

**Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors**  
**Approved Minutes – March 6, 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, Doug McCracken, Sherisa Nailor (Alumni), Sarah Sparks (Foundation), Daniel Foster (PSU), David Bittner (PAAE), Chris Toevs, Cliff Day, Annette Gray, Kelly Bier, Ron Frederick, and Mike Brammer. Opening ceremonies were performed by the state officers. McLaughlin welcomed everyone.

**Minutes from the last meeting were presented by Mike Brammer.** *Brake/Tate moved to approve. Motion passed. Nailor/Clark moved to concur. Motion passed*

**Financial reports were presented by Mike Brammer.** All reports will be filed for audit. Additional comments on “The Ag Outfitters.com” web site – PA FFA Apparel – New Charter, Trinity – Mileage rate increase to 57.5 cents per mile.

**Victoria Herr presented the State Officers** activity report since the last Board meeting. Various team members gave reviews on ACES and previews on SLLC and Convention.

**FFA Foundation report** was presented by Sarah Sparks. Written report is attached. Discussion on a joint web site continues.

**FFA Alumni** report was presented by Sherisa Nailor, President.

- Mid-Winter jacket program huge success
- WLC, jackets and charms are their main program.
- Gold Toe SOCS coming in June
- Blue and Gold Ball later in the year.

**PDA** – Brammer provided a listing of the Executive team at PDA.

**PSU report was provided** by Daniel Foster. They are interviewing for a program manager. Working on summer conference for PAAE continues. 6<sup>th</sup> Teach Ag essay contest is underway. Currently, there are 18 student teachers. Approximately 13 student teachers next year.

**PDE Report** – New Secretary of Ed. Need national judges in July. Need Proficiency judges at SLLC. Proficiencies and American Degree applications are due March 15. American reviews April 22. There were 95 Ag Science Fair participants.

**PAAE report was provided by** David Bittner, President Elect.

**REGIONAL COORDINATORS**

**Frederick** – Regional CDE’s scheduled – 2 east tiers CDE’s to be conducted

**Gray** – Northern Region CDE’s scheduled

**Bier** – South Central CDE’s scheduled – Worked with proficiencies and American Degrees.

**Goode** – **Not in attendance** - Western Region CDE scheduled

## COMMITTEES

**Activities Week** - Report from Mr. Day – Need CDE Chairs – Feb 17, planning meeting conducted. Cost remains the same as past years. Brammer reported registration will go live April 1. We will need testers for the site before then. T-shirt will be available again this year. Only 30 students can be registered at one time to avoid timing out and losing all data.

**CDE Committee** – No report

**Ag Issues** – Nailor/Bittner moved to allow Ag Issues Forum to be conducted at the 2016 Farm Show on Monday, January 11, 2016. Motion passed. Brake/Tate moved to concur. Motion passed. Jarema and Pontius will co-chair and provide final details by August.

**Keystone Committee** – Bittner reported. Tate/Boltz moved to accept the report and make the 2015-16 application digital through AET connections. Motion passed. Nailor/McCracken moved to concur. Motion passed.

Nailor/Sparks moved to accept that the Keystone verification process would be at the regional level. Motion passed. Carlton/Tate moved to concur. Motion passed. **NEED SECOND VOTE**

Clark/Sparks moved to allow the special committee to continue as is to finalize the verification process. Motion passed. Boltz/Brake moved to concur. Motion passed.

**Record Book Contest** – Bittner presented the report.

Recommendation #1 – Continuance of the contest. Sparks/Bittner moved previous question. Motion passed. Vote of recommendation #1 – Continuance of the Record Keeping Contest – Motion failed.

**Electronic Board Meetings** – A written recommendation was provided that would go to the delegates in June to amend the constitution. The Board recommended a few changes and bring it back in May.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**National Delegates Policy – SECOND VOTE** – Herr/Boltz moved to accept. Motion passed. Clark/Toevs moved to concur. Motion passed. **NOW POLICY**

**CDE Eligibility Policy – SECOND VOTE** – Bittner/Sparks moved to accept. Motion passed. Carlton/Brake moved to concur. Motion passed. **NOW POLICY**

**Policy VI d. i. – SECOND VOTE** – Bittner/Sparks moved to accept. Motion passed. Tate/Boltz moved to concur. Motion passed. **NOW POLICY**

## NEW BUSINESS

Brammer provided a list of constitutional amendments to be presented to the delegates in June. Final list will be presented in May.

