

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
June 24, 2013

Iowa FFA President Josh Earll and Board Chair Doug Dodd called the June meeting to order at 2:11 pm.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Josh Earll	President
Abrah Meyer	Secretary
Brad Pickhinke	Reporter
Dylan Brockshus	NW VP
Tony Moellers	NE VP
Trey Forsyth	NC VP
James Leonard	SC VP
Lauren Weirup	SE VP
Logan Kelly	SW VP

Adult Board – Voting:

Doug Dodd	Board Chair
Doug Gaul	NW District
Ellen Doese	NE District
Amber Greiman	NC District
Carrie Putz	SC District
Jamie Gray	SE District
Scott Neth	SW District
Ann Bassett	Alumni President
Jeff Mayes	IAAE Representative

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

Steven Brockshus	Past FFA President
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Adult Board – Non-Voting:

Tom Paulsen	ISU Ag Ed
T.J. Dunphy	Administration

Ex-Officio:

Dale Gruis	State Advisor
Scott Johnson	State Executive Secretary
Josh Remington	Iowa FFA Foundation

Standard Agenda

Meeting Agenda

The board members reviewed the agenda. Forsyth moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Moellers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Gaul moved to concur. Putz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes

The board members read over the minutes from the March Board Meeting. Leonard moved to accept the minutes as presented. Brockshus seconded the motion. Motion passed. Putz moved to concur. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report. The National FFA Dues were paid in May. Johnson added that Accounts Receivable summary may be higher due to recent invoicing for Washington Leadership Conference and State Leadership Conference. The board reviewed the following bank accounts as of May 31st, 2013:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$199,173.29
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$25,907.45
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$208,928.76
TOTAL Checking/Savings:	\$434,009.50

Kelly moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion passed. Neth moved to concur. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa has 13,453 members entered on the AgCN state web as of June 20th. He stated that membership is increased by 511 members this year.

IAAE Report: No Report

Alumni Report

Bassett explained that a meeting would be held later that evening regarding next year's State Alumni Conference and would entertain suggestions about increasing attendance. She added that they are looking to improve WLC scholarship application process. The Alumni will once again be serving ice cream to the ushers prior to Iowa State Fair in August.

Foundation Report

Remington began by commending the "I Believe" campaign that aims pay off the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center. A couple significant pledges have already been secured. The Foundation's support is continuing to improve.

FFA Report

The Iowa FFA Officer Team has been busy with different Career Development Events, conferences (NLCSO, COLT, etc.), and team training. Earll explained that they will continue to stay busy throughout the summer.

Iowa State University

Paulsen requested any suggestions that need to be made to Iowa State University to improve the Career Development Events hosted there. He showed his appreciation and excitement for the participation and attendance of these events. Paulsen finished by sharing with the group that department enrollment is solid, but there is still a struggle to fill all open programs.

Iowa State Fair: No Report

Post-Secondary Report: No Report

Non-Action Items

State Officer Retiring Addresses

Johnson and Gruis discussed the retiring addresses at the 2013 Iowa FFA Leadership Conference. Previously, controversy was raised about selected officers' retiring addresses; legal statements and Iowa Code language was shared that resolves any concern.

District Breakout Sessions

The board discussed the possibility of reinstating district breakout sessions at State Leadership Conference. Greiman added that the North Central District had a good attendance to the sessions in the past. She also explained that chapter advisors would like Academic Achievement to be recognized during those sessions. Johnson stated that he would contact the Ames Convention Bureau about possible locations for potential breakout sessions.

Dog Adoption at the Iowa State Fair

Gruis explained that Dog Adoption would not be possible at the Iowa State Fair because organizations are not allowed to share buildings.

Action Items

Executive Secretary Evaluation

Dodd began by introducing a need for an evaluation of the Iowa FFA Executive Secretary. Dodd also recommended that a committee be made to advance this assignment and the topic be brought up during the IAAE Conference breakouts. Greiman moved to form a Formative Assessment Committee with the full power to act and report back at the next meeting on September 28th, 2013. Bassett seconded the motion. Motion passed. Weirup moved to concur. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adult members of this committee include Doug Dodd, Tom Paulsen, Ann Bassett, Ellen Doese and Jamie Gray. Student members include Tony Moellers, Lauren Weirup, and Dylan Brockshus.

