a constitutional amendment change to allow DVU representative to have a voting seat on the board. Motion withdrawn with no objections. Officers can submit a constitutional amendment request to the delegates in June.*

NEW Opening Ceremonies – *Jenkins/Gonzalez moved to accept the new Opening Ceremonies as presented from National FFA, effective immediately. Motion passed. Sparks/Fellenbaum moved to concur Motion passed.*

NEW dress Code – *Sparks/Fellenbaum moved to make our dress code policy align with National FFA effective immediately. Motion passed. Buss/Gonzalez moved to concur. Motion passed.*

NEW – Payment of Affiliation Fees – *Sparks/Oberholtzer moved to accept the following policy change:*

Section II: Membership

II.a. Affiliate Fee Deadline

- i. The roster submission deadline for Keystone FFA Degrees and Farm Show participation shall be November 15th unless otherwise published by the Pennsylvania FFA Association. The roster submission deadline for the school year will be May 1.
- ii. The final deadline for payment of affiliate fees is December 1. Financial penalties for late payment of fees will be applied. Affiliate fees are always based on the previous year's membership.

Kline/Miller moved to amend by striking out December 1 and inserting January 1. Motion passed. Miller/Oberholtzer moved to amend by striking out January 1 and inserting February 1. Amendment passed. Motion as amended passed. Jenkins/Gonzalez moved to concur. Motion passed. POLICY – SECOND VOTE REQUIRED. Now reads:

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Announcements

- 1. Eastern and Northern Regions – Board reps up for election. Nominating and balloting coming soon.**
- 2. 2017 Activities Week – Convention session – Bryce Jordan Center – Wednesday evening curfew will be 11pm. No dance.**
- 3. Next meeting – May 19, 1pm at the PA Department of Agriculture.**

Meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 7:45pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mike Brammer**

Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors

March 3, 2017

State Officer Report

Since our last meeting in December, the state officers have visited schools across the Commonwealth to facilitate workshops, we conducted Mid-Winter Convention at Farm Show, we put on our very first conference, ACES, we attended the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States, celebrated National FFA Week, and we also;

- **Connected with approximately 6,575 students**
- **Inclusively traveled approximately 24,090 miles**
- **Visited 19 schools with agricultural education programs and FFA**
- **Conducted 1 conference (ACES) – Three weekends**
- **Conducted 1 convention (Mid-Winter) with the Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Education and the Governor as our distinguished guests along with New Holland Agriculture**
- **Went on 2 industry visits (Mushroom Farmers of Pennsylvania and Cleveland Brothers CAT)**
- **Visited with the Secretary of Education at the Department of Education**
- **Visited 7 Hoss's Steak & Sea Houses to celebrate National FFA Week**
- **Visited Washington D.C to attend the inauguration, the USDA Agriculture Forum, and met with three representatives and one senator**

We have a little more than three months left, and we are not taking a single day for granted. We are looking forward to our upcoming events. Now that we are making connections with members, we are excited to strengthen them and see the progress they are making through the FFA. Our goal is to ACTIVATE the PURPOSE, PASSION and POTENTIAL of Pennsylvania FFA members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Gonzalez

2016-2017 Pennsylvania FFA Secretary



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UPDATE for the FFA BOARD

March 3, 2017



- **Freshman Jacket Campaign**
 - 467 jackets were awarded to first-year members at Mid-Winter Convention
 - \$25,685 in donations are collected for this program
 - More than 800 applications were received
 - We recognized 5 and 10 year sponsors to the jacket campaign
 - Three 5-year sponsors
 - Fifteen 10-year sponsors

- **ACES Workshops**
 - Coordinated 4 workshops each of the three weekends
 - Show Me the Money – Exploring Agricultural Careers
 - Life After FFA – Opportunities After High School
 - 8 presenters in total presented at least once
 - Past State Officers, Former Members, Collegiate Members
 - Served refreshments at each of the three weekends
 - Fruit punch – Donated by Wegman’s and Giant

- **Washington Leadership Conference**
 - Provided 19 scholarships (18 full and 2 half)
 - Value: \$850 each
 - Private, Designated Sponsorships – 16 full scholarships
 - PA FFA Alumni Funded – 2 full and 2 half scholarships

- **Gold Toe SOCS**
 - Sponsored by New Holland through the PA FFA Foundation and Association
 - June 3-4, 2017, @ Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey
 - All State FFA Officer applicants invited for training and social mixers

