

**Michigan FFA Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 27, 2014**

**5:00 PM Dinner Available- 338 Natural Resources  
5:00- 6:00 PM Committee Meeting- Please see below  
6:00- 8:00 PM Board Meeting -338 Natural Resources**

**Officers Present:** All team members of the 2013-14 Michigan FFA State Officer team excluding Nick Webster (attending Webberville Banquet).

**Board Members Present:** Randy Showerman, Doug Pennington, Megan Merrill, Josh Miller, Torey Birchmeier, Susann M. Young, Matt Jakubik, Cathy LaLonde, Tate Forbush, Mike Wenkel, Dave Wyrick, Dustin Petty, Eddie Moore, Henry Reinart, Michelle Sidel, Mark Daniels.

**Guests Present:** Tiffany Rogers, Alex Schnabelrauch, Casie Forbush, Haley Schulz, Sarah Crosby, Amber Eagling, Ricky Southward

I. Call to Order 6pm - Alan Green, State President

**II. Opening Ceremonies**

Moved to suspend the opening and closing ceremonies by Alyssa Tyrrell

Second- Laryssa Bates

Motion passed

Moved to sustain by Mike Wenkel

Second-Matt Jakubik

Motion passed

**III. Secretary's report-**

Moved to approve by Laryssa Bates

Second- Alyssa Tyrrell

Motion passed

Moved to sustain by Doug Pennington

Second- Torey Birchmeier

Motion passed

**IV. Treasurers report**

The FFA Association's account balance as of February 28<sup>th</sup> is \$48,038.59. Convention bills of \$35,000 are outstanding.

The balance in our contingency fund as of February 28<sup>th</sup> is \$219,880.09

Moved to receive by Laryssa Bates

Second- Abigail Schreur  
Motion passed

Moved to sustain by Josh Miller  
Second- Doug Pennington  
**Motion passed**

## **V. Michigan FFA Association**

### **1. State Officer Report- Alan Green**

Discussed the following activities held by the state officer team: State Convention, regional VP regional level interviews, elected 2014 state officer team, state skills contest. The team is also preparing for the upcoming banquet season.

### **2. State Advisor Report- Randy Showerman-**

-July 18<sup>th</sup> - Multi-board meeting in Lansing with MI FFA Association/MAAE/MHA/MI FFA Alumni about Agricultural Education.

-Thanked State Staff and Officers for a wonderful state convention.

### **3. State Executive Secretary Report- Dave Wyrick**

-Discussed Ag Skills coming up, around 2000 students participating. He also discussed lack of rooms available and other challenges. Next year's date set for Ag Skills is Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Also finalizing plans for upcoming for summer events (SLCOO, NLCSO). Lastly, he recognized Michelle through the University for working 30 years.

## **VI. Michigan FFA Alumni- Dustin Petty**

-\$6,300 was made from the silent auctions for WLC Scholarships. The Michigan FFA Alumni will be hosting the National FFA Alumni Development Conference in Grand Rapids for in July

## **VII. Past State Officer- Henry Reinart**

Henry discussed the past Alumni meeting where they elected new officers and recapped the activities going on this year. T-shirt sales went through the roof at the State FFA dance. Also shared how the career fair was more of a career panel this year and went over very well.

## **VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation- Alex Schnabelrauch**

- The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, will consist of a multi-board meeting. Tracey Hoffman discussed the need for investment with teachers. Goal to get \$8 million in fund for teaching endowment.

## **IX. Standing Committee's Report**

### **1. Finance Committee- Eddy Moore- No report**

### **2. Awards and Activities Committee- Kathy LaLonde- No report**

### **3. Career Development Event Committee-Doug Pennington – no report**

### **4. State Officer Policy Committee-Doug Pennington – no report**

### **5. Governing Committee- Tate Forbush- talked about a number of issues that will be brought up late**

## **X. Old Business**

1. Middle School Activities Task Force Update – No report
2. Vet Science Task Force – No report
3. Nursery and Landscape Task Force – No report

## **XI. New Business**

### **1. Date of FFA Ag Skills Contests- Proposed by Don Wheeler**

Don Wheeler proposed to move the date of the Ag Skills contest to a later time in the year. The later we have for time the more prepared students will be. Discussed conflict with scheduling available times at the Pavilion, faculty and helpers. Encouraged Mr. Wyrick to push back day as far as possible.

Moved to take this under advisement and ask the state staff to schedule these contest as late as possible given the Pavilion and MSU staff availability by Mike Winkle

Second- Matt Jakubik

Motion passed

Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates

Second- Abigail Schreur

Motion passed

### **2. DQ Skill Contest Teams- Purposed by Randy Showerman**

It was proposed that in an advisor does not attend the contest they are assigned to and work at that contest all of their Ag Skills teams would be disqualified. Randy Showerman and Dave Wyrick will be in charge of enforcing this policy.

Moved to adopt this proposal by Matt Jakubik

Second-Tate Forbush

Motion passed

Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates

Second- Alyssa Tyrrell

Motion passed.

### **3. Ag Issues Contest- Cassie Conrod**

Two out the three judges were from the same school for Agriculture Issues Contest. It was proposed that we have a policy that there can only be one judge from each school, get judges from industry and if a team is competing there cannot be a judge from their school.

