

**Pennsylvania FFA Board of Directors**  
**Minutes from June 22, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 9am. The State officers conducted opening ceremonies followed by introductions. In attendance were: Mikara Anderson, Cody Lehman, Jessica Herr, Alayna Harrell, Cheyenne Bastian-Brown, Emily O'Brien, Emma Musser, Ayla Miller, Doug Brown, Amy Kline, Nathan Schanbacher, Renee Cambuzzi, Jodi Hoover, Mark Anderson, Doug Masser, Alex Barzydlo, Kacey Rice, Kevin Curry, Sherisa Nailor, Timber Thebes, Sarah Sparks, Carole Fay, Annette Gray, Kelly Bier, Ron Frederick, Arilyn Oatman and Mike Brammer. Connecting later were, Michelle Miller and Gail Koskela.

*Herr/Harrell moved to accept the May minutes as presented. Motion passed. Anderson/Kline moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Brammer reported on proposed dates of the 2021 Convention and Activities Week – June 1-3, 2021. NOT CONFIRMED YET! A newly revised budget was presented. *Bastian-Brown/Musser moved to accept the new revised budget. Motion passed. Brown/Anderson moved to concur. Motion passed.*

Herr presented the State Officer team review of activities since the new team was elected.

Anderson turned the duties of the chair over to President Miller.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CDE/LDE Committee – Barzydlo presented the following:**

1. That no additional selection process to determine declarations for Nationals in 2020 be developed. As there will not be CDEs or LDEs at the National Level this year, we do not feel it is a good use of time to develop a selection process to select teams or individuals to be declared just for the sake of recognition.
2. That the winners of events held at the 2020 PA Farm Show (Agriscience Fair and Ag Issues) be declared to Nationals for 2020 to receive recognition as they were selected using the Official Process before COVID-19 procedures needed to be put in place.
3. That PA adopt the same eligibility standards as National FFA will be using, allowing for eligibility based on age/grade for 2019-2020 for all events. The intent of this would also be for it to extend to all the local events, especially when qualifying rounds for State Level competition exist (Public Speaking, SGE, Safe Tractor...)

We also discussed the potential for additional cancellations of fall 2020/winter 2021 events. The Committee's plan is that we would reconvene to tackle that issue if we find ourselves in the midst of it. A possible solution would be to use the results from fall 2019 and winter 2020 to determine who should advance to States and who would be declared for Nationals. We feel it is too early to make that determination, especially as we all wait to hear from our school districts about plans for classes in the fall and travel restrictions for field trips and competitive events.

*Kline/Anderson moved to accept the three bullet points. Motion passed. O'Brien/Herr moved to concur. Motion passed.*

SAE Committee – No report

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### **Affiliate Membership – SECOND VOTE – NOW POLICY**

#### Section II: Membership

##### II.a. Affiliate Fee Deadline

Schools will submit the agriculture teacher(s) schedule with enrollment and counts of non-duplicated students by April 15th. ~~If the enrollment documentation does not match the FFA Roster or has more members which include graduates, the following actions will take place:~~

1. Teacher will have 15 days to correct the roster upon notification of the roster discrepancy.
2. If after 15 days the FFA roster is not corrected then the chapter will be determined as not be in good standing.
3. A chapter not in good standing will not be allowed to participate in any state level activities effective immediately.
4. Once a chapter corrects the roster discrepancy, the chapter will be on good standing and allowed to participate in any state level activities.

School Districts will submit documentation and verification form with signatures of school guidance counselor and school administrator to the FFA Executive Secretary by April 15. The preferred delivery of submission is electronic.

***Anderson/Kline amended by including*** If course enrollment documentation does not match the FFA Roster (in school and graduates) or has more students than the FFA Roster, the following actions will take place – AND striking out the language marked through above.

*Amendment passed. Main Motion as amended passed. Bastian-Brown/Lehman moved to concur. Motion passed.*

New position committee will report in August.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Thebes provided an update on the recent completed virtual convention sessions. Brammer added a special thanks to last year's team.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Diversity & Inclusion – Brown/Kline moved to form a committee of one current state officer, one past state officer, a diversity specialist (ex-officio) and two board members with one being the chair to explore diversity, inclusion and equity as it pertains to Pennsylvania FFA Association. Brown/Masser moved to amend the make up to include one teacher from each region (appointed by the reps) and one current board member as the chair and to report back in August. Amendment passed. Motion as amended passed. O'Brien/Lehman moved to concur – Motion passed.**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:**

**PSO – Arilyn Oatman**

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBER – Doug Masser, Chair**

**DIVERSITY SPECIALIST – tbd**

**CURRENT STATE OFFICER – Cheyenne Bastian-Brown**

**Reps will let Masser know about each region by July 1.**

**NEW Charter Requirements – Schanbacher/Hoover moved to form a committee to develop the requirements of chartering new chapters, consisting of five appointed by the chair. Motion passed. Herr/Musser moved to concur. Motion passed.**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**Sherisa Nailor, Chair**

**Ayla Miller**

**Carol Fay**

**Dr. Kevin Curry**

**Emily O'Brien**

**Chaplains position – Brown/Schanbacher moved to recommend to the delegates to change the title of the chaplain's position to student advisor. Anderson/Lehman moved to strike out student advisor and insert, allow the delegates to decide the title. After extensive discussion, a roll call vote was taken by Miller. Motion failed by a vote of 4 in favor and 5 against. The roll call vote was:**

**Kline - N**

**Cambruzzi - Abstain**

**Hoover - Y**

**Schanbacher - Y**

**Brown - Y**

**Anderson - N**

**Masser - Y**

**Thebes - N**

**Anderson - N**

**Lehman - N**

**National Chapter Applications – No action taken.**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Sparks provided an update from the Foundation. (Investments are coming back, golf outing now in September)**

**Alumni – Nailor stated no report.**

**SAE Specialist – Fay announced all American Degree applications were submitted.**

**Penn State – Dr. Curry provided an update on student teacher locations for 2021 and that a bio-tech professional development workshop was coming.**

**PAAE – Rice provided an update on a virtual conference with a “Conference in a box” being offered.**

**FUTURE MEETING DATES – Aug 7 at 9am via zoom.**

**State officers conducted closing ceremonies and the meeting was adjourned at 12:22pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Jessica Herr, FFA State Secretary**

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**Mike Brammer, FFA Executive Director**