

**Michigan FFA Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 15, 2022  
5:00 PM Dinner Available  
5:00PM - 6:00PM Committee Meeting  
6:00PM - 8:00PM Board Meeting  
338 Natural Resources, MSU**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:59pm on Thursday, September 15, 2022 by Clara Milarch, the State President. 27 members and guests were present: all members of the 2022-2023 Michigan FFA State Officer Team, Mark Forbush, Doug Pennington, Jennifer Smith, Haley Cucinello, Beth Wilson, Jason Griffith, Connor Hubbard, Chase Bos, Aaron McKim, Scott Corrin, Katie Holt, Tiffany Rogers-Randolph, Henry Reinart, Amara Jackson, Nathan Snow, and Michelle Sidel.
- II. Opening Ceremonies: FFA State Officers
- III. Secretary's Report - Amanda Johnson
  1. 27 members and guests present. April minutes presented.
    - a. Austin Smego moved to accept. Blaine Cords seconded. Motion passed.
    - b. Doug Pennington moved to sustain. Aaron McKim seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Mckenna Morton
  1. The Michigan FFA Association's account balance as of August 31, 2022 is \$169,814.51. There are approximately \$50,000 in outstanding bills for AET, officer trainings, convention speaker and misc. The balance in our contingency fund as of August 31, 2022 is \$513,464.54.
    - a. Dakota Spink moved to accept. Blaine Cords seconded. Motion passed.
    - b. Beth Wilson moved to sustain. Katie Holt moved to second. Motion passed.
- V. Welcome New Board Members - State Officers
- VI. Michigan FFA Association
  1. State Officer Report - Clara Milarch:
    - a. June: Base Camp, State Officer Checkpoint #1, SLCCO/SLCRO Prep
    - b. July: SLCCO/SLCRO
    - c. August: Business and Industry Tours
    - d. September - December: Chapter Visits
    - e. October: National FFA Convention
  2. State Advisor Report - Mark Forbush:

- a. Regional Advisors: Check and confirm dates are correct for regional leadership contests
  - b. Programs: 2022 numbers include - 149 agricultural teachers, 6 new positions, 3 new schools, 124 programs active
  - c. Career Prep Grant: Training is occurring next year (2023) implementation to occur the year following (2024)
  - d. Funding: 25% increase - a complete break down will be given at Fall PDI
3. MSU AFNRE - Dr. Aaron McKim
- a. 22 students in 2022
  - b. 2023 program is moving to a four-year duration
4. State Executive Secretary Report - Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph
- a. SLCCO/SLCRO:
    - i) SLCCO: 76 members registered; SLCRO: 36 members registered
  - b. Broiler Contest:
    - i) Chicks have been ordered
    - ii) Start date begins on September 28, 2022 with the contest taking place November 2-4, 2022
  - c. Fall Conference:
    - i) Member Leadership Series - Connect & I Am - Day 1 of Conference
    - ii) AFNRE CDE - entries due by September 23, 2022
    - iii) As of September 14, 241 students are registered, and 117 teachers
      - (1) 80 more students than last year
  - d. National Convention:
    - i) Registration is open and entertainment tickets go on sale next Wednesday
    - ii) Format this year: virtual components; no one is winnowed out based on virtual contests, all compete at convention
    - iii) Proficiencies: 13 bronze, 9 silver
    - iv) Agriscience Fair Finalists: 8 individuals/teams
    - v) National Chapter State Star Awards
      - (1) 1 Star: 1 Chapter
      - (2) 2 Star: 6 Chapters
      - (3) 3 Star: 4 Chapters
    - vi) National Band: 4 members
    - vii) Honorary American Degrees: 2
      - (1) Troy Bancroft of AgroLiquid
      - (2) Ramey Lunceford of Syngenta
    - viii) Honorary America Degrees - Teachers: 2
      - (1) Melanie Block of Ravenna
      - (2) Susan Young of Saranac
  - e. DEI Committee Update:
    - i) 7 adult committee members met in May

- ii) Katie Holt is board rep - first time this role is to be a part of this board
- iii) Importance of student voices on the committee
  - (1) One state officer representative
  - (2) Three student representatives
- iv) Applications have been submitted and subcommittee will be conducting interviews to select student representatives
- v) Will schedule next committee meeting once students have been respectively chosen
- f. Chapter Visits:
  - i) Officers have developed their workshops and are offering two workshops (FFA or Leadership) to better meet students where they are at. Chapter visits will begin next week.
- g. Applications:
  - i) All state applications have been moved to an online submission process. We will continue to streamline and make it more efficient.

