

**PENNSYLVANIA FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**AUGUST 9, 2019**

**Ferguson Building @ PSU**

President Thebes called the meeting to order at 11am. Opening Ceremonies were performed by the State Officers. After a brief welcome, introductions were made. In attendance were, Timber Thebes, Brandon Bixler, Michael Riggs, Killiann George, Thomas Strong, Arilyn Oatman, McKenzie Glass, Joanna McKelvey, Renee Cambuzzi, Ayla Miller, Amy Kline, Doug Brown, Nate Schanbacher, Mark Anderson, Doug Masser, Jenna Harnish, Annette Gray, Kelly Bier, Cliff Wallace, Sherisa Nailor (Alumni), Andrea Isenberg (Foundation), Darla Romberger (PAAE), Dr. Kevin Curry (PSU), Carole Fay and Nathan Moyer. Intern Beth Winklosky was also in attendance.

The minutes of the May and June meetings were presented by Brammer. *Bixler/Glass moved to accept as presented. Motion passed. Miller/Anderson moved to concur – Motion passed.*

Brammer provided the financial reports. After all questions were answered, the report will be filed for audit.

National Officer Candidate Justin Kurtz provided a written report as he was in training this date.

The State Officers report was presented by Secretary Michael Riggs.

Mrs. Isenberg presented the Foundation report. It was stated that the golf outing was successful although the raffle was not. HOSS's remains the title sponsor after 27 years. VIP lounge at APD. Next meeting is October 3.

FFA Alumni report provided by Nailor. Jacket scholarship information coming in mid-September.

Dr. Curry provided as update from PSU and Ag Extension Education. New & Beginning programs along with the Next Step Program continues. PD Theme – Ag Business. PSU will be hosting a train the trainer for SAE for All.

Romberger presented a written report for PAAE.

Curry and Wallace provided an update from the Commission. Search has started for a new Executive Director. Will be meeting in September.

SAE Specialist Fay provided several written updates.

**REGIONAL COORDINATORS**

Frederick sent a written report from the Eastern Region. Thebes asked the board to review the comments in his report.

Gray reported from the Northern Region – Oct 18, leadership conference

Bier reported from South Central Region – Keystones, Nov 21 – Stars, Nov 25 – Oct 8, regional leadership conference.

Wallace reported from the Western Region – 65 attendees at WPLC.

30 minute recess at 12:15pm

Reconvened at 12:50pm

## COMMITTEES

CDE Committee provided written reports. *Miller moved to handle the Nursery Landscape CDE changes separately. Approved. After discussion, Miller moved previous question – Which passed. Motion to change Nursery Landscape FAILED. Must wait until 2022-27 revisions. Anderson moved to accept all other minor changes – Motion passed. Riggs/George moved to concur – Motion passed. McKelvey appointed a new chair – Alex Barzydlo.*

SAE Committee – Needs a new chair – McKelvey appointed Sherisa Nailor. Report to come in August.

State Convention Review Committee – Miller reported as chair.

*ITEM 1 - Miller moved to seek support from the board of directors to create a survey and distribute to all CDE/LDE chairs to determine the willingness of chairs to host their state level competitions during spring break and to determine how many chairs currently use an industry representative to help prepare for their event. Motion passed. Bixler/Glass moved to concur – Motion passed.*

*ITEM 2 - Miller moved to seek support from the Board of Directors to make recommendations to the current State Officer team and staff to plan general sessions to last no longer than 2 hours on Tuesday and Wednesday and no longer than 3 hours on Thursday. Motion passed. Glass/Oatman moved to concur – Motion passed.*

*ITEM 3 - Miller moved to seek support from the Board of Directors to move forward with a plan to provide an entertainment option for students during the 2020 convention after the Wednesday evening session, ending at 11:00pm and start the session at 6:30pm, and move curfew to 11:30pm. State Officers and Staff would bring recommendations.*

*Masser/Anderson moved to amend by striking out 11:30 and inserting 11pm for curfew.*

*Amendment passed.*

*Miller/Bixler moved to amend by striking out 11pm end time and insert 10:45 end time. Amendment passed.*

*Motion as amended passed. Strong/Bixler moved to concur. Motion passed.*

*ITEM 4 – Miller moved to seek support from the Board of Directors to move forward with a plan to provide opportunities for students to attend the convention who are not participating in a CDE/LDE. State Officers and Staff would bring back recommendations. This would allow students to attend and NOT BE a competitor. Motion passed. Division called. Hand vote taken – 5 in favor and 3 opposed. Motion passed. Strong/Glass moved to concur – Motion passed.*

*Kline/Bixler moved to reappoint the same committee to continue their work and ADD a current state officer, an Alumni representative and a Foundation representative to the committee. Motion Passed. Oatman/Riggs moved to concur. Motion passed. Additional members on the committee will be provided to Miller upon deciding by the respective organizations.*

Delegate Process Review Committee – Nathan Moyer provided a written report. After the current officers have time to review, this item will be on the December agenda.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proficiency Process – Bier reported the process needs to be reviewed and updated. *Miller/Anderson moved to refer this to the SAE committee for a report in December. Motion passed. String/Riggs moved to concur – Motion passed.*

**Brammer provided a written report updating the board on National winners in the area of Ag Science, Proficiencies, National Chapter and verbally reported on Honorary American Degrees.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ACES update provided by Bixler – Plan to have two “tracks”. More details in December.**

**SLLC update provided by George – A written report was provided. Plan to make it more about Advocacy. More details in December.**

**Brammer reported and updated the Board on the Golden Owl Award program.**

**Anderson asked about the affiliation program – How do we hold chapters accountable?**


**Item for discussion in December.**

**Other items for the December meeting:**

- **Due dates of items for Activities Week/Convention**
- **CDE/LDE Appeal process**

**The State Officers proceeded with closing ceremonies and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**



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Executive Director**