

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Iowa FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
March 18, 2017

Iowa FFA President Elisa Russ and Board Chair Ellen Doese called the March meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Elisa Russ	President
Chase Kusel	Secretary
Zach Hamilton	Reporter
Cully Forsyth	NC VP
Cole Moody	NE VP
Blake Lineweaver	NW VP
Zach Hoffman	SC VP
Savannah Keitzer	SE VP
Zoie Shook	SW VP

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

Scott Johnson	State Executive Secretary
Josh Remington	Iowa FFA Foundation
Pradeep Kotamraju	Dept. of Education

Visitors:

Ashley Willits	National FFA Officer
----------------	----------------------

Adult Board – Voting:

Ellen Doese	Board Chair
James Abbas	NC District
Jon Doese	NE District
Dan May	SC District
Brett Spurgin	SE District
Evan Babcock	SW District
Monty Collins	IAAE Representative

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

Dr. Scott Smalley	ISU Representative
-------------------	--------------------

Not Present:

Ashley Fitzgerald	Alumni Representative
Brea Harms	B & I Representative
Nathan Marting	Administration Rep.
Michael Tupper	Past FFA President

Standard Agenda

Meeting Agenda

The board members reviewed the agenda. Spurgin moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Abbas seconded the motion. Motion passed. Moody moved to concur. Shook seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Meeting Minutes

The board members read over the minutes from the November Board Meeting. Moody moved to accept the minutes as presented. Kusel seconded the motion. Motion passed. Babcock moved to concur. Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Johnson discussed the treasurer's report and financial standings. Collins moved to approve the report. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Forsyth more to concur. Keitzer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$382,586.52
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$51,504.61
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$205,401.19
TOTAL Checking/Savings:	\$639,492.32

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. He stated that the Association is 290 members ahead of last year's pace, and could see a break in the membership record. Current membership is 14,756 members.

IAAE Report

Collins reported he had just come back from Washington D.C. and the National Policy Seminar. He stated that he has also been working on Summer Ag Ed Conference and is excited to have a Teach Ag booth at the upcoming Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference.

Alumni Report

Provided prior to the meeting as part of Team Ag Ed reports.

Foundation Report

Provided prior to the meeting as part of Team Ag Ed reports.

Iowa State University

Dr. Smalley provided updates relative to staffing of the department for the 2017-18 school year. Interviews and meetings are currently taking place.

Iowa State Fair

No report.

Postsecondary Report

No report.

Non-Action Items

Board Members for State Leadership Conference:

Russ facilitated discussion to have two board members on call per session at the upcoming Iowa FFA Leadership Conference. Board members on call are as follows: 1st Session: Spurgin, May; 2nd Session: Abbas, Holt; 3rd Session: J. Doese, Babcock; 4th Session: Smalley, Collins

National FFA Updates:

Johnson distributed reports received from National FFA showing comparisons among states that are similar in size or by region. He encouraged members of the board to share this information with colleagues and utilize for perspective while serving on this board.

Strategic Planning:

Johnson facilitated breakout sessions for the board to review the Iowa FFA Association strategic plan. As a result of discussions, the action item “FFA and Ag Ed Leadership Roles and Initiatives” was added to the agenda.

Constitution Amendment:

Johnson encouraged board members to be in communication with colleagues about the amendment that will be considered by delegates at the Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference. Correspondence relative to this will be sent out prior to conference as well.

Action Items

Fire Safe File Cabinet Purchase:

Johnson explained that the quote received from the vendor was incorrect for the equipment requested, so no action has been taken on the proposal approved by the board in November. He stated that he has been looking into gun safes per the suggestion from Babcock. It has been discovered that this could be a more cost-effective and flexible option while providing the same fire protection as file cabinets. Moody moved to rescind the motion to buy fire safe file cabinet with a limit of \$4,000. Shook seconded. Motion passed 8-0. Babcock moved to concur. Abbas seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Moody moved to approve a budget of \$4,000 plus delivery for the purchase of the fire safe storage. Forsyth Seconded. Motion passed. Babcock moved to concur. Spurgin seconded. Motion passed. It should be noted that the difference between the November motion and the new motion is the flexibility of the type of storage and allows for more flexibility for expense of delivery.

Recess:

Moody moved to recess, Hoffman seconded. Motion passed. Spurgin moved to concur. Abbas seconded. Motion passed. Meeting recessed at 11:31 AM. The adult board and the student board were called back to order at 12:05 PM.

Board Policy #3 Appeal:

The board reviewed the information provided regarding the appeal. Kotamraju explained that the letter regarding the appeal was sent to him, and that he carefully reviewed it. Doese asked if there was any motion from the board that would overrule existing board policies and rules, no motion was made. Russ asked if there was any motion from the board that would overrule existing board policies and rules, no motion was made.

Association Bank Account Review:

Johnson referenced the account balances and asked the board to consider a committee review account balances to determine best distribution and use of operating and savings accounts. Spurgin moved to refer it to the current budget committee. Babcock seconded. Referral passed. Hamilton moved to concur. Lineweaver seconded. Referral passed. The budget

2017 Iowa FFA Degree List Approval:

Johnson introduced the list of 646 Iowa FFA Degree recipients. May moved to approve the 2017 Iowa FFA Degree List. Spurgin seconded. Motion passed. Kusel moved to concur. Moody seconded. Motion passed.

FFA and Ag Ed Leadership Roles and Initiatives:

As a result of the strategic planning discussions, a desire to partner with the IAAE on a joint committee was expressed. Kotamraju also expressed the desire to have input from that committee on the desired roles and responsibilities of the State FFA Advisor. Moody moved to create a committee in collaboration with IAAE to define FFA and Ag Ed Leadership Roles. Forsyth seconded. Motion passed. J. Doese moved to concur. Spurgin seconded. Motion passed. Moody and Lineweaver will serve on the committee from the student board. J. Doese, Spurgin, and Abbas will serve on the committee from the adult board. Johnson will reach out to the IAAE Board for committee members.

Committee Reports

FFA Annual Report:

There has been no meeting since last board meeting. Information has been collected as to what can be provided by the Department of Education and what the National FFA Annual Report process will look like.

Adjourn

Forsyth moved to adjourn the meeting. Keitzer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
Spurgin moved to concur. John Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chase Kusel