

**Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 2021
5:45 to 6:00 PM Board Committee Meeting
6:00 to 7:30 PM Board Meeting
338 Natural Resources**

- I. Call to Order – Amara Jackson, State President
 - The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm on Thursday, December 9, 2021, by Amara Jackson, the State President. 30 members and guests were present: all members of the 2021-2022 Michigan State Officer Team, Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph, Mark Forbush, Henry Reinart, Grace Platte, Michelle Sidel, Scott Corrin, Dr. Aaron McKim, Beth Wilson, Haley Cucinello, Matt Jakubik, Katie Holt, Travis Jones, Jenny Troyer, Doug Pennington, Jennifer Smith, Susann Young, Alexander Scovill, Troy Bancroft and Scott Corrin.

- II. Opening Ceremonies – FFA State Officers

- III. Secretary Report – Kaia Cooper
 - 26 members present
 - a. Doug Pennington moved to sustain. Haley Cucinello second. Motion passed.
 - b. MPB HA.

- IV. Treasurer’s Report - Sydney Masters
 - The FFA Association’s account balance as of November 30, 2021 is \$317,282.60.
 - There are no outstanding bills. The balance in our contingency fund as of November 30, 2021 is \$384,045.31.
 - Beth Wilson moved to sustain. Matt Jakubik second. Motion passed.
 - Emma Barnum moved to sustain. Leah Irion second. Motion passed.

- V. Michigan FFA Association (<http://www.michiganffa.com/association/>)
 - State Officer Report – Amara Jackson
 - a. What has happened: National Convention, Upper Peninsula chapter visits and convention preparation.

- b. Upcoming event: more convention preparation, the state officer retreat, final chapter visits and any requests for state officers to attend various events such as contests.
- State Advisor Report – Mark Forbush
 - a. STAR Grant meeting yesterday, proposed spending more than usual, amount was given (although it was more than others were granted)
 - b. New program: Bellevue, Trenton, Stockbridge (some reboot, some new)
 - c. Conversations with other new programs are continuing (i.e. Clinton County)
 - d. 7 MSU interns around state currently, others outside of state are wanting to come in
 - 1. Largest number in a long time
 - e. State Convention is anticipated to be “normal” though to meet MSU requirements for in-person will need help from teachers.
 - f. Regional updates in person (1st week in January)
 - g. Board and staff understands the work and strain of getting students all opportunities
 - h. Questions:
 - 1. Haley Cuncinello and the Delta chapter: is there any indication at the MSU level that there might not be in-person convention or restrictions after the new year?
 - a. Haven’t seen anything yet to influence on-campus activities.
 - b. Many classes are going online for spring semester, but it is equal to what is virtual in the Fall semester.
- State Executive Secretary Report – Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph
 - a. Very successful Fall leadership Conference with 119 teachers present.
 - b. AFNR (or “Teach Ag”)CDE: 10 applied, 6 invited to present at the conference.
 - c. Day 2:
 - 1. Farm Bureau support for the conference will be continuing for next year but changing how they help.
 - 2. Any opinions on change?

- d. Two state officers competed at National Convention in Agricultural Sales and Meat Judging, the Cedar Springs FFA chapter placed 8th in the Forestry CDE, Addy Stuever Battle won the Service Learning proficiency and the Michigan FFA had three finalists in the agriscience fair.
- e. 2200 birds were processed during the Broiler Contest.
- f. We are currently in the middle of application season:
 1. This Tuesday (December 7, 2021) had STAR application reviews and interviewees were contacted, though finalists will be selected at a later date.
 2. The next round of applications will be due on January 7, 2022.
- g. Convention prep
 1. There was a filming session earlier today for videos that will play at the convention.
 2. Convention staff are working hard in preparation for the event.

VI. Michigan FFA Alumni – Becca Gulliver

(<http://www.michiganffa.com/alumni/>)

- Currently there has been about \$40k raised
- Raffle tickets still available
- Supporters are what are making this happen, so thank you!
- WLC scholarships are in the process of being reviewed.
- Alumni Council wants to promote the local-level activities, so encourage chapters to reach out for any help or support they may need.

VII. Past State Officers – Henry Reinart

- None

VIII. Michigan FFA Foundation – Kyle Schaberg

(<http://www.michiganffa.com/foundation/>)

- Foundation endowments total about \$7,400,000.
 - a. Only \$600,000 left to reach the goal of \$8,000,000.
- The foundation is working to secure corporate partners for 2022.
- Glassbrook grants in the process of being reviewed
- The last e-news letter is almost ready to be sent out.

- If there are any questions or concerns, please email Kyle Schaberg at schabe23@msu.edu.

IX. Ag Ed Club – Grace Platte

- Dr. McHenry was generous enough to cook at the last meeting.
- Some members attended National Convention through some of the STAR budget dollars.
- The annual shirt sale is about to begin, so watch your inbox for a form to order your own shirt.
- A trip to Chicago is in the process of being planned.

X. Call To The Public

- None

XI. Standing Committee’s No Set Reports

Informational Item: DEI Committee – Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph

- Provides thought and structure to giving DEI to MIFFA
- Committee almost filled out:
 - a. Katie Holt - Bay Arenac
 - b. Tony McCaul - Careerline
 - c. Danielle Martinez - Springport
 - d. Haili Gusa - PSO
 - e. Ayo Dare - MSU CANR Office of DEI
 1. Involved with DEI SO training
 - f. The position is outstanding, as the person has been contacted.
 1. One last MSU connected individual with an invite outstanding.
 - g. Open position
 1. Recommendations wanted to represent someone with industry connections but with a looser connection to ag. ed. and FFA.
- Positions will be help in 1, 2 and 3 year rotations with quarterly virtual meetings

XII. Old Business

- None

XIII. New Business

- Proposals

- a. DEI Statement Proposal – Dr. Aaron McKim

1. DEI AFNRE at MSU has become natl leader
2. Next step to codify a set of expectations and create guidelines. Also serves to invite others’ opinions in.
3. DEI Reflective Statement ratification from MI FFA wanted.
4. Implications:
 - a. Written for prof/academic audiences, but if endorse by the board, we would rewrite to tailor to students.
 - b. Financial support for an all-inclusive video detailing our efforts
5. A model developed to work with reflection statement



6. Haley Cucinello moved to accept the proposal as is. Doug Pennington second. Motion passes unanimously.
7. Haleigh Austin moved. Savannah Mauk second. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. DEI Committee Member Voting Proposal – Mark Forbush and Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph
 1. When getting the DEI committee set up, giving the committee a voting member was the next logical step.
 2. DEI touches all aspects of our organization, so having a voting say in their expertise, would be great.
 3. If this proposal is to pass, it would then go to the student delegates at state convention.
 4. Haley Cucinello moved to accept the proposal as submitted. Doug Pennington second. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Savannah Mauk moved to sustain. Sydney Masters second. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Other conversations:

- Mark Forbush made an announcement: 90% of resources set for changed CDEs/LDEs from September have been acquired. We are hoping to have 100% in by Christmas.

2022-23- FYI - Contests slated to be reviewed are; Ag Mechanics, Crops, Environmental Skills, Greenhouse Crop Management, Food Science, Horse Judging and Dairy Foods

2021-22 Meeting Dates

March 24, 2022

April 28, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kaia Cooper

State Secretary