

**Michigan FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 2023
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 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 14, 2023 by William Barnum, the State President. 28 members and guests were present: all members of the 2023-2024 Michigan FFA State Officer Team, Mark Forbush, Doug Pennington, Jennifer Smith, Haley Cucinello, Jason Griffith, Travis Jones, Chase Bos, Katie Holt, Tiffany Rogers-Randolph, Charles Scovill, Scott Corrin, Ramey Lunceford, Sarah Albrecht, Samantha Buggia, Josephine Forbush, Mark Johnson and Michelle Sidel.

- II. Opening Ceremonies: FFA State Officers

- III. Secretary's Report - Lilly Nyland
 1. 28 members and guests were present. April minutes presented.
 - a. Nathaniel Cochrane moved to accept. Logan Volmering seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Hailey Cucinello moved to sustain. Jason Griffith seconded. Motion passed.

- IV. Treasurer's Report - Nathaniel Cochrane
 1. The Michigan FFA Association's account balance as of August 31, 2023 is \$83,810.88. There are no outstanding invoices. The balance in our contingency fund as of August 31, 2023 is \$649,982.29.
 - a. Lexie Stump moved to receive. Logan Volmering seconded. Motion passed.
 - b. Doug Pennington moved to sustain. Hailey Cucinello moved to second. Motion passed.

- V. Welcome New Board Members - State Officers

- VI. Michigan FFA Association
 1. State Officer Report - William Barnum:
 - a. July: SLCCO/SLCRO
 - b. August: Business and Industry Tours, AgroExpo
 - c. September - December: Chapter Visits
 - d. October: Fall Leadership Conference, Broiler Contest, National FFA Convention

2. State Advisor Report - Mark Forbush:
 - a. Programs: 17 new teachers and 3 new programs: Detroit International, Randolph, and Mecosta-Osceola
 - i) A list pertaining more information regarding teaching positions and new charterings will be provided on Sept. 15 via email
 - b. A grant of \$4 million is available for agriscience programs around the state for capital improvements. This grant can be used throughout the next year.
 - c. Track Monitoring Program: Ensure appropriate and effective updates/check-ins with chapters' progress across the state. This takes place throughout the school year, and each program is reviewed every 5 years.

3. State Executive Secretary Report - Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph
 - a. As a reminder, please be sure to review the FFA calendar - it is slightly different than previous years
 - b. Preparation for FFA State Convention begins this Sunday, September 17
 - c. We want to recognize and thank you all as board members at the 2024 State Convention
 - i) Watch for an email with a survey asking for name and a photo to make this happen
 - d. Fall Leadership Conference:
 - i) Day 1: Mission and Impact - National FFA Facilitators
Day 2: Career Conference - Coordinated by Michigan Farm Bureau
 - e. The Broiler Contest is 4 days long this year and will be taking place before the National Convention
 - f. National Convention awards to date:
 - Proficiencies:
 - Bronze: 10
 - Silver: 11
 - National Finalist: 1
 - Agriscience Fair:
 - Bronze: 13
 - National Finalist: 7
 - National Chapter - Star Awards:
 - 3 Stars: 2 Chapters
 - 2 Stars: 5 Chapters
 - 1 Star: 3 Chapters
 - American Degrees: 53
 - Honorary American Degrees - Industry
 - Gabe Holdwick
 - Ryan Peterson
 - Honorary American Degrees - Teachers:

- Jessica Couch - Hopkins
- Brian Kiesling - Corunna

VII. DEI Committee - Katie Holt

1. Member applications were sent out in October.
2. At the next meeting, review for the DEI info video shown at State Convention will occur

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

1. Annual Meeting Recap:
 - a. We held our Annual Meeting at the AgroExpo in August. There was a great turn out and plans are already in the works for next year's meeting! At this event we were able to collect food in partnership with the Farm Bureau Insurance Agent Charitable Fund to benefit local food banks and we also held our annual silent auction. Money raised from this auction event, along with our virtual auction, will help to provide funding for our student scholarships.
2. Administrator's Trip to National Convention:
 - a. Lance Fowler has taken on the organization of the National FFA Convention Experience Trip, with the help of Burt Henry, and spots are filling up quickly. We have also received great financial support for the National Convention suite from sponsors, CANR/MSU, Ag Bio-Research, MSU Extension, IAT/MSU, and BASF!
3. The Year Ahead:
 - a. We have added some new board members to our team and are looking forward to a great year ahead!
 - b. Raffle tickets are being sold, meetings are being planned, and we are ready to jump into this new year of activities. If we can ever be of any assistance, please reach out to alumni@michiganffa.org.

IX. Past State Officers - Henry Reinart

1. Not able to attend

X. Michigan FFA Foundation - Report given by Charles Scovill (Alexandria Schnabelrauch unable to attend)

1. Please have patience as the hiring of Alexandria Schnabelrauch as the new Foundation Director is not public information yet. We are really looking forward to what is to come!

