

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
September 28, 2013

Iowa FFA President Josh Earll and Board Chair Doug Dodd called the September meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Josh Earll	President
Abrah Meyer	Secretary
Brad Pickhinke	Reporter
Dylan Brockshus	NW VP
Tony Moellers	NE VP
Trey Forsyth	NC 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
Amy Lutz	SE District
Scott Neth	SW District
Ann Bassett	Alumni President
Jeff Mayes	IAAE Representative

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

Ex-Officio:

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

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

Not Present:

James Leonard	SC VP
Steven Brockshus	Past FFA President
Tom Paulsen	ISU Ag Ed
T.J. Dunphy	Administration

Standard Agenda

Meeting Agenda

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

Meeting Minutes

The board members read over the minutes from the March Board Meeting. Kelly moved to accept the minutes as presented. Weirup seconded the motion. Motion passed. Doese moved to concur. Mayes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Johnson discussed the treasurer's report that was passed out. Gaul requested that last year's balance be recorded on the report to compare current balances. Discussion ensued about management of outstanding debts. The board reviewed the following bank accounts as of August 31, 2013:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$233,398.58
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$26,683.87
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$210,085.91
TOTAL Checking/Savings:	\$470,168.36

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

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa has 13,467 members entered on the AgCN state web as of September 23rd. Iowa has net gain of three FFA Chapters for 2013-14.

IAAE Report

Mayes introduced some of the new ideas of the Governor's Council. The council is concerned with high school students' SAE programs, as well as the continuation of college students teaching Ag Ed upon graduation.

Alumni Report

Bassett explained that the Iowa FFA Alumni was represented at the Alumni Development Conference in Wisconsin. She reflected on the conference and asked that the State Officer Team brainstorm ideas to epitomize the blue jacket at the Iowa FFA Alumni Conference on January 18th, 2014.

Foundation Report

Remington began by welcoming everyone to the Iowa FFA Enrichment Center. He explained that the Iowa FFA Foundation has hired a new Financial Manager. Moving forward Remington hoped that the Enrichment Center could attract future sponsors and partners with the Iowa FFA.

FFA Report

The Iowa FFA Officer Team has been busy with different activities throughout the summer and fall. The team was active at the Iowa State Fair, as well as State President's Conference in Washington D.C. and the GROWMARK Annual Meeting in Chicago. Earll explained that Fall SLCDO begins on Sunday, and Greenhand Fire-Ups are underway.

Iowa State University

Martin thanked everyone for having him at the meeting. He explained the great increase in enrollment at Iowa State University this fall. Specifically in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, there was a 532-student enrollment this year. Martin continued to stress Ag teachers to encourage their students to Teach Ag Ed. He also mentioned Ag Career Day being hosted at Iowa State University on October 15th. It is the largest Ag Career Fair in the nation.

Iowa State Fair

Meggers explained that the Iowa State Fair was yet another success. He summarized the suggested improvements for next year. Meggers showed his appreciation to the Iowa FFA Officer Team for their work, as well as including the District Officers to help in the Agricultural Building. Mayes added that the Premier Exhibitor was a great addition to the livestock shows this year, working in coordination with IFAA.

Post-Secondary Report

Iowa PAS is preparing for the Fall State Conference at Dordt College in October.

Non-Action Items

District Breakout Sessions

Johnson discussed the possibility of District Breakout Sessions at the 2014 Iowa FFA Leadership Conference. He explained the limit of space at Iowa State University, as well as the complication of scheduling the sessions. Dodd reminded the board that this could be a topic that Team AgEd could address during the upcoming months.

Iowa FFA On-Line System

Johnson began by mentioning the retirement of Irv Meier and his interest in continuing to work with the Iowa FFA On-Line System. Meier will commit time to making the system more user-friendly. Johnson asked the district representatives to suggest advisors in their district who would be good contacts to test items out and get feedback as changes are made. The board then discussed how to maintain continuity of the management of the system in the event that Meier no longer provides these services.

Team Ag Ed Meetings

Mayes introduced the ideas that Team Ag Ed could consider. He explained the initiative that the organization wants to take in order to move Agricultural Education forward. Johnson stressed the importance of attendance and commitment to the organization if it is going to make a substantial difference. Gruis and Remington suggested that the board of Team Ag Ed needs to commit to meeting outside of regular meeting dates and agreed that attendance is a challenge that many of the boards face.

Action Items

Executive Secretary Evaluation

Dodd began by assuring the group that there will be an evaluation for the Executive Secretary. He further explained how diverse the duties are that are expected from this position. He finalized his report by stating that there have been no guidelines set for the evaluation nor has any work been done. No action was taken at this time.

FFA 202—Fair Exhibitor Guidelines

Gruis introduced the FFA 202—Fair Exhibitor Guidelines to the board—with the edits that were proposed from the committee assigned in June. The board reviewed the language with the edits. Gaul moved to accept the guidelines with revisions. Lutz seconded the motion. Motion passed. Weirup moved to concur. Forsyth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Iowa Degree Review Process

Johnson presented revisions from the committee assigned in June. Most updates were made to take into account the use of the Iowa FFA On-Line System in the process and to get consistency in the review process across districts. There were a few updates to the application to match what is outlined in the State and National FFA Constitutions. Weirup moved to approve the revisions of the documents. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. Greiman moved to concur. Neth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2014 State Proficiency Awards List

Johnson presented the Proficiency Awards list as reviewed by the committee assigned in June. He explained the various areas that could be added and removed from the previous two years. He noted that Organic Agriculture is not a proficiency award area, but is managed like one. One of the proposals is to combine two national areas into one state area, which has not been done in Iowa. There is a concern about how the proficiency rules would handle this situation, which will be researched and brought forth at the January meeting if there is a concern. Forsyth moved to approve the revised proficiency awards list. Weirup seconded the motion. Motion passed. Doese moved to concur. Bassett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CDE Rules Approval

Johnson presented the changes to the Leadership and Skills CDE in 2014 as proposed from the CDE Committee in June. Brockshus moved to accept the CDE committee report. Weirup seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lutz moved to concur. Neth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Skills CDE Policy Review

The committee did not have a proposal at this time. No action was taken.

General Skills CDE Rules Review

Johnson indicated the general rules that govern the Skills CDEs need revisions and could have some other changes considered. The board discussed forming a committee to review the rules and charged Johnson to create a survey to gather information from Advisors about changes to consider. The committee would review the survey results and bring suggestions to the January board meeting. Gaul moved to review the General Skills CDE Rules. Neth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Doese referred the motion to a committee with the full power to act and to report at the January meeting. Greiman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kelly moved to concur. Brockshus seconded the motion. Motion passed. Adult members of the committee include Gaul and Bassett. Student members are Weirup and Forsyth. Discussion then continued regarding the dates and locations of Skills CDEs in Iowa. This issue was last addressed in 2009 and the board believes this topic could be revisited. It will be an agenda item for the January meeting.

State Convention Sites For 2017-2021

Johnson discussed that site arrangements need to be made for the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference beginning in 2017. In order to do so, an oversight committee needs to be established to begin the process. Greiman moved to begin looking for a host site for the 2017-2021 Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference. Doese seconded the motion. Greiman referred the bid proposal process for the 2017-2021 Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference to a committee with the power to propose bids for consideration in June. Lutz seconded the motion. Motion passed. Forsyth moved to concur. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. The committee includes Board Chair, Current and Past State President, Foundation Board Representative, State Association Staff, as well as one adult member Greiman.

State Greenhand Conference Event Approval

Johnson introduced the Greenhand Conference presented by the ISU Collegiate FFA/Ag Ed Club as an event to consider as an official Iowa FFA Event per board policy #32. The event did not have the words "State FFA" or "Iowa FFA" in them, so they can continue the event as desired if desired. No action was taken at this time pending the continuation of the event.

Committee Reports

State Leadership Conference Auditing Committee

Johnson pointed out in the Auditing Committee Report that the committee requests the posting of the Association budget each year. Board members asked that Johnson post the budget on the Advisors' page for FFA Chapter to access if desired.

State Leadership Conference POA Committee

Johnson indicated that the POA Committee Report has few items that should be considered by the State Leadership Convention oversight committee. No other action was taken.

Adjourn

Forsyth moved to adjourn the meeting. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. Greiman moved to concur. Gaul seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abrah Meyer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Abrah Meyer
2013-2014 State Secretary
Iowa FFA Association