

IOWA FFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
September 22, 2012

Iowa FFA President Steven Brockshus and Board Chair Michael Peiffer called the September meeting to order at 9:18 AM.

Board attendance is as follows:

Executive Committee:

Steven Brockshus	President
Josh Earll	NW VP
Marshall Dolch	SW VP
Heidi Andresen	SE VP
Michael Knight	SC VP
Theresa Fitzgerald	NC VP
Matt Hefti	Secretary
Cassie Galm	Reporter
Nolan Zumbach	NE VP

Adult Board - Voting:

Michael Peiffer	Board Chair
Susan Greubel	SC District
Amber Greiman	NC District
Doug Gaul	NW District
Jamie Gray	SE District
Jim Russ	NE District
Kevin Blair	SW District
Jeff Mayes	IAAE Rep.
Dave Whitman	Alumni President

Executive Committee–Non-Voting:

Lindsay Calvert	Past FFA President
(Not Present)	

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

Tom Paulsen	ISU Ag Ed & Studies
T.J. Dunphy	Administration Rep.

Ex-Officio:

Dale Gruis	State Advisor
Scott Johnson	State Executive Secretary
Josh Remington	Foundation Exec. Director

Others In Attendance:

Ronald Zelle	Nashua-Plainfield
Doug Becker	Iowa FFA Foundation

Standard Agenda

Meeting Minutes

The board members reviewed the minutes of the June board meeting that were presented. Fitzgerald moved to accept the minutes as presented. Dolch seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayes moved to concur. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Johnson presented the treasurer’s report. The Wells Fargo account was closed on July 6th and the funds were transferred to the Great Southern Bank Account. The Iowa FFA still owes for Washington Leadership Conference registrations, which is about \$67,000. Association quarterly bills will need to be paid for staff and utilities after the end of September. The Association received \$25,000 from the State of Iowa through the Department of Agriculture for a new line item added to the FY13 state budget.

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$187,478.90
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$208,928.76
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$25,809.21
TOTAL:	\$422,216.87

Earll moved to accept. Dolch seconded the motion. Motion passed. Russ moved to concur. Blair seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa finished the 2011-12 membership year with 12,942 members.

IAAE Report

Mayes presented the IAAE report. The IAAE is approaching all Team Ag Ed entities to help financially support the display for the IASB Conference in November. The request is an action item later in the meeting.

Alumni Report

Whitman presented at Team Ag Ed Meeting.

Foundation Report

Remington presented the report at the Team Ag Ed Meeting.

FFA Report

Brockshus presented the report at Team Ag Ed Meeting

Iowa State Fair

Dennis Meggers presented information within the items of business on the agenda later in the meeting.

Post-Secondary Report

Paulsen presented the Post-Secondary report. He explained to the board that Agriculture Education & Studies Department numbers are up but the number of students in the teacher certification area has dropped 10%. He informed the board that about 1/3 of teachers have the option of retiring in the next 5 years so students need to be encouraged to pursue a career as an Agriculture Education Instructor.

Non-Action Items

Executive Secretary Evaluation

Peiffer informed the board that he has gotten the responses back from the past state officers and believes he should first talk to Johnson about the evaluations in person before bringing it to the board's attention. Peiffer also asked that there be a "costumer service" part of the evaluation that be sent out to the

Advisors for their opinions. Zelle then stated that usually there is a goal development element of the evaluation. The board agreed that all these elements are essential and that they will visit this subject again at a later date.

4-H/FFA Guidance For County Fairs

Gruis lead discussion on recent developments related to FFA eligibility differences at county fairs. This lead to discussion about the eligibility at State Fair, which is an action item on the agenda. brought up younger kids being able to show at the fair. Meggers stated that the Iowa State Fair Board had many responses and each county have different rules. Greubel then asked that they try it out and see if they will not allow a high school FFA member to show. Brockshus asked that it be moved to the end of the agenda. The board agreed.

Action Items

State Fair Exhibitor Eligibility

Meggers informed the board about the fair rules and FFA eligibility. The rules were not updated when the Iowa FFA approved middle school membership about ten years ago. Meggers recommended that the board needs to consider options and endorse one for State Fair Board consideration. Discussion ensued about a number of different concerns related to Middle School FFA member eligibility at State Fair. Mayes moved that phrase “such as freshmen students” be struck from the rules, which clarifies language and suggests to the State Fair Board that middle school members be allowed to show at the Iowa State Fair. Blair seconded the motion. Motion carried. Knight moved to concur and Fitzgerald seconded. Motion passed.

Directors and Officers Insurance

Johnson informed the board that there is \$8,000 in the budget for insurance. The Association’s current policies add up to about \$6,500 and that the total cost of Director’s and Officer’s Insurance as well as Bonding insurance for Johnson should be within the current budget. No action was needed by the board.

