

**Michigan FFA Board of Directors Meeting
September 28, 2006**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in the Delta Room of the Holiday Inn-West at 1:15 by Michigan FFA State President Alyn Kiel.

There were 26 members and 9 guests present. Members in attendance included Randy Showerman, Steve Beattie, Eddie Moore, Tom Condon, Tammy Hyatt, Nadja Payok, Nick Thompson, Jason Griffith, Beth Stuever, Jason Smith, Floyd Beneker, Charles Snyder, Dave Wyrick, Megan Hirschman, Alyn Kiel, Katie Eldred, Gabriel Holdwick, Anna Timmerman, Emily Ries, Henry Reinart, Nicole Schaendorf, Danielle Martinez, Kirk Yackle, Brooke Rockentine, Ashley Orłowski, and Hannah Carruthers. Guests included National Officer Candidate Aaron Preston, Michelle Sidel, Jenó Rivera and members of the AEE 411 class.

II. Opening Ceremonies

Official FFA Opening Ceremonies were conducted by the State Officer Team.

III. Secretary's Report

The minutes were submitted by State FFA Secretary Gabriel Holdwick. There were no additions, subtractions, or deletions.

A motion to accept the Secretary's Minutes was made by Henry Reinart. Second. Motion carried.

A motion for the Adult Board to sustain the Student Board's motion was made by Jason Griffith. Second. Motion sustained.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was delivered by State FFA Treasurer Anna Timmerman. General Fund totaled \$33,909.29, Glassbrook Fund stands at \$77,886.43, for a combined total of 111,795.72. The Foundation's obligation to the association stands at \$27, 175.

Gabriel Holdwick moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Second. Motion Carried.

A motion for the Adult Board to sustain the Student Board's motion was made by Jason Griffith. Second. Motion sustained.

V. Michigan FFA Association

1. State Officer Report

State President Alyn Kiel delivered the State Officer Report, highlighting several of the projects the State Officers have been working on, including:

- Fall Conferences: Recently concluded prior to the meeting.

- PBR/Army Event: 3 State Officers helped put on a workshop during this conference put on by the US Army. This was the first year that the FFA Officers have participated in the Conference.
- Chapter Blitz: Visits to local chapters began on September 11 and will continue until mid-October.

2 State Advisor's Report

Dr. Randy Showerman delivered the State Advisor's Report. He reminded all in attendance that the housing deadlines must be kept, as Nationals will be holding to them fairly closely this year. The same applies with all of the award applications.

Dr. Showerman also gave an update on the progress of the State Curriculum revisions. They are currently working to infuse the FFA and SAE components of Agricultural Education into the new curricular requirements.

a. 2005-2006 Achievement Recognitions

There was a list of each FFA Chapter in Michigan, along with their achievements over the past year in the Agenda Booklet.

The rooming policy for National Convention was also discussed. The reason they had to be submitted so early was due to some Indiana Housing Bureau regulations being placed on the FFA.

3. State Projects Consultant

Dave Wyrick delivered the State Project Consultant's Report. Some of the topics covered were:

- PBR/Army Conference: Despite initial concern about this conference just being about recruiting, Dave said the conference was very well done and he would highly recommend it in the future. The Army is considering conducting another conference in April.
- The Ag Expo was a success, with the State Officers working the FFA Foundation, Farm Bureau and CANR Tents, and performing duties ranging from selling raffle tickets to conducting Green Carpet Interviews. Holding the Tractor Driving Contest during the Expo worked very well, and the Dairy and Livestock judging contests also went without any serious problems
- This year at National Convention, Michigan will be well represented. There will be 64 American Degrees. Brad Naebeck of the Saline FFA is also a finalist for a National Star Award. Aaron Preston of the BACC FFA is our National Officer Candidate.

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni

Floyd Beneker delivered the Alumni Report. The Alumni is once again holding its Annual State Leader National FFA Experience (formerly called the Administrator Field Trip). The deadline for registration is October 1, but more people will be accepted if they decide to go after that date. Local Alumni and Farm Bureau Chapters would probably be willing to grant scholarships. The

trip will last for 2 days and will be back in time for the football games on Friday night,

Charles Snyder also informed the board that Ryan Peterson will be giving his retiring address on Friday October 27 at 12:00. He will also be chairing the Friday evening session. It would be nice if members of the board could go and support our National Officer.

As in years past, the Alumni will be providing a basket for the National FFA Alumni Auction. Brenda Siefka, of St. Louis, is assembling articles from around Michigan. Some of these include a John Deere burn pit, Pioneer Sugar items, MSU items, wooden shoes, and many more to follow.