- **Additional Programs and Sponsorships**
 - Teach Ag Essay Contest - \$500
 - State FFA Knowledge Contest - \$172
 - PA State Housing Block at National FFA Convention
 - Blue and Gold Ball @ Hunter’s Valley Winery – Date TBD



CDE Committee Report

*PA FFA Board Meeting
Friday, March 3, 2017*



Chair - Doug Masser (Eastern Region), *Pequea Valley Agriscience Teacher*
Joanna McKelvey (Western Region), *Wilmington Area Agriscience Teacher*
Sarabeth Fulton (South Central Region), *Big Spring Agriscience Teacher*
Valerie Fry (Northern Region), *Selinsgrove Agriscience Teacher*
Cliff Day (At-Large), *Pennsylvania Dept of Education*
Sarah Sparks (At-Large), *Pennsylvania FFA Foundation*
Daniel Foster (At-Large), *Penn State Agricultural Education*

Committee Updates

CDE Chair Vacancies

The CDE chair application was sent out via email in February to fill the vacant chair positions. The following positions are now filled:

- Dairy Cattle Handling CDE - Darla Romberger
- Conduct of a Chapter Meeting LDE - Krista Pontius

The CDE committee is currently seeking a chair for Employment Skills. The committee is asking for recommendations of great candidates or for any individuals willing to step up and fill the chair position.

Rule Changes Deadline:

The CDE committee reviewed the currently approved timeline for all rules changes. This action occurred in response to the continued concern voiced to the committee about the difficulty of pulling the changes together by the August board meeting, and allowing all teachers to weigh in with their opinion.

Two main options were discussed, which include:

- Option 1-August 1st Deadline
 - All proposed changes are due to the CDE Committee by July 15
 - Changes are shared at a PAAE Summer Conference CDE session and published on the website for review for all teachers
 - Teachers should contact chair with opinions or suggestions about the changes.
 - All changes due to the CDE Committee by August 1
 - CDE approval occurs at August board meeting
 - Final approval at December Meeting (2 votes required for policy changes)

- Option 2-December 1 Deadline
 - All proposed changes are due to CDE committee by October 1
 - Changes are shared at PAAE regional meetings and published on website for review by all teachers
 - Teachers should contact chair with opinions or suggestion about the changes.
 - All changes due to CDE committee by December 1
 - CDE approval occurs at December board meeting
 - Final approval at March meeting (unless we would revisit the board policy requiring 2 votes to pass CDE changes)

No recommendation will be provided at the March meeting. However, this item will be discussed more at the April/May CDE committee meeting and a recommendation will be provided at the May board meeting. The committee welcomes comments and suggestions from all regions and CDE chairs as a recommendation is developed.

SLLC CDE/LDE Workshop: The CDE Committee will be holding a 30 minute Q&A session at SLLC to clarify all questions and concerns with this year's changes. Time and specific room: TBD, but slated for Monday morning. Watch for an email for more details and the final announcement.

Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Accept the CDE/LDE chairs as listed:

- Dairy Cattle Handling CDE - Darla Romberger
- Conduct of a Chapter Meeting LDE - Krista Pontius

Looking Forward

PA FFA Competitive Event Policy: The committee is developing a set of procedures to regulate the role of CDE chairs and CDE evaluation. Committee members are currently drafting the policy and should be available for review at the May board meeting.

Policy Updates: The CDE committee is working to update the policy manual to ensure that the manual matches current practice, payouts, and event details.

Pennsylvania FFA SAE Special Committee Minutes

January 31, 2017 7:00 PM

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Members present were Katie McLaughlin, Neil Fellenbaum, Tony Rice, Carole Fay and Kelly Bier.

Unfinished Business

1. Properly define what constitutes as an appropriate Supervised Agricultural Experience.
 - a. Postponed until next meeting.

