

**Pennsylvania FFA Association  
Board of Directors  
Minutes – August 3, 2018**

President Harnish called the meeting to order at 10:02am in room 210 of the Ferguson Building at PSU. The State Officers conducted Opening Ceremonies. In attendance were: Jenna Harnish, Jacob Kinzer, Morgan Bear, Samuel Loy, Abigail Yoder, Roarke Miller, Millena Bashore, Joanna McKelvey, Ayla Miller, Doug Brown, Mark Anderson, Kevin Curry, Sarah Sparks, Sherisa Nailor, Dianna Jarema, Justin Kurtz, Libby Baker-Mikesell, Annette Gray, Ron Frederick, Cliff Wallace, Carole Fay, Mike Brammer and guest Chris Sparks.

*Loy/Bear moved to approve the minutes presented from May and June 2018. Motion passed. Nailor/Anderson moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Brammer presented a financial report. Discussion followed on Activities Week. Need people directing people on Tuesday. The report will be filed for audit.

Baker-Mikesell provided an update on her training. She asked the Officers to review the process – Date of Interviews and announcement of results – Time and location.

Bear presented a written State Officers report.

Sparks presented the Foundation report. Items covered – Convention, sponsors dinner, having a host table, golf outing, Gator raffle, and a new training session with the State Officers. Sparks also announced that the team had received laptops for their year of service.

FFA Alumni – Presented by Nailor – Housing block at National Convention being handled by Carol Corman. Jacket application coming in September. No “Celebration of Corduroy” this year.

PSU – Dr. Curry reported on placement of student teachers and that 10-11 will be in the pipeline next year. Discussion also on Chesapeake Bay workshops and the trip to Maylasia. Working hard on mentor program and new & beginning teacher program.

Jarema presented the PAAE report (Written).

#### REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Frederick announced the Eastern Region conducted their annual planning meeting. Ask about title page for manuscripts.

Gray announced the Northern Region will conduct a leadership conference Nov 1 at Penn College. Questions asked about a program at Hughesville. Brammer to investigate.

Bier – South Central – Not in attendance – Provided a written report.

Wallace reported the Western Region had no report at this time.

#### COMMITTEES

CDE/LDE – *Sparks/Nailor moved to accept all CDE/LDE changes submitted with the addition that all manuscripts be submitted electronically. Motion passed. R. Miller/Kinzer moved to concur. Motion passed. CDE/LDE Chairs should provide all updates for the web site to Brammer. Discussion on E&NR. Chairs for all CDE/LDE’s filled?*

SAE Committee – STAR AWARDS – *A. Miller/Brown moved to change policy IV.b.2 to, “Must be a senior in high school and have received or be approved to receive their keystone degree at the time of application. Motion passed. (SECOND VOTE) Bear/R. Miller moved to concur. Motion FAILED.*

Nailor – Moved to recess for lunch at 12:30pm.

RECONVENED at 1:00pm.

*Nailor/A. Miller moved to reconsider the motion on approving the policy for STARS. Motion passed. Vote on amending the STARS policy to read MUST BE A SENIOR failed. Now back to the original policy.*

***Nailor/A. Miller moved to amend policy IV.b.2.i to, Candidates MUST be approved to receive their Keystone Degree at the time of application. Motion passed. R. Miller/Loy moved to concur. Motion passed. THIS IS A POLICY VOTE FOR THE FIRST TIME – NEED A SECOND VOTE IN DECEMBER. (Page 18 – Line 26)***

**Chartering Committee – NO report – Place on agenda for December.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Constitutional Amendment – R. Miller/Yoder moved to adopt the constitutional amendment approved by the delegates at the annual meeting. Motion passed. A. Miller/Nailor moved to concur. Motion passed. New wording will be:**

**Section G.** The governing body of the Pennsylvania FFA shall be a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania FFA shall consist of eight regional teacher representatives, (two from each region), and three State FFA Officers (the State President, Vice-President and Immediate Past President). Ex-officio members of the Board will be the State Advisor, The Pennsylvania FFA Executive Manager, The Adult Treasurer, A CTSO member (FFA Facilitator), one member of the Pennsylvania FFA Foundation, a representative of the Pennsylvania Association of Agriculture Educators, a representative of the agricultural teacher education, a state alumni representative, and four regional coordinators. Ex-Officio members of the Board may not serve on the Board as voting members.

**NOTE – EFFECTIVE 2019-20 year - STAGGERING OF TERMS will be as follows to start:**

**Eastern Region – Rep 1 – July 2019-June 2022 – Rep 2 – July 2019-June 2020 (Anderson)**

**Northern Region – Rep 1 – July 2019-June 2021 (Brown) – Rep 2 - July 2019-June 2022**

**South Central Region – Rep 1 – July 2019-June 2020 (A. Miller) – Rep 2 – July 2019-June 2021**

**Western Region – Rep 1 – July 2019-June 2022 – Rep 2 – July 2019 – June 2020 (McKelvey)**

**OTHER – Carole Fay reported 62 approved American Degrees.**

**Question asked about having another intern. More discussion to follow in December.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Shanksville HS – Mr. Wallace provided an overview of the program at this high school. Kinzer/Bashore moved to grant a charter to this program. Motion passed. Anderson/A Miller moved to concur. Motion passed.**

**Special Request Form – Discussion - Brammer will provide an update in December.**

**Visiting Officers from other states – Discussion – Recommendation from State Officers in December with Foundation help.**

**Social for Honorary Degree/Citation recipients and Past State Officers – Discussion – Foundation will provide a recommendation.**

**Brammer provided a report on liability insurance covering Board members, students and the Association. Suggested to have a “New Board” orientation in August.**

**Brown led a discussion on Chapter 339 approvals – Ag Ed Commission update, etc.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – Future meeting dates. Next Meeting will be December 14 at the PA Department of Agriculture at 1pm.**

**Closing Ceremonies were conducted and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.**