



2021 PAAE Summer Conference Annual Meeting Minutes July 13, 2021



CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS - The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Kacey Rice. Those present were Michael Clark, Douglas G. Brown, Mark Anderson, Heather Anderson, Adam Serfass, Karlie Wright, Jodie Hoover, Ayla Miller, Laura Kennedy, John Hines, Brooke Ostrander, Tiffany Hoy, Jennifer Balmer, Jasmine VanSant, Genevieve Christ, Lori Hess, Darla Romberger, Kevin Curry, Matt Snyder, Brian Campbell, Justin Kurtz, Brody Coolidge, Nate Schanbacher, Marty Heyler, David Steinfeld, John Ewing, Lacy Miles, Jon Seaman, Dan Overdorf, Luke Kerstetter, Ryan Rupert, Brandon Witmer, Nathan Moyer, Krista Pontius, Sherisa Nailor, David Ruvarac, David Bittner, Jarod Armstrong, Carole Fay, Janae McMichael, Hannah Harris, Kacey Rice, Sarabeth Alderfer, Kayla Pohle, Jenna Kibbe, Stephanie Balmer, Jeanne Case, Gabrielle Kriley, Melanie Berndtson, Angela Snyder, Nicole Guise, Dianna Jerema, Kendra Flood, Myken Poormen, Katlin Liszka, Lindsay Spurrier, Ayala Miller, Sarabeth Fulton and Nick Isenberg

OFFICER/PERSONNEL REPORTS - Executive Committee Members

- **Kacey Rice, President** - Assisted with conference planning, attended several meetings, assisted with Policy & By-Laws revisions, regions, please set fall regional meetings. Nominations are open for President-Elect.
- **Darla Romberger, Past-President** - Working with science standards process, looking forward to establishing a legislative process and recruitment plan.
- **David Steinfeld, President-Elect** - Working with ag mechanics curriculum development, looking forward to representing PAAE.
- **Nick Isenberg, Executive Secretary** - Final membership numbers: 114 Active, 5 Associate, 8 1st year, 5 Life, 8 Life Retired, 10 student, new PO Box 532, Palmyra, PA 17078, hopeful that This Week in PAAE News email is helpful, please send committee reports for posting, assisting with FFA needs assessment.
- **Brian Campbell, Treasurer** - Presented the PAAE financial report.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- **The Pennsylvania State University, Dr. John Ewing** - Erin Maceno joined the team in April, continuing with the weekly newsletter, please let us know of new teachers, recruitment and retention is ongoing, graduated 8 student teachers, 16 student teachers in 2022, professional development theme for 21-22 is horticulture
- **Delaware Valley University, Dr. Thomas Speakman** - 100 + articulation agreements in Pennsylvania, credits given for CASE credits, new horticulture lab, new agreement with Longwood Gardens, new equine therapy program.

- **SAE Specialist, Carole Fay** - funded by the Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence, American Degree update, AET updates, starting the 2022 American Degree process.
- **National FFA, Karen Hutchinson** - starting to travel again, new CEO Scott Stump, National FFA Convention planning on-going, Blue Room will be virtual, no state photos, no convention book, no team pictures, no banquets, all sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium, housing registration open July 14, convention registration opens September 15, CDE information on the website, proficiency and star awards announced in August, Agriscience Fair judging has started, no roster changes, WLC in-person in 2022, Living to Serve information on the website, National FFA Ag Ambassadors are here to help, reach out if you need assistance.
- **Pennsylvania FFA Association, Mike Brammer** - Special thanks to Alex Bardzydlo for all her help with virtual CDE's, introduced the new state officer team, presented National FFA and Big E updates, all state conferences and conventions are scheduled.
- **PA FFA Alumni, Sherisa Nailor** - Preparing FFA jacket applications, WLC scholarships.
- **PA FFA Foundation, Sarah Sparks** - Golfing outing in September
- **PA Ag Ed Commission for Excellence, Dr. Scott Sheely** - annual Ag Education report has been submitted, continuing to closely follow the science standards process, broadband issues continue to surface in Pennsylvania, continuing work with Ag Mechanics curriculum.
- **PA Pesticide Education, Genny Christ** - brought greetings from the Penn State Pesticide Education program, looking for help to update the category 18 information.
- **NAAE Update, Sherisa Nailor** - Hybrid NAAE Convention, book study currently running, new NAAE branding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policies and By-laws Committee

