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## New Jersey FFA Association

**“Break Through Limits”**

TO: State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

FROM: Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist  
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: February 19, 2015

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, March 2, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.**  
1st Floor NJDA Board Room, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at (609) 984-4380, and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mrs. Lisa Ann Moschera-Chernigovets will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2014-2015.

### AGENDA FOR THE MARCH STATE MEETING

- I. **Opening Ceremonies**
- II. **Minutes from the February State Meeting**
- III. **Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. **Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. **Committee Assignments**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Kristianne Dowd
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Hope Cahill
  - C. State Leadership Activities – Ben Wainwright
  - D. State Applications – Kyle Fisher
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Jenna Pinhas
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Kelly Gangel
  - G. State Convention Evaluation – Sean Hamner

The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.*

- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Kyle Fisher**
- VII. Executive Committee Report – Kyle Clement**
- VIII. Foundation Report – Ben Wainwright**
- IX. Alumni Report – Kelly Gangel**
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Kristianne Dowd**
- XI. New Jersey Ag Society Report – Kristianne Dowd**
- XII. Unfinished Business**
  - A. State Officer Challenge – Kelly Gangel
  - B. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients – Sean Hamner
  - C. State Agriculture Convention (February 3-5, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
  - D. National FFA Week
    - a. ALLD (February 26, 2015) – Hope Cahill
    - b. National Officer Visit/Chapter Events – Jenna Pinhas
  - E. State Convention Planning
    - a. Fuel Up Retreat (February 26 -March 1, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
    - b. Timeline – Ben Wainwright
    - c. Video Shoot – Hope Cahill
    - d. Statewide Community Service Project – Ben Wainwright
    - e. Potential SOCs/Nom Com – Kelly Gangel
    - f. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Hope Cahill
    - g. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Sean Hamner
    - h. Retiring Address Workshop (April 8, 2015) – Delaney Gray
  - F. ACTE National Policy Seminar (March 3, 2015) – Stuart Faunce
  - G. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 13-14, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
  - H. National Ag Day Event (March 16-18, 2015) – Ben Wainwright
  - I. Online Career Development Events (March 25, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
  - J. Spring CDEs (April 16, 2015) – Jenna Pinhas
  - K. Livestock Judging CDE (April 18, 2015) – Hope Cahill
  - L. Dairy Judging CDE (April 18, 2015) – Sean Hamner
  - M. Eastern PA FFA Day (April 28, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
  - N. Agriscience Fair (April 29, 2015) – Jenna Pinhas
  - O. Marketing Plan CDE (May 20, 2015) – Kelly Gangel
  - P. American FFA Degree Assistance – Kyle Fisher
  - Q. Assembly Resolution – Stuart Faunce
  - R. Team Goal Action Plan – Jenna Pinhas
  - S. Chapter Visits – Hope Cahill
- XIII. New Business**
  - A. NJ Agricultural Society Gala (March 13, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
  - B. State Applications (April 9, 2015) – Ben Wainwright
  - C. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion – Sean Hamner
  - D. Member of the Month – Kyle Clement
  - E. State Officer Mileage – Sean Hamner
- XIV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- April 6, 2015  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium  
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes from February 2, 2015 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

The meeting was called to order at 3:57 pm. Voting members in attendance were Kelly Gangel, Jenna Pinhas, Ben Wainwright, Hope Cahill, Sean Hamner, Kyle Fisher, Kyle Clement, Stuart Faunce, David Watts, and Catherine Cincotta. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette.

**II. Minutes from January State Meeting**

**Motion by Stuart Faunce** to dispense the reading of the minutes.

**Seconded by Catherine Cincotta. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion by Ben Wainwright** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

**Motion passes pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

**Motion by Stuart Faunce** to give Delaney an excused absence due to weather conditions.

**Seconded by Dave Watts. Motion passes.**

**V. Committee Assignments**

**A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities**

The committee discussed amending the section of the constitution that calls for the executive committee chair being the one to serve on the nominating committee. Also, to amend the regional alignment of the regions so that the Hunterdon and Somerset County chapters will be considered in the north region and Ocean County be considered in the south region.

**Motion by Kristianne Dowd** to accept the committee report as read.

**There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Kristianne Dowd** to recommend these amendments to the delegates at State Convention.

**Seconded by Ben Wainwright. Motion passes.**

**B. Membership and Chapter Relations**

No Report

**C. State Leadership Activities**

The committee discussed evaluations from both LEAD and the 212<sup>o</sup> Conference and any changes that should be made to these conferences. The committee also discussed the creation of a State Global Youth Institute. The Global Youth Institute will be brought up to the delegates at State Convention.

**Motion by Ben Wainwright** to accept the committee report as read

**There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

- D. State Applications**  
No report
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**  
The meeting scheduled for tonight was cancelled due to weather.
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**  
No report
  - G. State Convention Evaluation**  
The next meeting will be during this coming week via google hangout.
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**  
The motion to dispense the reading of the minutes can make it so the minutes do not need to be read during the meeting due to impeding business. It requires a second and a majority vote.
- VII. Executive Committee Report**  
The committee reminded the team that these last few months of State office will be full of activity and State Convention will be here before we know it. We will need to rely on our accountability partner to help us if we need it.
- VIII. Foundation Report**  
No report
- IX. Alumni Report**  
The next meeting will be on February 11.
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**  
The next meeting will be this Wednesday at 1:30 pm at the Tropicana in Atlantic City.
- XI. New Jersey Ag Society Report**  
The next meeting will be on March 4 at 6pm at the Rutgers EcoComplex.
- XII. Unfinished Business**
- A. Banquet Speech Workshop**  
The Banquet Speech Workshop was held on January 24 at the EcoComplex. This event was hosted by the New Jersey FFA Alumni Association. The whole team was able to give their banquet speeches and the evaluation forms were provided in our folders.

**B. State Officer Candidate School**

SOCS occurred on January 31 at the NJDA. The theme for the day was Dino-mite and we had 55 students in attendance – record attendance. The members were able to learn what to expect as a potential state officer/ nominating committee member.

**C. State Agricultural Conference**

The State Ag Convention is this Wednesday at the Tropicana in Atlantic City. Kristianne will be making a speech on behalf of the Association at the Convention. Dave, Kyle F. Sean, Ben, Jenna, and Kristianne will attend the youth reception and delegate dinner.

**D. National FFA Week**

**a. ALLD**

ALLD will be held on February 26 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Trenton. The theme for the event will be My Ag Story. National Western Region Vice President, Caleb Gustin will deliver a workshop for all of the members and there will be a tour to the State House in Trenton.

**b. Chapter Events & National Officer Visit**

Caleb will also visit various chapters throughout the week. Monday will be the Southern New Jersey tour, Tuesday will be the Northern New Jersey tour, and Wednesday will be the Central Jersey tour in which we will visit several chapters within each region. The Alumni Fun for All bowling night will be that Wednesday.

**E. Fuel Up Retreat**

The State Officer Team will be leaving for the Fuel up Retreat after ALLD. The retreat will be in North Wildwood. We will be visiting the Cape May County and Buena FFA Chapters on Friday and be doing much of the planning for State Convention during this weekend.

**F. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE**

The Horticultural Exposition will be held March 13-14 at Mercer County Community College. The Floral Design CDE and the judging of the flower show will occur on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Delaney, Kyle C., and Lauren will facilitate workshops during the day on Friday. The Horticultural Expo will continue into Saturday with pickup of arrangements occurring at 5 pm.

**G. National Ag Day Event**

Ben and Kyle will be attending the National Ag Day Event in Washington DC from March 16-18. They are currently trying to schedule their congressional visits.

**H. Potential State Officers**

We should continually be on the lookout for potential state officers and nominating committee members. From the evaluations from SOCS, 10 members are potentially running as of now.

**I. Statewide Community service project**

A potential community service project for this year is the Fallen Firefighters Fund. A finalized decision will occur at the Fuel-up Retreat.

**J. American Degree Workshop**

Mrs. Noble will help us with our American degrees but an actual workshop will not occur. The application must be completed before it is brought to Mrs. Noble to check.

**K. Ceremony Practice Schedule**

All four ceremonies, Honorary Degree, State Degree, Installation, and Blue Jackets, Bright Futures, must be memorized for the Fuel up Retreat later this month.

**L. Assembly Resolution**

The assembly resolution is currently at a standstill. State Assemblyman Ron Dancer plans to present all 37 chapters with legislative citations. The citations will be presented at either ALLD.

**M. Team Goal Action Plan**

The team explained their team goals are coming together.

**N. Chapter Visits**

Most of the chapter visits have been completed this year. The entire team has enjoyed these visits greatly.

**XIII. New Business**

**A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients**

**Motion by Kelly Gangel** to present the following nominees with their honorary state degree: Cynthia Zidzik, George Asprocolas, Nancy Wheeler-Driscoll, Peter Capodice, Kennedy Greene, Eric Nelson, Ronald Dancer, Thomas Coleman, Nichol Carroll, and Scott Andersen.

**Seconded by Dave Watts. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Ben Wainwright** to present Dusty Lane Farms LLC, the New Jersey Ag Society, the Rue Family, and the South Hunterdon Alumni Affiliate with the Distinguished Service Award.

**Seconded by Dave Watts. Motion passes**

- B. State Convention Cost Analysis**  
**Motion by Ben Wainwright** to accept the presented cost analysis for state convention with the increase of \$5 per person for registration.  
**Seconded by Sean Hamner. Motion passes.**
- C. Delegate issues**  
Each committee chair will compile a list of items for that committee to be brought to the delegates at State Convention.
- D. Online Career Development Events**  
Online CDEs will occur on Wednesday, March 25. The CDEs that will be held are Farm Business Management, Meat Evaluation and Technology, and Forestry. The events can be accessed via Mycaert.com from 10 am-4:30 pm.
- E. Spring Career Development Events**  
Spring CDEs will be held on April 16 at the Cook and Douglass Campus of Rutgers University. Dave, Delaney and Kyle Clement will attend the Veterinary Science CDE. Sean and Stuart will attend the Agricultural Mechanics CDE. Kyle Fisher and Ben will attend the Environmental and Natural Resources CDE. Catherine will attend the Agricultural Sales CDE. Jenna and Kelly will attend the Floriculture CDE. Kristianne and Hope will attend the Nursery/ Landscape CDE.
- F. Dairy Judging CDE**  
The Dairy Judging CDE will occur at Cedar Lane Farms in Hunterdon County on Saturday, April 18. Sean, Ben, and Kristianne will attend on behalf of the Association.
- G. Livestock Judging CDE**  
The Livestock Judging CDE will also be held on April 18. The event will occur at Delaware Valley College. Jenna and Kyle Fisher will be attending the event.
- H. Eastern PA FFA Day**  
The Poultry Evaluation, Food Science & Technology, and Agronomy CDEs will occur at the Eastern PA FFA Day on Tuesday, April 28. These events will happen at the Manheim Fairgrounds. Hope Cahill will be attending on behalf of the Association.
- I. Agriscience Fair**  
The Agriscience Fair will be held on Wednesday April 29 at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown NJ. The event will begin at 3pm. Kyle F., Jenna, Sean, and Dave will be attending on behalf of the Association.
- J. Marketing Plan CDE**  
The Marketing Plan CDE is a new addition to New Jersey FFA. This event will occur on Wednesday of State Convention, May 20 and is sponsored by the New

Jersey Soybean Board. Teams consisting of 3 members will create a marketing plan for an existing or new enterprise in the soybean field. The written plans are due April 1. The 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place teams will receive cash rewards and medals and the first place team will qualify for National Convention as long as the 60% mastery is met.

**Motion by Ben Wainwright** to approve the Marketing plan CDE and implement it for State Convention this year.

**Seconded by Sean Hamner. Motion passes.**

**K. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Kyle Clement** to accept Myranda Bond of the South Hunterdon FFA Chapter as the February Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Kyle Fisher. Motion passes.**

Congratulations Myranda!

**L. State Officer Mileage**

The mileage report is provided in our folders.

**XIV. Closing Ceremonies**

**Motion by Stuart Faunce** to attend the ACTE National Policy on behalf of the New Jersey FFA Association on March 4 and be refunded for travel expenses.

**Seconded by Sean Hamner. Motion passes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

BEGINNING BALANCE: January 1, 2015

\$ 15,850.44

Deposits:														YTD			
Date	Project#	Project Description	Annual Budget	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD Balance	Over/Under Budget
			\$ 49,000.00							\$ 1,200.00	\$ 442.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 109.00	\$ 28,155.00	\$ -	\$ 29,797.00	\$ (19,203.00)
			\$ 4,725.00							72.00	118.00		717.00	360.00		767.00	(3,958.00)
			\$ -													717.00	717.00
			\$ 1,015.00											90.00		208.00	(807.00)
			\$ 17,540.00											5,030.25		28,686.93	11,146.93
			\$ 65,000.00							7,182.60	609.95	1,988.50	22,914.63	95.00		9,876.05	(55,123.95)
			\$ 4,495.00								1,300.00			120.00		1,420.00	(3,075.00)
			\$ 5,500.00							1,602.00	72.00	635.00		471.24		2,780.24	(2,719.76)
			\$ -														
			\$ 5,000.00									25.00				25.00	(4,975.00)
			\$ 152,275.00														(152,275.00)
			\$ -														
		Total Deposits	\$ -	\$ 34,321.49	\$ 23,858.63	\$ 3,498.55	\$ 2,541.95	\$ 10,056.60	\$ 74,277.22	\$ (77,997.78)							

