



# PAAE Executive Board Meeting

## 1-17-23

### Minutes



**CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE** - The meeting was called to order at 3:32 PM. Those present include: Melanie Berndtson, Stephon Fitzpatrick, Krista Pontius, Adam Serfass, Laura Palmer, Stephen Geib, Christopher Davis, John Hines, David Steinfelt, Kayla Pohle, Sarabeth Alderfer, Carole Fay, Sherisa Nailor, and Nick Isenberg.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Minutes of the previous meeting filed for audit.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS & STANDING COMMITTEES

**Melanie Berndtson, President** - Attended 3 out of 4 Fall Regional Meetings, Would like to try the virtual regional meeting option again in the spring, Attended the NAAE Convention in Las Vegas, Attended the December Ag Education Commission meeting.

**Sherisa Nailor, President-Elect** - Attended the NAAE Convention, met with Chris Davis concerning 339 issues, working with the committee on revised PAAE committee structure.

**David Steinfelt, Past President** - Attended the NAAE Convention,

**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** - No report.

**Pennsylvania FFA Association, Mr. Mike Brammer** - Report filed in the meeting folder. Concerns with ACES reaching capacity.

**PA FFA Alumni, Mrs. Sherisa Nailor** - Awarded 391 First Year member jackets, preparing to roll out the WLC Scholarships.

**PA FFA Foundation, Mrs. Sarah Sparks** - No report. Melanie spoke with Sarah and discussed concerns that Sarah has with a lack of help with the pizza booth, possible changes coming to the Learning By Doing grants.

**PA Ag Ed Commission for Excellence, Mr. Stephon Fitzpatrick** - The commission is increasing the amount contributed to the Learning By Doing grant, working with Nick on funding for small gas engines BriefCASE, met with Longwood Gardens which offered meeting space for PAAE in the future and spearhead a horticulture professional development in the future, planning a trip to western PA to visit schools, working on

DEIA Infrastructure, Mid-Winter Convention was amazing, hopeful to attend NAAE Convention in the future, next commission meeting is February 8, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**PA Dept of Education, Mr. Chris Davis** - Fielding questions concerning Chapter 339, working on CATS, working to create a Chapter 339 workbook to assist teachers, have a small budget to support contest chairs and/or judges, trying to get substitutes covered in the budget, happy to help in any way possible.

**SAE Specialist, Mrs. Carole Fay** - Continuing to help teachers with AET, American Degrees due March 1st, 80 open American Degree applications open at this point, Farm Show was a whirlwind, thankful for Chris Davis and Marty Heyler for their assistance with farm show, proficiencies coming soon, suggested using AET for Learning by Doing grant application, chaired Keystone Stars committee and utilized virtual option to get the process done before Christmas, made the process so much easier.

#### **Member Services Committee**

##### ***Professional Improvement, Recruitment and Retention and Membership***

**Officer Representative: Krista Pontius** - Continue to have the resource sharing repository, Run Across PA in April and May coming up, presented clickers to PSU Student Teachers, looking for student teachers from Delaware Valley University, discussed ideas to help teachers with upcoming events. Nick is looking into the possibility of a PAAE Youtube channel.

#### **Marketing Committee**

##### ***Public Relations and Commercial Relations***

**Officer Representative: John Hines** - PAAE apparel is in and will be delivered to home address or at ACES.

#### **Strategic Planning Committee**

##### ***Mission and Goals, Visions for PA Ag Ed***

**Officer Representative: Kayla Pohle** - No report

#### **Public Policy**

##### ***Legislative Action Team and Lobbyist***

**Officer Representative: Laura Palmer** - Reminder of the Policy Issues form on the website, National Policy Seminar is March 20 - 22, 2023, in Washington DC, looking for someone to go, NAAE will pay the registration for one PAAE member to attend.

#### **Policies and By-laws Committee**

##### ***Constitution and By-laws, Resolutions***

**Officer Representative: Lindsay Wilcox** - 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: Stephen Geib** - In full swing of awards season.

## **REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Officer Representative: Sarabeth Alderfer - Next conference committee meeting is January 26th.

### **2023 Summer Conference: Eastern Region**

**Dates:** July 10-13, 2023, Cumberland Valley High School

Officer Representative: Sherisa Nailor

Committee Chairperson: Darla Romberger

**Scholarship:** Doug Brown - Scholarship applications have been sent to PSU and DVU.

**Sunshine:** Sarabeth Aldefer - Several letters sent out recently, took suggestions for PAAE Survival Packs.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Krista Pontius, Adam Serfass, Kayla Pohle, and Laura Palmer are the PAAE Representatives for the Committee Realignment committee, which will be meeting soon to prepare a proposal for the March 2023 board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The PA FFA CDE Committee is looking for a representative from PAAE. Who should fill the role from PAAE? This committee deals with all things CDE related. Adam Serfass asked since he is already on the committee, can he fill both regional and PAAE roles on the committee.

Krista Pontius moves and Adam Serfass seconds to cover the costs of the meals for PAAE members at the PAAE Spring Regional meetings. Motion passed.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2023, from 3:30 to 5:30 PM on Google Meet.

The South Central PAAE Regional Spring meeting will be at the Ranch House Restaurant in Duncannon, on April 4, 2023.

Adam Serfass brought forth discussion from the fall eastern regional meeting about creating a "Why You Should Join PAAE" flier to give to non-members to encourage

them to join. The eastern region would also like to see staff and/or members of the commission attend regional meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM