

Pennsylvania FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Mikara Anderson at 3:30pm, and the State Officer Team conducted opening ceremonies. In attendance were: Mikara Anderson, Cody Lehman, Jessica Herr, Cheyenne Bastian-Brown, Alayna Harrell, Emily O'Brien, Emma Musser, Mike Brammer, Brandon Bixler, Sherisa Nailor, Ron Frederick, Renee Cambruzzi, Jodie Hoover, Dr. Kevin Curry, Ayla Miller, Carole Fay, David Steinfelt, Annette Gray, Amy Kline, Doug Brown, Alex Barzydlo, Doug Masser, Nate Schanbacher, Kelly Bier, Mark Anderson, Sarah Sparks, Cliff Wallace

Herr/Bastian-Brown moved to accept the minutes presented from February 2021 and December 2020. Motion Passed.

Brown/Kline Moved to concur. Motion Passed.

Brammer presented the Year-to-Date Financial Report. He updated the board on the cancellations of contests at the Big E in the Fall. Financial report will be filed for audit.

Jessica Herr presented the State Officer Report. She shared how the team celebrated National FFA Week. Emma Musser shared about the upcoming ALL In Conference in April.

CDE/LDE Committee: The final eight virtual CDE templates have been submitted. *Bastian-Brown moved to approve; motion passed. Brown moved to concur. Motion passed.* Barzydlo presented a proposed calendar of events for the CDE/LDE Events.

Kline/Anderson moved to approve the third option as presented, with the amendment of moving June events to May 12 and 13.

Masser/Brown moved to strike "moving June events to May 12 and 13".

Amendment was approved. Board voted on the main motion as amended, motion passed.

Harrell/Lehman moved to concur on the third option. Motion passed. Barzydlo will send to chairs and the share to the state.

SAE Committee: Brammer reported for Nailor - Keystone Degree evaluations will take place next week. State Star & Proficiency judging will take place soon. Meeting of the committee this spring/summer to discuss any potential changes to applications and processes.

Affiliate Membership Committee: Cambruzzi reported that a form was created and will be sent to teachers.

New Position: Brammer reported that Mr. Hines and his committee are continuing to meet. The Commission was contacted to ask about funding, in which the board was encouraged to use funds for strategic planning and research rather than a new position at this time. Moving forward, there is potential for the Foundation to fund this new position.

Diversity, Inclusion, Equity Committee: Masser gave a report on behalf of the committee. The committee did not officially meet, but the focus is to align the center, the commission, and the committee to combine their discussions together.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

New Charter Committee: Frederick updated the board on the advisor at the U School. She is currently getting a degree from Temple University and plans to take the Ag Praxis.

Anderson/Masser moved to accept the U School Charter. Motion passes.

O'Brien/Musser moved to concur. Motion passes.

Golden Owl Awards: Lehman updated the board on the regional Golden Owl Award Winners. The state winner will be chosen in June at State Convention. Winners: Eastern Region - Katie Ranck, Northern Region - Thomas Hojonowski, South Central - Sherisa Nailor, Western - Laura Palmer.

State Convention: Brammer updated the board with thoughts on State Convention in the future.

Kline/Shanbacher moved to make the 2021 State Convention fully virtual.

Herr/Harrell moved to concur with the adult board. Motion Passed.

Discussion was had about a potential hybrid convention, with a one-day in-person event.

Brammer hopes to have State Officer Candidates interview in person.

Budget Committee: Miller asked to have three members join the committee. Doug Brown, Renee Cambuzzi, and Ayla Miller all volunteered.

Management Committee: Miller presented on the management committee. This committee is charged to evaluate all hired positions. Miller appointed Dr. Curry, David Steinfeld, Nate Schanbacher to serve on this committee, along with representatives from PDA and PDE.

Northern and South Central Region Reps: Brown is completing his second term in May. Kline is interested in a second term serving the South Central Region. Both Northern and South Central Region positions will be open for nominations.

Northern Region Coordinator: Brammer reported that Annette Gray will be stepping down from her role as Northern Region Coordinator. Interviews for the position will take place in the coming weeks. There were many THANKS to Mrs. Gray for her longevity of service to the Association.

NEW BUSINESS:

REGIONAL COORDINATORS:

Western Region: Wallace reported that the West is reaching out to teachers to gauge how many students are applying for STAR. They plan to host a virtual public speaking event on the regional level in April.

Northern Region: Gray thanked the board for her years of service. The North is getting ready for Keystone Degree applications.

Eastern Region: Frederick reported that the East is holding virtual LDE competitions.

South Central Region: Bier shared they are getting ready for Keystone Degrees and Keystone Star Degree applications and will be conducting virtual LDE's.

Penn State Center/Teacher Education Report: Curry shared that there are 8 student teachers in the field right now. The BioTech and Horticulture workshops are being released soon.

PA FFA Foundation: Sparks reported that the Corduroy Club has already raised \$14,000. Throughout National FFA Week, nearly \$4,000 was raised throughout various programs like Give FFA Day. Growing Grants will be open from National FFA soon, as well as multiple grants being released from the state. In the future, the foundation plans to host a concession stand event in May at the Farm Show Complex.

PA FFA Alumni: No report was given.

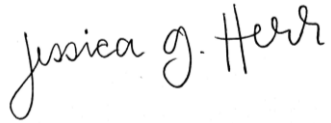
PAAE: Steinfelt gave a report on membership numbers. The planning committee has been working on a teacher summer conference in the North. Steinfelt is hopeful that NAAE will be held in person in New Orleans.

Commission for Agriculture Education Excellence: Dr. Curry reported on the Commission's work.

SAE Specialist: Fay reported that there were 85 American Degrees opened in AET. Fay hoped to submit the applications to National FFA by March 15th. She is also working on Star Keystone Degrees and Interviews.

The next meeting will be held on May 14th, 2021. The meeting was adjourned with Closing Ceremonies at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jessica Herr, FFA State Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Brammer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mike Brammer, Executive Director