

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA
September 24, 2016

Iowa FFA President Elisa Russ and Board Chair Doug Gaul called the September meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Elisa Russ	President
Chase Kusel	Secretary
Zach Hamilton	Reporter
Cully Forsyth	NC VP
Cole Moody	NE VP
Blake Lineweaver	NW VP
Zach Hoffman	SC VP
Savannah Keitzer	SE VP
Zoie Shook	SW VP

Adult Board – Voting:

Doug Gaul	Board Chair
James Abbas	NC District
Jon Doese	NE District
Jason Holt	NW District
Dan May	SC District
Bridget Mahoney	SE District
Evan Babcock	SW District
Brian Weesner	Alumni Representative
Monty Collins	IAAE Representative

Executive Committee – Non-Voting:

Pradeep Kotamraju	Dept. of Education
Scott Johnson	State Executive Secretary
Eric Weuve	Iowa FFA Foundation

Adult Board – Non-Voting:

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

Visitors:

Taylor Veldhuizen	FFA Intern
Ron Zelle	Nashua-Plainfield
Ellen Doese	2017-18 Board Chairperson

Not Present:

Michael Tupper	Past FFA President
Dennis Meggers	ISF Superintendent

Standard Agenda

Meeting Agenda

The board members reviewed the agenda. Abbas moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. May seconded the motion. Motion passed. Moody moved to concur. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary’s Report: Meeting Minutes

The board members read the minutes from the June Board Meeting. Moody moved to accept the minutes as presented. Shook seconded the motion. Motion passed. Holt moved to concur. Babcock seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Johnson discussed the treasurer's report and financial standings.

Great Southern Bank Account: \$351,439.93

Green Belt Bank Money Market: \$51,377.09

Green Belt Bank CD: \$205,401.19

TOTAL Checking/Savings: \$608,218.21

Johnson mentioned that efforts over the past year to collect on outstanding balances has been successful. The aging report summary balance is reduced by over 70% compared to about a year ago. Babcock moved to approve the report. May seconded the motion. Motion passed. Forsyth moved to concur. Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson presented the membership report. The final numbers have not been reconciled for the 2015-16 membership year, but the current system shows 14,744 members, about 100 members less than the previous year.

IAAE Report

Provided as part of Team Ag Ed reports prior to the meeting.

Alumni Report

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Foundation Report

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FFA Report

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Iowa State University

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Iowa State Fair

A summary of the superintendent's meeting on September 13th was shared with the board. Increased participation has created capacity challenges for some shows.

Postsecondary Report

Provided as part of Team Ag Ed reports prior to the meeting.

Non-Action Items

Future Meeting Dates

Saturday, November 26th at Iowa State University in Ames; Saturday, March 18th at the FFA Enrichment Center.

National FFA Delegate Assignments:

Russ explained the delegate proposals that will be presented at National Convention.

Action Items

FY17 Budget

Johnson presented the budget for the 2017 Fiscal Year, beginning October 1st. Much of the estimations and figures were similar to the 2016 Fiscal Year. Abbas moved to approve the budget. Weesner seconded the motion. Motion passed. Hoffman moved to concur. Forsyth seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FY17 Executive Secretary Salary & Benefits Package

Gaul spoke on behalf of the budget committee, which reviewed the ISEA and IASB reported state settlement averages as a baseline for proposed changes to the Executive Secretary's salary and benefits package. ISEA's report indicated 3.33% and IASB reported 3.41%. Gaul stated that the committee recommended a total package increase of 3.41%. It was also noted that this increase would also include covering the cost of insurance premiums, which is set to increase 20.9% in December. Babcock moved to increase the salary and benefits package of the Executive Secretary by 3.41%. Abbas seconded the motion. Motion passed. Moody moved to concur. Lineweaver seconded. Motion passed.

