

Pennsylvania FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 14, 2021

At 3:30pm the meeting was called to order by President Mikara Anderson, and the State Officer Team conducted opening ceremonies. In attendance were: Mikara Anderson, Cody Lehman, Jessica Herr, Cheyenne Bastian-Brown, Alayna Harrell, Emily O'Brien, Emma Musser, Mike Brammer, Dr. Kevin Curry, Ron Frederick, Sherisa Nailor, Natalie Barkley, Ayla Miller, Kelly Bier, Mark Dietrich, Curt Turner, Cliff Wallace, Carole Fay, Renee Cambruzzi, Jodie Hoover, Nathan Schanbacher, Doug Masser, and David Steinfeldt.

O'Brien/Herr accepted the minutes presented from March. Motion Passed. Masser/Schanbacher moved to concur.

Brammer presented the year-to-date Financial Report. He updated the board on new regional coordinators, as well as new directors. The Financial report will be filed for audit.

Jessica Herr presented the State Officer report. She recapped what the team has been up to and expressed thanks to the board on behalf of the State Officer team.

CDE/LDE Committee: Brammer reported for Barzydlo. Virtual events are underway.

SAE Committee: Nailor and the committee had nothing to report.

Management Committee: Miller reported the management committee met and evaluated the work that Mr. Brammer and the regional coordinators do. The committee recommended to the budget committee salary increases for the Executive Director and Regional Coordinators.

Budget Committee: Brammer went through the current budget and answered questions from board members. He shared how some expenses have been removed due to cancellations from COVID-19. A very fluid budget still exists.

Brown/Lehman moved to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed.

Schanbacher/Masser moved to approve the budget. Motion passed.

Affiliate Membership Committee: Brammer discussed variances within affiliate forms and FFA membership. The board discussed revising the current affiliate form for next year.

Cambruzzi/Masser moved to recharge the committee and report back at the August Board meeting. Motion passed. Brown/Harrell moved to concur with the adult board. Motion carries.

New Position Committee: Brammer presented and reviewed how a committee was formed to explore the possibility to hire a full-time position to be on State Staff. The Commission for Agriculture Education Excellence is discussing funding options. More information to come.

Diversity & Inclusion Committee: Masser shared why the committee was formed. They are working with the Commission to find an individual to help evaluate the Ag Ed family to create better training resources for our educators.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2021 Convention: Emma Musser shared the plans for the 2021 State Convention. There will be three virtual sessions to be held in early June. The State Officer team plans to host a one day in-person event on June 11th at Tyrone Area High School.

Northern & South Central Region Board Reps: Melanie Berndtson from Wellsboro High school will represent the Northern Region. Mark Dietrich from Upper Dauphin High School will represent the South Central Region. These individuals will hold a three year term on the Board of Directors.

Regional Coordinators: Natalie Barkley from Newport High will be representing the South Central Region. Curt Turner from Central Colombia will be representing the Northern Region.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keystone Degree Approvals: *Herr/Musser moved to approve the list as presented. Motion passes. Schanbacher/Masser moved to concur. Motion passes.*

Honorary and Citation Award Approvals: *Harrell/Herr moved to approve the Honorary and Citation Awards as presented. Motion carries. Cambruzzi/ Motion passes.*

New Charter - Chambersburg Middle Schools: Brammer presented on Chambersburg Middle School. They are interested in separating from the high school chapter and are pursuing receiving their own charter.

Lehman/Brown moved to accept Chambersburg Middle as a new chapter.

There was discussion. Sherisa Nailor asked to clarify who would be paying affiliate fees.

Motion Carries.

Cambruzzi/Masser moved to concur. Motion Carries.

Effective with the new school year 2021-2022.

Regional Competitions and Future CDE/LDE Events: Brammer suggested to the Board that there are uniform rules for regions to follow when hosting competitive events. He also

mentioned creating rules regarding plagiarism in public speaking contests. In addition, discussion was had on testing for CDE/LDE events before arriving at convention in future years. *Musser/Harrell moved to refer items 4 & 5 on the agenda to the CDE/LDE committee. Motion carries. Schanbacher/Masser moved to concur. Motion carries.*

Strategic Plan Committee: Brammer expressed interest in forming a strategic plan committee to create a plan for the future of the Association.

Cabruzzi/Masser moved to form a strategic planning committee consisting of one teacher from each region, one CTE teacher from each horticulture and veterinary programs, one middle school teacher, two students, and key partners. Motion passed. Brown/Lehman moved to concur from the student board. Motion carries.

Sherisa Nailor, Mikara Anderson, Jess Herr, and Dr. Curry all expressed interest in serving on this committee. Regional committee members should be appointed by the end of June.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Regional Coordinators:

- **WEST:** Cliff Wallace reported that the two stages of Keystones worked very well for the Western Region. He commended the CDE/LDE committee and chairs for the smooth regional competitions.
- **NORTH:** Curt Turner shared that regional public speaking events went well. The North will have some conversations about Keystone Degree applications in the future.
- **EAST:** Ron Frederick felt that the regional contest went very well thanks to the help of advisors. The region plans to have in-person contests in the future.
- **SOUTH CENTRAL:** Kelly Bier shared that regional public speaking events went smoothly with having only one zoom link. She thanked the board for her past 13 years of service.

Penn State Agricultural Teacher Education/Center Report: Dr. Curry shared the list of placements for the 2022 year.

PA FFA Foundation: Brammer shared that the Foundation applied for an Ag Rural youth matching grant from the Department of Agriculture, and the grant was approved. These funds will be used to purchase a new van to transport the State Officer Team.

PA FFA Alumni: No report was given.

PAAE: Steinfelt shared the award winners from this year. He is looking forward to the summer PAAE conference in July. This conference will be held in person.

Commission for Agriculture Education Excellence: No report was given. The next meeting will be on June 2nd.

SAE Specialist: Carole Fay shared that 55 American Degree applications have been submitted to National FFA. There were also two star applications submitted.

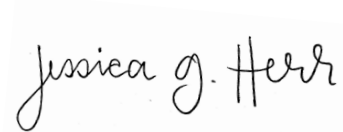
Elections: Ayla Miller opened the floor for nominations for the adult board President and Vice President. Nate Schanbacher nominated Ayla Miller for President. *Cambruzzi moved to close nominations. Motion carries.* Ayla Miller will serve as the new President.

Ayla Miller nominated Doug Masser to serve as Vice President. *Schanbacher/Hoover moved to close nominations. Motion passes.* Doug Masser will serve as the new Vice President.

President Anderson provided closing remarks from the team. Brammer gave accolades to the team on a job well done, shared by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 5:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mike Brammer, Executive Director
Jessica Herr, FFA State Secretary