

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
March 22, 2014

Iowa FFA President Josh Earll and Board Chair Doug Dodd called the March meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

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

Adult Board – Voting:

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

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

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

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

Dr. Tom Paulsen	ISU Representative
Ron Zelle	Foundation
Sarah Doese	Association Intern

Visitors:

Doug Becker	Foundation
Irv Meier	FileMaker Pro
Jerry Lamers	PAS Representative

Not Present:

Lindsay Calvert	Past FFA President
T.J. Dunphy	Administration
Dennis Meggers	ISF Representative

Standard Agenda

Meeting Agenda

The board members reviewed the agenda. Leonard moved to accept the agenda. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayes moved to concur. Greiman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes

The board members read over the minutes from the January Board Meeting. Brockshus moved to accept the minutes as written. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion passed. Neth moved to concur. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Johnson discussed the treasurer's report and financial standings. He explained that National Dues have already been paid. The board reviewed the following bank accounts as of February 28, 2014:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$193,992.63
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$26,736.84
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$210,085.91
TOTAL Checking/Savings:	\$430,815.38

Forsyth moved to accept the treasurer's report. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Gray moved to concur. Gaul seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa has 14,166 members entered on the AgCN as of March 21. He stated that this is Iowa's second highest membership ever. There was a discrepancy between National FFA's record and the Association's record of members, but the problem was resolved.

IAAE Report

Mayes stated that the anticipated trip to National Policy Seminar at the beginning of the month was canceled due to weather. Team Ag Ed continues to meet to improve advocacy for the rest of the year.

Alumni Report

Bassett explained that the Iowa FFA Alumni is undergoing investigation regarding its financial records. She assured that the situation is strictly in the Alumni's accounts. She informed the board that there would be AgCN workshops at State Convention, as well as a comedian magician. There will also be two WLC scholarships awarded at the conference. Bassett finished by mentioning the new apparel that the Alumni have designed.

Foundation Report

Remington thanked the standing committees for the commitment and work they have done for this year's State Convention. He also indicated that the Iowa FFA Foundation Board of Directors will be receiving the auditor's report at today's meeting.

FFA Report

The Iowa FFA Officer Team is preparing for the 86th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference. Earll explained that the team had an intensive work week during their Spring Break at the Enrichment Center. Dodd asked board members to stay after the meeting to review officers' retiring addresses.

Iowa State University

Paulsen stated that the Board of Regents removed the Masters of Ag program from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Those who are currently enrolled will be able to finish, as the program will be completely removed in 2017. Paulsen explained that the college has interviewed four candidates for an Assistant Professor position in the Ag Communications program. Following this decision on an Assistant Professor, they will interview for a Lecture Professor for the program. Paulsen finished by informing the board that the Ag Communications option is growing rapidly; however, Ag Education numbers are lower than previous years.

Iowa State Fair

No Report

Postsecondary Report

Gabrielle Walton reported that the many members of Iowa PAS recently attended State and National Convention. State Convention was held at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, while National Convention was held in St. Cloud, Minnesota. At State Convention, there was a guest speaker, addressing grain bin safety. She revealed that more than 100 people attended National Convention, where Past State Vice President Cori Fitzgerald was elected as National Vice President. Walton showed excitement for the Iowa PAS Officers to assist with the quiz bowl and game night at the Iowa FFA Leadership Conference.

Non-Action Items

Board Members for State Leadership Conference

Board members were assigned to the four sessions at the 86th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference. They will serve in an “on-call” capacity and will only be contacted if additional assistance is needed.

State Convention Site Review for 2017-2021

Johnson stated that the convention bureaus from Cedar Rapids, Ames, Des Moines, Sioux City, as well as the Iowa State Fair, have been invited to State Convention. He indicated that all but one of these locations is confirmed to send a representative to attend this year’s conference and submit a proposal for hosting in 2017-2021.

Strategic Planning for June Board Meeting

Johnson specified that prior to the June Board Meeting, there will be a strategic planning session scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to noon on June 23rd. Board orientation and the board meeting will follow in the afternoon. There will be a specified agenda sent out closer to the anticipated date.

Action Items

2014 Iowa FFA Degree List Approval

Johnson introduced the list of Iowa FFA Degree Recipients. There is a new record of 686 degree recipients. Various board members suggested reevaluating the review process. Kelly moved to approve the list of Iowa FFA Degree Recipients. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion passed. Neth moved to concur. Putz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Iowa FFA On-Line—FileMaker Software Proposal

Meier informed the board that the association is currently operating Iowa FFA Online with FileMaker Server 12.0. He explained options with the software and how the association can remain up to date as newer versions are released. He also shared with the board a report describing how this spring's event utilized the system. He indicated that timely use of Iowa FFA Online this spring has been the best to date. He recommended a plan to better equip host sites with the software needed to continue to promote proper use of the system. The cost to provide every sub-district and district host with a one-year renewable license would be about \$1500. Doese moved to purchase thirty FileMaker Pro licenses for implementation at state qualifying events in 2015. Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed. Forsyth moved to concur. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Proficiency Awards—State Rules

Johnson explained a request by an advisor to allow freshman FFA members to apply for proficiency awards. Johnson further provided the language of the issue from National FFA's Proficiency Handbook. Freshman can apply if they have a calendar year of records, meaning they would have to have kept records during their 8th grade year. Greiman moved to review the proficiency award application process. Neth seconded the motion. Gray moved to lay the motion on the table. Neth seconded the motion. Motion to lay on the table passed. Brockshus moved to concur. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Career Development Event Resources

Johnson discussed the various requests that advisors have made for Career Development Event resources in order to better prepare students for the respective events. The requests included videos and voice recordings. Various board members expressed concern about the Association attempting to facilitate this endeavor and encouraged the issue to be reviewed by other boards of Team Ag Ed. No action was taken.

Board Policy #23—Appointment of Board Chairperson

Johnson addressed the current Board Policy #23 for the Appointment of the Board of Directors Chairperson. With the board restructuring language that was adopted in the Association's by-laws in 2010, board policy #23 conflicts with the by-law. Gray moved to drop Board Policy #23. Neth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Weirup moved to concur. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Board Policy #10—Replacement of District Advisors and Board Representatives

Johnson reviewed the current Board Policy #10, adopted in 1986. He introduced the proposal to remove “and Board of Directors Members” from the current policy, so the policy specifically addresses the District FFA Advisor, and review Article III of the Iowa FFA by-laws to consider including language here for the Board Representative from the respective district. At this point, a by-laws change could not be considered until the 2015 State Convention. Neth moved to accept the proposal for Board Policy #10. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed. Forsyth moved to concur. Brockshus seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Board Policy #6—Final Selection of Iowa’s Star Farmer and Star Agribusiness Person

Johnson appraised the current Board Policy #6, adopted in 1983. He recommended the proposal be changed by replacing “Star Iowa Farmers and Star Iowa Agribusiness” with “Stars Over Iowa” and replacing “District Star” with “Star Finalist.” These changes have been suggested due to changes in the star areas and star selection process that was changed in 1999. Forsyth moved to adopt the policy revisions as proposed. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. Gaul moved to concur. Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Executive Secretary Committee

Dodd explained the evaluation that was done for the Executive Secretary. There were very good reviews from the current Iowa FFA Officer Team. Dr. Paulsen recognized the members of the committee that made the efficiency of the evaluation possible. Dodd thanked all of the members for their hard work.

Adjourn

Greiman moved to adjourn the meeting. Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meyer moved to concur. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Abrah Meyer
2013-2014 State Secretary
Iowa FFA Association