

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
December 6th, 2014

Iowa FFA President Abrah Meyer and Board Chair Doug Gaul called the December meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Abrah Meyer	President
Lee Thomsen	Secretary
Ray Schmidt	Reporter
Mackenzie Lewis	NC VP
Michael Tupper	NE VP
Devan Vander Veen	NW VP
Hunter Moore	SC VP
Mike Poggemiller	SE VP
Logan Bauer	SW VP

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

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

Visitors:

Doug Dodd	Past Chairperson
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Adult Board – Voting:

Doug Gaul	Board Chair
Amber Greiman	NC District
Ellen Doese	NE District
Jason Holt	NW District
Dan May	SC District
Jamie Gray	SE District
Ann Bassett	Alumni Representative
Jeff Mayes	IAAE Representative

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

Brea Harms	Business and Industry Rep
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Not Present:

Dr. Tom Paulsen	ISU Representative
T.J. Dunphy	Administration
Dennis Meggers	ISF Representative
Scott Neth	SW District

Standard Agenda

Meeting Agenda

The board members reviewed the agenda. Mayes moved to accept the agenda. Greiman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lewis moved to concur. Vander Veen seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Meeting Minutes

The board members read over the minutes from the September Board Meeting. Tupper moved to accept the minutes as written. Moore seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mayes moved to concur. Gray 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 November 30th, 2014:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$256,243.86
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$28,923.00
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$210,085.91

TOTAL Checking/Savings: \$495,252.77

Mayes moved to accept the treasurer's report. May seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tupper moved to concur. Poggemiller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. Iowa has 13,023 members entered on the 2014-2015 year of the AgCN state website as of December 5th.

IAAE Report

Mayes presented the IAAE report. 21 IAAE representatives just returned from NAAE convention in Nashville and were unable to pass their proposed motion. IAAE is considering moving the Monday activities of IAAE conference to the Thursday after the conference.

Alumni Report

Ann Bassett, past alumni president, attended the meeting - filling in for Bryan Whitman. She reported information on the upcoming State Alumni Conference, which begins at 2 PM on January 17th at the FFA Enrichment Center.

Foundation Report

Remington gave the Foundation Report. He announced that they are once again fully staffed in the Foundation office. Remington also informed the board that the Foundation has sent their initial ask requests for 2015.

FFA Report

Meyer informed the board that the officers completed District Greenhand Fire Up Conferences in the fall and traveled to Louisville for National FFA Convention in October. The officers are currently in the midst of 212/360 conferences and are looking forward to winter retreat and the start of State Convention planning. Meyer, Thomsen, and Tupper are attending the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO) in South Africa in January. Meyer encouraged board members to check out our social media accounts and our weekly blogs. Additionally, Iowa FFA is looking forward to hosting a State Officer Candidate Workshop this spring for state officer candidates.

State Fair Report

The Iowa State Fair is looking to make improvements to the Swine Barn in regards to load in/load out procedure, and if any individuals have ideas on how to improve the system, inform Doug Dodd.

Non-Action Items

Strategic Planning

The board will have a Strategic Planning session with Kevin Butt following the Board Meeting.

Iowa FFA On-Line System

Johnson announced that license information and software have been distributed to sub-district and district advisors.

Iowa State Fair Premier Exhibitor

Mayes informed the board of complications with the Iowa State Fair FFA Premier Exhibitor Program and looked for guidance and feedback from the board.

Middle School/Discovery Events

Gray informed the board that she has been approached to give the board some information on Indiana FFA's middle school and discovery FFA events, and the potential of having them here in Iowa. The board directed state staff to contact other states to look into opportunities that they offer and to promote Iowa's current Ag Impact and Ag CSI events.

Course Substitution Language

Gruis presented course substitution rules in regard to agriculture classes. Board representatives were encouraged to communicate with their respective stakeholders about this and gather feedback.

