

**Michigan FFA Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
338 Natural Resources Building  
May 7, 2015  
5:00PM-6:00PM Committee Meetings  
6:00PM-8:00PM Board Meeting**

**State Officers Present:** All state officers of the 2014-2015 team were present.

**Board Members Present:** David Wyrick, Dustin Petty, Henry Reinart, Alan Green, Mike Everett, David Mellor, Carolyn Bloodworth, Tate Forbush, Charles Scovill, Robert Sollman, Ken Deschepper for Torey Birchmeier, Cathy LaLonde, Matt Jakubik, Ramey Lunceford, Susann M. Young.

**Guest:** Michelle Sidel, Lora Finch.

- I. Call to order at 6:00 PM – Alexandria Schut, State President
- II. Opening Ceremonies – FFA State Officers
- III. Secretary Report – Ken VandenBout III
  - Moved: Brandon Borke
  - Seconded: Sam Ellison
  - Moved: Matt Jakubik
  - Sustained: Charles Scovill
  - Motion Passed
- IV. Treasurers Report – Dalton Hard
  - \$ 62,357.46 in our account with \$50,000 in outstanding bills and \$28,000 in invoices. There is currently a balance in the contingency of \$ 229,563.73
  - Moved: Brandon Borke
  - Seconded: Kim Forbush
  - Moved: Tate Forbush
  - Second: Carolyn Bloodworth
  - Motion Passed
- V. Michigan FFA Association:
  1. State Officer Report – Alexandria Schut
    - Been busy with banquets
    - Attending region camps
      1. Region 6 and Region 3 left
    - Thank you all for your continued support
    - Tigers game coming up
    - Ethan Haywood
      1. Change the visits to diversify each pair for visits
      2. Region 6 pair was over 5,000 miles
      3. Region 4 pair was slightly under 2,000 miles
      4. Every pair has 17 chapter visits per pair from different regions
        - a. Proposed groupings by the end of this week
  2. State Advisor Report – David Wyrick filled in for Randy Showerman
    - USA Today paper in back to take on the way out
    - Board Membership Terms (Region III, Region IV, MHTA, Carolyn Bloodworth, Charles Scovill)
      - Regional teachers on for 3 year term then done, doesn't state B and I, or MHTA terms
      - Region 3
        - Appoint at PDI

- Region IV
      - Appoint at PDI
    - Carolyn Bloodworth
      - Will continue if you want me to
    - Charles Scovill
      - Will continue if you want me to
  - Outstanding Invoices
    - Pass the word on to people who still owe to pay as soon as possible
  - Six MSU Credits
    - Well received by many people
    - Good credibility to Agri-Science programs around the State of Michigan
3. State Executive Secretary Report – Dave Wyrick
- Survey for State Officer numbers
    - Results sent out from survey
    - Thank you to everyone that helped
  - Ag Skills
    - 100 kids more than last year competed in Ag Skills
      - About 2400 kids competed this year
    - Thanks for the help you have done
      - Makes it run a lot smoother
  - Retiring officer plaques were past out to all members on the State Officer Team
    - Thanks for all of the hard work the State Officer Team has put in

- VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Dustin Petty
- Alumni Annual Dinner, raised \$4,100 for WLC scholarships
  - 150 people showed up
  - Traveling up to Alcona next year for the dinner
  - Move on from Michigan Farm Bureau to a new partnership
  - 5k, Saturday, October 10, 2015

- VII. Past State Officers – Henry Reinart
- Thank you to Michigan Farm Bureau for all of their support
  - We expanded too much from what the young farmer position could handle
  - Annual meeting was held
  - Alan Green was newly elected
  - Kate Kreptch was newly elected
  - Casie Muck serves on the board
  - Henry Reinart serves on the board
  - Lifetime membership is covered for the 2014-2015 State Officer Team to become Alumni members
    - Thanks to those who stepped up to help out for that
  - David Wyrick
    - Nationals will not be at Louisville from 2019-2021
      - Held in Indianapolis, Indiana for awhile
    - Some of the officers are doing National Foundation tours around Michigan
      - 2 National Officers coming for a few days for some chapter visits and regional camp visits
    - Alan Green is the National Officer Candidate for Michigan

- VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Ramey Lunceford
1. Michigan FFA Masters Golf Tournament
- June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- New this year, overall winner can take home the Wheeler Cup
  - Registration is open for teams and sponsorships at Michiganffa.org
  - Any current FFA Officer that puts a team together will get their individual registration covered by the FFA Foundation
2. Toy Tractor Auction
    - MLE's Sale-a-bration – July 21<sup>st</sup> 2015
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the John Deere collection of toy tractors donated by Mike Kovacic
    - More info is available at michiganffa.org
  3. Farm to Fork 5K
    - August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015
    - Hosted by Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer
    - Sponsorship funds will be split between MI FFA Foundation and the Lansing Area Food Bank. Last year \$20,000 was donated.
    - Sign up through Michiganffa.org
  4. Challenge 24
    - Current sponsors include:
      1. Michigan Corn Market Program
      2. Agro-Culture Liquid Fertilizer
      3. Gemini Group
      4. Michigan FFA Past State Officer's
      5. Michigan Soybean Committee
  5. Still needing sponsorships for the following before year end:
    - WLC - \$10,000
    - Fall Leadership Conference - \$5,000
    - Challenge 24 - \$12,000

#### IX. Standing Committee's Reports

1. Finance Committee **(320A Nat Res)**
  - Chairperson – Eddie Moore
    - No Report
2. Awards and Activities Committee **(338 Nat Res)**
  - Chairperson – Cathy LaLonde
    - No Report
3. Career Development Event Committee **(338 Nat Res)**
  - Chairperson – Charles Scovill
    - Ag Issues – Danielle Martinez and Liz Tomac (Charles Scovill spoke)
      - Move to accept the proposal.
      - Move: Charles Scovill
      - Second: Robert Sollman
      - Move: Ethan Haywood
      - Second: Kim Forbush
      - Motion Passed.
    - Job Interview II – John Schut (Charles Scovill spoke)
      - This was referred to Jill Cords, contest chair at the last board meeting. The committee has received no report yet. Therefore, the committee recommends to keep this request in committee and to have the state office reach out to Jill for her recommendation on how this proposal might affect the contest.

- Look at BPA rubric
- Jill needs to be contacted yet – David Wyrick
- Leave in committee for now.
  - Bring to September meeting – David Wyrick
- Parliamentary Procedure – Cameron Hayden (Charles Scovill spoke)
  - The committee could not come up with a recommendation at this time. They debated fully the pros and cons of the recommendation. The committee’s recommendation to the board is to have the state office send out a survey to all Ag Teachers to collect their opinion on the proposed change.
  - Questions to ask:
    - Do you prepare teams annually for the Parli Pro CDE?
      - YES OR NO
    - Do you prefer keeping the contest the same, or changing it to match the national contest rules?
      - Keep the same
      - O R
      - Change to national rules
  - The committee asked that the state office return the results of this survey be put to the CDE Committee.
  - They also ask that the chair of the parli pro contest be involved in this process.
  - Unable to come up with recommendation, because it is split
  - Moved by Charles Scovill to hold survey and continue researching
    - Have Dustin Petty help with that

4. State Officer Policy Committee **(130 Nat Res)**

- Chairperson – Doug Pennington
  - No report

(All the following were moved to postpone till September 2015 Board Meeting)

- State Officer Election Process and Evaluation – John Schut
- Regional Level State Officer Interviews – Kevin Nugent
- Procedure for Electing State Officers – Brandon Broke
- Changing the Number of State Officers – Alexandria Schut, Brandon Borke and Cameron Hayden

5. Governing Committee **(302 Nat Res)**

- Chairperson – Tate Forbush
  - No report

X. Old Business

1. State Affiliate – David Wyrick

- Input regarding to going statewide affiliate
  - Region 2 is supporting
  - Region 3 is supporting
  - Region 4 is supporting
  - Region 5 in supporting
    - If guaranteed what student would be able to be chosen that gets put on list, and not go back to having kids that are on a list based on who is on class
  - Region 6 is supporting
    - Sliding scale, maybe going 10 instead of 5 on the scale as a recommendation later
  - Region 1 table or vote no

- Brandon Borke voiced opinion for failing it
- Matt Jakubik said he was worried at first too, but was reassured later that it would keep things lower for chapters and students
- Henry Reinart: Changed the date so people would have to pay and be covered as a member for broiler contest
- Lora Finch: How many states are affiliating states?
  - Ramey Lunceford: Many states have it
- Moved to adopt by David Mellor
- Second by Matt Jakubik
- Moved by Ethan Haywood
- Second by Sam Ellison
- Motion passes.