2013-2014 Affiliation Dues Schedule

The scale is the same as last year. It could be subject to change if National FFA changes their structure. Johnson explained that the chapter fee is not related to the affiliation dues, although it is found on the affiliation dues page. Brockshus moved to accept the scale as presented. Forsyth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Greiman moved to concur. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Iowa FFA Association Credit Cards

The Iowa FFA has two credit cards, one for the Executive Secretary (limit: \$7,500) and one for the State President (limit: \$2,500). The Johnson requested an increase of the credit limit to \$10,000 and \$3,000. National FFA Convention and the time approaching State Leadership Conference routinely maxes out the credit limit. Dodd proposed extending the limit even further to make sure there is enough to cover monthly costs. Leonard moved to extend the credit card limit to \$15,000 per month for the Executive Secretary and \$5,000 for the State President. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. Doese moved to concur. Bassett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FY 14 Budget

Membership is currently the sixth highest in history and conference attendance remains steady. Johnson explained the functionality and accuracy of the budget with intent to encourage recommendations. Johnson provided a brief summary and explanation of the costs listed. Forsyth moved to accept the budget as reviewed. Weirup seconded the motion. Motion passed. Gaul moved to concur. Mayes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Management Services

Johnson explained the issue of accurate recordkeeping and brought attention to the inaccuracies with past management of the system per the memorandum of understanding with the Iowa FFA Foundation. The board discussed possibly seeking specialty positions to care for the financial standings of the Iowa FFA. No action was taken at this time.

FFA 202

Gruis reminded the board members to review the FFA 202 document that was reviewed at the March meeting. He suggested that there be different improvements made by a committee if needed. Dodd elaborated on the document, explaining that the FFA 202 allowed separate guidelines in fair participation compared to 4-H, which has its own 202. Leonard moved to take the consideration of the FFA 202 document from the table. Moellers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Putz moved to concur. Greiman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Brockshus moved to refer the document to a committee with the full power to act and to report back at the meeting on September 28th. Weirup seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayes moved to concur. Gaul seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adult members of the committee include Gaul and Neth. Student members are Weirup and Leonard.

Iowa Degree Review Process

The language currently used in the process was originally adopted in 2000. Johnson explained that before 2000, any degree applications with errors were rejected. The board requested that suggestions be provided from the advisors in each district that are in charge of the appeals process for the board to consider. No additional action was taken at this time.

State Proficiency Awards List

Johnson explained that there has been a lack of participation in certain proficiency areas throughout the past few years. He recommended that the board form a committee and review each area and either combine or relieve the areas that do not have significant involvement. Leonard moved to refer the proficiency area review to a committee. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayes moved to concur. Greiman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Student members of the committee are Moellers and Kelly. Adult members are Putz and Doese.

Skills CDEs Rules & Policy Review

Johnson informed the board that there have recently been errors in the scoring of the Skills CDEs. He presented the currently board policy language related to this issue and noted that the language is over 20 years old—before the implementation of on-line scoring. He asked board members for their suggestions on potential revisions to the current policies. Mayes moved to refer the review of board policies #2 and #3 to the CDE committee and report back at the September 28th meeting. Bassett seconded the motion. Motion passed. Moellers moved to concur. Forsyth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Destruction of Election Ballots

Earll asked for a motion to destroy the election ballots of the 2013-2014 Iowa FFA Officer Team. Moellers moved to destroy the ballots. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. Putz moved to concur. Neth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting Dates

Johnson informed the board that the year's meetings are scheduled for Saturday, September 28th (Team Ag Ed); Saturday, January 19th (Team Ag Ed @ Alumni Conference); and March 22nd (Team Ag Ed).

Committee Reports

State Leadership Conference POA and Auditing Committee

Johnson encouraged board members to read over the committee reports silently and present any issues for consideration at the September board meeting. No concerns were expressed at this time.

Adjourn

Leonard moved to adjourn the meeting. Pickhinke seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayes moved to concur. Putz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abrah Meyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "A".

Abrah Meyer
2013-2014 State Secretary
Iowa FFA Association