

**Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors
Meeting**

May 1, 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

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

Guests Present: Tiffany Rogers, Alex Schut, Ethan Haywood, Levy Randolph

I. Call to Order at 6:02 pm - Alan Green, State President

II. Opening Ceremonies

Moved by Laryssa Bate to suspend the opening and closing ceremonies.
Second- Alyssa Tyrell- Motion passed.

Moved to sustain the student board's motion by Josh Miller
Second- Doug Pennington - Motion passed.

III. Secretary's report-

Moved by Laryssa Bates to approve the secretary's report as printed.
Second- Nick Webster. Motion passed.

Moved by Tory Birchmeier to sustain the student board's motion.
Second- Doug Pennington. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurers report

The FFA Association's account balance as of April 30th is \$48,038.59. Convention bills of \$35,000 are outstanding.

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

Moved by Laryssa Bates to receive the treasurer's report.
Second- Nick Webster – Motion passed.

Moved by Doug Pennington to sustain the student board's motion.
Second- Tory Birchmeier. Motion passed.

V. Michigan FFA Association-

1. State Officer Report- Alan Green

-The officer team has been kept busy with Regional Camps and Banquets meeting members and giving speeches. Also delivered 400 flower arrangements from the floriculture contest to the Sparrow Hospital.

2. State Advisor Report- Randy Showerman

-July 18th - Multi-board meeting in Lansing which will be the first joint board meeting MI FFA Association/MAAE/MHTA/MI FFA Alumni and MI FFA Foundation about Agriculture Education. Only three schools with PDI bills this year. Will be sending out convention and skills contest bill reminders. Urged everyone to be paying. Addressed retiring board: Doug Pennington (returning), Mike Wenkel(returning), Megan Merrill(absent). Thanked everyone for helping with skills contests this year.

3. State Executive Secretary Report- Dave Wyrick

-2526 students competed in Ag skills contest on April 12 and 15. John Partridge would like to cap Dairy Foods to two teams per school regardless of FFA membership level and four members per team. Dr. Partridge is frustrated with kids going to the contest as a learning experience instead of already having knowledge. Added meats contest to summer schedule. Recognized state officers for their successful year presenting them with plaques

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni- Dustin Petty

-Planning FFA 5K-October 11th

Cost of Alumni Lifetime dues were \$160 to now \$210.

VII. Past State Officer- Henry Reinart

-Presented 2013-14 State FFA Officers with Life time alumni memberships

VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation- Ramey Lunceford

-Fiscal year closes June 30. Goal was \$303,000 and right now we are at \$250,000. The endowment is at 3 million dollars. Endowment funds added this year were the Troy Bancroft Family Fund, an FFA scholarship endowment, a fund started by Dr. Kelvin Grant of Pioneer which will be a scholarship to 5th year student teachers starting in 2018. Upcoming events for foundation will be a May 27th meeting, toy tractor auction on July 18th, golf outing August 7th, Business and Industry tour for 2014-15 state officer team August 13-15. Discussed the importance of partnering with National FFA. Expressed the need for Ag teachers to attend PDI. The foundation is putting together a packet together for sponsoring teachers.

IX. Standing Committee's Report

1. Finance Committee- Dr. Eddie Moore- No report

2. Awards and Activities Committee- No report

3. Career Development Event Committee- Discussed the improper scoring proposal submitted.

Moved by Matt Jakubik to take no action on this proposal.
Seconded by Doug Pennington. Motion passed.

Moved by Laryssa Bates to sustain the adult board's decision.
Second by Alyssa Tyrell. Motion passed.

Matt Jakubik - Moved to keep the current policy that official dress is not required for the Demonstration Contest.
Second by Doug Pennington and the motion passed.

Move to sustain by Laryssa Bates
Second by Alyssa Tyrell and the motion passed.

