

**Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
338 Natural Resources Building
December 11, 2014
5:00PM-6:00PM Committee Meetings
6:00PM-8:00PM Board Meeting**

State Officers Present: All of the members of the 2014-2015 Michigan FFA State Officer Team

Board Members Present: Randy Showerman, Doug Pennington, David Mellor, Cathy LaLonde, Tate Forbush, Carolyn Bloodworth, Charles Scovill, Mark Daniels, Eddie Moore, Dustin Petty, Henry Reinart, Dave Wyrick, Mike Wenkel, Ramey Lunceford, Susann Young and special guests Michelle Sidel, Casie Forbush and Amanda Sturm.

- I. Call to order at 5:58PM – Alexandria Schut, State President

- II. Opening Ceremonies – FFA State Officers

- III. Secretary Report – Ken VandenBout III
 - Moved: Kim Forbush
 - Seconded: Brandon Borke
 - Moved: Doug Pennington
 - Sustained: Tate Forbush
 - Motion Passed

- IV. Treasurers Report – Dalton Hard
 - \$47,751.21 in our account with \$1000 in outstanding bills and a balance in the contingency as of November 31st of \$219,850.09
 - Moved: Emily House
 - Seconded: Cameron Hayden
 - Moved: Mike Wenkel
 - Sustained: Doug Pennington
 - Motion Passed

V. Michigan FFA Association:

1. State Officer Report – Alexandria Schut

- 80% of the total chapter visits finished
- Working on State Convention preparation
- South Haven coming up in December
- Service project every month – this Saturday packaging seeds to be sent to growers for community gardens
- PSO meeting this Saturday

2. State Advisor Report – Randy Showerman

- Changes in Michigan Merit Curriculum (look into making changes next year)
- New programs: 5 schools requesting new programs in AFNR
 - Whiteford, Niles, Carney Nadeau, Food Science at Calhoun ISD
- Four schools in Fall of 2016
 - Genesee ISD, Merrill, Howell, Webberville, Pewamo-Westphalia
- Contacted the Dean at Penn State and talked with their College of Ag – looking at recruitment
 - 28 teachers on emergency certificate in Michigan currently
- New opening at BACC – Bill Earl retiring first part of April
- CASE certification is highly recommend to add more to curriculum
 - Four CASE grants to Michigan from Monsanto ranging from \$3000-\$5000 given to: Capac, Camden Frontier and Saranac received two
- Recruitment: Dr. Showerman and Nate Westfall went into 8 different counties to talk about AFNR with to councilors about Ag Ed and Ag Tech programs
- In the next couple weeks look at your emails about Ag Ed scholarships:
 - \$21,000 from Glassbrook, \$12,000 for Fikes endowment (new) and \$135 in another, but hoping to raise it to \$1,000.

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- 3. State Executive Secretary Report – Dave Wyrick
 - Fall Leadership Conference
 - o October 16-17
 - o Combined with Farm Bureau Careers Conference
 - o Over 170 attendees to 212 and 360
 - National FFA Convention
 - o 22 Proficiency awards
 - o 85 American Degree recipients
 - o 12 members selected as National FFA Agriscience Fair finalists
 - o 1 member in National Talent, 2 in National Band and 4 in National Chorus
 - o 8 chapters received three star rating and 3 received two star National Chapter Awards
 - o Don Fowler of Lenawee Tech Center and Sherry Kiel of the MI FFA Alumni received the Honorary American FFA Degree
 - o Delegates: Alex, Brandon, Ethan, Emily, Gaige and Ken
 - o Day of Service Event: Dalton, Emma, Kim, Cameron, Lance and Sam
 - o Flag Bearer: Cameron
 - o American Degree Greeter: Sam
 - o Received membership growth award
 - o Ethan got 1st in the country for presentation for tractor restoration
 - Number 2 tractor overall
 - Broiler Contest
 - o Over 500 entries
 - o Over 1600 members attended over the three day period
 - o Gold and silver trophies have been ordered for distribution at regional updates
 - Star Selection
 - o Process is underway and final interviews will be on Jan. 6 at Farm Bureau
 - Degree and Proficiency Applications
 - o Larry Gossen provided training sessions on Dec. 2, 3 and 4.
 - o 2015 American Degrees and Proficiency awards will be on the new form.
 - o Using current state degree and outstanding junior form this year but will transition to new form next year.
 - Challenge 24
 - o July 27-28, 2015
 - o Held at MSU
 - o Open to ten potential teachers who are going to be HS juniors or seniors
 - o \$2400 in scholarship money will be awarded to:
 - o Students who complete the two day program
 - o Are accepted as students at MSU
 - o Major in AFNR Education

- Retreat
 - o Ryan will be leading a retreat at Consumers Energy from December 18-20 for the State Officers
- Stars
 - o Wednesday, December 17, 2014. The final three announced for interviews.
- Tractor Driving Contest
 - o Possibly be run at a county fair location. Tate Forbush said they would love to do it at Shiawassee Fair Grounds. Maybe rotate it around to different counties.
 - o Maybe move it to not be early in the summer so more kids get involved.
 - o Internal management at MSU decided to eliminate Ag. Expo as well as the commodity groups
 - o Create special events instead of doing Ag. Expo for literacy things
- AET
 - o A lot of schools are using it, keep pushing for advocacy

