



PAAE Executive Board Meeting

3-8-22

Minutes



CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE - The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by David Steinfeld. Those present include: David Steinfeld, Jarod Armstrong, Michael Brammer, Stephon Fitzpatrick, Christopher Davis, Janae McMichael, Laura Palmer, Krista Pontius, Kayla Pohle, Sarah Sparks, John Hines, Melanie Berndtson, Adam Serfass, and Nick Isenberg.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Moved by Krista Pontius, second by John Hines to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS & STANDING COMMITTEES

David Steinfeld, President - Working with the commission on a request for information for PA Ag teacher needs.

Melanie Berndtson, President-Elect - From the PA FFA Association meeting - Affiliate membership to remain in place, created a committee to discuss challenges with affiliate membership, created a committee to explore creating a FFA appeals process, created a committee to explore creating a CDE/LDE position, created a committee to make adjustments to the Agriscience Fair, new FFA regional maps coming soon.

Kacey Rice, Past President - No report

Nick Isenberg, Executive Secretary - Report filed in the meeting folder.

Brian Campbell, Treasurer - No report

The Pennsylvania State University – Ag & Extension Education, Dr. John Ewing

Pennsylvania FFA Association, Mr. Mike Brammer - SLLC coming up March 13-15. 3 Golden Owls awarded so far. SOCS being conducted during regional meetings, banquet requests to Mr. Brammer, Summer Convention, June 7-9.

PA FFA Alumni, Mrs. Sherisa Nailor - No report

PA FFA Foundation, Mrs. Sarah Sparks - Wrapping up leadership campaign, raised \$65,000 of the \$75,000 goal, next board meeting on March 10th, hosting professional development at SLLC, Spring Learning By Doing grants open March 15th.

PA Ag Ed Commission for Agricultural Excellence, Mr. Stephon Fitzpatrick - Reviewed PAAE teacher recommendations with PDE, feedback was well received. Working to follow through on feedback. The PA Ag Education Network meeting March 9th. Teacher recommendations will funnel through this group, DEI framework has been created, working on marketing initiatives for Ag education.

PA Dept of Education, Mr. Chris Davis - meeting with PDE to work through teacher recommendation list, new graduation requirements from PDE, New CATS System still in testing phase, if not usable, will use old system for next year, updated PDE Ag Education website.

SAE Specialist, Mrs. Carole Fay - Busy with American Degrees, due March 15th. The next Farm Show committee is March 15th. Meeting with Farm Show concerning premium book, Requesting 10-15 minutes at regional meetings for AET training.

Member Services Committee

Professional Improvement, Recruitment and Retention and Membership

Officer Representative: Krista Pontius - XLR8 being offered at SLLC, Run Across PA in April and May coming soon.

Marketing Committee

Public Relations and Commercial Relations

Officer Representative: John Hines - Finished polo shirt sale.

Strategic Planning Committee

Mission and Goals, Visions for PA Ag Ed

Officer Representative: Kayla Pohle - touching base with David Bittner on PAAE activities and compare with strategic plan.

Public Policy

Legislative Action Team and Lobbyist

Officer Representative: Laura Palmer - Looking for members to attend the National Policy Seminar (virtually).

Policies and By-laws Committee

Constitution and By-laws, Resolutions

Officer Representative: Karlie Wright - No report

Finance Committee

Budgeting and Auditing

Officer Representative: Adam Serfass - No report

Professional Growth Committee

Nominating, Past Presidents, Retired Ag Educators and Awards

Officer Representative: Janae McMichael - Looking for suggestions to enhance professional development experience for teachers at FFA leadership conferences.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Officer Representative: Jarod Armstrong

2022 Summer Conference: Eastern Region

Dates: July 11-14, 2022, Delaware Valley University

Officer Representative: Kacey Rice - working on vendors and sponsorships for the conference, looking at banquet options.

Committee Chairperson: Janae McMichael - A lot of workshop possibilities, possibility of a CASE AgX Briefcase, deep dives, teacher wellness, housing at the Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites.

Scholarship: Doug Brown - Applications due May 15th

Sunshine: Sarabeth Aldefer - No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PAAE Relief Fund - Krista Pontius moves, Jarod Armstrong seconds, that PAAE starts a relief fund of \$5000. Motion passed.

PAAE Scholarships for Professional Development - Kacey Rice moves and Krista Pontius seconds for each region to give away a Summer Conference scholarship to 1 attendee at each of the spring regional meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Teacher financial support - Kayla Pohle moves and Kacey Rices seconds to support Teach Ag PSU Student Teachers for \$1500. Motion passes.

Looking for a PAAE representative to serve on the PA FFA Management committee. David Steinfelt has agreed to serve.

Krista Pontius moved and Kayla Pohle second to rename the Outstanding Cooperation Award to the Cliff Day Outstanding Cooperation Award. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Regional Membership Meetings (Dinner @ 5:00 PM, meeting to follow)

South Central – April 7th, @ Ranch House Restaurant, Duncannon

Western – April 12th, @ Hoss's, Murrysville

Northern - April 13th, @ Hoss's, Williamsport

Eastern -- April 21st @ Oley Valley High School, Oley

*Don't forget to invite to each regional meeting:

- Penn State Rep (jce122@psu.edu)
- SAE Specialist (cfay1212@gmail.com)
- Ag Ed Commission (stfitzpatr@pa.gov)
- PDE Rep (chmdavi@pa.gov)
- PAAE President (Dsteinfelt@paaeteachers.org)
- PAAE Treasurer (bcampbell@paaeteachers.org)
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- PA FFA Executive Secretary (c-mbrammer@pa.gov)
- PA FFA Foundation Rep (ssparks@paffafoundation.org)
- PA FFA Alumni Rep (snailor@bigspring.k12.pa.us)

Adjournment - Adam Serfass moved to adjourn the meeting, John Hines second. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Isenberg

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