

IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Video Conference Call
March 19, 2020

Board Chair Amber Greiman and Iowa FFA President Chandler Jahner called the March meeting to order at 9:02

Attendance

Executive Committee:

Chandler Jahner	President
Natalie Jefson	Secretary
Grace Long	Reporter
Lukas Bucknell	NC VP
Shelby Westhoff	NE VP
Nole Bochmann	NW VP
Mickayla McGill	SC VP
Hope Brecht	SE VP
Tyler Comes	SW VP

Adult Board – Voting:

Amber Greiman	Board Chair
Bret Spurgin	NC District
Krystal Wright	NE District
Samantha Schroeder	NW District
Kelsey Bailey	SC District
Jacob Hunter	SE District
Blake Anderson	SW District
Steve Kehoe	IAAE Representative
Nate Gibson	Alumni Representative

Ex-Officio – Non-Voting:

Scott Johnson	Executive Director
Kent Seuferer	State Advisor
Matthew Eddy	Dept of Education
Josh Remington	Iowa FFA Foundation
Dr. Scott Smalley	ISU Ag Ed & Studies
David Hill	Administration Rep
Amber Harrison	B&I Representative

Visitors:

Becky McCullough	Prog. Coordinator
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Not Present:

Chase Brinegar	Past State President
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Standard Agenda

Meeting Agenda

The board members reviewed the agenda. Gibson moved to accept the agenda with flexibility. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. McGill moved to concur. Bochmann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: Meeting Minutes

The board members reviewed the minutes from the December Board Meeting. Spurgin moved to accept the minutes as presented. Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed. Westhoff moved to concur. Comes 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 February 29, 2020:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$398,271.26
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$318,336.68
TOTAL Checking/Savings:	\$716,607.94
Outstanding Balance:	\$6,154.44

The motion to approve the report was made by Gibson and seconded by Spurgin. Motion passed. Bochmann moved to concur and it was seconded by Comes. Motion passed.

FFA Membership Report

Johnson stated that as of March 18, Iowa FFA had a record membership of 16,004.

Team Ag Ed Reports: Alumni, FFA, Foundation, IAAE and PAS

The reports were reviewed by the board as part of updates prior to the meeting.

Iowa State University

Dr. Smalley provided brief updates relative to changes in university operations due to COVID-19.

Iowa State Fair

The report from Dennis Meggers indicated the impact of moving the big slide on the display area for the FFA tractor restoration projects.

Dept. Of Education Update:

Kent Seuferer's last scheduled day with the Department of Education is April 1st. Matthew Eddy will serve as the State FFA Advisor in the interim.

Non-Action Items

District Updates

Johnson provided participation data from various district events for the board to review. He also updated the board on the virtual district conventions that were held in the Southeast and Northeast districts on March 14th. The board expressed their gratitude to all who were involved in the virtual conventions.

FFA Guidelines for Official and Political Events

Johnson shared information with the board that was shared with state staff at the Three-Circle Summit at Indianapolis in February.

Future Meeting Dates

The next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 3 PM prior to the Summer Ag Education Conference at the FFA Enrichment Center.

State Proficiency Judging Process

Johnson updated the board following the directive from the December 2019 board meeting. Due to developments related to COVID-19, this will be a discussion continued at the June Board Meeting so as to reduce action items on this meeting agenda. No objections were made by the board on this plan.

Action Items

By-Laws Changes

There were no objections by-laws changes as approved at the December Board Meeting. The changes become official in the Iowa FFA Association by-laws.

State Events Contingency Plans

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the Iowa FFA Association's capacity to deliver programming in the coming weeks and months. Johnson presented a contingency plan to address the changes in programming. The board thoroughly reviewed the report. It was recommended to cancel the 92nd Iowa FFA Leadership Conference. Other recommendations related to the annual delegate meeting, Leadership Career Development Events, Skills Career Development Events, Agriscience Fair, and various awards and recognition programs. A motion to approve the proposed contingency plan with edits was made by Spurgin and seconded by Gibson. Motion passed. A motion to concur was made by Comes and seconded by Westhoff. Motion passed.

2020 Iowa FFA Degree List

Johnson presented 697 Iowa Degree Recipients for approval by the board. A motion to approve the list was made by Hunter, seconded by Schroeder. Motion passed. McGill moved to concur and Brecht seconded. Motion passed.

Website Redesign

Johnson presented the quote for website redesign from Cylosoft, our current website service provider. The quote for initial redesign work is about \$8,000 and on-boarding additional Team Ag Ed websites are proposed at \$2,000 each. The board discussed the traffic the Iowa FFA Association website sees and acknowledged that the current design has been in use for over 10 years. Early indications are that there is potential interest from Alumni and IAAE to work with this project as well. Johnson indicated that consideration by the board is needed as this is an expense that is outside of the approved fiscal year budget. A motion to approve up to \$8,000 for website redesign was made by Spurgin and seconded by Gibson. Motion passed. A motion to concur was made by Bochmann and seconded by McGill. Motion passed.

American Degree Deadline in Iowa

Johnson shared with the board that National FFA has moved their American Degree deadline back one month in response to the COVID-19 developments. A motion to extend the deadline for American Degrees in Iowa to June 1st was made by Spurgin and seconded by Wright. Motion passed. Bochmann moved to concur and Long seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Middle School Affiliation

The committee presented updates to the board. Because the proposal ultimately involves approval of a dues structure by the delegates and we are now past the 2020 District Conventions, the earliest action that can be taken is at the 2021 State Convention. Thus, there is no urgent action the board must take at this time. Johnson indicated that the committee will discuss various dues and fees structures in more detail and share with the board at a later date.

Adjourn

Brecht moved to adjourn the meeting. Bochmann seconded. Motion passed. Schroeder moved to concur and Spurgin seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Jefson
2019-2020 State Secretary

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EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE
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Action Items

State Officer Candidate Application Deadline

The Southwest District had one candidate apply for state office. That candidate has withdrawn from consideration. Thus, there are currently no candidates from the Southwest District. Westhoff moved to extend the postmark deadline of state officer candidate applications for applicants from the Southwest District to May 1st. McGill seconded the motion. Motion passed. Hunter moved to concur. Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed.