Pennsylvania FFA Association Board of Directors Meeting August 8th, 2022

The meeting was called to order by FFA State President James Winklosky at 1 PM with the State Officer Team conducting opening ceremonies. In attendance were Ben Torrey, Zaleigh Wade, Delilah Morton, Jeremy Rose, Callie Whiting, Grace Benton, James Winklosky, Mike Brammer, Ayla Miller, Natalie Barkley, Mark Dietrich, Sherisa Nailor, Douglas Masser, Sarah Sparks, Abby Yoder, Renee Cambruzzi, Jodie Hoover, Chris Davis, Mark Anderson, Alex Barzydlo, Abigail O'Neil, Cliff Wallace, and Kevin Curry in person. In attendance virtually were Ron Frederick, Nate Schanbacher, Melanie Berndtson, Carole Fay, and Stephon Fitzpatrick.

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President Winklosky welcomed everyone, and introductions were performed.

Torrey/Whiting moved to accept the minutes presented from the May and June meetings. Motion passed. Miller/Cambruzzi moved to concur. Motion passed.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Executive Director Report: Mr. Brammer presented the Fiscal Year-to-Date Financial Reports. 2022 income and expenses were reviewed. The financial reports will be filed for audit.

State Officer Team Report: Benton presented the State Officer report. She went over what the team has been doing since being elected and what they look forward to doing.

Standing Committees:

CDE/LDE Committee: Barzydlo presented the recommendations from the May board meetings that were postponed to August, along with the new recommendations.

Committee report, with an implied second to adopt the committee recommendations of minor changes to Wildlife and FFA Knowledge. Motion passed. Torrey/Whiting moved to concur. Motion passed.

Discussion followed on speaking events being one- or two-day events – Committee

was asked to bring a recommendation to the December Board meeting.

Miller/Hoover moved to refer the recommendation on plagiarism checks to a special committee with power to act. Motion passed. Morton/Whiting moved to concur. Motion passed. Members of the committee are Davis and Curry. Report back in December.

SAE Committee: Nailor reported the committee's discussion on Keystone Degree requirements and gave updates on application due dates for Keystone and American Degrees (March 1). Next meeting September 13 – Proficiencies and AET Proposals. KEYSTONES:

- To Regional Coordinators by November 7
- Regional Evaluations complete by November 18
- Notification of corrections by November 21
- Final list to Mike Brammer by December 5

Reports of Special Committees:

Affiliate Structure Review: Cambruzzi reported they will be holding a meeting this fall, to have recommendations for our December board meeting.

Strategic Planning: Curry reported the committee is deciding on data that needs to be collected and will be starting the process this fall.

Diversity & Inclusion: Masser reported the committee did not have a meeting but will have a report in December.

CDE/LDE Appeals Committee: Miller presented the committee's recommendation for creating an appeal process for state-level career and leadership development events and awards. Previously voted on in May. Second vote requested:

Committee report, an implied second to adopt the committee recommendation. Motion passed. Whiting/Torrey moved to concur. Motion passed

Committee members: Barzydlo-Chair, FFA Board President and Vice President or designees, Regional Coordinator from the region of the appeal and the PAAE Board President or designee.

Ag Science Fair Committee: Masser reported the committee's recommendation to make the Ag Science Fair's state qualifying event to be held in April. The PA Farm Show Agriscience Fair will continue but will not count as the state qualifying event. Second vote from May:

Committee report, an implied second to adopt the committee recommendation. Motion passed. Torrey/Morton moved to concur. Motion passed

CIP Areas: Nailor presented the committee's report on CIP codes qualified programs for the FFA charter along with the recommendation on acceptable teacher certifications to apply for an official FFA charter and the creation of The Special Charter Committee.

Miller/Anderson moved for the division of the question, splitting the motion into two areas, The Special Charter Committee and CIP Codes and teacher certifications eligibility. Torrey/Rose moved to concur. Motion passed.

An implied second to adopt the committee recommendation on The Special Charter Committee previously suggested in May. Motion passes. Morton/Whiting concur. Motion passed. Committee members will be: Brammer-Chair (non-voting), Anderson, Barkley, Cambruzzi, Torrey, Winklosky, and Davis.

