

**Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors
Approved Minutes – May 8, 2015
Ferguson Building – PSU**

President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were: Katie McLaughlin, Tony Rice, Victoria Herr, Lisa Boltz, Matt Brake, Mara Tate, Grant Carlton, Ellen Aurand, Mike Clark, Holly Oberholtzer, Sherisa Nailor (Alumni), Sarah Sparks (Foundation), Daniel Foster (PSU), David Bittner (PAAE), Annette Gray, Kelly Bier, Joseph Goodge, Chris Toevs, Cliff Day and Mike Brammer. Opening ceremonies were performed by the state officers.

Minutes presented by Mike Brammer. *Brake/Boltz moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed. Clark/Nailor moved to concur. Motion passed.*

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

Victoria Herr presented the State Officers activity report since the last meeting and for the year.

FFA Foundation report was presented by Sarah Sparks. Report is attached.

FFA Alumni report was presented by Sherisa Nailor, President.

PDA – Acting Secretary Redding has a confirmation hearing Tuesday at Noon. Everyone is invited.

PSU report was provided by Daniel Foster.

PDE Report – Mr. Day provided a written report.

PAAE report was provided by David Bittner, President Elect in writing.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Ron Frederick – Not in attendance – Sent a written report.

Gray – Northern Region – Spring CDE's were held.

Bier – South Central Region – Spring CDE's were held. Question regarding the number of Small Gas Engine Teams.

Goodge – Western Region – Spring CDE's held – WPLC, July 24-25 - Question on cell phones at CDE's

COMMITTEES

Activities Week /CDE's – Updates provided by Day and Brammer.

CDE Committee – No report

Keystone Degree Committee – Written report provided.

*Nailor/Sparks moved to accept that the keystone verification process would be at the regional level. **SECOND VOTE.** Motion passed. Herr/Tate moved to concur – Motion passed. **NOW POLICY.***

Sparks/Clark moved for the committee to continue their work and report back in August. Motion passed. Tate/Brake moved to concur. Motion passed.

Nailor/Sparks moved Keystone Degree applications would be due to Regional Coordinators by Friday November 6, 2015. Motion passed. Herr/Tate moved to concur – Motion passed.

Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship Committee – Committee is formed and will report in August.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Convention Update provided by Matt Brake.

Rice/Boltz moved to accept the nominating committee as selected. Motion passed. Clark/Sparks moved to concur. Motion passed.

Constitutional Amendments that will be presented to the delegates in June were presented and reviewed by McLaughlin.

Delegate Committees were presented and reviewed by Herr & Carlton.

Honoraries & Citations – *Tate/Brake moved to accept the Citation awards as presented. Motion Passed. Clark/Nailor moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Boltz/Carlton moved to accept the Honorary Degrees as presented. Motion passed. Sparks/Clark moved to concur. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Coordinators Policy Change - Proposal to amend the Policy manual:

Sparks/Bittner moved to insert on Page 5, line 20:

Supervise regional FFA coordinators and submit annual report with recommendation for continuation (Continue, No Change; Continue with Remediation; or Termination) for each position to PA FFA Management Committee.

Inserting on Page 11-New section - I. c. 4. Supervision/Evaluation of Regional Coordinators, which shall read:

Regional FFA Coordinators will be supervised by the FFA Executive Secretary. The FFA Executive Secretary will direct the work of the regional coordinators and will provide an annual report with recommendation for continuation (Continue, No Change; Continue with Remediation; or Termination) for each position to PA FFA Management Committee.

MOTION PASSED. Carlton/Tate moved to concur – Motion passed. NEEDS A SECOND VOTE.

ELECTIONS

Bittner nominated Clark for President – Clark declined.

Clark nominated Oberholtzer for President. Nominations were closed. Oberholtzer was elected by unanimous consent.

Bittner nominated Nailor for VP. Nominations were closed. Nailor was elected by unanimous consent.

