

**IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA**  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Iowa FFA President Abrah Meyer and Board Chair Doug Dodd called the September meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

*Attendance*

**Executive Committee:**

Abrah Meyer	President
Lee Thomsen	Secretary
Ray Schmidt	Reporter
Mackenzie Lewis	North Central VP
Devan Vander Veen	Northwest VP
Hunter Moore	South Central VP
Mike Poggemiller	Southeast VP
Logan Bauer	Southwest VP

**Executive Committee – Non-Voting:**

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

**Visitors:**

Doug Gaul	Manson
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**Adult Board – Voting:**

Doug Dodd	Board Chair
Amber Greiman	NC District
Ellen Doese	NE District
Jason Holt	NW District
Dan May	SC District
Jamie Gray	SE District
Scott Neth	SW District
Jeff Mayes	IAAE Representative
Bryan Whitman	Iowa FFA Alumni

**Adult Board – Non-Voting:**

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

**Not Present:**

Michael Tupper	Northeast VP
T.J. Dunphy	Administration
Dennis Meggers	ISF Representative

*Standard Agenda*

**Meeting Agenda**

The board members reviewed the agenda. Lewis moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed. Holt moved to concur, seconded by Greiman. Motion passed.

**Secretary's Report: Meeting Minutes**

The board members read over the minutes from the June Board Meeting. Bauer moved to accept the minutes as presented. Vander Veen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Doese moved to concur. Neth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Johnson discussed the treasurer's report and financial standings. The board reviewed the following bank accounts as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$308,693.37
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$28,903.36
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$210,219.34

**TOTAL Checking/Savings: \$547,816.07**

Johnson noted that adjusted balances would be comparable to this time of year from previous years when accounts payable are considered. Significant payments were due to the National FFA Organization for WLC and to the Iowa FFA Foundation for the staff MOU. Thomsen moved to accept the treasurer's report. Bauer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Neth moved to concur. Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **FFA Membership Report**

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa has 14,351 members entered on the 2013-2014 roster as of September 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Team Ag Ed Reports**

Reports from FFA, Alumni, PAS, and ISU were distributed and reviewed by board members. An IAAE report and Foundation report were not provided.

### **State Fair Report**

Johnson presented the report sent to him from Dennis Meggers. Final entry/exhibitor numbers remained very similar to 2010-2013 numbers. The biggest concern regarding shows is the Ag Mechanics show, which continues to see increasing numbers in the area of tractor restoration. The superintendents met with the Iowa State Fair Entry Department on September 9<sup>th</sup> to review 2014 shows and make suggestions for 2015 shows. A new show superintendent and assistant superintendent for the FFA rabbit show will be needed for 2015.

### *Non-Action Items*

#### **January Board Meeting Reschedule and Strategic Planning**

Johnson informed the board that 4 officers will be attending the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers in South Africa in January, which will interfere with our January Board Meeting. The meeting has been rescheduled to Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Johnson will look into the potential to continue with strategic planning at that time as well.

### **Iowa FFA On-Line System**

Johnson said that one-year site licenses of FileMaker Pro have been purchased for Advisors hosting District and Sub-District events in 2014-15. They will be distributed in the coming weeks. The District Advisors received the software and training from Irv Meier at SLCDO.

### **Public/Non-Public Language**

Gruis discussed with the board of potential new programs with unique situations and how to interpret FFA's official documents and Iowa Code. He hopes to have more information available in the coming weeks for the board to review and consider.

### **Iowa Agriculture Guide**

Gruis reported that FFA is represented in the new issue of the Iowa Agriculture Guide. It is currently a free publication, but could possibly result in income for the Iowa FFA Foundation in the future. He asked for any corrections or reservations from the board regarding our presence in the publication. None were expressed.

### **John Deere Alumni Affiliate**

Brea Harms addressed the board regarding the new John Deere FFA Alumni Affiliate, started in February. There are around 130 members in this affiliate, many of them located in Iowa, and they are engaging FFA at the district level. Harms informed the board of four committees that have been established to engage and aid local FFA members.

### **Recess For Lunch**

Poggemiller moved to recess for lunch. Vander Veen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayes moved to concur. Greiman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 12:16 p.m.

### *Action Items*

#### **2015 State Proficiency Award List**

Johnson presented the 2015 State Proficiency Award List to the board for review. Due to the changes in application forms available through National FFA, it is recommended to have an award list in Iowa that is similar to Nationals. Greiman moved to approve the list as presented. Neth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lewis moved to concur. Bauer seconded. Motion passed.

#### **State Proficiency Award Rules**

No action was taken on this item at this time as the committee has not been able to meet. A proposal will be made at the December meeting in hopes that more information is made available from National FFA following National FFA Convention and Expo.

### **CDE Rules Approval**

Johnson presented changes to the State CDE Rules. Moore moved to approve the changes. Bauer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Greiman moved to concur. Gray seconded. Motion passed. The board encouraged Johnson to communicate with the Conduct of Meetings CDE chairperson to discuss an additional rules change that could be considered regarding abilities demonstrated during a performance.

### **2015 Biotechnology CDE**

Johnson presented a request from Stacie Turnbull at University of Nebraska-Lincoln to pilot a Biotechnology CDE in Iowa. This would be a one-year pilot tentatively planned to occur the Monday afternoon of State FFA Convention. The draft rules for the event were sent to teachers who were in attendance at the CASE Biotechnology institute in July with responses in support of offering the opportunity. Mayes moved to approve the piloting of a Biotechnology CDE. Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bauer moved to concur. Moore seconded. Motion passed.

### **2015 Poultry CDE**

Johnson presented a request to pilot a Poultry CDE in Iowa for 2015. The preference from the presenting committee would be to hold the event the same day and location as the Farm Business Management CDE. There are concerns about space available at this location. There is also concern that Iowa State University has not been secured as a coordinating host of the event. Holt moved to approve piloting the Poultry CDE event. May seconded the motion. Doese moved to postpone this item to the December meeting. Greiman seconded. Thomsen moved to concur. Lewis seconded. Motion passed. The board requests more information from the presenting committee before approving the event.

### **Board Policy Review**

Johnson described changes to three board policies (Policies 1 through 3) proposed by the CDE committee in June. Extensive conversation ensued and additional edits were made to the policies. Holt moved to accept board policies 1, 2, and 3 as edited. Neth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Poggemiller moved to concur. Vander Veen seconded. Motion passed.

### **Board Policy #8: Re-Districting**

Johnson announced that we are at a 10-year evaluation period for re-districting in our state according to Board Policy #8. The intention would be to announce changes (if any) at the 2015 Summer Ag Ed Conference and take effect November 1 of 2015. Board policy indicates that two adult board members in addition to the other identified members serve on the re-districting committee. Amber Greiman and Dan May volunteered to serve on the committee. Doese moved to accept the two representatives. Mayes seconded. Motion passed. Bauer moved to concur. Lewis seconded. Motion passed.

### **Temporary Full-Time State Staff Position**

Johnson announced that the FY15 budget provides for temporary full-time state staff to be brought on board for the spring of 2015. A procedure of posting and filling of the position should be considered. Gray moved to approve the temporary full-time state staff position. Mayes seconded. Doese moved to refer this to a committee of two adult board members and two student board members with the power to act and report back. Greiman seconded. Motion passed. Moore moved to concur. Poggemiller seconded. Motion passed. Doese and Neth volunteered to serve on the committee as adult board representatives. Thomsen and Poggemiller volunteered to serve on the committee as student board representatives.

### **Board of Directors' Chairperson Nomination**

Dodd announced that his term as board chair will be ending soon as of the calendar year. Gruis nominated Doug Gaul from Manson to serve as the new chair for the 2015 & 2016 calendar years. Gaul accepted the nomination. Mayes moved to approve Gaul as the new Board of Directors Chairperson. Doese seconded. Motion passed. Vander Veen moved to concur. Lewis seconded. Motion passed.

### **Adjourn**

Mayes moved to adjourn the meeting. Greiman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Poggemiller moved to concur. Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Thomsen  
2014-2015 State Secretary  
Iowa FFA Association

## **IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Via Email Exchange**

**Initiated October 22, 2014 and Completed November 5, 2014**

### **Conduct of Meetings CDE Rules**

Johnson distributed updated changes to the Conduct of Meetings rules on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, Lee Thomsen moved to accept the rules as presented. Mike Poggemiller seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jeff Mayes moved to concur. Scott Neth seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 6-1 on November 5<sup>th</sup>.