XI. Ag Ed Club - Sarah Albrecht

1. Information about the club and this month's agenda was handed out.
2. New action: Two meetings a month - each one will be dedicated to either be content heavy or a chance for fun and fellowship.

3. Club meetings will be the first and third Tuesday of every month, beginning at 5:15pm.

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
6. Special Committee- State Officer Task Force Report

Task Force Members			
Role	#	Specifications	Names
Current State Officer	1	Member from the 2023-2024 team	1. Maze Gusa
Past State Officer	2	At least one PSO will have served in the last three years At least one PSO will have served as a member of Convention Staff and worked in the FFA Office <i>(These qualifications could be covered by the same individual)</i>	1. Sydney Masters 2. Casie Stiles
FFA Advisor	2	At least one advisor will have experience at a career center At least one advisor will have experience at a comprehensive high school <i>(Advisors will be from different regions)</i>	1. Chase Bos* 2. Doug Pennington
Past State Nominating Committee	2	At least one nom com member will have served on the committee in the last three years	1. Becca Gulliver 2. Ramey Lunceford
<i>*Task Force Chair</i>			

Task Force Activities

- The Task Force has met four times
- Timeline for work has been developed
 - Past activities:
 - Developed guiding questions and aligned with data and resource collection
 - Compiled resources and built data collection tools
 - Disseminated surveys
 - Future activities:
 - Analyze collected data and establish trends
 - Explore options
 - Develop and refine recommendations
 - Disseminate proposal
- Developed guiding questions for exploration in the areas of:
 - Purpose and role of state officers
 - State officer selection process
 - Number of candidates
 - Promotion of state office as an opportunity
 - Regional and board representation
 - Number and structure of state officer team
 - Image of state officers
- The following resources have been compiled:
 - Current state officer policies
 - Past board proposals relating to state officers
 - National data on state officer teams
 - Time investment
 - Cost investments
 - Candidate and state officer numbers
 - Information on other state's processes and structures
- Surveys for feedback and input from the following groups of stakeholders have been sent out:
 - FFA Members
 - Agriscience Educators
 - Past State Officers
 - Alumni/Foundation
- Please complete the survey by September 20th

XIV. Old Business: N/A

XV. New Business Proposals:

1. Agricultural Issues - Career Development Event Committee
 - a. It was moved to update the Agricultural Issues Leadership Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
 - i) Jennifer Smith moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
 - ii) Maze Gusa moved to sustain. Nathaniel Cochrine seconded. Motion passed.
2. Broiler Contest - Awards and Activities Committee
 - a. It was moved to update the Broiler Contest Career Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
 - i) Ramey Lunceford moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
 - ii) Nathaniel Cochrane moved to sustain. Emma Kuhl seconded. Motion passed.
3. Extemporaneous Public Speaking - Career Development Event Committee
 - a. It was moved to update the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event as proposed with a friendly amendment. See updated resources for any changes.
 - i) Haley Cucinello moved to accept. Doug Pennington seconded. Motion passed.
 - ii) Madalyn Simpson moved to sustain. Emma Kuhl seconded. Motion passed.
4. Jr. High Quiz Bowl - Visual and Special Topics Committee
 - a. It was moved to update the Jr. High Quiz Bowl Career Development Event as proposed with a friendly amendment. See updated contest resources for any changes.
 - i) Josephine Forbush moved to accept. Jennifer Smith seconded. Motion passed.
 - ii) Logan Volmering moved to sustain. Lexie Stump seconded. Motion passed.
5. Prepared Public Speaking - State Officer Policy Committee
 - a. It was moved to update the Leadership Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
 - i) Doug Pennington moved to accept as is. Motion passed.
 - ii) Nataleigh Hilliker moved to sustain. Emma Challender seconded. Motion passed.
6. General Rules Proposal - State Officer Policy Committee
 - a. It was moved to update the Career and Leadership Development Events as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
 - i) Josephine Forbush moved to accept as is. Motion passed.

- ii) Maze Gusa moved to sustain. Emma Kuhl seconded. Motion carried.

XVI. Additional Informational Items:

- 1. CDE/LDE contests will continue to remain updated every five years.
- 2. Livestock Judging: Committee recommended that we improve on registration. We are working with the coordinators on that.
- 3. Ag Communications: Committee evaluated three or four members but decided on no change.

XVII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

- 1. Emma Challenger moved to adjourn. Madalyn Simpson seconded. Motion carried.

XVIII. The next Board of Directors Meeting will be December 7, 2023 at 6pm in Room 338 Natural Resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Lilly Nyland

2023-2024 State Secretary

2024-2025 contests slated to be reviewed are: Poultry Judging, Ag. Sales, Dairy Cattle Judging, Dairy Handlers, Creed Speaking, Greenhand Public Speaking, Market Rabbit and Demonstration.

2023-2024 Meeting Dates:

December 7, 2023

March 14, 2024

April 11, 2024