Comments on the year from McLaughlin were given on behalf of the team.

Announcements – Future Board meeting dates.

June 17-18 – 6:30am at PSU

Aug 7

Dec 11

March 11

May 13

Closing ceremonies were performed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Brammer
Pennsylvania FFA
Executive Manager

2014-15 State Officers Report
May 8, 2015
Board of Directors

SINCE THE MARCH BOARD MEETING, THE STATE OFFICER TEAM HAS:

- visited 2 chapters
- met with the USDA and 3 of its departments
- facilitated 1 state conference
- helped at 1 FFA Foundation fundraiser
- spoken at 45 chapter banquets
- attended 17 community events
- helped with CDEs in 3 regions
- held State Officer Candidate School in all 4 regions for a total of 64 members
- traveled approximately 33,085 inclusively
- impacted 3,555 members
- shared FFA with 13,695 supporters and partners

THIS YEAR THE STATE OFFICERS HAVE:

- visited 88 chapters
- toured 9 local businesses
- facilitated 5 state conferences
- helped at 5 FFA Foundation fundraisers
- spoken at 47 chapter banquets
- attended 8 county or area conferences
- attended 47 community events
- held 1 state convention
- attended 4 National FFA events
- traveled approximately 161,327 inclusively
- impacted 17,581 members
- shared FFA with 28,183 supporters and partners



Report for PA FFA Association Board Meeting – May 2015

Upcoming Event Season:

Meeting ~ May 12 at 6pm at Farm Show Board Room

Golf Outing ~ see flyer and registration form for more details...

Fox Chase Golf Club, 300 Stevens Road, Stevens, PA 17578

July 23, 2015

Registration Opens at 11:00

Driving Range and Lunch

12:30 Shot Gun Start

Drinks and Snacks will be provided on the course

Appetizers at 5:00

5:30 Dinner

Golf Prizes and Raffle prior 7:00

Mulligans will be available (up to 5 mulligans per golfer)



New this year: Raffle Tickets \$20

Prizes include: rifle, round of golf, wine baskets, cigars

APD ~ August 18-20

Arrangements are being finalized for 2015 Ag Progress Days Food Booth. Concessions will be conducted in a similar fashion as previous years featuring pizza, pork products and platters. New this year we will be serving coffee and a light breakfast menu. We are in need of volunteers to serve all three days. The foundation is soliciting vendors to participate in the coupon program. Hoping to see some familiar faces stopping by during the event!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sarah E. Sparks'.

Sarah E. Sparks

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**Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Educators (PAAE)
Report to Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors
Friday, May 8, 2015**

SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING

Executive Board Meeting – Sunday, March 15, 2015 – SLLC - Harrisburg, PA

SLLC Professional Development Workshops – Monday, March 16, 2015
Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow - Emily Yeiser, Center for Dairy Excellence
Worker Protection Standards - PSU Pesticide Education

Meet and Greets/Appropriations Committee Hearing - Education - Monday, March 30, 2015
Representative Seth Grove
Senator Lloyd Smucker

Spring Regional Meetings

Eastern – Wednesday, April 8, 2015 - Garden Spot High School
Northern – Thursday, April 9, 2015 - Hoss's in Williamsport, PA
South Central – Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – Cumberland Valley High School
Western – Thursday, March 26, 2015 – Hoss's in Indiana, PA

Agricultural Education Summit – April 11-12, 2015 - Harrisburg, PA

STAR TeachAg Planning Meeting – April 22, 2015 – Harrisburg, PA

OVER THE SUMMER

NAAE Region VI Conference – June 20-24, 2015 – Rehoboth Beach, DE

PAAE Summer Conference – July 14-17, 2015 – Tyrone, PA

COMING UP IN 2015-2016

How do we “raise the bar” for expectations of agricultural education in Pennsylvania?

How do we recruit and retain agricultural education teachers in Pennsylvania?

