

**Pennsylvania FFA Association
Board of Directors
Meeting August 3rd, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Crystal Bomgardner at 12:30 PM and the State Officer Team conducted opening ceremonies. In attendance were Crystal Bomgardner, Clayton Hetrick, Rebecca Lehman, Grace McCarty, Maggie McAteer, Grace Brammer, Madeline Musser, Mike Brammer, Jodie Hoover, Renee Cambuzzi, Doug Masser, Alex Barzydlo, Mike Clark, Melanie Berndtson, Nathan Schanbacher, James Winklosky, Ron Frederick, Curt Turner, Natalie Barkley, Chris Davis, Sherisa Nailor, Krista Pontius, Stephon Fitzpatrick, Sarah Sparks, Dr. Kevin Curry, Adam Serfass, Katie Ranck, and Abigail Yoder.

Hetrick/G. Brammer moved to accept the **minutes presented from the May & June meetings**. Motion passed. Cambuzzi/Hetrick moved to concur. Motion passed.

Reports of Officers/Staff and Standing Committees:

Executive Director Report: Mr. Brammer presented the financial report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The financial report will be filed for audit.

State Officer Team Report: Lehman and G. Brammer presented the State Officer report. They reviewed what the team has been doing since they were elected and what the team is looking forward to for the coming year. Suggestion for next report to list chapters that have been visited and review chapters that have not been visited.

Standing Committees:

CDE/LDE Committee: Barzydlo asked for approval on policy from the last meeting. Motion from the committee with an implied second. Motion passed. Hetrick/G. Brammer moved to concur. Motion passed. **NOW POLICY.**

The committee report, with an implied second to accept the changes submitted for 11 events. Motion Passed. McAteer/McCarty moved to concur. Motion Passed.

Six Events - Ask for ENR to be moved from Tuesday to Wednesday. Moves Aquatics and Wildlife CDE to be moved from a one day event to a two day event. Meats Evaluation CDE to be moved from a one day event to a two day event. Small gas engines CDE to increase to five teams per region. Nursery and Landscape CDE to move customer service components to be before state convention. Motion Passed. McAteer/McCarty move to concur. Motion passes.

Scrapbook competition update rubric. Committee report, implied second. Motion Passed. Hetrick/G. Brammer move to concur. Motion Passed.

Veterinary Science CDE: Make adjustments to Nationals rules as needed. They are doing a major overhaul of the competition at the National level so PA will align to them. Notice from committee. Reevaluate at the next meeting in December.

New CDE from delegates including Agriculture Education and Maple Syrup. Want to pilot these events and give them a try at the regional level and/or state convention.

Approval of two pilots approved. McAteer/McCarty move to concur. Motion passes.

SAE Committee: Nailor will send out recap of dates to regional coordinators to share with teachers.

Reports of Special Committees:

Plagiarism Checks: Davis and Curry reported that plagiarism checks are not being done at the National level. Approve the changes for the morality clause at the state level. Dissolved the committee.

Strategic Planning: Dr. Curry presented that there will be a meeting to collect more data at a meeting in the fall with more to report at the December meeting.

State Convention Review Committee: Masser reported on the review of the State Convention. A teacher questionnaire was sent out to teachers to hear more about what they would like to see in the future. Fifty-Three individuals replied to the survey which is a low statistic on responses. Idea of holding State Convention as a four-day event. Suggestion to resend the survey to achieve a higher response rate.

Vote to make a four-day State Convention. Motion fails. **NO CHANGE TO THE NUMBER OF DAYS OF THE STATE CONVENTION IN 2024.** Committee remains in place to reevaluate.

Unfinished Business:

National Officer Selection Policy change – SECOND VOTE: Timeline moves national officer selection to May instead of January.

Musser/McCarty moved to accept national officer policy as printed. Bomgardner/Hetrick moved to concur. Motion passed.

New Business:

Constitutional Amendments approved by the delegates:

- a. State delegate count allotment: increase number of delegates per school. Only 38 in attendance this year at State Convention. Data listed in packet and report. Would possibly increase the number of delegates that are sent.

McAteer/Lehman moved to approve state delegate count allotment. Bomgardner/Hetrick moved to concur. Motion passes. **CONSTITUTION CHANGED**

- b. New National FFA Constitutional Amendment- Membership NOT BELOW 5th Grade

G. Brammer/McCarty moved to accept the membership changes as printed. Motion passed. Winklosky/Hetrick moved to concur. Motion fails. **NO CHANGE**

Good of the Order:

Regional Coordinators:

Eastern - Frederick reported on the regional planning committee meeting. Discussion on State Convention priorities and planning and some issues that were presented.

Northern - Turner reported on holding the regional leadership conference on a date TBD. Challenged with holding a Northern - regional environmental CDE this year at Penn College Regional Competition.

South Central - Barkley reported on regional speaking contest to be held on April 17th. Regional Conference on Oct 12.

Western Region - Cambruzzi reported for Wallace. Low registration for regional leadership conference caused them to cancel it. Looking at reviewing.

PA FFA Foundation: Mrs. Sparks reported on business and industry visits with the state officers. Attending Ag Progress days next week, 99% fulfillment on help. Holding traditional concession stands at Ag Progress. Financial standings were presented from the foundation. Yoder reported on Learning by Doing grant flier for students and chapters. Opens Oct 1, close Nov 1, announced on Dec 15.

Agriculture Education Specialist: Davis reported on 339 programs. Able to present at PAAE Conference. Can do 339 visits. AFNR standards are still being reviewed and are doing some revisions and committee work.

SAE Specialist: Fay was not present – No report.

PAAE: Nailor referred to the written report in the packet. New executive director - Thomas Gabel. Adam Serfass now President Elect and will be the PAAE representative to the Board.

PA FFA Alumni: Pontius referred to the written report. New changes to the jacket program for freshmen. Eleven students from Pennsylvania attended Washington Leadership Conference and all State Officers attended Gold Toe SOCS.

Penn State Agricultural Teacher Education/Center Report: Dr. Curry updated us on the needs assessment. Talked about the need for more ag teachers.

Commission for Agriculture Education Excellence: Fitzpatrick updated on the next commission meeting on August 23rd. Commission dates for next year are out. Budget updates were provided. Learning by doing grants dropped back to 30K. Continue to support AET in the coming budget for 15-17K. 15K for the PAAE conference. Get checks out by December. CTE awareness month to visit chapters regionally and bring our local legislators and Russel Redding to visit some of these CTE schools. Providing students with first year teaching grants. Stephon is the National MANRRS President elect. An MOU was recently signed between National FFA and MANRRS.

Announcements:

Future Dates: Bomgardner reported dates for 2023-2024 year.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES:

Aug 3, Dec 13, Mar 13, May 15 (Country Inn & Suites- State College) – 12:30 Start

OTHER EVENTS:

Fall Leadership Conference will be October 3rd, 2023.

The Mid-Winter Convention will be January 8th, 2024.

ACES will be January 27-28, February 10th-11th, 17th-18th, 24th-25th 2024.

SLLC will be March 24th-26th 2024.

State Convention and Activities Week will be June 11th-13th 2024.

Closing ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer Team. The meeting was adjourned at 2:44PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Brammer,
Executive Director

Rebecca Lehman,
FFA State Secretary