

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
December 2, 2017

Iowa FFA President Zach Hamilton and Board Chair Ellen Doese called the December meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Zach Hamilton	President
Peyton Schmitt	Secretary
Annie Wallin	Reporter
Ally Babcock	NC VP
Rachel Zumbach	NE VP
Carli Grau	NW VP
Cassie Bond	SC VP
Chase Brinegar	SE VP
Caleb Finnegan	SW VP

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

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

Visitors:

Anna Brooks	FFA Intern
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Adult Board – Voting:

Ellen Doese	Board Chair
James Abbas	NC District
Jon Doese	NE District
Samantha Schroeder	NW District
Kelsey Bailey	SC District
Bridget Mahoney	SE District
Steven Hameister	SW District

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

Dr. Scott Smalley	ISU Representative
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Not Present:

Brydon Kaster	IAAE Representative
Ashley Fitzgerald	Alumni Representative
Nathan Marting	Administrative Rep.
Amber Harrison	Industry Representative

Standard Agenda

Meeting Agenda

The board members reviewed the agenda. Finnegan moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Grau seconded the motion. Motion passed. Abbas moved to concur. Mahoney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary’s Report: Meeting Minutes

The board members reviewed the minutes from the September Board Meeting. Grau moved to accept the minutes as presented. Wallin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mahoney moved to concur. J. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Johnson discussed the treasurer's report and financial standings. Finnegan moved to approve the report. Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed. Schroeder moved to concur. Abbas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$337,703.77
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$103,744.05
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$156,248.23
TOTAL Checking/Savings:	\$597,696.05

FFA Membership Report

Membership is 13,581 as of December 1st. There are a few FFA Chapters left that need to submit their rosters.

IAAE Report

Reviewed by the board in a report sent prior to the meeting.

Alumni Report

No report provided.

Foundation Report

No report provided.

FFA Report

Reviewed by the board in a report sent prior to the meeting.

Iowa State University

The department indicated no additional information to report at this time.

Iowa State Fair

Reviewed by the board in a report sent prior to the meeting.

Postsecondary Report

No report provided.

Non-Action Items

Association Strategic Plan

Johnson expressed appreciation for the board's time and effort during strategic planning session prior to the meeting. The board will be reviewing the "Marketing FFA & Engage Communities" pathway in more detail prior to the March board meeting.

DE AFNR Consultant Update:

Kotamraju reported that the interview process was completed earlier in the fall, but the position was not offered to anyone due to lack of qualifications. Ron Zelle has been hired as an independent contractor to support FFA and other activities in the interim. The DE is currently working on a CTE CTSO position, the focus would be serving all the CTSOs in Iowa. The board expressed concerns over how the position would be funded and if this new position would replace the AFNR consultant position. Kotamraju indicated that the funding for the new position would affect the Federal Perkins allocation to CTSOs. His response on the position being separate from the AFNR consultant position was not definitive. Kotamraju left the meeting following this report.

County Fair Partnership Agreement Update

Johnson provided an update on the process and indicated that he and Dennis Meggers will be at the Association of County Fair Boards annual conference next week. The draft agreement form was sent to the board prior to the meeting. Johnson shared the "FFA 202" language that was approved by the board in 2013 and asked if the board would consider adding an action item on the agenda to review the language. It was determined that the language should be an action item and was added as the first action item on the agenda.

Intern Selection Process Update

Interviewing candidates on Monday, plan on hiring two interns to have on board at least by January.

Action Items

County Fair Partnership Agreement Update

The FFA-202 language was reviewed. Babcock moved to refer the FFA 202 review to a committee, appointed by the chair, with the power to act, and report back at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Zumbach and the motion passed. Bailey moved to concur, Abbas seconded the motion. Bailey recommended that Meggers as the Iowa State Fair FFA Superintendent is on the committee. Motion passes. Committee will consist of Dennis Meggers, Kelsey Bailey, Rachel Zumbach, and CD Brinegar.