## XI. New Business

### 1. AFNR Ed CDE – Dustin Petty (Mike Everett)

- Propose to do this at Fall PDI
  - Generate interest in AG Education as a career later on
  - Students interested in this event would submit video and lesson plan
    - 10-12 minutes on CD or electronically sent to Michigan FFA
  - Top 6 participants asked to come and participate at Fall PDI
  - Winner would receive either gold or silver award
  - Get \$2,000 scholarship to winner if they study Ag Ed at MSU
  - 6 trophies to all winners
  - Traveling trophy for winner with student name and advisor on them
  - For additional resources please look at the materials submitted in the proposal
  - Henry Reinart
    - Due date with year on it
    - If you're in Official Dress be in full official dress?
    - Mike Everett: That is correct
  - Ramey Lunceford
    - FFA Foundation board is behind this and in favor of it
  - Dalton Hard
    - Where do we see this going in the future, Fall CDEs, or Ag Skills?
      - Mike Everett: I don't see this mixing into any of those because of our capacities
  - The committee fully supports the approval of the new CDE. They ask that Mike Everett, contest chair, look into any HIPRA concerns with all students shown in any submitted videos.
  - Moved by David Mellor
  - Second by Charles Scovill
  - Moved by Lance Fowler
  - Second Brandon Borke
  - Motion Passed.

### 2. Survey results sent out

- Covered results of the survey categories of the teachers, PSOs/State officers, and
- Research will go to committee in Fall 2015 for review
- Ethan Haywood: Question 4
  - Place points on cover letter or resume is tricky
  - Keep accuracy from proposals all around
- Alan Green: Questions from old business regarding what questions to consider for evaluating the state officer election process
- Brandon Borke: All three groups should decide on what a state officer means

- Henry Reinart: Weighted average into the total average? To make the representation the fairest?
  - Ramey Lunceford: Draft the motion and put it to the delegates, because we all decided on that
  - Emily House: Give research to the members for voting
  - Brandon Borke: Different views are shown by having all these different groups opinions
  - Kim Forbush: Getting the right candidate is most important because of quality
  - Ethan Haywood: Put things in front of the delegates, but get polished frequently asked questions to make sure it is sought out by all sides
  - Alan Green: Talk possibly with Shane Jacques about the election process for delegates
3. Number of State Officers/State Officer Interview – Region 1 Advisors
- Moved by Lora Finch to merge the two proposals that are similar in regards to the process
  - Second by David Mellor
  - Lora Finch: Doesn't want a candidate to be put on the spot with a question that assumes they were guilty of doing something they didn't do
  - Carolyn Bloodworth: The interpretation could be different based on how each student took it
  - Moved to refer to committee by Matt Jakubik
  - Second by Robert Sollman
  - Moved by Ethan Haywood
  - Second by Kim Forbush
  - Motion Passed.
4. State Officer Interview Process – Region 1 Advisors
- Moved to refer to committee with power to research affecting the number of state officers and report back at the September meeting Brandon Borke
  - Second by Sam Ellison
  - Moved by Charles Scovill
  - Second by Matt Jakubik
  - Robert Sollman: How can we agree on everything in the proposals?
  - David Wyrick: You have to decide what the most important thing is and make a total package to make sure it is the best for all
  - Matt Jacobik: People that are currently on that committee should be handling it with the members that are currently on it now.
  - David Wyrick: Add new officers possibly too
  - Lance Fowler: If the proposal would go out, when would they receive it?
    - David Wyrick: Given out during January meeting at the latest
  - Alan Green: What about the special committee that happened in March 2014?
    - Henry Reinart: That committee failed and no longer exists
  - Discussion ended, and motion passed.

## XII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made
- Moved: Lance Fowler
- Second: Ethan Haywood
- Moved: Ramey Lunceford
- Second: Robert Sollman
- Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM

The next meeting will be September 17, 2015 at 5:00PM in 338 Natural Resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Dale VandenBout III  
2014-2015 State Secretary

