

**Pennsylvania FFA Association
Board of Directors
Meeting May 15th, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by President Crystal Bomgardner at 1:12PM and the State Officer Team conducted opening ceremonies. In attendance were Crystal Bomgardner, Clayton Hetrick, Rebecca Lehman, Grace McCarty, Maggie McAteer, Grace Brammer, Madeline Musser, Mike Brammer, Doug Masser, Jodie Hoover, Melanie Berndtson, Renee Cambrozzi, Nathan Schanbacher, James Winklosky, Katie Ranck, Michael Clark, Alex Barzydlo, Chris Davis, Curt Turner, Sarah Sparks, Ron Frederick, Sherisa Nailor, Natalie Barkley, Adam Serfass, and Dr. Kevin Curry.

Hetrick/McAteer moved to accept the minutes presented from the March meeting. Motion passed. Clark/Barzydlo moved to concur. Motion passed.

Reports of Officers/Staff and Standing Committees:

Executive Director Report: Mr. Brammer announced that Crystal Bomgardner will represent us as the National Officer Candidate for Pennsylvania this year. He presented the financial report for the 2023-2024 year. Compares income and expenses to last years income and expenses and to the current budget. The report will be filed for audit.

State Officer Team Report: The state officer team gave an oral and visual presentation reviewing their year. A written report was also provided. Words from each officer that summarizes their year: Growth, People make the home, Connections, Behind the scenes, Thank you for the extended family, Experiences, Eye Opening.

Standing Committees:

CDE/LDE Committee: Barzydlo presented the CDE/LDE committee report. Three main topics were the cell phone policy, the dress code, and the new CDEs/LDEs from last years delegates. Not sure how to offer more opportunities at State Convention with the space we have. Should have all teachers helping with CDEs and LDEs and trying to figure out accountability to have enough help. Have a sign in sheet and the event they are helping with listed on their name tag for accountability.

SAE Committee Chair: Nailor presented the committees report. Two recommendations from teh committee - With an implied second:

Adopt the new checklist for Keystone Degree requirements. Motion passes. McAteer/McCarty moved to concur. Motion passes.

Adopt the Keystone Degree application format without records. Motion passes. Hetrick/McAteer moved to concur. Motion passes.

Reports of Special Committees:

Strategic Planning: Dr. Curry presented a presentation of the people on the strategic planning committee. SWOT analysis done and they are now at the data collection stage. And will continue to meet.

State Convention Review Committee: Masser has no report but plans to reconvene.

Management committee met and decided that performance continues to be positive. Looking to future for new employees with the Association to cut back on burn out.

Middle School Programming Committee: Brammer has nothing new to report.

Competitive Events Creation/Development Committee: Brammer spoke about appointing someone to chair this committee. Made recommendations to complete the committee and then they will choose a chair accordingly.

Unfinished business:

SLLC Review: McAteer presented a review of SLLC and the legislative breakfast.

Board Rep Election Results: M. Brammer announced the board election results for South Central and Northern Representatives. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Berdtson were re-elected for three more years.

Activities Week & Convention Preview: Grace Brammer announced that registration closes tonight at midnight and we are excited for the final numbers for convention. All parts of the convention are coming together and the team is excited to have everyone join us.

New business:

Incident Form/Courtesy Corps- M. Brammer presented a proposal to bring back the form for incident reporting at events and conventions. Scanning the code will bring you to National FFA Code of Ethics and Pennsylvania FFA Code of Ethics. Verbal approval. Forms will be printed and available to all CDE/LDE Chairs.

Honorary and Citation Award Approvals: Musser/Lehman moved to accept Honorary Degrees and Citations provided in the meeting packets. Motion passes. Bomgardner/Hetrick moved to concur. Motion passes.

Policy Change: McCarty/G. Brammer moved to add less ten cents per mile. Page 24 V.c. State Officer Travel Reimbursement - Motion passes. Cambrozzi/Hoover moved to concur. Motion passes. NEEDS A SECOND VOTE

2024-2025 Budget: Lehman/Musser made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget. Motion passed. Bomgardner/Ranck moved to concur. Motion passes.

Commonwealth Charter Academy Program- M. Brammer presented that the Commonwealth Charter Academy is interested in chartering a FFA Chapter. The board spoke about logistics for making this work. Each Board member will study the material provided and discussion will continue.

Future Event Dates:

- a. FLC- October 1, 2024
- b. Mid-Winter- January 6, 2025
- c. ACES- January 25-26, February 1-2, February 15-16, February 22-23, 2025
- d. SLLC- March 23-25, 2025
- e. State Convention & Activities Week- June 10-12, 2025? Tentative

Good of the Order:

Election of the President and Vice-President of the Board: M. Brammer reminded the Board an election needs to occur for President and Vice President.

Clark nominates Ranck as President and Berndston as Vice-President.
Ranck declines nomination.

Clark nominates Masser as President and Berndston as Vice-President,
Masser accepts nomination.

Motion passes. Elected by unanimous consent.

Regional Coordinators:

Northern Region- Turner reported that in April they had Ag Awareness day and had 700 people attend. Turner also mentioned that they should make area boundaries and have had issues in their region.

South-Central Region- Barkley - No report.

Eastern Region- Frederick reported a few events coming up in their region. Spring and fall CDEs held at the Lebanon Expo. New Jersey chapters come to compete with them. November 12th, Fall contest day. April 15th, Spring contest.

Western Region- Cambruzzi reported for Wallace - had about 100 students compete in regional speaking.

PA FFA Foundation: Sparks reported on their strategic planning. Talked about ways they can grow the foundation and how we go about doing that. Joint finance committee meeting was in April. Development and communication positions opening and hoping to be filled soon. Trying to get industry involvement with CDE and LDE competitions. Golf outing is moving from Fox Chase to Fairview.

Agriculture Education Specialist: Davis reported 45 visits for program approval reviews next year - involving an agricultural program. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Davis.

SAE Specialist: Fay was not in attendance but her report is included in the packet. Mr. Brammer announced that she submitted 103 American Degrees this year which is an all time high.

PAAE: Serfass was not in attendance at the time of his report.

PA FFA Alumni: Nailor has nothing to report.

Penn State Agricultural Teacher Education/Center Report: Dr. Curry presented that there are 14 job openings and that the 6 seniors coming up the next year have been placed in schools for student teaching.

Commission for Agricultural Education Excellence- Dr. Fitzpatrick was not in attendance but his report is in the packet.

Announcements:

Future Dates: Bomgardner reported dates for 2024-2025 events.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES:

June 12-13 @ PSU 6:30am, August 7, December 11, March 12, May 14- 2025

(August, December, March and May meetings are scheduled at the Country Inn & Suites - State College)

Closing ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer Team. The meeting adjourned at 4:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Brammer,
FFA Executive Director

Rebecca Lehman,
FFA State Secretary