

**Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 8, 2022
5:00 PM Dinner Available
5:00 to 6:00 PM Committee Meeting
6:00 to 8:00 PM Board Meeting
338 Natural Resources, MSU**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:48pm on Thursday, December 8, 2022, by Clara Milarch, the State President. 28 members and guests were present: Clara Milarch, Jenna Stanton, Amanda Johnson, Mckenna Morton, Samara Dowding, Austin Smego, Dakota Spink, Blaine Cords, Hailie Hall, Lillian Houtteman, Nathan Snow, Henry Reinart, Beth Wilson, Jennifer Smith, Chase Bos, Aaron McKim, Matt Jakubik, Scott Corrin, Travis Jones, Charles Scovill, Doug Pennington, Katie Holt, Jason Griffith, Haley Cucinello, Amara Jackson, Michelle Sidel, Mark Forbush, and Tiffany Rogers-Randolph.

- II. Opening Ceremonies: FFA State Officers

- III. Secretary's Report - Amanda Johnson
 1. 28 members and guests were present. September minutes presented.
 - a. Austin Smego moved to accept. Blaine Cords seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Beth Wilson moved to sustain. Haley Cucinello seconded. Motion carried.

- IV. Treasurer's Report - Mckenna Morton
 1. The FFA Association's account balance as of November 30, 2022, is \$228,996.28. There are approximately \$45,000 in outstanding bills for national convention awards and regional grants. There is an outstanding FFA invoices balance of \$76,406.00 due from chapters for membership, broiler contest and some older events. The balance in our contingency fund as of November 30, 2022, is \$517,757.54.
 - a. Dakota Spink moved to receive. Blaine Cords seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Haley Cucinello moved to sustain. Beth Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

- V. Welcome New Board Members
 1. Charles Scovill has returned after taking a few years off.

- VI. Michigan FFA Association
 1. State Officer Report - Clara Milarch:
 - a. September - December: Chapter Visits
 - b. October: Fall Conference, National Convention

- c. October - March: State Convention Practice
 - d. November: Broiler Contest
 - e. December: Star Application:
 - f. Upcoming: Consumers Energy Retreat
2. State Advisor Report - Mark Forbush:
 - a. Career Prep Grant: Preparation is underway.
 - b. Programs: 4 chapters have been approved this year with a potential three to four chapters next year; currently have 150 agricultural teachers.
 - c. Fall PDI: 120 teachers in attendance.
 3. State Executive Secretary Report - Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph
 - a. Fall Conference: Record attendance at 240 students.
 - b. Broiler Contest: Record entries at 584, nearly 3,000 birds were processed in three days; much thanks to all the volunteers.
 - i. Take note: Broiler Contest will be four days in 2023
 - c. National Convention: State Officers were able to host two chapters in the Michigan FFA suite, as well assist through service and delegation.
 - d. Application Season: Star application review has just occurred, many more applications to be submitted within the next few months.
 - e. Upcoming: Potential State Officer Candidate Meeting, State Officer Winter Retreat, Star Interviews, Proficiency and National Chapter application judging

VII. DEI Committee - Katie Holt

1. Recently held its second meeting, welcoming three student representatives
 - a. During this meeting, time was spent working on proposals for the Board of Directors
 - b. Planning to update the DEI website; will include adding photos and videos.
 - c. There is a potential grant to help support this project.
2. Training for committee members is to take place.
3. Meetings have been scheduled to take place for the upcoming year.

VIII. Michigan FFA Alumni - Becca Gulliver

1. The Alumni Annual Meeting took place on October 1, 2022
 - a. This was the first year that the annual alumni meeting was moved from the spring to the fall.
 - i. As so, it is open to any feedback.
 - b. The alumni is looking to expand the canned food drive project next year

- c. A session at the Fall Leadership Conference was completed on behalf of the Michigan FFA Alumni and Friends
- d. FFA Alumni and Friends Administrators Trip was sold out.
 - i. This will continue to be offered in the future.
- e. Scholarships are due soon; all alumni chapter dues must be paid in order for students to be eligible to receive scholarships.
- f. Take note: the FFA Alumni and Friends Annual Raffle is still underway; tickets can be purchased through Becca.

IX. Past State Officers - Henry Reinart

- 1. Recently, a Past State Officers meeting was held in conjunction with the Alumni and Friends Annual meeting.
 - 1. PSOs are looking to plan another meeting in the near future

X. Michigan FFA Foundation - Kyle Shaberg

- 1. Changes in the Foundation are occurring - look for more information as this continues.
- 2. Glassbrook Grants will be awarded soon.

