

**Pennsylvania FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 5, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by President Abigail O'Neill at 10:00 AM. In attendance were: Abigail O'Neill, Greg Gipe, Nina Coolidge, Molly Cessna, Trevor Maxwell, Ravyn Bashore, Jordan Anderson, Mike Brammer, Ayla Miller, Carole Fay, Cliff Wallace, Ron Frederick, Curt Turner, Mark Anderson, Natalie Barkley, Douglas Masser, Mikara Anderson, Renee Cambuzzi, Nate Schanbacher, Jodie Hoover, Melanie Berndtson, Mark Dietrich, Sarah Sparks, and Amy Kline. Welcome and introductions followed opening ceremonies.

*Coolidge/Maxwell moved to accept the minutes presented from May 2021. Motion passed.
Cambuzzi/Anderson moved to concur. Motion passed*

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees: Officers/Staff:

Executive Director Report: Mr. Brammer presented the Year-to-Date Financial Report. 2020-2021 income and expenses were reported. The financial report will be filed for audit.

State Officer Team Report: Nina Coolidge presented the State Officer report. She went over what the team has been doing since their election and what they look forward to this upcoming year.

Standing Committees:

CDE/LDE Committee: Barzydlo had no report.

SAE Committee: Nailor had no report.

Reports of Special Committees:

Affiliate Membership Committee: Cambuzzi talked about the affiliate membership form. The committee met August 4th, with not all members attending. There was discussion on what to do with some issues with affiliate membership. The newly developed form is being revised.

New Position: Brammer reported the new position is still being investigated. The Commission for Agriculture Education Excellence may possibly fund the position.

Diversity & Inclusion: Masser reported the committee hasn't met. Brammer mentioned the Commission for Agriculture Education Excellence is creating a survey for agriculture educators on diversity and inclusion. Brammer reported NASAE had a diversity and inclusion training with the CEO from MANRRS.

Unfinished Business:

Strategic Planning Committee Update: Brammer reported that two spots were still open. Mrs. Alderfer from Athens will be filling the Northern Region spot. Hoover volunteered to fill the spot for the Western Region.

New Business:

Fall Leadership Conference: Brammer reported that the conference will be in person on October 5 at the Blair County Convention Center. Kline asked about offering an online component for schools who may not be able to attend in person events.

National FFA Convention: J. Anderson reported that the National FFA Convention will be in person as of now and that CDEs and LDEs will be hybrid this year.

Mid-Winter Convention: Brammer reported that Mid-Winter Convention will be January 10th, 2022. *M. Anderson/Schanbacher moved to have only one round of Keystones this year. Motion passed. J. Anderson/Gipe moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Review of past year/lessons learned/moving forward: Frederick talked about on what went good and bad over the past year. Mentioned having ACES and SLLC versus All In, mentioned having virtual interviews for state star and public contests, and mentioned CDE's and LDE's having their test early and making State Activities Week only two days. There was discussion on making a committee for this, but no action was taken. It was talked about having a round table related to this at the Fall Leadership Conference. Topics to be included are Conferences and Conventions, Student/Member Engagement, CDEs and LDEs, and SAE/awards/proficiencies. Teacher Round Tables:

- Conferences & Conventions led by Cambuzzi
- Student Engagement/Social activities led by Hoover
- CDE/LDE events led by Valerie Fry
- Degrees and Awards led by Nailor

CDE/LDE New position: Masser brought up creating a new position to coordinate all things related to CDE and LDE. He will develop a job description and do research and report back at the next meeting.

Affiliate membership: Dietrich brought up affiliate membership concerns of listing students in the roster who don't want to be listed. Can we pay for all and not list all? Discussed that Brammer would bring up concerns to National FFA.

Dietrich/ M. Anderson moved and seconded to look into the issue and form a committee and report back at the next meeting. Coolidge/J. Anderson moved and seconded to concur. Motion carried. Serving on the committee will be: Dietrich (Chair), Mark Anderson and Curt Turner.

Good of the Order:

Regional Coordinators:

-Eastern: Frederick spoke about having Keystone Degree review be virtual. Regional meeting will be August 11th. Chapters will be "rebuilding" this year. How can State Officers help?

-Northern: Turner asked about Keystone deadlines. Brammer will get a date for all. Zoom meeting with Fay tentative Oct 21 with students concerning Keystones. Northern Region Leadership Conference being planned.

-South Central: Barkley reported she met with Kelly Bier to make a smooth transition. LDE's scheduled for April 20.

-Western: Wallace reported liking having flexibility over the next year.

Mark Anderson thanked the Regional Coordinators for their hard work over the last year.

Penn State Agricultural Teacher Education/Center Report: No report.

PA FFA Foundation: Sparks sent a report:

- Help needed Wednesday and Thursday at APD
- Farm Show Food Court location will be different this year
- Funds being sent to the Association. Joint Finance Committee will meet in September
- Golf Outing is Sept 16th

PA FFA Alumni: No report

PAAE: Berndtson reported that the annual conference was a success and new membership form will be out soon.

Commission for Agriculture Education Excellence: No report.

SAE Specialist: Fay reported that antique tractor restoration is a go for the Farm Show this year. Over 50 American Degrees were submitted and they will be officially approved by the National FFA Board of Directors in the coming weeks. AET made changes to connect the National FFA website with a teacher's profile. Chapter information can be shared with the public now. Regional coordinators can add in regional events on AET. National Finalists interviews will be in September. State star interviews will be in person at the Farm Show.

Announcements:

Future meeting dates 2021-2022: October 7, December 9, March 3, May 19, June 7-9

October's meeting was changed to October 6th – 4pm

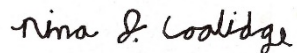
Closing ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer Team.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Brammer, FFA Executive Director



Nina Coolidge, FFA State Secretary