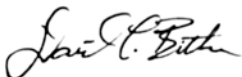
How do we ensure the presence of high-quality agricultural education programs in Pennsylvania?

How do we meet the professional development needs of agricultural education teachers in Pennsylvania?

How do we collect data on agricultural education programs in Pennsylvania?

How do we advocate for support of agricultural education in Pennsylvania?

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Bittner
2014-2015 PAAE President Elect

Eastern PA Regional FFA Report

May 8, 2015

Spring has sprung and FFA events in the region are completed for another school year. Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure CDEs were held on April 16 at Mill Creek Lutheran Church. All events were well attended but only 2 of our 4 areas were represented. For the first time in several years we had 3 Parliamentary procedure teams. I attribute this to our Teach Ag Parliamentary Procedure specialist and student teachers.

Our big spring regional CDE day was held on April 28 with approximately 550 students in attendance at the Lebanon Expo Center. Students competed in livestock judging, poultry judging, wildlife, vet science, agronomy, floriculture, small gas engines (for 1 area only), farm business management, food science and ag sales. We did not have a regional meats event this year. Approximately 50 New Jersey students plus advisors joined us to compete in poultry, agronomy and food science. Our CDEs served as qualifying events in these areas. Two New Jersey state officers and a representative from their state office also joined us. Two PA state officers assisted as well as 15 of our PSU student teachers and 2 DelVal student teachers. Since I have not heard otherwise I will say all went well. The new director of the Expo Center was impressed with our students.

Concern expressed by one advisor on needed to do 3 registrations for PSU – FFA Week because of the number of students, advisors and chaperones attending. I believe quite a few had to do 2 forms.

I attended a meeting co-chaired by Sec. Redding concerning ag careers, especially high tech ones involving GPS in equipment. Dealers are reporting a very difficult time finding qualified individuals to fill positions. Other employers reported shortages in the food processing area as well as diesel mechanics, conservation (those writing conservation plans and doing environmental permitting). Also a lack of soft skills in general coupled with leadership and communication skills. Employers were surprised that there are over 3000 agriculture students in a four county area here in the east.

Several employers talked about their inability to fill internships for high school students.

One conclusion was that there appears to be a communication breakdown between employers and our teachers. Future meetings will look at what can be done.

Ron Frederick

East Regional FFA Coordinator

2015 Pennsylvania FFA Convention/Activities Week

- Registration closes May 18
- Rhett Laubach – Andy Paul – Dean Roush – Secretary Redding
- Invited – Governor and Secretary of Education
- Special CREED presentation
- Distinguished Family of Ag – Carl & Margaret Wenger
- Invitations have been sent to all
- CDE's scheduled – Thank you PSU
- 17 State Officer candidates
- State Officers all have deadlines to meet
- Board meetings Wed & Thursday mornings at 6:30am

2015 Nominating Committee

- **EASTERN REGION:**
 - Emily Witmer – Manor FFA
 - Rebecca Sensenig – Grassland
- **NORTHERN REGION:**
 - Katelyn Brouse – Mifflinburg
 - Makaela Bickhart – Danville
- **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION:**
 - Mackenzie Yorlets – Cumberland Valley
 - Libby Baker-Mikesell – Greenwood
- **WESTERN REGION:**
 - Samantha Foy – Wilmington
 - Haylee Pamer - Blackhawk

