

Approved FFA Board Minutes – December 9, 2011

The December 9, 2011 Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Hall at 6:30pm in room 121 of Borland Hall at PSU.

Opening Ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer team. Those in attendance were Casey Hall, Matthew Schaeffer, Sarabeth Royer, Sarah Kessler, Jenna Moser, Matthew Dodson, Cliff Wallace, Sherisa Nailor, Gretchen Dingman, John Hines, David Steinfeld, Deb Seibert, Daniel Foster, Mark Lowery, Kerri Wickard, Cliff Day, Ron Frederick, Annette Gray, Kelly Bier and Mike Brammer. Guests included Mrs. Frederick.

President Hall welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

The **minutes from the previous meeting in August** were presented by Mike Brammer. A motion made by Kessler/Moser to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed. Motion to concur by Hines/Dingman. Motion passed.

Financial reports were presented by Mike Brammer. Written reports were provided for the current year budget comparison, a listing of checks and deposits since the last board meeting, and a listing of CD's. With no objections the reports will be filed for audit.

The **Executive Manager's Report** was presented by Mike Brammer. A written report was provided.

The **State Officer Activity Report** was presented by Sarabeth Royer. A written report was provided.

FFA Foundation report was presented by Mark Lowery. Topics covered:

Endowment program – Contractual agreements now available

Looking for CDE sponsors – First priority

Farm Show – Food court and new PA Preferred Pizza – Help needed

All Board members must have security clearances

20th annual golf outing in 2012 – Two in one day

Three open positions on the Board – There is a process to go through – Send names if anyone is interested.

FFA Alumni Update was presented by Sherisa Nailor. Nailor reported, 253 Jackets to be given away at the Mid-Winter, Hours of Power program and the Alumni will contribute to the Annual State Officer Scholarship program.

PDA written report was presented by Mike Brammer.

PSU report was presented by Dr. Foster. A written report will be provided after the meeting.

PDE report was presented by Cliff Day. Written report was provided.

PAAE report - Mrs. Seibert will provide a written report after the meeting.

Regional Coordinators

South Central Region – Kelly Bier reported 100 keystones will be presented – April 30, regional CDE's – Capitol Area Christian Church

Eastern Region – Ron Frederick reported on his regions activities. 450 students – 8 CDE's at the regional CDE day – No Ag Science Star. April 12 Regional CDE's and May 8 – Regional CDE's

Western Region – Cecil Lohr was not in attendance.

Northern Region – Annette Gray reported on her activities. About 40 Keystones – No Ag Science Star.

A FIVE minute recess was requested at 8pm –Motion by Nailor/Wickard. Motion passed

Meeting reconvened at 8:10pm.

Committees

Activities Week – Cliff Day reported that chairs are needed for Agronomy, Talent and Wildlife CDE's. Ag Marketing CDE will be chaired by Michael Woods. Request to have a workshop at ACES on this CDE. Amy Gregor (PSU) will again be the liaison for Activities Week.

AG ISSUES APPEAL – A letter of appeal concerning the cancellation of the AG Issues CDE was received. Motion by Foster/Dingman, to conduct the AG Issues CDE the first weekend of ACES on Sunday morning after the conference. After a voice vote, division was called for. In favor – 3 Opposed – 7. Motion failed.

Budget for 2012-13 presented by Mr. Wallace. Kessler/Moser moved to accept the 2012-13 Association Budget as presented by the budget committee. Motion passed.
Nailor/Hines moved to concur. Motion passed.

Mid-Winter 2012 preview given by Tyler Schaeffer.

ACES 2012 preview given by Matthew Dodson.

OLD BUSINESS

Ag Career Network update was presented by Mike Brammer. Network is scheduled to go live December 15th. All Advisors must have a "MY FFA" account.

Policy Manual revisions – Nailor and Dingman presented a handout for review. This item will be up for vote at the Mar Board meeting.

State Chorus Discussion – Should there be a state chorus in 2012? General consensus was to try again and see what happens. A student can be involved in State Chorus only during Activities Week.

NEW BUSINESS

New Charters – Motion by Dodson/Royer to approve new FFA charters for Turkeyfoot Area, Bald Eagle and CAT Pickering pending membership rosters received by all. Motion passed.
Lowery/Seibert moved to concur – Motion passed.

Keystone Degrees and Parent Awards – Moser/Schaeffer moved to accept 282 Keystone Degrees. Motion passed. Dingman/Wickard moved to concur. Motion passed.

