



# PAAE Executive Board Meeting

## 1-9-21

### Minutes



**CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE** - Adam Serfass, Andrea Isenberg, Brain Campbell, Carole Faye, Darla Romberger, David Steinfeld, Janae McMichael, John Ewing, Kacey Rice, Karlie Wright, Kayla Pohle, Krista Pontius, Laura Metrick, Michael Brammer, Nick Isenberg, and Robyn Bechtel.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

**Kacey Rice, President** - Attended regional meetings, foundation meetings, policy and by-laws meetings, Ag Education Commission meeting. Worked with PDE on Ag Task List changes. NAAE Virtual Convention. Worked with PSU on NAAE Star Meeting funding. Hosted PAAE Holiday Gathering.

**David Steinfeld, President-Elect** - Attended program revision meetings with PDE, Attended NAAE Virtual Convention, Reached out to Joanna McKelvey with NAAE Relief Funding.

**Darla Romberger, Past President** - Involved in PA Science Revisions, Policy and By-Laws revisions, Presented to PSU graduate students, working with IRS in finalizing taxes, transitioning PO Box.

**Nick Isenberg, Executive Secretary** - Busy with membership submissions, attended NAAE Virtual Convention, and expressed interest in an online membership platform.

**Brian Campbell, Treasurer** - Presented the treasurer's report. Concerned with PAAE Scholarship funds. General accounts are doing very well.

#### REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

**The Pennsylvania State University – Ag & Extension Education, Dr. John Ewing** - Encourages students to apply for PAAE Scholarship, 8 student teachers this spring, OAC and SAE Ag Education Commission funds have been transferred to PSU, Provided funding for technology training for ag teachers, and Jon and Beth working on professional development for PA.

**Pennsylvania FFA Association, Mr. Mike Brammer** - Mid-Winter Convention will premiere on Monday, January 11, at 10 AM. New charter for Otto-Eldred, finalizing nominee's for the Golden Owl Awards, round 2 of Inside the Jacket series finalized, round 3 coming, how can the state officers help you?, ACES

backed-up to March, SLLC backed-up to April, CDE's and LDE's to be held virtually.

**PA FFA Alumni, Mrs. Krista Pontius** - Jacket campaign is finalized.

**PA FFA Foundation, Mrs. Andrea Isenberg** - working on Give FFA Day, PA Farm Show is missed financially, but endowment is growing, Corduroy Club is growing but corporate giving is down, calendar and apparel sale was attempted, Learning by Doing grant applications increased, \$30,000 funding granted, currently working on set-up of Donor Perfect, soliciting donations for the leadership campaign, coordinating a Watch Party for AFBF closing session keynote address by Mike Rowe, looking at participating in the spring PA Farm Show Food Court event.

**PA Ag Ed Commission for Excellence, Dr. Scott Sheely** - No report.

**SAE Specialist, Mrs. Carole Fay** - Busy through the fall with Keystone Degree, Proficiency and SAE grant applications, financially supported by the PA Ag Education Commission, PDE is looking for Chapter 339 Reviewer, American Degree application deadline approaching, gearing up for spring Keystone Degree review.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Member Services Committee**

#### ***Professional Improvement, Recruitment and Retention and Membership***

**Officer Representative: Krista Pontius** - Presented a Winter Health Challenge Idea, In the Groove to Move Challenge for February and March. Krista Pontius moved and Kayla Pohle second to spend \$350 on the Winter Health Challenge. Motion passed. Is their interest in a book study? Krista Pontius and Darla Romberger will look into the possibility.

### **Marketing Committee**

#### ***Public Relations and Commercial Relations***

**Officer Representative: Robyn Bechtel** - Summarized summer conference, apparel sale on-hold to fall 2021, still developing PA Ag Education infographic. Brian Campbell suggested giving a polo shirt to first-year teachers in PA.

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

#### ***Mission and Goals, Visions for PA Ag Ed***

**Officer Representative: Kayla Pohle** - Transitioning into this new role, David Steinfeldt stated the committee is still reviewing the fall survey results for developing the new strategic plan.

## **Public Policy**

### ***Legislative Action Team and Lobbyist***

**Officer Representative: Laura Metrick** - Policy submission is ready and would like posted on the website, developing a plan for local FFA chapters to engage with legislators, and NAAE National Policy Seminar is cancelled for 2021.

## **Policies and By-laws Committee**

### ***Constitution and By-laws, Resolutions***

**Officer Representative: Karlie Wright** - Working on Policy and By-Laws revisions. Karlie Wright moved and Janae McMichael second that sabbaticals and workmen's compensation cases fall under the definition of an Active Member for the 2020-2021 membership year. Motion passed.

## **Finance Committee**

### ***Budgeting and Auditing***

**Officer Representative: Adam Serfass** - No report

## **Professional Growth Committee**

### ***Nominating, Past Presidents, Retired Ag Educators and Awards***

**Officer Representative: Janae McMichael** - Nomination for awards opened at the fall regional meetings, 13 nominations collected, currently processing nominations, 24 of the 25 NAAE Virtual Convention vouchers used, will play a role in summer conference planning.

## **Standing Special Committees**

Officer Representative:

### **2021 Summer Conference @ Wellsboro**

**Dates:** July 12-15, 2021.

**Officer Representative:** Kacey Rice - No Report

**Committee Chairperson:** Melanie Berndston - No Report

**Scholarship:** Doug Brown - No Report

**Sunshine:** Sarabeth Aldefer - No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- PDE Task List Revisions - Kacey Rice - Finalizing changes, challenges with NOCTI Testing revisions
- NAAE Virtual Convention Highlights - Kacey Rice - Good experience.
- Virtual Holiday Gathering - Kacey Rice - It was good to see everyone!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Workshop on Retirement/Investment for Spring
- Date for next meeting - March 14, 2021, 12:00-3:00 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Spring Regional Membership Meetings

South Central – April 15th @ TBD

Western – April 20th @ TBD

Northern – April 22nd @ TBD

Eastern -- April 29th @ TBD

\*Don't forget to invite to each regional meeting:

- Penn State Rep ([ice122@psu.edu](mailto:ice122@psu.edu))
- SAE Specialist ([cfay1212@gmail.com](mailto:cfay1212@gmail.com))
- Ag Ed Commission ([scsheely@pa.gov](mailto:scsheely@pa.gov))
- PAAE President ([krice@paaeteachers.org](mailto:krice@paaeteachers.org))
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**Adjournment** - David Steinfeld moved, Krista Pontius seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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