*Moved to adopt this proposal by Mike Wenkel*

*Second-Matt Jakubik*

*-Motion Failed*

*Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates  
Second-Alyssa Tyrrell  
-Motion to sustain passed*

#### **4. Improper Scoring- Don Wheeler**

It was proposed that if a leadership team receives two out of three number one rankings by the judges they will be declared the winner and move on and contest judges can discuss rankings prior to declaring winners.

*Moved by Josh Miller to refer this to the CDE committee  
Second- Kathy LaLonde  
Motion passed*

*Moved to sustain by -Laryssa Bates  
Second-Alyssa Tyrrell  
Motion passed.*

#### **5. MSU Technology- Carl Bragg**

One of the teams used MSU technology during Ag Issues contest at State Convention. It was proposed that no Ag Issues teams can use MSU technology.

*Matt Jakubik moved that MSU technology not be used beyond providing a table, chairs, and screen for Ag Issues and Demo contests and presentations. Everything else must be provided by chapter at the state level.*

*Second- Doug Pennington*

*Tate Forbush moved to amend this to say that this will be for all contests.*

*Second by Matt Jakubik*

*Motion and amendment passed*

*Move to sustain by Laryssa Bates  
Second- Alyssa Tyrrell  
Motion passed*

6. Ag Issues- Don Wheeler  
Covered in previous proposal

7. Nonofficial Dress- Amanda Strum

The concern over rule whether or not students must wear official dress during demonstration was discussed.

Move to refer this to the CDE committee by Mark Daniels  
Second-Matt Jakubik

Motion passed

Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates

Second-Alyssa Tyrrell

Motion passed

### **8. State Convention Session Length- John Schut**

Suggested making sessions shorter than in the previous years. Dave Wyrick recommends possibly moving different events around to different sessions. Length of sessions will be discussed later on. Tiffany Rogers explained how a goal as state staff to shorten session 6.

Moved by Josh Miller to refer this to the state staff

Second- Matt Jakubik

Motion passed

Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates

Second- Alyssa Tyrrell

Motion passed

### **9. Slating and Dropping Process- John Schut**

Slate two candidates at president, secretary and reporter and let other officers slide down to office positions.

Refer to the governance committee with a past state officer and nom com member and state officers

Moved to refer by Tate Forbush

Second- Matt Jakubik

Motion passed

Move to sustain by Laryssa Bates

Second- Alyssa Tyrrell

Motion passed

### **10. Size of State Officer Team- John Schut**

Moved by Mike Wenkel to refer this to the same committee as proposed in proposal 9

Second- Matt Jakubik

Motion passed

Move to sustain by Laryssa Bates

Second-Alyssa Tyrrell

Motion passed

### **11. State Officer- Tiffany Rogers and Alex Schnabelrauch**

Passed around a list of supporters and 85 PSO's interested in making state officer team smaller. Encouraged everyone to look further into discussing efficiency and effectiveness of the team. Will provide comments and answer questions because all angles and aspects want to cover. Funding issues would be brought up to Foundation. The effect on the members is foremost in their minds as is the state officer team dynamics. It was discussed how some were worried about taking experience from kids. Suggested moving to Governance Committee. Discussed how an officer from region 6 may have less of a chance to obtain ceremonial officer positions. Option to take the year off during service may be more beneficial. Many pros and cons were deliberated. Constitution will need to be amended.

Moved by Matt Jakubik to refer this proposal to the same committee as proposals 9 and 10  
Second Doug Pennington  
Motion passed

Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates  
Second Alyssa Tyrrell  
Motion passed

### **12. State Officer Discipline- Pat Henne and Megan Merrill**

Procedure needs to be established that promotes learning atmosphere. This procedure allows the member to learn from their mistake. Brought up it becomes acceptable it will potentially make it worse. Trying to do what is best for the members.

Dr. Showerman suggested failing. If failed we put ourselves in position to except underage drinking and tobacco usage. Have support for kids having issues before state officer year. While serving there would be justifying. State officer candidates know signing up for.

*Moved by Mike Wenkel to accept this proposal*  
*Second-Doug Pennington*  
*Motion failed*

*Moved to sustain by Laryssa bates*  
*Second- Alyssa Tyrrell*  
*Motion to sustain passed*

### **13. State Officer Discipline Wording- Pat Henne and Megan Merrill**

If the officer becomes subject to discipline they will be notified in writing which creates a standard of due process. Just makes wording more clear.

*Moved to accept this proposal by Matt Jakubik*  
*Second-Josh Miller*  
Motion passed

*Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates  
Second-Alyssa Tyrrell  
Motion Passed*

**14. State Officer Policy- Nate Frahm, Amber Eagling, Dani Heisler, Ricky Southward, and Sarah Crosby.**

A series of changes to the state officer discipline policy were propose by this group.

Josh Miller moved to adopt the proposal  
Torey Birchmeir seconded the motion  
Motion failed

The student board was excused from this discussion and vote and therefore di not vote on this item.

Referring to item 13, Mike Wenkel moved to change the notice to oral rather than written with a third party present. This was seconded by Matt Jakubik.

Mark Daniels moved to table this motion until the May 1 meeting.  
Doug Pennington seconded this and the motion to table passed.  
Mike Wenkel volunteered to be on the SO policy review committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Abigail Schreur*

Abigail Schreur, Region I State Vice President