National FFA Foundation Appeals Campaign – Royer/Kessler moved to opt out of the National appeals campaign where membership rosters are used. Motion passed. Steinfelt/Lowery moved to concur. Motion passed. Both motions passed unanimously.

National Officer Candidate Selection Process – To be presented at the next meeting as part of the policy manual revision and update process.

Nailor/Foster moved to reconsider the motion concerning the AG Issues Forum.

Motion to reconsider passed.

Nailor/Foster moved to amend the original motion by striking out the words 1st weekend and inserting 2012 ACES Conference under the Direction of the committee who submitted the appeal – With cooperation of the Executive Manager.

Hines/Dingman moved to amend the amendment by striking 2012 and inserting 2013.

Amendment to the Amendment – Failed

Amendment voted on – Division called for – Yes vote 5 No vote 6 – Amendment failed.

Original motion Failed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Frederick announced he hoped to see record books from all State Officers at the Record Book contest in February.

Mr. Brammer announced that Matthew Dodson will become an Ex-Officio member of the PA Farm Show Commission at the request of Secretary Greig to have a current FFA State Officer on the commission.

Mr. Day announced State Star interviews will be held January 9, 2012 at the PA Farm Show Complex.

Mr. Brammer asked that the next Board meeting be held March 9, 2012 instead of March 2 – No objections noted. Dr. Foster will check on room 121 of Borland.

Mrs. Seibert asked that the topic of the AG ED Family joint web site be placed on the March agenda.

Mr. Brammer asked for written reports from PAAE and PSU/AEE.

The meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 10:05pm.

**Mike Brammer
Pennsylvania FFA
Executive Manager**

PA FFA Board PSU Report

New Name for Penn State AEE Department

Based on an extensive restructuring process in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State, a new department was created by the merger of the current Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE) and Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology (AERS) units. Effective July 1, 2012, the new name of the merged department will be Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Education (AESE).

Student Successes

- **Ag Ed Student Receives World Food Prize Grant** -Allison Hoover received the National FFA Organizations' World Food Prize Grant to attend the 2011 World Food Prize. Hoover, a former Pennsylvania FFA state officer says, "The next generation of leaders will need to be informed about agriculture. We will best prepare them by educating and intriguing them to be engaged with global agricultural issues and solutions. This challenge is one that I plan to pursue as a career." - 2 of over 70 applicants in the nation
- **2011 Ag Alumni Council Award Winner – Doug Masser**
- **2011 Collegiate FFA Convention Intern – Kristie Folk**
- **2011 Fall Leadership Conference – 7 workshops with 13 lead teachers and 7 shadow teachers**
- **National FFA Convention**
 - **PSU Presence – Booth**
 - **CDEs**
 - **Novice Parlia Pro?**
 - **Student Teachers**
 - **Future Strongly Encouraged, but alternative assignment will be crafted**

Congratulations to John Ewing, Rama Radhakrishna and Daniel Foster

John Ewing is a recipient of the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences *2011 Community of Teaching Excellence (CTE) Award*. Rama Radhakrishna as a three-time recipient of the CTE Award becomes a lifetime member of the Academy of Teaching Excellence in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State. Daniel Foster is a recipient of *2011 NACTA Teaching Award of Merit*. John, Rama, and Daniel will be recognized during the college's "*Annual Celebration of Excellence & Achievement*" reception/event scheduled later this spring.

2012 Student Teachers

Brittany Arnold	Elizabethtown, Mark Anderson
Robyn Betchel	Garden Spot HS, Tracy Marchini
Danielle Breese	Huntingdon HS, Terri Grissenger
Mackenzie Crooks	Brockway HS, Kyle Norman
Jessica DiMarizio	James Buchanon, Herb Hoffeditz
Kristie Folk	United, Cristen Black
Katie Harshman	West Perry, John Hines
Emily Kuhn	Penn Manor, Carole Fay
Doug Masser	Upper Dauphin, Mark Deitrich
Cameron Schirmer	Redbank Valley, Kate Gruver
Danielle Smith	Selinsgrove, Valerie Fry
Chelsea Walker	Big Spring, Sherisa Nailor

Spring Events

- Require Student Teachers to Attend Farm Show
- State Recordbook Event
- Require & Fund ACES or SLLC
- Delaware Student Teacher conference

New Courses

- AEE 297a – Practical Parliamentary Procedure
- AEE 297b – Ag Shop Processes for Educators
- AEE 499a – Global School-Based Agricultural Education

105 Students Declared AEE Majors

2013 Student Teachers- Approx 15-18

2014 Student Teacher – 18-22

2015 Student Teachers – 20-25

CASE Initiative

- Advisory Council as a PA State Rep – D. Foster
- Principles of Animal Science – August 7 – August 17th Approx \$2,000

PDE Report – Cliff Day

FFA Board Meeting

December 9, 2011

1. 2012 Farm Show
 - a. Dept. 26 23 demonstrations
 - b. Dept. 27 20 Window Exhibits
 - c. Dept. 28 646 Horticulture entries
 - d. Dept. 29 8 Landscape entries
 - e. Dept. 30 67 Agriscience Fair Exhibits, 88 students
 - f. Dept. 35 12 Chapters –Today's Agriculture
2. Ag Safety Quiz Bowl- Wednesday, January 11th on the Expo Hall Stage, schools have been contacted by Dennis Murphy.
3. PDE allocating \$5,000 from Dauphin account to support Ag Education at the Farm Show
4. Star Keystone selection scheduled for Monday, January 9th at Farm Show Complex
5. Pennsylvania Garden Exposition- February 24-26- Farm Show Building
 - a. Education In Bloom Registration forms are due December 23rd
 - b. Each display is 500 sq. ft., whether it is one school or two schools working together.
 - c. \$500 awarded to Best of Show, \$500 outstanding member of BOS chapter
6. 2012 American FFA Degree applications
 - a. Due March 15th
 - b. Same application as in past 5 years
 - c. Download 2012 version from National FFA website
7. 2012 Proficiency Applications
 - a. Due at SLLC -March 18th Regional and State evaluation
 - b. MOST applications have not changed from previous years
 - c. NEW Agriscience Category –
 - d. See National FFA Website for update
8. Continuing Program Approval and Re-approval schedule for schools. Occupies much of Mr. Weller's waking hours.
9. FFA Activities week at Penn State – June 12-14, 2012
10. Miscellaneous

PAAE Report to PA FFA Board

December 9, 2011

1. Maintaining PA Ag-Ed Program Viability

Some of our PA Ag-Ed teachers are having additional constricts on their time due to local economic restraints and yearly increasing standardized testing score mandates. As new FFA programs and events are planned please keep in mind that teacher time is being taxed to the maximum with many local demands on their time in addition teaching Ag-Ed. In the future local school boards may have to make decisions under budget tightening and test score advancement that may affect our ag program viability. We are looking to the FFA organization for professional support of our teachers.

2. 2012 PAAE Summer Conference July 9 to 12, 2012

Grantville Holiday Inn in conjunction with NAAE VI Regional meeting

Conference is being planned by PAAE Southern region members. PSU will support the conference with Center grant money for teacher professional development. With PSU budget cuts, the level of funding will be lower than previous years.

3. NAAE National Convention-St Louis MO November 15-19, 2011

Take home messages to bring to our state teacher associations and FFA leadership:

What are we promoting as the “brand” of quality PA Ag-Ed programs?

-The three circle model for quality ag program is FFA plus SAE/Instruction. We are the “Blue Jackets” and more.

Do we have student academic data to show the rigor and relevance of PA Ag-Ed programs?

-By 2014 under NCLB ALL students must be proficient on all PSSA tests. ---Pull out test remediation classes will potentially reduce ag elective options for students

How do we help students see increase academic viability of agriculture classes?

-PAAE is working on articulation agreements with SUNY and DVC

Proposed changes to Child Labor laws will have a dramatic impact on Ag-Ed programs, SAE and instruction and what students younger than 18 can do for skill development in agriculture employment. NAAE website posted info for letter writing to Dept of Labor. Over 10,000 letters were received.

2012 NAAE National Teach Ag Day is March 15, 2012

4. PAAE Association News

PAAE is working on an association policy book

Gov Corbett is signing the bill to officially define Agriculture Education. No teachers are able to attend. Gerald will represent us. PA FFA is welcome.

The PDA grant for the PA FFA that PAAE facilitates has increased our gross income to a level above the new IRS non-profit filing limit for the simple tax filing return. This long form tax return will be an additional cost to PAAE.

Please keep our PA ag teachers who are dealing with health issues in your thoughts and prayers.

Submitted by Deb Seibert