Constitution and By-Laws, Resolutions

Officer Rep: Karlie Wright (W) - During session 1, Diana Jerema presented the proposed Policy and Bylaws, changed active membership, changes to Regional Vice-President duties, aligned committees with NAAE, clarification of policies, added electronic operations clause, deleted Assistant Secretary position. During session 2, David Ruvarac moved, Kayla Pohle seconded adopting the policy manual revisions. Motion passed. David Ruvarac moved and Janae McMichael seconded to adopt the by-law revisions. Motion passed.

Member Services Committee

Professional Improvement, Recruitment and Retention and Membership

Officer Rep: Krista Pontius (SC) - Stephanie Balmer reported that the committee will be offering the Run Across PA activity in the Spring 2022, planning XLR8 for ACES 2022, moving In The Groove to Move to fall 2021, UGo points will end, collecting suggestions for a Good Reads book list.

Marketing Committee

Public Relations and Commercial Relations

Officer Rep: Robyn Bechtel (SC) - Sarabeth Alderfer reported we no longer have to cover the cost of the website, will continue with apparel in the fall, and will write an article for Lancaster Farming concerning the conference.

Strategic Planning Committee

Mission and Goals, Vision for PA Ag Ed

Officer Rep: Kayla Pohle (N) - David Bitner reported assigning committee members from all other committees to sit on the Strategic Planning committee, working on revisions of Mission and Vision.

Public Policy

Legislative Action Team and Lobbyist

Officer Rep: Laura Metrick (W) - Darla Romberger reported to encourage two PAAE members to attend the National Policy Seminar and determine if we need a lobbyist starting in the 2022-2023 membership year.

Finance Committee

Budgeting and Auditing

Officer Rep: Adam Serfass (E) - Brian Campbell reported the work grant has been approved for 2021-2022, 2021-2022 budget has been approved, UGo budget moved to XLR8, website covered by the state FFA foundation,

Professional Growth Committee

Nominating, Past Presidents, Retired Ag Educators and Awards

Officer Rep: Janae McMichael (E) - discussed research that Kendra Flood, PSU Graduate student, is conducting on extended contracts, congratulations to 2021 PAAE Award Winners, Region 6 award winners announced soon, assisting with the banquet, SaraBeth Alderfer presented her Idea's Unlimited entry, PAAE Approved the recommendation for utilizing the Extended Contract document.

STANDING SPECIAL COMMITTEES Officer Rep: Jarod Armstrong (N)

- **Summer Conference 2022 – Eastern Region** - TBD
- **Scholarship:** Doug Brown - Awarded 4 \$500 scholarships
- **Sunshine: Sarabeth Alderfer** - email link is on the PAAE website

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Tax Update** - Brian Campbell reported that 2016, 2017 and 2018 taxes have been taken care of. 2015 tax bill expected in August.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Election of President Elect** - Krista Pontius moved and Janae McMichael seconded that we close nominations. Candidates are David Ruvarac and Melanie Berndstein. Congratulations to Melanie Berndstein as President-Elect.
- **Outgoing PAAE Officers** - Thank you to Robin Bechtel and Darla Romberger for their service.
- **Incoming PAAE Officers** - Welcome John Hines to the PAAE board.
- **Installation of PAAE President** - Kacey Rice passed the gavel to David Steinfeldt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Regional Membership Meetings—All meetings start at 5:30 pm

South Central – Date TBD

Northern – Date TBD

Western – Date TBD

Eastern - Date TBD

ADJOURNMENT - Brian Campbell moved and Marty Heyler second to Adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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