Expenses:														YTD			
Date	Project#	Expense Description	Annual Budget	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD Balance	Over/Under Budget
			\$ 14,895.00													\$ 24,468.00	\$ (9,573.00)
			\$ 5,148.00													817.00	4,331.00
			\$ 5,230.00							1,678.00						3,053.16	2,176.84
			\$ 10,037.00							705.00						5,131.74	4,905.26
			\$ 21,821.00											500.00		15,901.26	5,919.74
			\$ 69,171.00							63,020.57						63,888.32	5,282.68
			\$ 9,656.00							2,500.00						5,918.44	3,737.56
			\$ 7,459.00													1,948.41	5,510.59
			\$ 2,027.00							2,498.72						3,193.72	(1,166.72)
			\$ 6,831.00											500.00		2,235.50	4,595.50
			\$ 152,275.00														152,275.00
			\$ -														
		Total Expenses	\$ 371.98	\$ 20,746.52	\$ 1,388.00	\$ 28,206.26	\$ 3,111.50	\$ 2,329.00	\$ 70,402.29	\$ 25,719.45							

\$ 15,478.46

Ending Balance: January 31, 2015

<b>New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2015</b>					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Order #'s</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>MTD Total</i>	<i>YTD Total</i>
	January				
	CDE's (P2)				
01/14/15	Rutgers Gardens	T-Card	\$ 300.00		
				\$ 300.00	
	General Supplies (P3)				
01/14/15	Quill - so supplies	P-Card	\$ 71.98		
				\$ 71.98	
	<b>January Total</b>			<b>\$ 371.98</b>	<b>\$ 122,208.42</b>

**Committee Report**  
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: January 29, 2015

Committee: State Leadership Activities

Committee Members Present:

Benjamin Wainwright, Hope Cahill, Delaney Gray, Kyle Clement

Absent:

Sean Hamner, Mr. Rudderow

Purpose of Meeting:

To make decisions on changes or updates to LEAD, New Jersey's part in National Convention, 212 Conference, and to begin planning a new event for the Global Youth Institute.

Recommended Action(s):

LEAD- Have a list of expectations developed from Mrs. Noble for what to expect out of the individual officer workshops. Have each current State Officer make their individual officer workshop better or recreate it to use as a curriculum for new officers. The idea is to leave it open for input from the new State Officer, though. Use it more as a guideline. By the May State Meeting, the SGC group will turn in any updates or changes they wanted to make. The LOC group did not feel the need to change anything.  
212 Conference- Encourage advisors to bring students who are excited and ready to learn about their personal virtues. Market the conference in a way to encourage members to come that will take full advantage of the conference. State Global Youth Institute- Hold it during one of the Leadership Workshops at State Convention. Give members the option to attend the Leadership Workshop or the State Global Youth Institute. Continue with the application process to accept applications and judge the application, narrow down to 5 participants if need be. Have the 5 participants read their essays to the audience and a panel of judges. Then sit down as a symposium where the members and the judges can ask questions of the 5 that presented. We would need someone to act as an MC and judges to score how well they answer questions and how knowledgeable they are about their topics. We would like input from Mrs. Trivette, Mrs. Noble, and Lauren about the contest idea and we would like to refer the rubric and contest outline creation to a special committee consisting of these three plus others.

Comments:

Next meeting to be determined. We are hoping to start the State Global Youth Institute by the 2016 State Convention.

Benjamin Wainwright  
Chairperson

Benjamin Wainwright  
Secretary

**Committee Report**  
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: January 28, 2015

Committee: Constitution and By-Laws

Committee Members Present:

Kristianne Dowd, Kelly Gangel, Ben Wainwright, Stuart Faunce, Kyle Clement, Dr. McClean

Absent:

Purpose of Meeting:

To review possible amendments to the constitution.

Recommended Action(s):

All State Officer Candidates will be reviewed, evaluated and recommended for state office by a designated nominating committee, which shall consist of 6 delegates, two delegates from each FFA Region in New Jersey as stated in Article VII, Section A. The nominating committee process shall be coordinated and advised by the state executive committee chair, an alumni officer, or the State Advisor, and an additional state executive committee member when possible.

1. The State Officers shall be elected annually from members holding the Garden State FFA Degree.
2. A member may be an officer not more than two times. Once a member is elected president, he/she may not hold state office again, but may become chairperson of the executive committee.
3. The executive committee shall consist of immediate past state officers who are elected annually at the State FFA Convention. State Officers who wish to serve on the executive committee shall submit a written request to the nominating committee.

Suggested wording: The nominating committee process shall be coordinated and advised by a state executive committee member, an alumni officer, the State Advisor, or a past state officer (with active membership). Article VI. Regions in the New Jersey FFA Association, Inc.

Section A.

Comments:

Kristianne Dowd  
Chairperson

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Secretary