

**IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA**  
**June 25, 2015**

Iowa FFA President Michael Tupper and Board Chair Doug Gaul called the June meeting to order at 2:47 p.m.

*Attendance*

**Executive Committee:**

Michael Tupper	President
Kayla Kaalberg	Secretary
Amanda Anderson	Reporter
Brandon Hanson	NC VP
Elisa Russ	NE VP
Hailey Burley	NW VP
Erica Baier	SC VP
Hunter Hamilton	SE VP
Mikayla Dolch	SW VP

**Executive Committee – Non-Voting:**

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

**Visitors:**

**Adult Board – Voting:**

Doug Gaul	Board Chair
James Abbas	NC District
Ellen Doese	NE District
Jason Holt	NW District
Dan May	SC District
Bret Spurgin	SE District
Ben Booth	SW District

**Adult Board – Non-Voting:**

Dr. Tom Paulsen	ISU Representative
Nathan Marting	Administration
Brea Harms	B & I Representative

**Not Present:**

Josh Remington	Iowa FFA Foundation
Zach Classen	Alumni Representative
Monty Collins	IAAE Representative
Dennis Meegers	ISF Superintendent

*Standard Agenda*

**Meeting Agenda**

The board members reviewed the agenda. Hamilton moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Baier seconded the motion. Motion passed. Holt moved to concur. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Secretary's Report: Meeting Minutes**

The board members read over the minutes from the March Board Meeting. Abbas moved to accept the minutes as presented. May seconded the motion. Motion passed. Hamilton moved to concur. Russ 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, 2015:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$253,937.02
Green Belt Bank Money Market:	\$38,205.14
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$201,075.00
<b>TOTAL Checking/Savings:</b>	<b>\$493,217.16</b>

Johnson recommended that the board renew the 24-month \$50,000 CD as a 48-month CD for the same amount. Spurgin moved to accept the treasurer's report and change the 24-month CD to a 48-month CD. Doese seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dolch moved to concur. Burley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **FFA Membership Report**

Johnson presented the membership report. He stated that the Association is seeing a continual increase of membership due to the average chapter size growing to less than 66 members per chapter and state records reaching 14,848 members. He also encourages colleagues and other instructors to identify members based upon gender for improved data regarding diversity for the online membership reports.

### **IAAE Report**

No report.

### **Alumni Report**

No report.

### **Foundation Report**

Remington gave his report during the IAAE Conference.

### **FFA Report**

The Iowa FFA Officer Team has just finished training with the conclusion of NLCSO hosted in Iowa. Tupper reported that he was pleased with the participation at COLT Conferences as well as the Skill Career Development Events. The team will now direct their attention to developing curriculum for Greenhand Fire-Up Conferences, preparations for Partnership Visits, and the Iowa State Fair.

## **Iowa State University**

Paulsen stated that the need for more agriculture education instructors is a prominent issue. He hopes to see an increase in the upcoming graduating classes at Iowa State for Agricultural Education with a teacher certification.

## **Iowa State Fair**

Meggers reported via email that preparations for the Iowa State Fair are in full swing and requested that advisors continue to check their emails for updates. He also stated that due to the avian influenza, the Iowa State Fair would not be hosting a poultry show this year.

## **Postsecondary Report**

No report.

## *Non-Action Items*

### **Strategic Planning**

Johnson reported that a variety of agricultural education representatives met earlier in the week for the strategic planning sessions. Harms expressed excitement to assist achieving the goals set by all of the respected organizations present at the meeting. She also will be forming a handout for each organization to view the paths for success and find measures for membership of each organization. She hopes this will align all of the organizations and benefit the future direction of all officer teams and board representatives.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. All meetings are at the FFA Enrichment Center.

## *Action Items*

### **Fiscal Year Change**

Johnson proposed to change the Iowa FFA Association fiscal year to October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Based upon his review of the by-laws and Grius' review of the Iowa Code there was no indication of any restrictions on the proposed action. Johnson also stated that the change in fiscal year would allow an improved opportunity to allot more time to catch up on past accounts due and the budget would not be projecting the busiest months which is the last quarter of the current fiscal year. Changing the fiscal year would cost approximately \$2,000 due to filling a second 990 for what is essentially a 90 fiscal year of July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015. May moved to change the fiscal year from July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>. Spurgin seconded the motion. Count: 6-0 to the affirmation. Motion passed. Russ moved to concur. Hamilton seconded the motion. Count: 8-0 to the affirmative. Motion passed.