FFA Dues Processing: Iowa FFA By-Laws, Article VI

Johnson shared with the board a change in the Iowa FFA Association By-Laws that outlines the policy by which annual dues and fees would be collected. Survey results from FFA Chapters indicate support for the practice that was proposed at the June Board Meeting and the By-Laws were identified as the best location to outline the policy. Approval of this process essentially improves efficiency of financial operations for collection of dues and fees. Collins moved to adopt the proposed changes to the by-laws. Babcock seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Moody moved to concur. Keitzer seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

CDE Rules Approval

Johnson presented the summary of rule changes for all of the CDEs, effective in 2017. Some events could be impacted by decisions in other areas such as member eligibility and new Program of Activity Quality Standards. Abbas moved to approve the rule

changes for all CDEs except Creed Speaking, Conduct of Meetings, Parliamentary Procedure, and Chapter Program. Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed. Shook moved to concur. Lineweaver seconded. Motion passed.

General Leadership CDE Rules

Johnson presented a draft of the rules and asked for any comments from the board. Most rules statements have been embedded in the “General Information” document that used to pre-empt the old Blue Book. The intent of drafting the rules was to have a structure consistent with the General Skills CDE Rules. Harms brought up concerns with some logistics of the rules, and recommended to refer it to a committee. Holt moved to refer to a committee of two adults and two students. Collins seconded the referral. Motion passed. Hamilton moved to concur. Moody seconded. Motion passed. Abbas and Spurgin will serve as adult members on the committee. Hamilton and Kusel will serve as the student members on the committee.

General Skills CDE Rules

No action taken at this time.

Iowa FFA Degree Online Application

Gaul explained that the application was successfully piloted in 2016. Holt moved to approve the online, excel, and google-based Iowa FFA Degree applications for 2017. Abbas seconded the motion. May expressed concerns with compatibility of the online application with the Dollars & Hours excel-based record keeping system. Hamilton moved to postpone the motion to the November board meeting. Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed. May moved to concur. Abbas seconded. Motion passed.

Stars Over Iowa Rules & Application

Johnson encouraged the board to consider drafting rules for the Stars Over Iowa award program so as to separate this language from the rules and procedures identified for the Iowa FFA Degree. The rationale is that the degree program is non-competitive and the award program is competitive. Harms suggested we designate someone to draft the rules. Holt moved to direct the Executive Secretary to draft the new separate rules for Stars Over Iowa. May seconded the motion. Motion seconded. Forsyth moved to concur. Moody seconded. Motion passed. Johnson will have a set of rules for consideration at the November Board Meeting.

National Chapter Award Rules

No action taken at this time.

Agriscience Fair Rules

No action taken at this time.

Committee Reports

Middle School Opportunities

Forsyth shared updates from the committee and expressed some concerns with the idea of junior and senior divisions if eligibility for CDE participation was expanded to grades 7-12. He also stated that the survey results indicate most advisors want to involve younger students. Johnson stressed to the board the importance of being prepared to make decisions regarding opportunities for middle school students by the next board meeting. It was suggested by Marting to gather information from other states that have successful middle school engagement. Johnson will work to collect this information to share with the board before the next meeting. This information may indicate that another survey could be sent to local Advisors to find out more information to make a discussion at the next meeting.

Iowa Degree Requirements

Survey information indicated strong support for increasing the requirements for earning the Iowa FFA Degree. Hamilton moved to propose an amendment to the constitution to change Article V, Section E, Line 1c from \$1,000 to \$1,500 and from 300 hours to 375 hours. Forsyth seconded the proposal. Motion passed. May moved to concur. Collins seconded. Motion passed. The amendment proposal will go before the delegates at the 89th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference.

FFA Annual Report

Discussion addressed 2015-16 data accessibility and 2016-17 survey facilitation. Both are challenges at this point as a result of Gruis currently on paid administrative leave. Kotamraju and Johnson will collaborate in the coming weeks to have resolutions of these issues secured by the November Board Meeting.

Adjourn

Moody moved to adjourn the meeting. Shook seconded the motion. Motion passed. May moved to concur. Holt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chase Kusel