

**IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**FFA Enrichment Center, Ankeny, IA**  
**September 21, 2019**

Board Chair Amber Greiman and Iowa FFA President Chandler Jahner called the September meeting to order at 10:26 AM.

*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

**Executive Committee – Non-Voting:**

Scott Johnson	Executive Director
Kent Seuferer	State Advisor
Chase Brinegar	Past FFA President

**Adult Board – Non-Voting:**

Dr. Scott Smalley	ISU Ag Ed & Studies
Josh Remington	Iowa FFA Foundation
David Hill	Administration Rep

**Visitors:**

Matthew Eddy	Dept. of Education
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**Not Present:**

Amber Harrison	B & I Representative
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*Standard Agenda*

**Meeting Agenda**

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

**Secretary's Report: Meeting Minutes**

The board members reviewed the minutes from the June Board Meeting. Hunter moved to accept the minutes as presented. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Westhoff moved to concur. Bochmann 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 August 31, 2019:

Great Southern Bank Account:	\$253,381.46
Green Belt Bank CD:	\$315,103.24
<b>TOTAL Checking/Savings:</b>	<b>\$568,484.70</b>
Outstanding Balance:	\$67,569.63

Johnson discussed two items relative to the report. First, the Federal Perkins Grant Reimbursement was not deposited by August 31<sup>st</sup> like it had been for previous years. This would make the Great Southern Bank Account balance more comparable to previous years. Second, the outstanding balance is higher due staff transitions in the office. Recently payments received make the Outstanding Balance comparable to 2017. The motion to approve the financial report was made by Brecht and seconded by Bucknell. Motion passed. Anderson moved to concur, seconded by Spurgin. Motion passed.

### **FFA Membership Report**

Johnson reported that this year's membership is a new record with a current total of 15,644 members as of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Team Ag Ed Reports: IAAE, Alumni, Foundation, PAS & FFA**

The reports were reviewed by the board in a report sent prior to the meeting.

### **Iowa State University Report**

Smalley reported that Dr. Robert Martin will be retiring this year.

### **Iowa State Fair Report**

The board was made aware of the requirement of YQCA certification for all members showing livestock in 2020.

### **Department of Education Report**

In addition to the report provided to the board prior to the meeting, Sueferer reported that Matthew Eddy is now on board as the AFNR Consultant. Pat Thieben has announced her retirement in December 2019. Applications for the State CTE Director will close in December. The board held some discussion related to the Financial Literacy requirement and Ag Education qualifications for meeting such.

## *Non-Action Items*

### **Future Meeting Dates**

Saturday, December 7, 2019; Saturday, March 21, 2020; Sunday, June 21, 2020 (tentative). All meetings are at the FFA Enrichment Center.

### **National FFA Delegate Assignments**

Jahner updated the board on the committees the state officers will serve on at National Convention. The board prepared questions to be sent out to advisors in a survey.

### **State Convention Strategic Plan**

The board conducted a review of the Grow Leadership pathway during a working lunch.

## *Action Items*

### **FY20 Budget**

Johnson presented to the board the proposed FY20 budget. He reported that insurance expense will increase because of growing membership. The Iowa Degree allocation has increased because of the reception and sponsorship. A motion was made by Spurgin to approve the budget as presented. It was seconded by Schroeder. Motion passed. A motion to concur was made by Bochmann and seconded by Comes. Motion passed.

### **FY20 State Staff Salary and Benefits Package**

All state staff were asked to leave the room. The board held an extensive conversation regarding salary and benefits. Insurance rate changes will not be known for about another month. Spurgin moved to postpone the item to the December board meeting. Bailey seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bochmann moved to concur and it was seconded by McGill. Motion passed.

A motion to recess for lunch and strategic planning was made by Spurgin and seconded by Hunter. Motion passed. McGill made the motion to concur and it was seconded by Comes. Motion passed. The meeting entered a recess at 11:59 AM and reconvened at 1:35 PM.

### **District Advisors' Handbook Revisions**

Johnson explained the updates to the current handbook. Hunter moved to refer the item to a committee appointed by the chair. Spurgin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Westhoff moved to concur and Bochmann seconded it. Motion passed. The committee will consist of Greiman, Spurgin, Hunter, Jahner, Brecht, and Long. The committee was directed to report to the board at the December Meeting.

### **General Leadership CDE Rules**

Johnson presented the rules changes, which includes a statement about accommodations for students as well as a protocol for the holding area. A motion to approve the rules as presented was made by McGill. It was seconded by Westhoff. Motion passed. Hunter moved to concur and Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

### **General Skills CDE Rules**

Johnson presented the rules changes, which includes a statement about accommodations for students. A motion was made to approve the changes as presented by Bochmann and seconded by Comes. Motion passed. Hunter moved to concur and Wright seconded. Motion passed.

### **CDE Rules Approval**

The board reviewed the changes proposed for 2020. Hunter moved to postpone the decision for Soils and Floriculture to the December Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Spurgin and the motion passed. Westhoff moved to concur, seconded by Bochmann, motion passed. A motion was made to approve the rest of the changes proposed by Anderson and seconded by Wright. Motion passed. McGill moved to concur, seconded by Bucknell. Motion passed.

### **Annual Report Student Survey Review and Approval**

Johnson presented the survey, which will be updated to reflect the inclusion of a question about an FFA Camp per the strategic planning conversation from earlier in the day. Brecht moved to accept the Annual Report Student Survey as presented. Seconded by McGill. Motion passed. Hunter moved to concur. Seconded by Schroeder. Motion passed.

### **Middle School FFA Chapter Affiliation**

The board discussed affiliation dues for middle school chapters in Iowa. National FFA has this option for middle school exclusive chapters and there some inquiries from programs in Iowa last year. A motion was made to refer the item to a committee by Hunter and seconded by Schroeder. Motion passed. Bochmann made the motion to concur. It was seconded by Comes. Motion passed. The committee was directed to report back in December and consists of Schroeder, Anderson, Greiman, Comes, McGill, and Jahner.

*Committee Reports*

**Accommodations for Students in Competitive Events Committee**

The general rules for CDEs included changes to work with students with accommodations. The committee reported that state staff will draft a form to be sent out prior to events. The form will be reviewed and considered for approval at the December Board Meeting.

**Memorandum of Understanding Review Committee**

The committee reported that meetings continue with the Foundation and further updates will be provided at the December Board Meeting.

**State Officer Management and Policies Committee**

The committee reported that no progress has been made at this time. Johnson indicated a meeting will be scheduled in October with Jahner, Brinegar, and Erica Baier to discuss State Officer Training and look into improved efficiency with that process.

Spurgin moved to adjourn the meeting. Wright seconded. Motion passed. Bochmann moved to concur and Comes seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Jefson  
2019-2020 State Secretary