

**Pennsylvania FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 8th, 2023
Country Inn & Suites – State College, PA**

The meeting was called to order by President James Winklosky at 11:05 AM and the State Officer Team conducted opening ceremonies. In attendance were Ben Torrey, Zaleigh Wade, Jeremy Rose, Grace Benton, James Winklosky, Mike Brammer, Alex Barzydlo, Doug Masser, Mark Dietrich, Melanie Berndtson, Nathan Schanbacher, Renee Cambruzzi, Jodie Hoover, Alex Barzydlo, Ayla Miller, Sarah Sparks, Natalie Barkley, Sherisa Nailor, Chris Davis, Stephon Fitzpatrick. In attendance virtually were: Greg Gipe, Ron Frederick, Kevin Curry, Krista Pontius, Carole Fay, and Jon Seaman.

Benton/Wade *moved to accept the minutes presented from the May meeting. Motion passed. Torrey/Miller moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Reports of Officers/Staff:

Executive Director Report: Mr. Brammer presented the Year-to-Date Financial Report. 2022-23 income and expenses were reported. The financial report will be filed for audit.

Cambruzzi/Miller moved to give permission to exceed the budget for State Officer expenses. Motion passed.

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

Special Update on State Convention and Activities: Jon Seaman reported updates from Penn State on changes that are needed for State Convention. The update included changes to lunches due to a lack of catering companies large enough for box lunches for CDEs and LDEs. The board agreed to have Mr. Brammer reach out to chairs of CDEs and LDEs to understand which competitions can take students to the dining commons and which competitions need box lunches that are off campus.

Standing Committees:

CDE/LDE Committee: Barzydlo presented they have adjusted the timeline for sign-up for helpers to chairs for CDEs and LDEs at State Convention. Along with starting to discuss tabulation for State Convention. They are also in the process of reviewing the contract/policies for chairs of CDEs and LDEs to see if any updates need to be made. A written report was provided.

SAE Committee: Nailor and Berndtson reported there are 67 proficiencies registered to date, and reported how the trial run of reviewing applications using the AET reviewing process is very successful.

Reports of Special Committees:

Plagiarism Checks: Davis and Curry reported they are running a test through the Northern Region on "Turn It In" to provide a report of what the information will be once they start to check manuscripts. It was decided manuscripts would be sent to chairs by

May 1st, then given to Mr. Davis to run through "Turn It In" to provide a plagiarism check, after the information from the check is received, it would be provided to the judges.

Affiliate Structure Review: Cambuzzi reported they have gathered information on affiliate structure and reviewed ethical reservations expressed by chapters. The following was recommended:

1. New fee structure – Budgeted affiliate fees ÷ by total PA Agriculture Education enrollment from the previous year = Fee x # of Ag Ed Students in your School from Previous Year. Invoices sent in August. Motion passed. Torrey/Rose moved to concur. Motion passed.

Policy Change - needs a second vote.

2. The committee reported with an implied second; students that wish to not have their name appear on the roster can be listed as a fictitious name but cannot participate in State and National events. It is a recommended procedure to enter fictitious names as chapter name and fictitious student number example: Chapter 1234 using the school contact information. Benton/Torrey moved to concur. Motion passed. **Policy Change - needs a second vote.**

Torrey/Cambuzzi moved to amend item 2.

Students that wish to have their name appear on the roster can be listed as a fictitious name but cannot participate in state and national events. ~~It is a recommended procedure to enter fictitious names as chapter name and fictitious student number example: Chapter1234~~

To read:

Students that wish to have their name appear on the roster can be listed as a fictitious name but cannot participate in state and national events. It is procedure to enter fictitious name as chapter name and unique school student identification number example: Chapter 123456.

Motion failed.

Strategic Planning: Curry reported they are planning a spring meeting.

Charter Committee: No Report – No new charters.

State Convention Review Committee: Masser reported they had their first meeting and currently are exploring different options including taking LDEs out of State Convention week and extending State Convention to four days. Planning action items at the May board meeting.

Unfinished Business:

POLICY CHANGE – SECOND VOTE: Mr. Brammer proposed that when we have twenty-five or more candidates for State Officer positions, we do the first two personal rounds virtually.

Benton/Torrey moved to approve changing the State Officer selection process if twenty-five or more candidates apply.

Torrey/Miller moved to concur. Motion passed. **NOW POLICY**

ACES Review: Torrey and Brammer reported we had 1,942 members and advisors registered and we are looking forward to seeing how the conference may grow next year. We are exploring the possibility of doing four weekends due to the growth of members attending.

New Business:

SLLC Update: Brammer reported over 600 people registered for SLLC making it a record number, and we will not be doing community service due to not having enough locations to host all the members.

Board Member Elections: Brammer reported nomination forms have been sent out and provided a written update on the terms of the board members.

Delegate Issues presented from 2022:

Torrey/Wade moved to defer Creating a Career Expo committee recommendations to the State Convention Review Committee.

Miller/Cambuzzi concurred. Motion passed.