Evaluation of District Alignment

Johnson informed the Board that Board policy #8 defines the language for District FFA Alignment and recommended updating the language and consider district realignment. For FY13, there is a difference of 11 chapters (27.5%) between the largest FFA district (40) and the smallest FFA district (29). Knight moved that the board policy be updated to change “District FFA Advisors” to “District Board Representatives,” change “Two DE agriculture consultants” to “Executive Secretary,” change the in effect date from January 1 to November 1, and strike the county line language. Earll seconded. Motion passed. Gaul moved to concur with Gray seconding. Motion passed. Zelle commented that district realignment was addressed in 2010 and is typically reviewed every five years. No action was taken on district realignment.

Sexual Harassment Policy

Johnson presented board policy #21 to the board. At the June board meeting, it was discussed that a reporting structure may be needed to go with the policy language. Blair moved that a committee be appointed by the chair to make a reporting structure for reporting harassment of all types. Gaul seconded and the motion passed. Dolch moved to concur and Fitzgerald seconded. Motion carried. The committee will consist of Hefti, Dunphy, Fitzgerald, Andresen, Gray, and Blair.

Proficiency Award Areas

Johnson reviewed the 2012 Proficiency Award Areas with the board and asked for direction on establishing the award areas offered for 2013. The board took no action, which leaves the 2012 award areas in place for 2013.

National Officer Candidate Selection Process

Brockshus asked that the language in board policy #4 be reviewed regarding the selection process for Iowa's national officer candidate. The current language is outdated and dictates a selection process that is after the due date for the application. It was also discussed that relative to other states, Iowa does not begin its national officer preparation process as early as other states. The board encouraged State Staff to begin its preparations of candidates sooner and that preparation can involve all who are interested in running from Iowa, with a selection process that occurs later. Gaul moved the date of section be changed from "August" to "after state convention." Blair seconded the motion and the motion carried. Dolch moved to concur. Zumbach seconded and the motion passed.

Consideration for a State Discovery Conference

Johnson informed the board that as a result of a new board policy approved in March, the board must approve the Discovery Conference as a State FFA approved event for it to take place. Greiman moved to approve the Discovery Conference as a State FFA approved event. Blair seconded. Motion carried. Earll moved to concur. Knight Seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion/approval of CDE Changes

Johnson informed the board that the CDE Committee met in June to discuss and approve changes from Chairpersons of respective CDEs. A summary of those changes was presented to the board. Greiman moved to accept the changes. Gaul seconded the motion and the motion carried. Knight moved to concur. Dolch seconded. Motion carried.

State Soils Qualifiers

Johnson informed the board that the Northeast District will not have any qualifiers for the State Soils CDE and asked the board to consider allowing the top six qualifying teams from districts for the state event. Dolch moved to suspend the rule that states that only the top five teams from each district qualify for the State Soils CDE and Earll seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Greiman moved to concur and Blair seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Greiman moved that the top six teams in each district be

qualified for the State Soils CDE. Gaul seconded and the motion carried. Earll moved to concur and Knight seconded. Motion passed.

Meal Reimbursement for Officers

Brockshus presented to the board State of Iowa language that defines when reimbursement can be taken for meals. Gruis explained that the board had adopted State of Iowa language regarding reimbursement rates, but not the language. The State of Iowa defines the time for reimbursement of breakfast is if departure to the event occurs before 6:00 a.m. and dinner is reimbursed if arrival back from the event occurs after 7:00 p.m. Knight moved to accept the State of Iowa language regarding reimbursement of meals. Dolch seconded. Motion carried. Gray moved to concur. Greiman seconded. Motion passed.

Mail System Furniture Purchase

Johnson informed the board that the mail system that is wanted for the officer suite is more than what was approved in the FY13 budget and asked that the board approve the purchase. Gray moved that the purchase be approved for the 48-inch mail system furniture. Greiman seconded. Motion carried. Fitzgerald moved to concur. Zumbach seconded. Motion carried.

Team Ag Ed Display at IASB Conference

Knight moved that the board approve up to \$500 for the Team Ag Ed display at the IASB Conference. Dolch seconded. Motion carried. Blair moved to concur. Greiman seconded. Motion carried.

Chapter Summary Sheet for the Iowa State Fair

Currently, if the Chapter Advisor does not submit the Chapter Summary by the deadline, entered members from the Chapter are unable to participate at the Iowa State Fair that respective year. Greiman moved to review the language on who gets the warning that the chapter summary sheet was not submitted. Blair seconded. Motion failed. Greimen moved that “notify advisors” be changed to “notify advisors, students, and administrators” for any problems with entries and the entries must be corrected within two weeks of notification to maintain eligibility to participate at the Iowa State Fair. Blair seconded. Motion carried. Earll moved to concur Knight seconded. Motion carried. This will be a recommendation to the State Fair Board for consideration.

Committee Reports

State Officer Selection Process

Progress has been made by the committee and there are some changes that can take place for 2013, but more details that could be considered and in place for 2014. The next board meeting will see suggestions that could be considered for 2013.

Adjourn

Fitzgerald moved to adjourn the meeting. Dolch seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayes moved to concur. Russ seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Hefti
State Secretary
Iowa FFA Association
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