

**IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA**  
**June 25, 2018**

Iowa FFA President Chase Brinegar and Board Chair Ellen Doese called the June meeting to order at 10:52 AM.

*Attendance*

**Executive Committee:**

Chase Brinegar	President
Laken Mullinix	Secretary
Jodie Mausser	Reporter
Alexis Berte	NC VP
Jake Hlas	NE VP
Cole Reiman	NW VP
Chandler Jahner	SC VP
Lane Morrison	SE VP
Gwen Black	SW VP

**Adult Board – Voting:**

Ellen Doese	Board Chair
Bret Spurgin	NC District
Jon Doese	NE District
Samantha Schroeder	NW District
Kelsey Bailey	SC District
Jacob Hunter	SE District
Evan Babcock	SW District
Jim Russ	IAAE Representative

**Executive Committee – Non-Voting:**

Scott Johnson	Executive Secretary
Kent Seuferer	State Advisor
Zach Hamilton	Past FFA President

**Not Present:**

Patrick Diedrich	Alumni Rep
Amber Harrison	B & I Representative
David Hill	Administration Rep

**Adult Board – Non-Voting:**

Dr. Scott Smalley	ISU Ag Ed & Studies
Josh Remington	Iowa FFA Foundation
Ron Zelle	Department of Education

**Visitors:**

Anna Brooks	FFA Association Intern
Tessa Meyer	FFA Association Intern
Libby Fisher	FFA Association Intern

*Standard Agenda*

**Meeting Agenda**

The board members reviewed the agenda. Babcock moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jahner moved to concur. Berte seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Secretary’s Report: Meeting Minutes**

The board members reviewed the minutes from the March Board Meeting. Babcock moved to accept the minutes as presented. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Reiman moved to concur. Hlas 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 May 31, 2018:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$265,787.63
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$0.00
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$307,054.97

<b>TOTAL Checking/Savings:</b>	<b>\$572,842.60</b>
Outstanding Balance:	\$63,502.25

S. Johnson discussed the treasurer's report and financial standings. He recommended that the CD established in July 2014 that matures next month be renewed at the same institution at the best/highest rate and term possible. Spurgin moved to approve the treasurer's report and renew the CD at the best possible rate. J. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed. Hlas moved to concur. Jahner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **FFA Membership Report**

S. Johnson presented the membership report for board review during board orientation prior to the meeting. This year's membership is a new record with a current total of 15,474 members as of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **IAAE Report**

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

### **Alumni Report**

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

### **Foundation Report**

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

### **FFA Report**

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

### **Iowa State University**

35-36 student teachers 2018-2019. More reports to follow at Ag Ed Conference.

### **Iowa State Fair**

The report indicated no updates at this time.

### **Postsecondary Report**

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

### **Dept. Of Education Update:**

Ron Zelle welcomed Kent Seuferer, new State FFA Advisor. Applicants for general consultant interviewed but position was not filled. Industrial tech is retiring so that consultant position is opening. Positions are listed on Teach Iowa. Zelle will conclude independent contractor services at the end of August.

### *Non-Action Items*

### **Future Meeting Dates**

Saturday, September 22, 2018; Saturday, December 8, 2018; Saturday, March 23, 2019; Monday, June 24 (tentative) All meetings are at the FFA Enrichment Center.

### **Strategic Plan**

A review of the “Advisor Education & Support” pathway was completed prior to the board meeting. The “Grow Leadership Development” pathway will be reviewed at the September board meeting.

### **National FFA Updates**

Johnson shared that a survey has yet to be sent to gather feedback on the proposal for increasing membership dues. He indicated it will be done during the new school year prior to National FFA Convention & Expo.

### **Iowa FFA State Staffing**

State Staff was asked to exit the meeting at this time. E. Doese, Hamilton, Zelle have met to discuss hiring another state staff position. The desire is to add a second state staff professional. Position in consideration is a full-time position as a “programs director” State Officer coach, will go to district events and assist, looking for consistency in the position. Current recommendation is the finance committee assess the logistics and will come back at the September meeting with updates. Adding staff is potentially feasible for this year. Babcock suggested split with Association and Foundation. Interns may be cut. No action is needed at this time, just discussion.

Babcock moved to recess for lunch. Spurgin seconded and the motion passed. Hlas moved to concur, seconded by Jahner, motion passed. The meeting reconvened at 12:18 PM.

### *Action Items*

#### **Perkins Allocation Budget, FY19**

S. Johnson presented the budget as per the requirements of the Perkins application of support for CTSO's. The actual dollar amount for FY19 is \$60,232.22, the percentages of distribution of funds is the same as the previous year. Babcock moved to approve the Perkins Allocation Budget. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Berte moved to concur. Morrison seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **2018-2019 Affiliation Dues & Fees Schedule**

Johnson reported that the proposed schedule has not changed from the previous year. Spurgin moved to approve the dues and fees schedule. J. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jahner moved to concur. Hlas seconded. Motion passed.

#### **DMACC Adjunct Instruction MOU**

Doese explained to the board members the Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa FFA Association and DMACC. The memorandum defines the agreement between DMACC and the Association that Scott Johnson will teach 2 sections (up to 4 credit hours), and 4 weekly contact hours of a DMACC course during business hours. It was clarified that this arrangement is for the fall semester only. Johnson was asked as to the time commitment to FFA outside the normal business week during the DMACC fall semester and he noted 9 Saturdays and Sundays that he has to commit to FFA. Bailey moved to continue the memorandum between DMACC and the Iowa FFA Association. Hunter seconded the motion. Motion passed. Black moved to concur. Berte seconded. Motion passed.

#### **District Officer Selection Process Rules**

All proposed amendments in all six districts passed. An example schedule is added as a resource to the rules. It was suggested to change the schedule to accommodate 25 candidates given records from districts over the last 3 years and ending at 9:00 PM. Hunter moved to adopt the new District Officer Selection Process rules as updated, Babcock seconded. Motion passed. Reiman moved to concur, Black seconded. Motion passed.

### **Stars Over Iowa Rules and Revision:**

Goal is to articulate better what qualifies as an Agribusiness application and explicitly identify that applications that do not qualify in a respective area will not be accepted. Hunter moved to refer item to a committee consisting of two adult members and two student members appointed by the chair to report back at the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Bailey and passed. Morrison moved to concur and Berte seconded. Motion passed. Committee members are Hunter, J. Doese, Morrison and Jahner.

### **Iowa FFA Degree Review and Rules**

Johnson introduced rules and review form considerations to better align with other event rules and the on-line application respectively. Babcock moved to refer to a committee of two adults and two students to review rules and review form and to report back at the September meeting. Spurgin seconded. Motion passed. Black moved to concur, Berte seconded. Motion passed. Committee members are Babcock, Spurgin, Berte and Black.

### **American FFA Degree Review and Rules**

Extensive conversation was had by the board on the quality of reviews being conducted. Additional concerns were raised relative to the quality of the district review process for the Iowa FFA Degree. Johnson indicated that if there were no objections, he will continue investigating this issue and report back in September with some options relative to a plan of action. No objections were made.

### **Fall Leadership Conference Programming**

Johnson shared information about a roll out of new leadership programming to replace the existing 212 and 360 Conferences offered through National FFA. There is an opportunity to work with Point One Development to write a two-year rotation of curriculum and materials to replace the 212 Conference at a cost of \$8,000, which includes revisions of curriculum and materials as needed. The expense would be the equivalent of a four-year use of the National FFA option. Babcock moved to hire Point One Development for \$8,000 to develop fall leadership conference material. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Hlas moved to concur, Jahner seconded. Motion passed.

### **Iowa FFA By-Laws Review:**

Hamilton introduced to the board a change in the Iowa FFA Association By-Laws that would rename the “Executive Secretary/Treasurer” to “Executive Director.” The proposed change would align with industry. Seuferer also noted that it would align with other CTSOs as well. If approved by the board at this meeting, a notice would be provided to Iowa FFA chapters with the opportunity to object to the action by the September Board Meeting. Babcock moved to modify the by-laws to change the Executive Secretary/Treasurer title to the Executive Director title. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion passed. Berte moved to concur, Morrison seconded. Motion passed.

### **Destruction of Election Ballots**

Black moved to destroy the election ballots. Mausser seconded. Motion passed. Hunter moved to concur. Babcock seconded. Motion passed.

### *Committee Reports*

#### **2022-2026 State Convention Host Site Selection Process**

The week of July 16 is when the committee will conduct on-site visits. Morrison and Berte will assume student board representation in place of Finnegan and Schmitt.

#### **FFA 202 Review Committee**

No updates at this time. Jahner and Hlas will assume student board representation in place of Brinegar and Zumbach.

#### **SLC Auditing Committee**

The board reviewed the report. No additional action was taken.

#### **SLC POA Committee**

The board reviewed the report. No additional action was taken.

Babcock moved to adjourn. Spurgin seconded. Motion passed. Black moved to concur. Hlas seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laken Mullinix