

Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes December 20, 2019

In attendance today is: Timber Thebes, Brandon Bixler, Michael Riggs, Killiann George, Thomas Strong, Arilyn Oatman, McKenzie Glass, Joanna McKelvey, Renee Cambruzzi, Ayla Miller, Amy Kline, Mark Anderon, Doug Brown, Nathan Schanbacher, Annette Gray, Kelly Bier, Ron Frederick, Cliff Wallace, Darla Romberger, John Ewing, Sarah Sparks, Jenna Harnish, Mike Brammer, and guests Scott Sheely, Millena Bashore and Jacob Kinzer.

The State Officers opened the meeting with opening ceremonies at 11:20am.

Motion to approve the minutes Strong/Bixler passed. Miller/Kline moved to concur. Motion passed.

Financial reports were presented by Brammer. They will be filed for audit.

State officers' reflection was provided in written and verbal form by Riggs.

FFA Foundation report was presented by Sparks.

- Farm Show food stand update
- Leadership campaign underway – 59 of 78K raised
- Two new partners – Vantage Foods and Sheetz
- In March, CDE/LDE push for partnerships
- Adopted a new Business and Industry Tour policy

FFA Alumni – Brammer reported the Alumni will present 419 jackets this year.

PSU - Dr. Ewing provided an update on student teachers, the center team meeting and Mid-Winter involvement.

PAAE – Romberger provided a written report.

Commission for Ag Ed Excellence – Dr. Sheely provided an update and announced that he will be the interim Director.

SAE Specialist – No report

REGIONAL COORDINATOR UPDATES

Eastern – Frederick – Regional CDE day (500+ students), 110 Keystones, Spring CDE/LDE April 6 and April 30, March 3 Longwood gardens seminar, questions about middle school programs.

Northern – Gray – 81 Keystones, April 22 LDE day and tractor Driving

South Central – Bier – Leadership Conference in Oct (40 students), Keystones and four stars, visited with Big Spring Middle School, April 22 LDE's

Western – Wallace – 85 Keystones

COMMITTEES

CDE/LDE – Chairperson Barzydlo sent a report with one action item – *moved to accept a procedure concerning Activities Week that all changes to registration should be submitted to the Programs Manager II (Jon Seaman) position by midnight Sunday before Activities Week. Motion passed. Bixler/Riggs moved to concur. Motion passed.*

SAE – No action items – Bier provided a written report from the committee.

State Convention Committee – New dates for 2020 (June 2-4)

New Policy from the Committee:

If students do not report to their scheduled event they will be sent home from the event. Students will remain at headquarters until their parents or guardian arrives. In the instance of illness, the nurse on staff must excuse the member from the planned daily activity in which they are registered. Motion Passed. Riggs/George moved to concur. Motion passed. SECOND VOTE NEEDED

The committee moved to refer the results of the CDE chair survey to the standing CDE committee to review and report back at the March meeting of the Board of Directors. Motion passed. Riggs/George moved to concur – Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2020 Mid-Winter Update – George provided updates – PCN TV will be covering the event live.

Golden Owl Award – Brammer announced that the regional finalists have been selected. Surprise visits will be made after Jan 1.

ACES & SLLC Updates – Bixler provided updates on ACES and Oatman provided on SLLC.

Delegate Process Review – Oatman and George reported a recommendation will be presented in March.

NEW BUSINESS

New Charters – *Riggs/Oatman moved to accept Big Spring Middle and Montgomery High as new charters. Motion passed. Anderson/Miller moved to concur. Motion passed.*

SAE 4 All – Bier provided a written report on this new program.

2020 Keystone and Honorary Awards – *George/Oatman moved to accept 405 Keystone State Degrees and 12 sets of parents for Honorary or Special Awards. Motion passed. Brown/Miller moved to concur. Motion passed.*

State Delegate Issues:

1. Provide chains with charms to state degree recipients. *Riggs/Oatman moved to refer this matter to the Foundation Board so if a sponsor can be found we would make this happen. Motion passed. Miller/Anderson moved to concur. Motion passed.*
2. Create a PA-PALS program – Oatman - No action recommended at this time.
3. Create more specific leadership Conferences – Bixler - No action at this time since ACES and SLLC are being reviewed and revised this year.
4. Conduct public speaking LDE's at a different place and time – Strong - No action recommended at this time since the Convention review committee and the CDE/LDE committee are already looking in to this issue.

Budget Committee – McKelvey appointed the following to serve:
McKelvey, Brown and Cambruzzi with Brammer as ex-officio

Due dates for Activities Week/Convention – *Miller/Brown moved to have all paperwork and registration due May 1 EXCEPT Dairy Showmanship which will be due April 15. Motion passed. Riggs/Glass moved to concur-Motion passed.*

CDE/LDE Appeals Process – Send to the CDE Committee to offer a recommendation.

Affiliate Fee Program review – How do we hold chapters accountable?

George/Glass moved to have the chair appoint a committee of five and report back in March. Motion passed. Anderson/Bixler moved to concur – Motion passed. Members of the committee will be: Cambruzzi, Chair, McKelvey, Jarema (pending acceptance), Schanbacher and Anderson. Sheely will serve as an ex-officio.

PA Hall of States at National Convention – Recommended by Masser to create a contest with chapters that will send the winner to National Convention each year. Miller/Bixler moved to refer this to a committee chaired by Masser with three others chosen by Masser to develop a process and budget and report back. Motion passed. Strong/Riggs moved to concur – Motion passed.

Van Replacement – Anderson/Miller moved to send this matter to the Foundation to research and move forward with purchase as soon as possible. Motion passed. Riggs/Oatman moved to concur-Motion passed.

Leadership/Program Development Coordinator – Miller/Anderson moved to appoint a special committee of four (one from each region) by the regional reps to report back in May. Motion passed. Oatman/Bixler moved to concur-Motion passed.

Other – Summer internship announcement – Miller will send out. Feb 7 or 8 due date – Mar 6 interviews – Committee members – Miller, Kline, Cambruzzi.

Announcements

- Future meeting dates – Next one will be at PSU on March 6. Location on campus to be determined.
- January 6 – Social media campaign to start from PDA on Ag Careers
- Sparks would like to pursue having a career show at convention (No objections)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm with closing ceremonies by the State Officers.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Brammer