2015 Honorary Citations

<u>AREA</u>	<u>Firm Name</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>	<u>Chapter Nominating</u>
Citation	Mt. Glen Farm	Dean & Rebecca	Jackson	Canton
Citation	Goodview Farm	Jay & Faye	Good	Canton
Citation	Goodview Farm	Ben & Karla	Mullen	Canton
Citation	Columbia Fish & Game	Sam	Weigard	E-town/Solanco
Citation	Conestoga Animal Hospital	Dr. Dave	Zimmerman	Cloister/Grassland
Citation	Conestoga Animal Hospital	Dr. Scott	Adams	Cloister/Grassland
Citation	Godfrey Meats	Chip	Godfrey	Bermudian/Kennard-Dale/Red Lion
Citation	Millerstown Veterinary Associates	Dr. James	Osborne	Greenwood/Newport/West Perry
Citation	Agronomy Center	Jon	Bucher	Greenwood/West Perry
Citation	Folks Butterfly Farm	David	Folk	Central Columbia/Benton
Citation	Columbia Co. Farm Bureau	Shauna	Lupini	Central Columbia/Benton
Honorary		Bob	Corman	State Staff
Honorary		Carole	Corman	State Staff
Honorary		Dr. David	Reese DVM	Cowanesque/Grand Canyon
Honorary		Doug	McCracken	State Staff
Honorary		Wayne & Deb	Campbell	Greenwood/Newport/West Perry
Honorary		Lester	Smith	Greenwood/Newport
Honorary		Ray	Gabel	Greenwood/Newport
Honorary		Representative Carl Walker	Metzgar	Somerset County Chapters
Honorary		Jeff	Cleaver	Central Columbia/Benton
Honorary		Jen	Fisher	Central Columbia/Benton
Honorary		Adam	Serfass	Manheim & Garden Spot FFA
Honorary		Richard	Moseman	Warfordsburg & McConnellsburg
Honorary		Joseph	Goodge	State Staff
Honorary		Phil	Haussener	Foundation Staff
Honorary		Nathan	Hoover	Foundation Staff
Honorary		Melissa	Sankey	Foundation Staff
Honorary		Steve & Christine McLaughlin	McLaughlin	
Honorary		Bob & Lydia	Herr	
Honorary		Kyle & Tammy	Boltz	
Honorary		Glenn & Karen	Brake	
Honorary		Bryan & Pam	Tate	
Honorary		Bryan & Marilyn	Lauver	
BLUE & GOLD		Dale	Davis	

2015 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE DELEGATES

1. Article VIII - Section (E)

“In the event of a situation that is deemed an ‘emergency’ by a minimum of two board members that requires the immediate attention of the board, an electronic meeting (telephone conference or online video conference) may be requested, providing that there is a minimum of a 72-hour notice prior to the meeting to the executive committee via email.”

CURRENT – There is no Section (E)

2. Article X Amendments

REPLACE SECTION A:

“Amendments to the Pennsylvania FFA Constitution / Bylaws will be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the delegates present or a majority of the entire membership at the annual Pennsylvania FFA Summer State Convention. Constitutional changes must be advertised to FFA chapters via the Pennsylvania agriculture teacher’s list serve maintained by the Penn State Center for Professional Personal Development at least 30 days before being considered by the assembly.”

CURRENT

Section A. Amendments to this Constitution and By-laws shall be submitted in writing at the annual business meeting of the Association. Proposed amendments may be adopted or rejected by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present.

Section B. By-laws may be adopted to fit the needs of any local chapter providing they do not conflict with the Constitution of the National Organization or the State Association.

3. Article VI OFFICERS – Section A

ADD – State Officers may only serve one term.

CURRENT

Section A. The officers of the Pennsylvania Association shall consist of a President, State Vice- President, four Vice Presidents (one from each region), Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel, Chaplain, an Adult Treasurer, an Advisor, and Executive Manager. All officers with the exception of the State Advisor, Adult Treasurer, and Executive Secretary shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at the annual business meeting of the Pennsylvania Association of FFA, Inc. **ENTER NEW LANGUAGE HERE** The Program Specialist of Agriculture Education shall be the State Advisor. The Board of Directors shall appoint the Adult Treasurer and Executive Manager.

4. Article VII – Section D. **(NEW)**

A standing CDE committee will report to the PA FFA Board of Directors at each meeting on CDE issues. Committee members will include representatives from: PSU, PDE, PAAE (CDE Liaison), Foundation and current FFA Board member.