4. State Officer Policy Committee- No report

5. Governing Committee- No report

X. Old Business

1. Middle School Activity Task Force Update- No report

2. Vet Science Task Force- Tammy Hyatt will be chairing

3. Nursery and Landscape task Force-No report

4. Special Committee On State Officers- Alan Green agreed to be on this committee.

XI. New Business

1. Call to Public- Dr. Randy Showerman

Has been recommended to create a public input policy. This policy would give members of the public three minutes speak on an issue provided they submit a form ahead of time. Dr. Showerman will be consulting legal counsel for advice on this proposal.

Moved by Doug Pennington to accept this proposal contingent upon legal approval.
Second by Torey Birchmeier. Motion passed.

Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates
Second by Nick Webster. Motion passed.

2. District Leadership Contest- Region I Advisors

Discussed moving date to third week in February. Dave Wyrick debated the difficult scheduling conflicts this would bring. Miller reported that district contest is February 4 and 5; Regional Contest is February 18-19 in 2015.

Moved by Doug Pennington to take no action on this proposal.
Second by Susann Young. Motion passed.

Moved to sustain by Alyssa Tyrell
Second by Nick Webster. Motion passed.

3. Improving state officer interviews- Region I advisors

It was proposed that the Gallup Strengths Quest assessment be used by the state Nom Com when interviewing state officer candidates.

Moved by Doug Pennington to refer this to the state office committee that is studying the decrease in state offices proposal.

Second by Josh Miller. Motion passed.

Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates
Second by Alyssa Tyrell. Motion passed.

5. Qualifying Judges for Leadership Contests- Kent Bollinger

Proposal to set up minimum qualifications for judges for district, regional and state leadership contests.

Move by Josh Miller to take no action on this proposal due to the difficulty of tacking judges qualifications.

Second by Doug Pennington. Motion to take no action passed.

Move to sustain by Laryssa Bates.
Second by Nick Webster. Motion passed.

6. Marketing Plan CDE rule Revisions- John Schut

Revise the event rules to read as follows:

-(III) 4. At least three qualified judges will be used. If more than six teams are in a section, two or three sets of judges may be used with a final round of no more than four teams. Judges should be selected to represent a mix of industry, education and communication, if possible. They should have understanding of the marketing planning process.

-(IV) B. Equipment

Equipment provided at the event site are: two tri-pod easels, one screen, two tables and three chairs.

-Adopt the national written plan and presentation scorecards through 2016

Move to adopt by Josh Miller
Second by Doug Pennington. Motion passed.

Move to sustain by Laryssa Bates
Second by Nick Webster. Motion passed.

7. Marketing Plan Feedback- Danielle Martinez

This proposal recommended that written feedback be given to Marketing Plan teams after the conclusion of the contest.

Move to adopt by Doug Pennington
Second by Tate Forbush. Motion passed.

Moved to sustain by Nick Webster
Second by Laryssa Bates. Motion passed.

8. Improve Nominating Committee- Region I advisors

Proposal to change the way state Nom Com members are selected.

Moved by Doug Pennington to refer this to the special state officer committee.
Second by Josh Miller

Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates
Second by Alyssa Tyrell. Motion passed.

9. State Convention Length- Doug Pennington

Proposal to have opening ceremonies and videos only once each day instead of at each session.

Motion by Josh Miller to refer this to the State staff and Convention staff.
Second by Doug Pennington

Move to sustain by Laryssa Bates
Second by Alyssa Tyrell. Motion passed.

10. Outdated Equipment offerings for the Ag market contest- Melanie Block

Proposed to have the state FFA provide a digital projector for the Marketing Plan Contest.

Move to take no action by Matt Jakubik
Second by Doug Pennington. Motion passed.

Moved to sustain by Laryssa Bates
Second by Alyssa Tyrell. Motion passed.

11. Length of state officer introductions- Region I officers

Proposal was to eliminate the state officer retiring address introductions due to their length.

Moved by Matt Jakubik to refer this to the state staff/state convention staff.
Second by Doug Pennington. Motion passed.

Moved to sustain by Alyssa Tyrell

Second by Nick Webster. Motion passed.

Tiffany Rodgers was recognized and presented with her National officer shadow box which will be displayed in the state FFA office.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 pm by President- Alan Green.

Respectfully submitted-

Abigail Schreur, Region 1 Vice President and Acting Secretary