



# Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Educators

## Western Regional Meeting Minutes

### Spring 2024



Regional meeting folder can be found [here](#).

**CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE** – The meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:43 PM by Vice President Lyndsay Wilcox. In attendance were Lyndsay Wilcox, Dylan Clark, Kaitlin Liszka, Noah Phillips, Celia Graef, Joanna McKelvey, Matthew Holt, Jodie Hoover, Renee Cambuzzi, Carly Rippole, Adalyn Reed, Laura Palmer, Sherisa Nailor, Mike Brammer, Jon Seaman, Tyler Anderson, Brian Campbell, and Thomas Gabel. Abby Yoder attended virtually.

#### REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & STAFF

**Sherisa Nailor, President** – Report in meeting folder. Raising funds at regional meetings for three members who are going through significant health issues. Remake Learning Days in May will be featuring topics on agriculture this year.

**Adam Serfass, President-Elect** – Report in meeting folder

**Melanie Berndtson, Past President** – No report

**Thomas Gabel, Executive Secretary** – Report in meeting folder

**Brian Campbell, Treasurer** – Report in meeting folder. Funding from Commission for next year is increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Looking to increase professional development scholarships by \$6,000 in the budget next year. Looking into how we can increase the interest rate on our savings – looking into a CD with M&T Bank with an over 5% interest rate. Could use government security bonds as well with a 3.6% interest rate.

#### REPORTS FROM PAAE REPRESENTATIVES

**The Pennsylvania State University – Ag & Extension Education, Dr. John Ewing** – Report in meeting folder. Jon Seaman presented in-person. Upcoming professional development sessions include a concrete workshop and Briggs and Stratton workshop. Administrative Support Assistant position is still open. CSATS at Penn State is a good resource for research connections.

**Pennsylvania FFA Association, Mr. Mike Brammer** – Thank you for bringing students to SOCS. SLLC – great turnout, if you have any suggestions, send them Brammer's way. Upcoming dates – State officer applications are due May 1st. Delegate forms due May 15<sup>th</sup>. PA FFA State Convention – June 11 – 13, Cost is \$210 a person, t-shirts are \$15,

parking \$30 for week or \$15 a day. First page is the list of all information that you need to collect to submit the form. We will be in East Halls again. Second year scholar program at SLLC will return. Will do more parliamentary procedure training with State FFA Officers. Orientation session at State FFA Convention will occur again Tuesday at noon.

If you have not updated your FFA roster, please do that. Goal is to update the roster by May 1st.

**PA FFA Alumni, Mrs. Sherisa Nailor** – Report in meeting folder

**PA FFA Foundation, Mrs. Sarah Sparks** – Report in meeting folder. Abby Yoder delivered the report virtually. Farm show concession fundraiser brought in 56k, a lot of this went to scholar dollar program. \$5,000 from Give FFA Day - \$25,000 of individual giving for the year. April 4<sup>th</sup> – strategic planning meeting for the Foundation. Next board meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup> on Zoom. For CDE/LDE chairs – contact the Foundation with updates for the PA FFA website.

**PA Ag Ed Commission for Excellence, Mr. Stephon Fitzpatrick** – Report in meeting folder.

**PA Dept of Education, Mr. Chris Davis** – No report

**SAE Specialist, Mrs. Carole Fay** – Report in meeting folder.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Advocacy Committee**

Board Representatives: Lyndsay Wilcox and Amy Garber

Report: Excited to meet over the summer to plan out more events for the advocacy committee

### **Member Experience Committee**

Board Representatives: Krista Pontius and Brandon Witmer

Report: Report in folder

### **Professional Development Committee**

Board Representatives: Stephen Geib and Krista Moser

Report: Report in folder

### **Teacher Recruitment, Retention and Recognition Committee**

Board Representatives: Sarabeth Alderfer and Dylan Clark

Report: Report in folder

## **REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

## **2024 Summer Conference: Western Region**

**Dates:** July 8-11, 2024

**Location:** Salisbury-Elk Lick Jr/Sr High School

**Board Representative:** Lyndsay Wilcox and Dylan Clark

**Committee Chairperson:** Jessie Shafer, Doreen Jamison and Randy Harrold

**Scholarship:** Doug Brown

**Sunshine:** Sarabeth Alderfer

**Regional Reps:** Kaitlin Liszka, Krista Moser, Mary Wurzbach, Kayla Pohle

**Report:** Report in folder

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **PAAE Logo Update**

Contest Winners: Valerie Fry and Jeanne Case

New Logo LAUNCH at Summer Conference in July

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Floral Contest Update** - 92 students participated in floral contest. Contact that helped her start it wants to host a three-day floral workshop in Pennsylvania. Carly Rippole will bring a proposal to the summer conference professional

### **Region VP Elections (2-year terms end after Conference 2026)**

Eastern Region VP Elections (current: Geib)

Northern Region VP Elections (current: Alderfer)

South Central VP Elections (current: Pontius)

Western VP Elections (current: Wilcox)

Joanna McKelvey nominated Lyndsay Wilcox. She accepted. Wilcox was elected by unanimous consent. She will serve as a Western Region Vice President beginning at Summer Conference 2024 until Summer Conference 2026.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Representative – Tyler Anderson** – Ag Educators Institute – first time is 25-38 ACT 48 credits. Most times local farm bureaus will give reimbursement for registration and cover lodging and mileage for this institute. Ask to work with local farm bureaus to support their students.

### **Virtual Update Spring Meeting**

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 4:30pm

Zoom - <https://caiu-org.zoom.us/my/snailor>

### **Leadership**

The PAAE Board of Directors is looking for candidates for President-Elect

3-Year Term: July 12, 2024 - End of Conference 2027

**Fill the Bucket**

Donate items to fill the buckets of 1st year teachers (see graphic)

**Retirements**

Let us know if you know someone who is retiring or has retired this school year

**Ideas Unlimited**

Prepare your best lesson or strategy for Ideas Unlimited at Summer Conference

Register here: <https://forms.gle/yDscBx3Q1ZHo6aaY6>

Special incentive for [CURRENT student teachers](#)

**New Programs**

Let us know if you have a new program or new teacher(s) in your proximity/county/area

**NAAE Convention/ACTE Vision Event**

San Antonio, TX - December 4-7, 2024

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM