

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
January 18, 2014

Iowa FFA President Josh Earll and IAAE Representative Jeff Mayes called the January meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Josh Earll	President
Abrah Meyer	Secretary
Brad Pickhinke	Reporter
Trey Forsyth	NC VP
Tony Moellers	NE VP
Dylan Brockshus	NW VP
James Leonard	SC VP
Logan Kelly	SW VP

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

Lindsay Calvert	Past FFA President
Dale Gruis	State Advisor
Scott Johnson	State Executive Secretary
Josh Remington	Iowa FFA Foundation

Adult Board – Voting:

Ellen Doese	NE District
Crystal Nieland	NW District
Carrie Putz	SC District
Jamie Gray	SE District
Scott Neth	SW District
Ann Bassett	Alumni President
Jeff Mayes	IAAE Representative

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

Dr. Wade Miller	ISU Representative
Ron Zelle	Foundation
T.J. Dunphy	Administration
Sarah Doese	Association Intern

Not Present:

Lauren Weirup	SE VP
Doug Dodd	Board Chair
Amber Greiman	NC District
Dennis Meggers	ISF Representative

Standard Agenda

Meeting Agenda

The board members reviewed the agenda. Neth moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed. Forsyth moved to concur. Moellers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting Minutes

The board members read over the minutes from the September Board Meeting. Brockshus moved to accept the minutes as written. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. Doese moved to concur. Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Johnson discussed the treasurer's report and financial standing. He explained the differences that are being made in the account codes related to the re-implementation of the Foundation's financial software. The board reviewed the following bank accounts as of December 31, 2013:

	<u>December 31, 2013</u>	<u>December 31, 2012</u>
Great Southern Bank Account:	\$209,423.90	\$218,300.90
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$26,720.15	\$25,862.64
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$210,085.91	\$208,928.76
TOTAL Checking/Savings:	\$446,229.96	\$453,092.30

Kelly moved to accept the treasurer's report. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed. Putz moved to concur. Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa has 13,537 members entered on the AgCN state web as of January 17th. He stated that membership is constantly increasing and indicated there is a chance that the membership could approach 14,000 by July.

IAAE Report

Mayes stated that members of Team Ag Ed will be represented in Washington DC at the National Policy Seminar. These representatives will be offering insight to Federal Legislators in order to advocate for Career and Technical Education in Iowa and the rest of the United States.

Alumni Report

Bassett explained that the Iowa FFA Alumni is having its annual conference today and encouraged board members to attend. They are also beginning to plan activities for the State FFA Convention.

Foundation Report

Greenfield explained the re-implementation of BlackBaud, the Foundation's finance system. He showed his appreciation for the constant hard work that the Foundation staff and board are providing.

FFA Report

The Iowa FFA Officer Team is preparing for the 86th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference. Earll explained that the team recently had their Winter Retreat at the Enrichment Center, which was a great success.

Iowa State University

Miller was very pleased with the enrollment in Iowa State University's current Agriculture Education and Studies Department. He explained that the Ag 450 Farm has been a great facility for students in Agriculture Education and Studies and was featured on a recent Market to Market episode on IPTV. Miller finished by telling the board that there are currently eleven student teachers in action from Iowa State. He encouraged teachers and the board to keep this number constant so the challenge of filling all programs can be met.

Iowa State Fair

No Report

Postsecondary Report

No Report

Non-Action Items

State Convention Site Review for 2017-2021

The board reviewed the survey results taken by FFA Advisors. Johnson opened discussion for different ideas about the potential sites for State FFA Convention in 2017-2021. Several board members offered suggestions but consented that the site review be discussed and revisited at a different time.

2014 State Convention Update

Johnson began by explaining the possibility of utilizing the new Student Learning Center on Iowa State University's campus as an Entertainment Night and Career Development Event site for the 2014 State Convention. He indicated that more information is needed from Iowa State before a final decision can be made.

Action Items

Iowa FFA Degree Review Process

Johnson introduced challenges with the Iowa FFA Degree review process, seeing that there are three different versions of the same application. Several board members showed concerns about the access of records through Google and the potential troubles with protecting cells in the application to avoid the application being compromised. Johnson asked members to consider approving a rules change related to altering the degree application. Brockshus moved to approve the update of the Iowa FFA Degree rules. Moellers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Gray moved to concur. Putz seconded the motion. Motion passed. Forsyth moved to approve both the Google and AET versions of record books. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. Neth moved to concur. Putz seconded the motion. Motion passed. The excel version of the application was approved at the September Board Meeting.

Skills CDE General Rules

Johnson summarized the Skills CDE General Rules and proposed changes in Board Policy #2 and #3 as these policies appear as statements in the rules—a policy change would need to be approved before the rules are considered. Brockshus moved to approve Board Policy #2 as proposed. Moellers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Neth moved to concur. Nieland seconded the motion. Motion passed. Gray moved to accept the proposed Board Policy #3 as read. Neth seconded the motion. Doese moved to postpone the acceptance of Board Policy #3 until the June Board Meeting. Putz seconded the postponement. Motion passed. Kelly moved to concur. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion passed. Johnson reviewed the Skills CDE General Rules. The most significant changes were to the registration fee structure and timeline for entering members on-line. Gray moved to approve the changes as presented. Neth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Leonard moved to concur. Brockshus seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Skills CDE Dates and Locations

Duties of the Chair were passed to Trey Forsyth. Duties of the Secretary were passed to Brad Pickhinke. Neth moved to re-assess the dates and locations of the state skills CDE's. Gray seconded the motion. Neth moved to postpone discussion of CDE dates and location to the June board meeting. Putz seconded the motion. Brockshus moved to concur. Leonard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Premier Exhibitor at Iowa State Fair

No action needed.

State Appropriation

Johnson explained the state appropriation check of \$25,000.00 that the Association received. Discussion ensued about the best use of the appropriation. The board indicated that the appropriation be used for general Association operations as the state language associated with the appropriation did not specify a specific use. No action was needed.

State Proficiency Award List

Johnson reviewed the revisions of the proficiency award areas. He raised the question to the board about chapters having the ability to submit two applications in the areas of Diversified Horticulture and Nursery Landscape, as well as Agriscience Research—these areas are separate at Nationals, but combined at State. Neth moved to approve statement 8 in the revised Proficiency Award rules. Putz seconded the motion. Kelly moved to concur. Brockshus seconded the motion. Motion passed.

State Staff Authority to Grant Good Standing

Doese moved to approve state staff the authority to grant good standing. Putz seconded the motion. Leonard moved to concur. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Executive Secretary Committee

Earll and Meyer re-assumed their respective duties. Zelle stated that an evaluation was presented to a variety of professionals, advisors, and State Officers. Results are being compiled from the evaluation. Doug Dodd and Tom Paulsen will be meeting with Scott Johnson discuss the results.

Adjourn

Brockshus moved to adjourn the meeting. Forsyth seconded the motion. Motion passed. Putz moved to concur. Gray seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abrah Meyer". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Abrah Meyer
2013-2014 State Secretary
Iowa FFA Association