VII. Michigan FFA Foundation

The Foundation Report was given by Megan Hirschman. She provided the board members with a copy of the Blue Jacket Journal, the newsletter of the Foundation. Ag Expo was a success. Alan Awalt and some past state officers restored an Antique Tractor, and the State Officers sold tickets sold tickets during the Expo. A complete set of the Foundation Toy Tractors was donated by Rich Karelse and Charlie Arensmeier and sold at the live auction.

- The FFA Masters golf outing was also held in early August, and despite the rain earned over \$15,000 for the Regional Leadership Camps.
- The Michigan FFA Race Day was also a success. It offers a chance to involve a more people in the Foundation's fundraising, and also netted \$3,100 for the Foundation.
- The Foundation has moved from the Farm Bureau Complex to 408 Ag Hall. In the future, Megan will do fundraising for both the University and the Foundation.
- If you know of any company or group that could be potential sponsors for the Foundation or even a local chapter, please contact Megan and she would be happy to the visit them.

VIII. Standing Committees

1. Finance.

Mark Forbush was not present, so the Finance Committee report was suspended

2. Awards and Activities Committee

See Old Business, State Choir

3. Career Development Events

Charles Scovill was not present, so the Career Development Events Committee report was suspended

4. State Officer Committee

Jason Griffith delivered the report. There was a meeting of the Ag Teachers and several Past State Officers at SLCCO, and after much discussion it was determined that they are not in favor of reducing the size of the team. There will be another meeting of the Committee before the regular Board of Directors Meeting on December 18.

5. Governing Committee

Steve Beattie delivered the report, indicating that there was nothing new to report on.

IX. Old Business

1. State Choir- Referred to Awards and Activities Committee

Beth Stuever delivered the Report of the Awards and Activities Committee regarding the State Choir. She provided all in attendance with a handout summarizing the committee's findings. It would cost approximately \$1,900 to operate the choir. A survey of Ag Teachers found that there would be at least 60 participants interested in participating, and that a choir could be formed in time for the 2007 State Convention if a director is located by the State Office and the Committee. The Committee recommended that the Board approve the Proposal.

It was moved by Gabriel Holdwick to accept the Committee's Recommendation as written and form a State Choir. Second. Motion carried.

A motion from the Adult Board was made by Tammy Hyatt to sustain the student board's motion. Second. Motion Sustained.

2. State Officer Election Process- Referred to State Officer Committee- Action deferred until the December 18 meeting.

X. New Business

1. Title change from Project Consultant to State FFA Executive Secretary.

Dr. Showerman and Dave Wyrick informed the board that based on Dave Wyrick's duties, the title State FFA Executive Secretary more accurately describes his position. This is more in line with FFA Associations around the country.

It was moved by Tammy Hyatt to change the title of Project Consultant to State FFA Executive Secretary. Second. Motion Carried.

A motion from the Student Board was made by Henry Reinart to sustain the adult board's motion. Second. Motion carried.

2. Landscape and Nursery Career Development Event.

Tammy Hyatt delivered the report. There has been an effort to revitalize the Landscape and Nursery Career Development Event. In summary, the contest has been modified to more closely resemble the National Contest, the name will be changed to the Nursery and Landscape Career Development Event, and a certificate of completion endorsed by the MNLA will be awarded upon passing all three components with a 70% or better. 40 hours of work experience will also be needed to obtain the certificate.

It was moved by Tammy Hyatt to accept the proposal to modify the current Landscape/Nursery Career Development events as outlined in the proposal. Second. Motion Carried

A motion from the Student Board was made by Nicole Schaendorf to sustain the adult board's motion. Second. Motion sustained.

3. Review Board Contact Information

Please check your contact information in your packet to see if it is correct. Please send changes to the State FFA Office.

4. Review Standing Committee Membership.

Board members reviewed their committee assignments for the upcoming year.

XI. Other

The State Officers outlined the delegate issues for the upcoming National Convention. They are each outlined on www.ffa.org.

Because there will be not tax exemptions for National Convention this year, the State Of Indiana has allocated \$75 Gift cards for each chapter to make up for the tax. Each delegate will receive \$135.

The National FFA has placed some recent emphasis on Community Service. Some of these activities are the Million Hour Challenge and the Soup Kitchen event for non-delegate State Officers at National Convention. Charles Snyder suggested that the State Officers begin looking into Community Service Opportunities for our State Convention.

The Meeting on March 22 has been changed from 1-4 to 5-8 p.m.

Danielle Martinez moved to Adjourn. Second. Motion Carried.

A motion to from the Adult Board was made by Beth Stuever to sustain the Student Board's motion. Second. Motion Sustained.

The Meeting Adjourned at 3:00.

Submitted by:

Gabriel B. Holdwick

2006-2007 State FFA Secretary