

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
March 21st, 2015

Iowa FFA President Abrah Meyer and Board Chair Doug Gaul called the March meeting to order at 10:23 a.m.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Abrah Meyer	President
Lee Thomsen	Secretary
Ray Schmidt	Reporter
Mackenzie Lewis	NC VP
Michael Tupper	NE VP
Devan Vander Veen	NW VP
Hunter Moore	SC VP
Mike Poggemiller	SE VP
Logan Bauer	SW VP

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

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

Visitors:

Ron Zelle	Nashua-Plainfield FFA
Tyler Bettin	Foundation Board President

Standard Agenda

Meeting Agenda

The board members reviewed the agenda. Poggemiller moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Bauer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Greiman moved to concur. Mayes seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Meeting Minutes

The board members read over the minutes from the December Board Meeting. Lewis moved to accept the minutes with the changes noted. Bauer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayes moved to concur. Greiman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adult Board – Voting:

Doug Gaul	Board Chair
Amber Greiman	NC District
Ellen Doese	NE District
Jason Holt	NW District
Dan May	SC District
Scott Neth	SW District
Jeff Mayes	IAAE Representative

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

Brea Harms	Business and Industry Rep
Dr. Tom Paulsen	ISU Representative

Not Present:

T.J. Dunphy	Administration
Dennis Meggers	ISF Representative
Jamie Gray	SE District
Zach Classen	Alumni Representative

Treasurer's Report

Johnson discussed the treasurer's report and financial standings. The board reviewed the following bank accounts as of February 28th, 2015:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$366,353.63
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$38,166.65
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$201,075.00
TOTAL Checking/Savings:	\$605,595.28

Johnson proposed moving \$12,000 from the Great Southern Bank Account to the Green Belt Bank Money Market account. Schmidt moved to accept the treasurer's report. Tupper seconded the motion. Motion passed. Holt moved to concur. Neth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa has 14,616 members as of March 19th.

IAAE Report

Mayes announced that Iowa had a presence at the National Policy Seminar for the first time in a few years (due to weather), and that they are looking forward to implementing some of the things discussed at that conference.

Alumni Report

There was no Alumni report.

Foundation Report

Foundation Board President Tyler Bettin informed the Board that the inaugural Black Ties, Blue Jackets Gala was very successful and that the Foundation is currently working on securing sponsorship for all State Convention needs. He also announced that they have set a date for the annual Foundation Golf Tournament—June 11th.

FFA Report

Meyer informed the board that the officers were just coming off of a successful Spring Break Work Week and that they are very excited for State Convention. She announced that Tupper, Thomsen, and herself attended the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers and that all the officers and over 300 FFA members had a great day at the Capitol for the Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium.

State Fair Report

There was no State Fair Report.

Non-Action Items

Board Members for State Leadership Conference

Board members were assigned to the four sessions at the 87th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference. They will serve in an “on-call” capacity and will only be contacted if additional assistance is needed.

Middle School CDEs in Other States

Johnson announced that he had made no progress on this item and will report on it in the June meeting.

Action Items

2015 Iowa FFA Degree List Approval

Johnson reported that we have 622 Iowa FFA Degree recipients this year, which is down from last year. Poggemiller moved to approve the Iowa FFA Degree list. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion passed. Doese moved to concur. Neth seconded. Motion passed.

Board Policy #8 – District Alignment

Johnson informed the board that proper notification has been made and no objections were received to approve moving Greene County FFA from the South Central District to the Southwest District effective with the 2015-2016 school year. Greiman moved to approve realigning the district to move Greene County from South Central to Southwest. May seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tupper moved to concur. Lewis seconded. Motion passed.

Iowa FFA By-Laws, Article III

Johnson reported that this is in regard language associated with management of the Board of Directors. The proposed language change is about replacing board members who leave the profession. This was initially introduced at the December Board Meeting to provide notice to the FFA Chapters. Poggemiller moved to approve the language change. Bauer seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 8-0. Mayes moved to concur. Neth seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0.

Livestock CDE Rules

Johnson showed the board Livestock CDE rules that have a selection process between Livestock and Meats CDEs for identifying a qualifier for the National Poultry CDE. Due to plans to pilot a Poultry CDE this year, the board should consider sending this state winner instead. Tupper moved to approve the changes to the Livestock CDE rules. Vander Veen seconded. Motion passed. Doese moved to concur. Greiman seconded. Motion passed.

Board of Director's Handbook

The current version of the "Board of Director's Handbook" was last approved in 2003, which includes District Advisor duties. A draft of a revised handbook is currently available for review and potential approval. Tupper moved to approve the revised handbook. Bauer seconded. Poggemiller moved to refer this to a committee appointed by the chair with the power to act and report back. Lewis seconded. Referral passed. Holt moved to concur. May seconded. Motion passed. Tupper, Bauer, and Poggemiller will serve on the committee as student members. Doese and Holt will serve on the committee as adult members.

District Advisor's Handbook

The proposed Board of Director's Handbook separates board information from District Advisor information. This handbook would focus on serving as the District Advisor. Neth moved to approve the District Advisor handbook. Doese seconded. Greiman moved to refer this to a committee appointed by the chair with the power to act and report back. May seconded. Referral passed. Bauer moved to concur. Poggemiller seconded. Motion passed. The newly elected State FFA President and the Adult Board Chairperson will serve on this committee. The 2014-15 and 2015-16 District Advisors will be asked to review the draft and offer suggestions.

Board Policy #5 – Rules Changes for Events

Johnson proposed an update to the language in Board Policy #5 to reflect use of the website to post rules for events. No action was taken at this meeting. This will be reintroduced at the next Board Meeting in June.

Board Policy #7 – Required Information from FFA Chapters to be in Good Standing

Johnson informed the Board that this is the oldest existing board policy that hasn't been reviewed. Greiman moved to review Board Policy #7. Neth seconded. Greiman moved to refer this to a committee appointed by the chair with power to investigate and report back. Doese seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 6-0. Bauer moved to concur. Lewis seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 8-0. Greiman, Doese, May, and Paulsen will serve on the committee as adult members. The newly elected State FFA President and the past State FFA President will serve on the committee as student members.

Meals From the Heartland

Johnson announced that half of the project does not have a sponsor, and that \$25,000 is needed to cover the balance of the meals to conduct the activity at Convention. Remington informed the board that they have proposed sponsorship to several companies or individuals but haven't had any sign on yet. Neth moved to approve up to \$25,000 for Meals from the Heartland. Mayes seconded. Motion passed. Lewis moved to concur. Moore seconded. Motion passed.

Course Substitution Language

Gruis proposed to review the course substitution language for agriculture classes in Iowa. Greiman moved to consider course substitution language. Holt seconded. Greiman moved to refer considering course substitution to a committee appointed by the chair with power to investigate and report back. Doese seconded. Motion passed. Vander Veen moved to concur. Lewis seconded. Motion passed. Mayes, Holt, and Doese will serve on the committee as adult members. The current and past State FFA Presidents as well as Tupper and Earll will serve on the committee as student members.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

Greiman moved to adjourn. Neth seconded. Motion passed. Poggemiller moved to concur. Vander Veen seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee N. Thomsen". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

Lee Thomsen
2014-2015 State Secretary
Iowa FFA Association