**Concerns** – Bier asked about conference attendance with over 40 students and only 2 chaperones. Do we need a policy?

Nailor working with PDA on safety issues.

Who can be a chaperone? Do we need a policy?

*Nailor/Foster moved to form a committee of nine, appointed by the Adult Board President, consisting of 2 Board members, 1 PSU teacher educator, 2 state officers, 2 foundation members, and 2 PAAE members, to determine and propose a utility for student recognition and professional development for teachers and students to encourage financial literacy and entrepreneurship. Motion passed. Carlton/Boltz moved to concur. Motion passed. **Members of the committee are: Nailor, Chair, Clark, Foster, McLaughlin, Rice, Sparks and one additional from the Foundation and 2 from PAAE to be determined via Bittner.***

Foster suggested in May or August a discussion about the educational framework of our conferences and conventions should be conducted.

Next meeting will be Friday, May 8, 2015, 6:30pm at PSU.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Brammer  
PA FFA  
Executive Manager



## Report for PA FFA Association Board Meeting – March 2014

### 2015 Direct Sponsorships/Grants for annual leadership conferences:

ACES	\$21,100
SLLC	\$36,500
Local for attendance	\$1000
Total Budgeted Goal	\$40,000
Total Raised	\$58,600

### Farm Show:

- **Reception:** The foundation once again hosted the Farm Show reception, unfortunately we had low attendance due to the weather.
- **PA Preferred Pizza Booth:** Profits are anticipated to be \$13,000!
- **Today's FFA Information Booth:** The theme is #todaysFFA created a social buzz during the week of the PA FFA Farm Show. We hope to expand the size of the booth for 2016.
  - **Scholar Dollars:** FFA members volunteered to assist and earned approximately \$800 in Scholar Dollars
  - **Chapter Challenge:** Conneaut FFA was the winning chapter and received a pizza party with the PA State Officers

### Shooting Clays Event:

The foundation will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Shooting Clays Event on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Warriors Mark Wingshooting Lodge and Kennels in Ginter, PA. Register your team of five FFA members now for an at rate cost of \$400 to experience the new event.

### Upcoming Events:

Meeting ~ March 24 at 6pm at Farm Show Board Room

**Shooting Clays Event ~ April 18**

**Golf Outing ~ July 23**

**APD ~ August 18-20**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah E. Sparks

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**Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Educators (PAAE)  
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**SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Farm Show Receptions** - January 10-17, 2015 - Harrisburg, PA

**Governor's Inaugural Ball** - January 20, 2015 - Hershey, PA

**NOCTI Test Alignment** – February 5, 7 & 9 – Allegheny, Centre, and Lehigh Counties  
Agriculture, General (01.0000)  
Agricultural Mechanization, General (01.0201)  
Agriculture Production Operations, General (01.0301)

**Executive Board Meeting** - Friday, January 23, 2015 – Conference Call  
PAAE Award Winners Announced  
Minutes posted to PAAE website

**Department of Agriculture Meetings** - Wednesday, February 18, 2015  
Russell Redding, Secretary and Mike Smith, Executive Deputy Secretary

**ACES Professional Development Workshops** - February 14, 21, & 28, 2015  
Utilizing the AET - Carole Fay, SAE Specialist  
Tragedy of the Commons - NATA Krista Pontius, David Ruvarac, Mark Anderson

**NAAE Board Meeting/Policy Seminar** - March 1-5, 2015 - Washington, DC  
Krista Pontius, Region VI Vice-President - Sherisa Nailor, Region VI Secretary  
Caleb Wright, PAAE Representative to National Policy Seminar

**PSCFO Annual Meeting and Reception** - March 3, 2015 - Harrisburg, PA

**UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

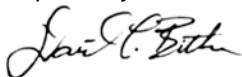
**Executive Board Meeting** – Sunday, March 15, 2015 – SLLC - Harrisburg, PA

