

**Pennsylvania FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 7, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Mikara Anderson and the State Officers conducted Opening Ceremonies. In attendance were: Mikara Anderson, Cody Lehman, Jessica Herr, Alayna Harrell, Cheyenne Bastian-Brown, Emily O'Brien, Emma Musser, Ayla Miller, Amy Kline, Doug Brown, Nathan Schanbacher, Renee Cambruzzi, Jodi Hoover, Mark Anderson, Doug Masser, Ron Frederick, Annette Gray, Kevin Curry, Kacey Rice, Alex Barzydlo, Sherisa Nailor, Sarah Sparks, Carole Fay and Mike Brammer.

*Herr/Musser moved to accept the minutes as presented from June. Motion Passed.
Brown/Masser moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Brammer presented the financial report and answered questions. The report will be filed for audit.

Herr presented the State Officer team report. Harrell followed with the new member virtual conference idea with O'Brien reporting on the chapter officer leadership training virtual ideas. More details to follow. Any suggestions from the board can be sent to Brammer.

CDE/LDE Committee – Barzydlo presented the report. (See attached). *Items 1 and 2 moved to approve. Motion passed. O'Brien moved to concur. Motion passed.
Kline/Brown moved to allow the committee to move forward with virtual competitions being planned, with flexibility, and report back in December. Motion passed. Harrell/Lehman moved to concur. Motion passed.*

SAE Committee – Nailor no report. Will be meeting soon.

Affiliate Membership Committee – Cambruzzi is putting together the form.

New Position Committee – Hines filed a written update report. No action to be considered yet.

Inclusion/Diversity/Equity Committee – Filed a written report. No action to be considered yet.

New Charter Committee – *O'Brien moved to accept the new policy. Implied second. Motion passed. Brown/Masser moved to concur. Motion passed. NEEDS A SECOND VOTE FOR POLICY* – Listed at the end. No objections noted for the committee to continue their work and report back in December.

NEW BUSINESS

Brown asked about Participation waivers. . . Do we need them? Brammer asked Sparks to contact the attorney that serves on the Foundation board to see if we can get some guidance.

Fall Leadership Conference – *Masser/Cambuzzi moved to cancel the in-person conference. Motion passed. Bastian-Brown/O'Brien moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Brammer discussed chapter visits, Mid-Winter, ACES, SLLC and Summer Convention 2021. No action necessary. No objections to moving forward if possible. See how the pandemic plays out.

REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Eastern Region – Frederick has been surveying teachers on what they can and cannot do. Concerns presented.

Northern – Gray asked about Keystone degree process. That process has not changed. Regional Coordinators will oversee and meet in person if possible. . . If not, they will meet virtually.

South Central and Western – No report.

PA FFA Foundation – Sparks updated the board on golf outing, web site, investment account, donor perfect and sponsor activities.

PA FFA Alumni – Nailor reported jacket campaign information will be coming out soon.

PAAE – Rice provided a written report with updates from PAAE.

SAE Specialist – Fay provided a written report.

PSU Center Report – Curry provided an update.

Announcements were made – Next meeting is December 11 at a time to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 3:19pm.

Sincerely,



Mike Brammer – Executive Director



Jessica Herr – FFA State Secretary

The CDE/LDE Committee recommends the following changes submitted by Chairs be approved:

- 1. Junior Prepared: Participants would be allowed to compete at the state level multiple times within the eligible grade range (8th-10th), unless they are the state winner. Currently, a student may only compete once at the state level, regardless of their placing.**
- 2. Meats Evaluation: Teams will be required to consist of 4 members with all 4 scores being counted to match National FFA.**

The CDE/LDE Committee recommends the following be put in place for the duration of COVID-19 adjustments:

All CDE/LDE Chairs and Committees begin the process of planning for virtual state events for 2020-2021 school year with the understanding that not every aspect can be done virtually but that at least some aspect of each event can be done virtually.

We are concerned that bringing students together from throughout the state will not be possible for this year and that our host sites for events (Farm Show, conference hotels, Penn State) may not be options this year.

We suggest that the template used for the website, or something similar, be completed to outline the virtual version for each event and submitted to Alex Barzydlo via email by December 1.

Should this be approved, the Committee is committed to reviewing the documents prior to the December FFA Board Meeting and to hosting collaborative sessions for Chairs and Committee members via Zoom during October and November to support planning for this task.

“Section II.d. New FFA Chapter Charters

- i. To ensure new chapters are established with a strong foundation for success, the PA FFA Association recognizes the following requirements for issuance of a new chapter charter:**

1. Classroom Instruction

- i. Teacher(s) of record must hold a PA Agriculture K-12 instructional certificate or vocational certification in an agricultural field**
- ii. Sequence of course offerings in agriculture (AFNR) for all years of education in the school**
 - 1. Minimum of 1 full credit or 2 half credit offerings for each year of education offered in the school**
 - 2. Courses in the sequence must involve physical seat time in the building**

2. Leadership Development (FFA)

- i. An official and complete FFA roster must be submitted by May 1st of the chartering year**
- ii. A complete list of student officers and terms**
- iii. Administrative verification of affiliate membership program participation**
 - 1. Two administrative signatures required (Principal and Superintendent)**
- iv. A modified Program of Activities (POA)**
 - 1. Completed budget template (provided by the association)**
 - 2. Tentative calendar of events and list of activities**
 - 3. Chapter and program goals**
 - 4. Plan for student leadership and chapter meetings**

3. Experiential Learning (Supervised Agricultural Experience)

- i. List of potential SAE projects for students in the program**
- ii. Administrative verification of SAE program and supervision plan**
 - 1. Two administrative signatures required (Principal and Superintendent)**

4. Site Visit by Regional FFA Coordinator or Association Board Designee

- i. Tour available facilities**
- ii. Meet and discuss chartering requirements with school administrator**
- iii. Meet and discuss chartering requirements with agriculture teacher (if available)**

- ii. With anticipation of presenting official charters at a State FFA Convention, the following timelines are to be followed:**

1. For presentation at the PA Mid Winter Convention

- i. Submit Intent to Apply by October 15th**
- ii. Official site visit – by regional coordinator or board designee**
- iii. Completed charter packet due by December 1st to the State FFA Association office**

2. For presentation at the State FFA Summer Convention

- i. Submit Intent to Apply by March 15th**
- ii. Official site visit – by regional coordinator or board designee**

iii. Completed charter packet due by May 1st to the State FFA Association office

iii. Final authority to accept applications for charter is given to the PA FFA Association Board of Directors through recommendation of the Association Executive Manager

iv. A complete application packet is provided in Policy Manual Appendix D.”