New Business

2. Establish the distinction between FFA and SAE activities in the Keystone Degree Application.
 - a. Informal agreement to add clarifying instructions on the Keystone Degree Application.
3. The American Degree Application will be linked to AET, beginning with the 2018 application.
 - a. Passed
4. With the 2017-18 Keystone Degree Application being locked to AET, students should be required to enter all records on AET in a weekly basis.
 - a. Informal agreement to distribute recommendations for best management practices to advisors.
5. Replacement needed for Doug Masser's position on the committee.
 - a. Recommendation is to be made to the Chair of the Board of Directors to select a replacement.
6. Stakeholders should take part in the proficiency judging process.
 - a. Informal agreement to send invitations to various industry stakeholders to participate in the proficiency judging process.
7. Recommendation will be made to the Board of Directors that establishes the Special Committee on SAEs and Proficiencies as a standing committee.
 - a. Passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Pennsylvania FFA Association

Board Meeting – March 3, 2017 – PSU

State Officer Recommendations on 2016 Delegate Issues

Recommendation 1

Committee for Creating Funds for Members to Attend Conferences and Conventions

Whereas, the committee proposes the establishing of a committee that will create half and full scholarships for students in need; locate funds for these from state FFA budgets; scholarship amounts will be left at the discretion of the committee; students will apply for a state scholarship only for state conferences and conventions; and applications must be submitted 30 days prior to an event.

Be it resolved, that we the 2016-2017 PA FFA State Officers recommend that no action be taken on this issue for the following reasons: it is a local level issue that some chapters already address; the PA FFA Foundation already raises funds to keep costs down; and there are current state programs in place that award members (ex. Jacket Campaign, WLC Scholarships, etc.).

Recommendation 2

Committee for Creating a Parliamentary Procedure Exam for Second Year Scholar Applicants

Whereas, the committee proposes a basic parliamentary procedure exam for second year scholar applicants in which an 80% or higher must be scored; the chapter advisor must sign off on it; the exam will be available upon release of the application but must be turned in one week prior to applications; applicants may only take the test once per year; and the test will consist of new material each year.

Be it resolved, that we the 2016-2017 PA FFA State Officers recommend that no action be taken on this issue for the following reasons: it is not necessary to be well rounded in parliamentary procedure to apply and serve; an exam might deter applicants; and there is no way to manage the integrity of the exam when administered at the chapter level.

Recommendation 3

Committee for Creating a Horse Showmanship CDE

Whereas, the committee proposes a Horse Showmanship CDE to include: a qualifying event at the county level in which the top 3 will advance to state competition; the same written test administered as Horse Evaluation; participants must show in both Western and English classes with a horse assigned to them being judged only on showmanship; and test scores will be combined with showmanship scores to find an overall placement.

Be it resolved, that we the 2016-2017 PA FFA State Officers recommend that no action be taken on this issue for the following reasons: the two horse related CDE's will conflict if ran simultaneously; there are safety concerns; it is a struggle to obtain horses to use; owners may not want students riding their horses; PSU horses are not trained enough for students to use; there is added liability; the length of each horse CDE would not fit in required time; each student would need to show individually, one at a time; this is adding another CDE that would stop at state level; a new chairperson would be required; funds for team/individual payouts and to obtain horses would need to be raised; and how consistent would county/regional competitions be to qualify for states.

Recommendation 4

Committee for Allowing Agriscience Fair to be Judged Virtually

Whereas, the committee proposes allowing live, virtual presentations to be conducted as a last resort, which will allow for equal opportunity for all participants.

Be it resolved that we the 2016-2017 PA FFA State Officers recommend that action be taken to pass this issue for the following reasons: this would allow all participants to interview in situations of emergency, bad weather, etc.; the same judging criteria could be used for interviews; digital copies of the lab reports, poster and lab notebook are to be submitted; and this will remain at the discretion of the chairperson. However, there are concerns to be addressed to allow this to be successfully carried out: internet availability/signal strength at the farm show; location at farm show to allow compatibility of virtual judging; and would PA FFA provide laptops/tablets in order for the judging to occur.

Recommendation 5

Committee for Allowing 9th and 10th Grade Members to Participate in FFA Knowledge CDE

Whereas, the committee proposes the FFA Knowledge CDE be open to all first and second year members and the creation of a basic first year division and an advanced second year division.

Be it resolved that we the 2016-2017 PA FFA State Officers recommend that action be taken to pass this issue for the following reasons: creating two divisions will challenge members of different age groups; the CDE would become more inclusive, allowing more members the opportunity to compete; and would increase the participation in the CDE. Due to arranging logistics of the CDE and funding for awards, we also recommend this formally be referred to the CDE Committee to be investigated and discussed further.

Activate
Purpose- Passion- Potential