XI. Ag Ed Club - Nathan Snow

- 1. The Ag Ed Club had 8 representatives attend National Convention
 - a. 7 total members received their American Degree
- 2. Have had four club meetings, and will be holding a Holiday Party soon.
- 3. The fundraising committee is working to release apparel, which will be launching in the spring.
 - a. In addition to Ag Ed Club apparel, MAAE merch will be available.
- 4. Spring meeting dates and events will be planned over winter break.

XII. Call To The Public

XIII. Standing Committee's Reports - no committee reports were made.

- 1. Vision and Special Topics Committee (338 Nat Res)
 - a. Chairperson: Beth Wilson
- 2. Awards and Activities Committee (320A Nat. Resources)
 - a. Chairperson: Jennifer Smith
- 3. Career Development Event Committee (338 Nat. Resources)
 - a. Chairperson: Haley Cucinello
- 4. State Officer Policy Committee (130 Nat. Resources)
 - a. Chairperson: Doug Pennington
- 5. Governing Committee (149 Nat. Resources)

- a. Chairperson: Jason Griffith

XIV. Old Business - there was no old business.

XV. New Business

1. Proposals

- a. Contest Timekeeper Wording - Proposed by the MI FFA DEI Committee - Assigned to the Career Development Committee for review.

- i. Proposal:

- ii. Recommended as written with the change of “being” to “begin”.

“Timekeeper, we are ready to being our presentation.”

Or

“Honorable Timekeeper, we are ready to begin our presentation.”

- Motion carries.

- Blaine Cords moved to sustain. Beth Wilson seconded.

Motion passes.

Language used in contest rules prior to proposal:

“Mr./Madam Timekeeper, we are ready to begin our presentation.”

“Mr./Madam Timekeeper, this concludes our presentation.”

Official Description will be the following, taking effect in 2024:

“Timekeeper, we are ready to begin our presentation.”

Or

“Honorable Timekeeper, we are ready to begin our presentation.”

- b. Official Dress Wording - DEI Committee - Awards and Activities Committee

- i. Recommended as written with the change:

- “Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons
 - Skirt should be a minimum of knee length
 - Slacks should be full length”

- ii. Motion carries.

- iii. Samara Dowding moved to sustain. Dakota Spink seconded.

Motion passes.

Language used in contest rules prior to proposal:

“Female members: Black skirt or dress slacks, white-collared blouse, official FFA blue scarf, black dress shoes with a closed heel and toe, black nylon hosiery or socks, official FFA jacket

zipped to the top and worn in the manner prescribed by the National FFA Constitution. (The skirt is to be at least knee length, hemmed evenly across the bottom, with a slot no longer than two inches above the knee, excluding the kick pleat).

Male members: Black dress slacks, white-collared shirt, official FFA tie, black dress shoes, black socks, and official FFA jacket zipped to the top and worn in the manner prescribed by the National FFA Constitution. *Junior high FFA members are allowed to wear FFA jackets, but it is optional. Participants in junior high contests should not be judged differently for wearing or not wearing a jacket.”

Official Description will be the following, taking effect in 2024:

“Official Dress for an FFA member includes:

- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons.
 - Skirt should be a minimum of knee length
 - Slacks should be full length
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt.
- Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf.
- Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.

Note: Medical or cultural adjustments to required official dress may be made with prior approval of contest/event chair. Also, appropriate personal protective equipment may be used with Official Dress. Junior high FFA members are allowed to wear FFA jackets, but, it is optional. Participants in junior high contests should not be judged differently for wearing or not wearing a jacket.”

XVI. Additional Informational Items:

1. The Broiler contest is scheduled to be reviewed in the summer of 2023, any proposals that have been made previously in regard to this contest will be examined at this time.

XVII. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

1. Dakota Spink moved to adjourn. Mckenna Morton seconded.

XVIII. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be March 23, 2023, at 6pm in Room 338 Natural Resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Johnson

State Secretary

2023-2024 contests slated to be reviewed are:

- Ag Communications
- Jr. High Quiz Bowl
- Ag Issues
- Public Speaking
- Livestock Judging
- Broiler Contest
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking

2022-2023 Meeting Dates:

March 23, 2023

April 27, 2023