VII. DEI Committee - Katie Holt

- 1. First meeting will occur in May
- 2. Hoping to gain more student involvement and are attempting to better use social media in order to do this

VIII. Michigan FFA Alumni - Report given by Mark Forush (Becca Gulliver unable to attend)

- 1. The Alumni Annual Meeting is October 1st at AgroLiquid in St. Johns
- 2. Will be kicking off a service project with Farm Bureau's Agen Charitable Fund hosting a canned food drive; A prize will occur for the chapter bringing the most.
- 3. Raffle tickets are still available for Gator Raffle Tickets; our goal is 70,000-80,000 to be sold. Contact Burt Henry if interested in purchasing.

IX. Past State Officers - Henry Reinart

- 1. Meeting on October 1, 2022 for Past State Officers

X. Michigan FFA Foundation - Report given by Mark Forbush (Kyle Shaberg unable to attend)

- 1. The Michigan FFA Foundation closed out fiscal year 2022 with its best fundraising year ever with over \$500,000 raised.
- 2. In July, we partnered once again with Michigan Corn for another successful golf outing.
- 3. Soliciting our corporate partners for support in the 2023 calendar year will be occurring soon

XI. Ag Ed Club - Nathan Snow

- 1. First meeting will occur on September 27, 2022

2. Intending on visiting National Convention, doing fundraising activities, and visiting other schools

XII. Call To The Public

XIII. Standing Committee's Report

1. Vision and Special Topics Committee (338 Nat. Resources)
  - a. Chairperson: Beth Wilson
2. Awards and Activities Committee (320A Nat. Resources)
  - a. Chairperson: TBD
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: (none)

XV. New Business

Proposals:

1. Horse Judging - Mark Forbush
  - a. Multiple sets of contest rules and Ipads will be implemented next year
2. Ag Mechanics - State Officer Policy
  - a. Doug Pennington moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
  - b. Samara Dowding moved to sustain. Blaine Cords seconded. Motion passed.
    - i) It was moved to update the Career Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
3. Agronomy (Crops) - CDE Committee
  - a. Haley Cucinello moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
  - b. Blaine Cords moved to sustain. Austin Smego seconded. Motion passed.
    - i) It was moved to update the Career Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
4. Food Science - Awards and Activities
  - a. Jennifer Smith moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
  - b. Samara Dowding moved to sustain. Blaine Cords seconded.
    - i) It was moved to update the Career Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
5. Milk Quality and Dairy Foods - CDE Committee
  - a. Haley Cucinello moved to accept as is. Motion failed.
  - b. Doung Pennington made motion to accept with changes. Haley Cucinello seconded. Motion passed.
  - c. Blaine Cords moved to sustain. Hailie Hall seconded.

- i) It was moved to update the Career Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
  - 6. Environmental Skills - State Officer Policy
    - a. Doug Pennington moved to accept as is. Motion passed.
    - b. Blaine Cords moved to sustain. Hailie Hall seconded.
  - 7. Greenhouse Crop - Visioning and Special Topics
    - a. Beth Wilson moved to accept with changes. Motion failed.
    - b. Amendment made and a friendly vote occurred. Beth Wilson moved to accept. Haley Cucinello seconded. Motion carries.
    - c. Austin Smego moved to sustain. Hailie Hall seconded. Motion passes.
      - i) It was moved to update the Career Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
- XVI. Additional Informational Items:
- 1. CDE/LDE contests will continue to remain updated every five years. Next summer the above proposed changes to the Career Development Events will take effect.
- XVII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.
- 1. Dakota Spink moved to adjourn. Hailie Hall seconded.
- XVIII. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be December 8, 2022 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, and Extemporaneous Public Speaking.**

**2022-2023 Meeting Dates:**

December 8, 2022

March 23, 2023

April 27, 2022