### **FY 15 Extended Budget**

Board members reviewed the FY 15 budget from June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Johnson explained many of the items on the list more in depth for the board. He reported that line 41 is a new budget for technology for the State Officer Team. He proposed investing into a tablet with Google accessibility, Bluetooth speaker and additional wireless keyboard. Due to the items carrying once the year of service is over for each member, this will be an expected annual expense if this approach and budgets allow. These items will alleviate the officers' stress on having to heavily rely on personal supplies and will be included in the "swag bag" in future years. Booth moved to approve the extended budget. Spurgin seconded. Count: 6-0 to the affirmative. Motion passed. Hanson moved to concur. Dolch seconded. Motion passed.

### **2015-2016 Affiliation Dues Schedule**

Johnson reported that the proposed schedule does not change from previous years. Harms suggested that a clarification be made regarding where the chapter fees are payable to. Doese also suggested there be a website clarification for affiliation fees regarding a financial penalty for changing affiliation dues option. Spurgin moved to approve the dues schedule. Abbas seconded the motion. Motion passed. Burley moved to concur. Russ seconded. Motion passed.

### **State Proficiency Awards List**

Board members reviewed the 2016 Proficiency List. Despite dropping two areas from 2015, Johnson encouraged the board to consider following the National list due to the online system for proficiency awards. Doese moved to adopt the National list as the State proficiency list. Booth seconded. Motion passed. Hamilton moved to concur. Burley seconded. Motion passed.

### **DMACC Adjunct Instruction MOU**

Johnson explained to the board members the Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa FFA Association and DMACC. Previously, the memorandum defines the agreement between DMACC and the Association that Scott Johnson will teach 2 sections (up to 4 credit hours) of a DMACC course during business hours. After discussion, Doese moved to continue the memorandum between DMACC and the Iowa FFA Association with a limit placed of 4 weekly contact hours for the fall semester. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Anderson moved to concur. Baier seconded. Motion passed.

### **District Advisor's Handbook**

Johnson stated that the handbook has not provided any additional changes or suggestions since the March Board Meeting. Abbas recommended utilizing this resource for district advisors to look for any changes. Harms also suggested that the handbook address some form of contact between business and industry representatives and district officers for better

collaboration. Hamilton moved to approve the changes. Dolch seconded. Motion passed. Holts moved to concur. May seconded. Motion passed.

### **Middle School CDE Opportunities**

Johnson mentioned the request to look into opportunities for middle school FFA members. He stated that with over 35 chapters having a Discovery program, there is a need to better expose individuals to competitive events and opportunities. Hanson moved to refer to a committee with 4 board members. Russ seconded. Hanson then moved to amend the referral to committee by striking out the words “4 board members” and replacing them with “2 student and adult board members”. Burley seconded the amendment. Amendment passed, followed by the motion to refer also passing. Doese moved to concur. Abbas seconded. Motion passed. Booth and Spurgin will serve as adult members and Kaalberg and Baier will serve as student members for the committee.

### **Destruction of Election Ballots**

Anderson moved to destroy the election ballots. Russ seconded. Count: 8-0 to the affirmative. Motion passed. Spurgin moved to concur. May seconded. Motion passed.

### *Committee Reports*

#### **Board of Director’s Handbook Committee**

Johnson stated that the committee is working on updates for the handbook. Expected changes to be seen are implementation of vision statement and inclusion of board orientation and policies for members. This committee will report back at the September meeting.

#### **Board Policy #7 Committee**

Board members reviewed Board Policy #7. Johnson expressed the desire to engage the committee regarding revisions to the policy. Also, adding a statement for the past due accounts reflecting the changing of the fiscal year which will match membership and year.

#### **Course Substitution Language Committee**

Gruis explained the proposed application for the substitution agricultural education courses. The board members discussed the benefits for chapters to identify courses not taught by an agricultural education instructor and still provide students with the opportunity to have agriculture content while maintaining membership. No additional action taken at this time.

#### **SLC Student Auditing Committee**

Board members reviewed the SLC Auditing committee report. Johnson had outstanding things to say about the members who served in this capacity and encouraged advisors to continue nominating members to serve on this committee. Johnson also encouraged board members to review the committee report and consider suggestions for agenda items as part of the September Board Meeting.

### **SLC Student POA Committee**

Board members reviewed the SLC POA committee report. Johnson had outstanding things to say about the members who served in this capacity and encouraged advisors to continue nominating members to serve on this committee. Johnson encouraged board members to review the committee report and consider suggestions for agenda items as part of the September Board Meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Spurgin moved to adjourn the meeting. May seconded the motion. Motion passed. Hamilton moved to concur. Russ seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kayla Kaalberg