Action Items

2015 Iowa FFA Degree Online Application Pilot

In 2015, the American Degree and Proficiency Award applications are both strictly online through AET. In response to this, Iowa FFA is considering holding their Iowa Degree application online through AET as well by starting with a pilot process for 2015. The pilot would include 5 or 6 chapters to experiment with this system. Greiman moved to pilot the on-line AET Iowa FFA Degree Application with chapters as recommended by the Iowa Degree Review Committee. Holt seconded. Motion passed. Bauer moved to concur. Seconded by Tupper. Motion passed.

State Proficiency Awards Rules

Johnson provided the Board with proficiency award rules with edits thus far. The most significant change to consider is regarding the use of middle school SAE records on the proficiency award application. Holt moved to approve the state proficiency award rules with the inclusion of middle school records. Mayes seconded. Greiman moved to postpone the motion until the updates from National FFA are received. Gray seconded. Motion postponed with a vote of 7-0. Lewis moved to concur. Moore seconded. Motion postponed with a vote of 8-0.

2015 Poultry CDE

Johnson presented the proposal to pilot a new State Poultry CDE in 2015 held at Iowa State University during State FFA Convention. Working partners at ISU have been identified and a tentative location has been secured. Mayes moved to approve the pilot of the State Poultry CDE as presented. Gray seconded. Motion passed. Moore moved to concur. Vander Veen seconded. Motion passed.

Full-Time Temporary Position

Johnson reported progress made by the committee assigned in September on acquiring a temporary full-time state staff member. Doese suggested that we add into the job description discussion about this staff member collaborating with the FFA Executive Secretary in their duties, as well as including that the staff member would complete other duties as directed.

Doese moved to recess for lunch. Mayes seconded. Motion passed. Poggemiller moved to concur. Lewis seconded. Motion passed. The meeting went into recess at 12:13 p.m.

Meeting called back to order at 12:55 p.m. Doese moved to proceed with the hiring process. Mayes seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0. Moore moved to concur. Bauer seconded. Motion passed.

Constitution Amendments

Johnson requested approval of change to the by-laws in Article III, in regards to language defining how to replace a board member who leaves the profession or their respective district. The board will give notification of the change to the by-laws to their respective districts and will consider the official change to the by-laws at the March board meeting.

State Staff to Grant Good Standing

Mayes moved to allow Scott Johnson to grant FFA Chapters good standing upon meeting the qualifications. Holt seconded. Motion passed. Poggemiller moved to concur. Bauer seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Board Policy #8: District Realignment

Johnson presented the results of the committee's discussion on Board Policy #8: District Realignment. The board directed Johnson to contact Greene County about moving from the South Central District to the Southwest District starting with the 2015-16 school year. The board will consider official approval of this realignment at the March board meeting.

Adjourn

Mayes moved to adjourn the meeting. Greiman seconded. Motion passed. Vander Veen moved to concur. Poggemiller seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee Thomsen
2014-2015 State Secretary
Iowa FFA Association

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Via Email Exchange**

2015 Proficiency Award Rules

Initiated January 12, 2015 and completed January 20, 2015

Johnson reintroduced for consideration the proposed changes the proficiency award rules, which were postponed from the previous meeting. Mayes moved to approve the proficiency award rules, seconded by Holt, motion passed. Thomsen moved to concur, seconded by Lewis, motion passed.

Program Coordinator Position

Initiated January 23, 2015 and completed January 26, 2015

Per the results of the interviews conducted by Gruis, Johnson, Gaul, and Meyer, it is recommended to approve the hiring of Christie Adams to the full time temporary position of Program Coordinator. Thomsen moved to approve hiring Christie Adams as the Program Coordinator of the Iowa FFA Association at a cost of \$4,000 per month for February through June. Doese moved to concur, seconded by Mayes, motion passed.

American Degree Rules

Initiated March 3, 2015 and completed March 9, 2015

Johnson introduced for consideration changes to the American Degree Rules as a result of changes approved by National FFA. Thomsen moved to approve the rules as presented, seconded by Lewis, motion passed. Gray moved to concur, seconded by Holt, motion passed.