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

**Education Committee Legislative Meetings** - Monday, March 30, 2015  
Representatives Grove and Saylor, Senator Smucker  
[House Resolution 102](#)

**Spring Regional Meetings – All meetings begin 5:30 PM**  
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 – PDA  
Western – Thursday, March 26, 2015 – Hoss's in Indiana, PA

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Bittner  
2014-2015 PAAE President Elect

**Keystone Degree Special Committee  
Report to the Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors  
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**I. COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

David Bittner, Chair, FFA Board Representative  
Neil Fellenbaum, Eastern Region Representative  
Curt Turner, Northern Region Representative  
Alex Barzydlo, South Central Region Representative  
Renee Cambuzzi, Western Region Representative  
Carole Fay, SAE Specialist (Ex-Officio)

**II. PURPOSES**

1. Review the Keystone Degree approval process and the application for Pennsylvania.
2. Report recommendations to the Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors.

**III. MEETINGS**

1. Wednesday, February 4, 2015
2. Wednesday, February 18, 2015

**IV. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. We recommend a digital AET-based application for the Keystone Degree.
2. We recommend a region-based verification process. Each region will present a list of candidates to the State FFA Board of Directors upon verification at the region level. The FFA Regional Coordinator will chair this process.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Keystone Committee Implementation Timeline
2. Sample State FFA Degree Application

**Record Book Contest Special Committee  
Report to the Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors  
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**I. COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

David Bittner (Chair)  
Carole Fay  
Ron Frederick  
Annette Gray  
Victoria Herr

**II. PURPOSES**

1. Study the continuance of the State FFA Record Book Contest, as charged by State FFA Board of Directors.
2. Consider the 2014 Delegate Recommendations of the Eliminate the State FFA RBC Committee.

**III. MEETINGS**

1. Monday, January 9, 2015
2. Friday, February 6, 2015

**IV. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. We recommend the continuance of the State FFA Recordkeeping Contest with adequate funding from the Pennsylvania FFA combined with other funding sources.
2. We recommend AET Experiences be scored at the State FFA Recordkeeping Contest.
3. Further recommendations will be made if/as the committee continues to meet based upon actions of the Board.

**December 12, 2014**

**2014-15 State Officer Team Proposal for Policy**

**Delegate issue:**

**Develop a policy for selecting additional delegates for serving at the National FFA Convention**

**“I move to create the following policy: Establish an application process for selecting those to serve as additional delegates (other than State Officers) at the National FFA Convention. First choice will be given to those who have served as a national delegate with second choice to an American degree recipient that will be receiving their degree at the national convention where they would serve as a delegate. Term limits would be two years. If there is a lack of candidates with the preferences provided we will allow students who have received their keystone degrees to apply. The application will be scored by the executive secretary of the Pennsylvania FFA with the scoring rubric provided.”**

**SEE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND RUBRIC**



## **Policy Proposal**

### **National/Regional FFA Career Development Event (CDE) Eligibility**

1. Any school that wins a state level Career Development Event (CDE) will represent Pennsylvania in their respective National FFA CDE, if the CDE exists, providing they meet the following criteria:
  - a. No more than one-half of the state winning team has been substituted for any reason. In the event that the CDE team consists of three members, then only one substitution is allowed.
  - b. No substitute on the winning team has ever previously competed in the same CDE at the National Convention.
2. Any school that places second in a state level CDE will represent Pennsylvania at the Big E, if the CDE exists, providing they meet the following criteria:
  - a. No more than one-half of the state winning team has been substituted for any reason. In the event that the CDE team consists of three members, then only one substitution is allowed.
  - b. No substitute on the second place team has ever previously competed in the same CDE at the Big E.
3. No substitutions shall be allowed in CDEs with individual contestants. First place will represent Pennsylvania at the National FFA CDE and second place will represent Pennsylvania at the Big E, if such CDEs exist.
4. If a team or individual is no longer eligible to complete in a CDE at the National Convention or Big E, the opportunity passes down the list of winning teams/individuals until the next highest eligible team/individual can be found to replace them.
5. Once a student competes at the National FFA Convention, places first in an individual state CDE, and/or is the member of a first place team in a team state CDE, they have exhausted their eligibility and are no longer eligible to complete in that respective CDE at the State Level.