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Dustin Petty

- Gave out just under \$1000 scholarships for Fall Leadership
- Hosted National Convention Experience Trip – 15 people this year and opened it up to everyone with great feedback to continue it
 - o Looking to move it every other year vs every year to keep membership high

VII. Past State Officers – Henry Reinart

- Gearing up for activities for State Convention
 - o T-Shirt contest again with pre-purchased mode again (next week or so sending a call for design email out)
 - o Newsroom will still be in effect again
- Find sponsorship to pay for lifetime membership still – \$200 per person
- PSO reunion didn't happen
 - o In process of rescheduling for next fall or next spring
 - 18th at Ravenna High School next

VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Ramey Lunceford

- FFA Foundation Board of Directors Update
 - o 2015 Board Chair – Liza Moore; Foster Swift
- Year End Mailing
 - o Christmas Card from the Officers
 - o Completed after Thanksgiving

- Glassbrook Grants:
 - o 17 Applications were turned in
 - o \$25,000 will be awarded to those on Tuesday 12/16/2014
 - o Awards will be sent out after the first of the year
 - o Posters from 2014 can be turned in before convention
- FFA Sponsorships:
 - o Review the FFA Sponsors list
 - o Help the FFA Foundation by identifying potential sponsors for the areas not currently sponsored.
 - o Use the sponsorship form when talking to potential supporters with interest in certain proficiencies or CDE's
- Upcoming Events/Programs:
 - o 1/12-14/2015 - Michigan Agri-Business Assoc. – Booth and tradeshow
 - o 2/21-28/15 – Growing Scholars, TSC scholarship program
 - o 3/12/15 - VIP Social – Recognize sponsors & donors at the FFA Convention
 - o 6/7-13/15 – Family Farm and Home fundraiser – TENTATIVE
 - Half funds be split between chapters
 - Half between FFA Foundation account
 - o 6/18/15 – FFA Masters Golf Scramble
 - o 500 more and 4, sending invoices and promotional things sent to the regions
- Thank you FFA Officers:
 - o FFA members and officers have been extremely helpful with different visits. Each visit you have been a part of has led to successful visits. Keep up the great work.
- Disconnect between National Foundation and State Foundations
 - o Culver's Program
 - o Ram Truck Test Driving Campaign

IX. Standing Committee's Reports

1. Finance Committee (320A Nat Res)
 - Chairman – Eddie Moore
 - NO REPORT
2. Awards and Activities Committee (338 Nat Res)
 - Chairman – Cathy LaLonde
 - NO REPORT

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3. Career Development Event Committee (338 Nat Res)

- Chairman – Charles Scovill
 - o Vet Science Task Force – changes to some wording, scoring and practicum section, as well as updates to breeds lists and equipment
 - o Was originally approved at the last meeting pending the rules – voting again on the packet as presented to make official all of the changes
 - Moved: Brandon Borke
 - Seconded: Ethan Haywood
 - Moved: David Mellor
 - Sustained: Mike Wenkel
 - Motion Passed

4. State Officer Policy Committee (130 Nat Res)

- Chairman – Doug Pennington
- BROUGHT UP IN OLD BUSINESS

5. Governing Committee (302 Nat Res)

- Chairperson – Tate Forbush
- BROUGHT UP IN OLD BUSINESS

X. Old Business

1. Middle School Activity Task Force Update

- NO REPORT

2. State Officer Selection Process – Doug Pennington

- Same proposal brought forth last time – taken to PDI to be discussed
- Adopt proposal with modification of: “Concerns brought up about power taken away by regions...” to “Held in centrally located area” (so you’re not tied to MSU)
 - o Proposal will help get the best candidates possible because the state level candidates are being decided on by one consistent committee
- Three regions not represented tonight at the meeting
- Moved by Doug Pennington to postpone the vote until the next meeting.
 - o Have a discussion among regions at their regional updates and be prepared to vote at the next board meeting bringing back the feelings of the region

Seconded: Tate Forbush

Moved: Ethan Haywood

Sustained: Cameron Hayden

Motion Passed

XI. New Business

1. MAAE Membership Requirement to Participate in FFA Skills Contest – Amanda Sturm

- Representing MAAE committee to propose from summer PDI – membership of teachers a part of it and NAAE and noticing sharp decline in membership
 - o Motion that all advisors have to be a part of these just as all contest participants have to be members
 - o We cannot require it by law via Michigan Department of Education – Dr. Showerman
 - o Moved: Mike Wenkel to adopt proposal
Seconded: Tate Forbush
Motion failed
Moved: Ethan Haywood
Sustained: Cameron Hayden
Motion Sustained – proposal failed

2. Constitutional Amendment

- In the bylaws currently: to participate in a contest, you have to be a member but no date
- March 1st is the date by the constitution that is the cut off
- Proposal to amend constitution that they have to have the dues in prescribed by bylaws – Dave Wyrick
 - o Must be presented 45 days before convention that it will be voted on – it is
- Moved: Doug Pennington
Seconded: Mike Wenkel
Moved: Lance Fowler
Sustained: Dalton Hard
Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23PM

The next meeting will be March 26, 2014 at 5:00PM in 338 Natural Resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth D. VandenBout III
2014-2015 State Secretary