CDE Rules Approval

The poultry and soils event rules for 2018 were not considered at the September Meeting. There are no changes proposed for either event. There are desires for a significant rewrite of soils judging resources for a potential 2019 rollout. Mahoney moved to approve the CDE Rules for both events. J. Doese seconded the motion and the motion passed. Grau moved to concur. Wallin seconded. Motion passed.

Association Financial Accounts

Johnson shared from the committee a recommendation to invest \$150,000 in a long-term savings account, likely a Certificate of Deposit (CD). The finances would come from converting the existing money market account and moving about \$50,000 from the operating account at Great Southern Bank. The new account(s) would be at Green Belt Bank, who is announcing a new special offer on Tuesday and is willing to work with us on the best option for long-term savings. Abbas moved to give Scott Johnson the authority to invest \$150,000 into the appropriate long-term savings account. J. Doese seconded the motion and the motion passed. Finnegan moved to concur. Brinegar seconded. Motion passed.

Iowa Degree Rules

Johnson reviewed updates on three different documents with the board: rules, review process, and review form. Most revisions are clerical to avoid conflicting policy statements over the same procedure. The most significant changes proposed are on the review sheet where the version number of the application is added and a requirement for all applicants to complete the Learning Outcomes and Efficiency Factors section. Abbas moved to accept the Iowa FFA Degree Review Sheet updates as proposed. Bailey seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Bond moved to concur. Brinegar seconded. Motion passed 8-0. Abbas moved to accept the updates to the Review Process as proposed. Seconded by J. Doese. Motion passed 6-0. Bond moved to concur. Brinegar seconded. Motion passed 8-0. Abbas moved to accept the Iowa Degree Rules as proposed. Mahoney seconded. Motion passed 6-0. Finnegan moved to concur. Grau seconded. Motion passes 8-0.

Grau moved at 1:44 p.m. to recess for five minutes. Wallin seconded. Motion passed. Hameister moved to concur. Seconded by Schroeder. Motion passed. Meeting was called back to order at 1:50 p.m.

State Officer Selection Process

Russ shared final language updates to the State Officer Selection Process. The committee made updates to the application for candidates and nominating committee. The revisions to the scoring procedure realigned previous indicators in what used to be eight competencies into five competencies with equal weighting on each competency. A

confidentiality agreement for nominating committee members was discussed, but not proposed at this time. Schroeder moved to approve the changes as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Doese and the motion passed. Babcock moved to concur. Zumbach seconded. Motion passed.

FFA Enrichment Center Usage Policy

Johnson reviewed the revised usage policy. Finnegan moved to accept the changes to the policy as proposed. Bond seconded. Motion passed. Schroeder moved to concur. Mahoney seconded. Motion passed.

State FFA Leadership Conference—2022-2026

Bond moved to create a selection committee for the 2022-2026 State FFA Convention locations consisting of Scott Johnson, the board chair, the president, two student board members, two adult board members and an Iowa FFA Foundation representative with the power to report back. Grau seconded. Motion passed. Mahoney moved to concur. J. Doese seconded. Motion passed. The committee will consist of Abbas, J. Doese, Finnegan, Schmitt, Hamilton, E. Doese, Remington, and Johnson.

State Staff to Grant Good Standing

Johnson explained that doing such avoids the board having to make official action for each FFA chapter that is delinquent relative to the deadlines outlined in Board Policy #7. Abbas moved to allow the Executive Secretary to grant FFA Chapters good standing upon meeting the qualifications set forth by board policy. Hameister seconded the motion and the motion passed. Grau moved to concur. Brinegar seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

District Officer Selection Process Rules Committee Report

Hamilton gave the report, explaining that significant revisions would include all six districts considering similar amendments to their constitution. The board considered the best time and is open to an electronic vote in January if necessary to provide the proper notification to chapters by February 1st for potential constitution amendments.

Adjourn

Mahoney moved to adjourn the meeting. Abbas seconded the motion. Motion passed. Wallin moved to concur. Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peyton Schmitt
State FFA Secretary