An implied second to adopt the committee recommendation on CIP Codes and teacher certifications eligibility previously suggested in May. Previous question called for Miller/Dietrich. PQ passes. Main motion fails. No changes.

Unfinished Business:

Policy Change: Brammer reported the policy change for reimbursing regional coordinators from May. (Second vote)

Miller/O'Neill moved to adopt (Second vote) Motion passed. Whiting/Rose moved to concur. Motion passed.

Future of the Van: Brammer reported the new van is ordered and proposed giving the current van to Mr. Lloyd Wenger of Wenger's of Myerstown when the new van arrives. Anderson/Hoover moved to approve giving the van to Mr. Wenger. Morton/Rose moved to concur. Motion passed.

New Business:

Review of Activities Week/Convention: O'Neill thanked those who helped with the delegate process. Brammer reported plans to allow all students to attend in 2023 as approved in 2019 for 2020, with providing workshops for the students not competing.

New CDL Competition: Brammer presented the written proposal from PennAg Industries to create an event at the state convention to educate students on agriculture CDL driving.

Miller/Anderson moved to approve PennAg Industries to have a CDL event at the state convention. Whiting/Rose moved to concur. Motion passed.

National Chapter Award Incentives: Miller presented giving recognition for our state National Chapter Awards. Providing awards to the state National Chapter Award winners will be sponsored through the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation.

Miller/O'Neil moved to approve providing awards to the state National Chapter Award winners. Morton/Rose moved to concur. Motion passed.

New Charter: Avon Grove in Chester County, with Chris Herrman as their Advisor meet all the requirements to obtain an FFA charter.

Torrey/Miller moved to approve Avon Grove Charter. Motion passed. Morton/Whiting moved to concur. Motion passed.

Fall Leadership Conference: Brammer and State Officers proposed making Fall Leadership Conference fully for first-year members. Chapters still would only be allowed to bring ten members and still utilize the help from Dr. Curry's PSU students to teach the workshops. An alternative option will be provided for state officers to connect to chapter officers.

Torrey/Miller moved to approve the changes to the Fall Leadership Conference. Morton/Whiting moved to concur. Motion passed.

Good of the Order:

Regional Coordinators:

Western: Wallace reported he is deciding on virtual or in-person Keystone Degree reviews.

South Central: Barkley reported Keystone Degree selection will be in person.

Keystones-Nov 10 – STARS – Nov 16 – LDE's-April 19

Eastern: Fredrick reported Keystone Degree review will be virtual. Fall CDE's-Nov 15,

Spring CDE's April 25

Northern: Turner not in attendance-No report

Agriculture Education Specialist: Davis gave an update on CAT and gave resources to help with program approvals.

Commission for Agriculture Education Excellence: Fitzpatrick gave an overview of the written report. He announced the commission expanded the Learning by Doing Grants funding.

Penn State Agricultural Teacher Education/Center Report: Curry reported Penn State students filled twenty-two openings but there are still fourteen unfilled positions. 12 students in the 2023 class.

SAE Specialist: Fay provided a written report.

PAAE: Nailor reported the location for NAAE's national convention will be in Las Vegas. PAAE Summer Conference in 2023 will be at Cumberland Valley HS. They have started a curriculum library. Congrats to NAAE Award winners.

PA FFA Alumni: Pontius not in attendance. Jacket application information coming out soon.

PA FFA Foundation: Sparks reported the foundation received the Farm Credit Grant for leadership conferences. Plans proceeding to hire a full-time position for fundraising. Isenberg resigned; Yoder is serving as an intern. Update on van and Wenger Foundation gift! APD is this week. Golf outing coming. Learning by Doing Grants Nov 15. Question asked about affiliate fee requests?

Announcements:

Future meeting date – December 14 at 1pm – Location to be determined. Probably Boalsburg.

Closing ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer Team. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Mike Brammer, Executive Director

Grace Benton

Grace Benton, FFA State Secretary