The committee report, an implied second to Evaluate the Pennsylvania FFA State Delegate with the State Officer recommendations with Constitutional Amendment to be sent to the delegates in 2023.

Cambuzzi/Torrey moved to concur. Motion passed.

The committee report, an implied second to the Maple Syrup Career Development Event committee recommendations.

Torrey/Benton move to divide the motion into two parts - part one being FFA will have their own maple syrup division in the PA Farm Show that follows all guidelines of department 21 for only FFA members. Part two implementing a Maple Syrup CDE in 2024, format to be determined by the chair of the career development event.

Torrey/Dietrich moved to concur. Motion Passed.

Torrey/Benton moved that FFA will have their own maple syrup division in the PA Farm Show that follows all guidelines of department 21 for only FFA members.

Torrey/Dietrich moved to concur. Motion Passed. Mrs. Fay is working on this.

Torrey/Benton move to implement a Maple Syrup CDE in 2024, format to be determined by the chair of the career development event.

Torrey/Dietrich moved to concur. Motion passed.

Constitutional Amendments for 2023: Brammer addressed that at the 2022 National FFA Convention and Expo, there was a Constitutional Amendment passed which stated

1. **NATIONAL CONSTITUTION REVISED**

Article V. Membership, Section B of the constitution to read: Student Membership - To be eligible for membership in a chartered FFA chapter, a student must be enrolled in a state approved school-based agricultural education program not below the 5th grade level.

2. **(CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT Recommendation)**

a. 1-49 members - 1 Delegate

- b. 50-99 members - 2 Delegates
- c. 100-199 members - 3 Delegates
- d. 200-299 members - 4 Delegates
- e. 300-399 members – 5 Delegates
- f. 400-499 members – 6 Delegates
- g. 500-599 members – 7 Delegates
- h. 600-699 members – 8 Delegates

Continue to add one for each 100 members.

Current language:

Section F. A house of delegates will be responsible for conducting the business of the State FFA Association. Each chapter shall be permitted to send delegates to the Summer Convention based on the following formula: (9/04)

Number of Members - Number of Delegates

- 1-100 – 1 Delegate
- 101-200 – 2 Delegates
- 201-300 – 3 Delegates
- 301-400 – 4 Delegates
- 401-500 – 5 Delegates
- 501-600 – 6 Delegates
- 601-700 – 7 Delegates

Torrey/Berndtson moved to send the Constitutional Amendments to the Delegates in June. Benton/Rose moved to concur. Motion passed.

Both Constitutional Amendments will be sent to the delegates in June 2023.

Good of the Order:

Regional Coordinators:

Eastern: Fredrick reported the dates for the regional LDEs and spring CDE day. They are inviting new teachers and administration to the spring CDE day to show and teach them about CDEs. Written report provided.

Northern: Turner provided a written report.

South Central: Barkley reported they are getting ready for regional speaking (April 19) and they are looking for judges.

Western: Cambuzzi reported for Wallace that they are getting ready for public speaking, (April 25) and they are re-establishing the western region leadership conference – more details to follow.

PA FFA Foundation: Mrs. Sparks thanked teachers for bringing volunteers to the Farm Show, and that gross sales were up by 30%. They had a great crowd and are expecting an increase in net income from the concessions. She will be traveling to professional development training. Learning by doing grants open March 15th and the application has been revised. The joint financial meeting is on March 15th. They are hoping to fill their open position for program development. She will be asking for a 10% increase in giving to the Association, due to the cost of living increase. Discussion followed on how

the Association should present a formal ask of the Foundation.

Agriculture Education Specialist: Davis reported they have been working on the CATs system. There is an ag general NOCTI training. They are working on a frame work for elementary to high school for AG ED. He is creating a 339 workbook to help with program approval, which will be rolled out at the PAAE summer conference.

SAE Specialist: Fay reported she will be meeting with the farm show committee and is looking for a landscape chair. We have 84 American Degrees that are being submitted to National FFA. She is going to the Northern region public speaking day.

PAAE: Nailor reported the PAAE Summer conference is at Cumberland Valley High School. The registration will be out soon, and the conference will be July 10th-13th.

PA FFA Alumni: Nailor reported for Pontius, nine applications have been submitted for scholarships for WLC. There will be major changes for the jacket scholarship program, coming out soon.

Penn State Agricultural Teacher Education/Center Report: Curry reported the needs assessment will be coming out and there are twelve students currently student teaching.

Commission for Agriculture Education Excellence: Fitzpatrick reported the May 10th commission meeting will be held at the Pennsylvania Department of Education. August 23 will be at PSU. Asked for a needs list so he can advocate for our needs when trying to get funding from the state for agricultural education. The annual report from the commission is in. They are waiting for vacant positions to be filled within the commission. He will be trying to visit schools this year. Written report provided.

Announcements:

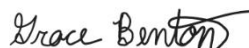
Future meeting dates 2023: May 11th location TBD.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mike Brammer, Executive Director



Grace Benton, FFA State Secretary