

**IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Conference Call**  
**January 29, 2018**

Iowa FFA President Zach Hamilton and Board Chair Ellen Doese called the January conference call meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

*Attendance*

**Executive Committee – Voting:**

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

**Adult Board – Voting:**

Ellen Doese	Board Chair
Amber Greiman	NC District
Samantha Schroeder	NW District
Kelsey Bailey	SC District
Bridget Mahoney	SE District
Evan Babcock	SW District
Jim Russ	IAAE Rep.
Patrick Dietrich	Alumni Rep.

**Executive Committee – Non-Voting:**

Ron Zelle	State Advisor
Scott Johnson	State Exec Secretary
Brandon Hanson	Past State Officer

**Adult Board – Non-Voting:**

Dr. Scott Smalley	ISU Representative
Nathan Marting	Administrative Rep.

**Visitors:**

None

**Not Present:**

Carli Grau	NW VP
Jon Doese	NE District
Josh Remington	FFA Foundation
Amber Harrison	B&I Rep.

*Standard Agenda*

**Meeting Agenda**

The board members reviewed the agenda, which was approved by the executive committee by general consent. Greiman moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Bailey and the motion passed.

*Non-Action Items*

**None**

### *Action Items*

#### **State Nominating Committee Nondisclosure Agreement**

Johnson provided an overview of agreement, which is modified from the National FFA Organization's form for National Nominating Committee. The form is adjusted to acknowledge that state committee members are minors and the form outlines possible consequences of violating the agreement. E. Babcock moved to accept the form as presented. Schroeder seconded the motion and it was adopted by general consent. Finnegan moved to concur. A. Babcock seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

#### **District Constitution Amendment Proposals**

Johnson explained the information in the District Officer Selection Process document, which included draft rules, the district constitution amendments proposal, and the state constitution amendment proposal. The rules can be considered at the March 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, but is being presented to show the language that would replace the district constitution language that would be removed in the proposed amendment. The district amendments proposal as presented incorporates a nominating committee score as part of the election process. The proposed ratio is 2/5 nominating committee score and 3/5 delegate vote, which is the opposite of the current state officer election process. The survey results were also discussed by the board. Discussion was held regarding different scenarios and outcomes of amendment votes at district conventions. Greiman expresses concern with the nominating committee score being included because of the youth and inexperience of committee members at times. Hamilton explains that there are sample questions and other resources to guide nominating committee members, as well as experienced members (State Officers, Past State Officers) to provide support. Hanson clarifies weighting/scoring of competencies. E. Babcock asks what the consequence would be if the board does not take action at this meeting. Johnson says it would delay roll out by a year. E. Babcock asks what other states currently utilize for something like this. Hamilton explains that it is difficult to compare to other states because their FFA structure is different. Bailey asks about training of adult in room for all of these proposed changes. Johnson says training could be possible at SLCDO, could record a webinar, the draft rules considered by the board in March would provide more clarification as well. Bond moved to approve the district constitution amendments proposal, which includes a 2/5 nominating committee score and 3/5 delegate vote as part of the election process. The motion is seconded by A. Babcock. Motion passed 6-0. Russ moved to concur, seconded by Greiman. Mahoney Y Bailey Y Russ Y Shroeder Y Babcock N Dietrich Y Greiman Y. Motion passed by the following roll call vote: Yes—Mahoney, Bailey, Russ, Schroeder, Dietrich, Greiman; No—E. Babcock.

Rachel Zumbach joined the meeting.

### **State Constitution Amendment Proposal**

Johnson presented the language to the board, which is aligned with the district constitution amendments proposal now that it was approved by the board in the format presented. Bond moved to approve the state constitution amendment proposal, which includes a 2/5 nominating committee score and 3/5 delegate vote as part of the election process for district officers. Wallin seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0. Schroeder moved to concur and Mahoney seconded the motion Motion passed by the following roll call vote: Yes—Mahoney, Bailey, Russ, Schroeder, Dietrich, Greiman, E. Babcock; No—None.

### **State Officer Selection Process**

Johnson described the clerical edits in the rules. E. Babcock moves to accept the changes as presented. Bailey seconded. Motion passed by general consent. Finnegan moved to concur. Bond seconded. Motion passed by general consent.

### **Adjourn**

E. Babcock moved to adjourn the meeting. Mahoney seconded the motion. Motion passed. Finnegan moved to concur. Bond seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peyton Schmitt