

**Michigan FFA Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 12, 2024**

**5:00 PM Dinner Available – Room 338 Natural Resources**

**5:00 to 6:00 PM Committee Meeting – Please see below**

**6:00 to 8:00 PM Board Meeting  
338 Natural Resources**

- I. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024, by Hunter Bognar, the 2024-2025 Michigan FFA State President. 27 members and guests were present: Hunter Bognar, Sara Dammann, Addison Van De Moortel, Sophia Barnum, Landon Umlor, Logan Bowers, Gretchen Gautz, Nicole Hollabaugh, Dori Stuever, Hannah Osterink, Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph, Mark Forbush, Michelle Sidel, Katie Holt, Dr. Aaron McKim, Sarah Albrecht, Alex Schabelrauch, Doug Pennington, Abigail Stubbins, Charles Scovill, Ramey Lunceford, Chase Bos, Hannah Bollinger, Beth Wilson, Brent Willett, Angela NaDell, and Jason Griffith.
  
- II. **Opening Ceremonies – FFA State Officers**
  
- III. **Secretary’s Report – Addison Van De Moortel**
  1. 27 members and guests were present. April minutes were presented.
    - a. Nicole Hollabaugh moved to accept the Secretary’s Report. Sophia Barnum seconded. Motion passed.
    - b. Beth Wilson moved to sustain. Doug Pennington seconded. Motion passed.
  
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report – Sophia Barnum**
  1. The FFA’s Association account balance as of August 31, 2024 is \$162,586.45. There are approximately \$50,000 in outstanding invoices for membership. The balance in our contingency fund as of August 31, 2024 is \$409,794.56.
    - a. Logan Bowers moved to receive the Treasurer’s Report. Sophia Barnum seconded. Motion passed.
    - b. Charles Scovill moved to sustain. Doug Pennington seconded. Motion passed.
  
- V. **Michigan FFA Association**
  1. **State Officer Report – Hunter Bognar**
    - a. Chapter visit season: Officers recently completed a chapter visit practice, held at AgroLiquid IQ Hub in St. Johns, MI. This visit prepared them for the approximately ten chapter visits each traveling pair will conduct.

- b. Fall Leadership Conference: October 9th-10th at Crowne Plaza in Lansing, MI.
- c. National Convention: October 20th-26th in Indianapolis, IN.

## **2. State Advisor Report – Mark Forbush**

- a. An opening for an Assistant Professor of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Education at Michigan State is available
  - i. The search process will occur in the fall semester with applications due October 4th.
  - ii. Look for more updates on this at the next Board of Directors meeting on December 5th, 2024.
- b. Programs:
  - i. We have 132 programs and 156 teachers
  - ii. New programs located at: St Johns, Delton Kellogg, Whitehall, Randolph Tech Center and Reese.
- c. Michigan FFA was awarded \$4.0 million in the state budget this year to put towards Michigan FFA activities.
  - i. We are expected to receive this in mid-October.
  - ii. Michigan Farm Bureau will host an event on September 26th at 10:00 a.m. to thank Representative Whitwer, who played a pivotal role in the allocation of funds.
  - iii. State officers and local chapters will be attending this event.

## **3. State Executive Secretary Report – Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph**

- a. Summer Skills Participation:
  - i. 50 students competed in the Meats Evaluation contest, 19 participants in the Dairy Judging contest, and 36 competitors in Tractor Driving Contest.
- b. Chapter Visits begin September 13th, with the first visit being together as a team at Owosso.
- c. State Convention practice begins September 15th.
  - i. Will be occurring twice a month until we are closer to the State Convention.
- d. National Officer Candidate:
  - i. Our National Officer Candidate this year is Lilly Nyland from the Careerline Tech Center program.
  - ii. If interested in sending a card to support Lilly, feel free to send them into the Michigan FFA Office by October 11th, 2024.
- e. Fall Leadership Conference: October 9th-10th

- i. Day 1: Connect Conference (7th-10th grade students) and I Am Conference (11th-12th grade students) - National FFA Facilitators
  - ii. Day 2: Career Conference - Coordinated by Michigan FFA Foundation with assistance of Foundation Sponsors
- f. National Convention awards to date:
  - Proficiencies
    - Bronze: 13
    - Silver: 15
    - Gold: 1
  - Agriscience Fair
    - Bronze: 13
    - National Finalist: 2
  - National Chapter- Star Awards
    - 3 Stars: 1 Chapter
    - 2 Stars: 7 Chapters
    - 1 star: 4 Chapters
  - American Degree: 65
  - Honorary American Degrees - Industry:
    - Scott Corrin - nominated by association
    - Alex Schnabelrauch - nominated by association
    - Tiffany Rogers-Randolph - nominated by outgoing national officer
  - Honorary American Degrees - Teachers:
    - Carrie Preston - nominated by association
    - Amanda Sturm - nominated by association
- g. National President - Amara Jackson
  - i. Will be delivering her retiring address during the final session of National Convention on Saturday.
- h. The Broiler Contest is four days long this year and will be taking place after National Convention, from November 5th-8th.
- i. Ongoing Projects:
  - i. Michigan FFA Belonging and Engagement Collaborative:
    - Team Members: Chase Bos, Haili Gusa, Mark Forbush, and Dr. Tiffany Rogers-Randolph.
    - Attended in-person training in Indianapolis, IN in August.
  - ii. Office Move and Renovations:
    - Our office will be soon moving down the hall in the Natural Resources building as a way to increase office space.

- a. One area will be shared space with the AFNRE Program at MSU, serving as a classroom and conference room. Renovations will start any day now, with the intent to move in by January.

**VI. Belonging and Engagement Committee – Katie Holt**

1. Previously known as the “DEI Committee”, our name has changed to “Belonging and Engagement Committee” in an attempt to remain consistent with the National FFA.
2. Earlier this summer, four of our team members attended training provided by National FFA in Indianapolis, IN.
3. Training for students and staff will be available at Fall PDI.
4. Applications are available for new student representatives, with the deadline fast-approaching.

**VII. Michigan FFA Alumni – Hailey Gilbert**

1. Much like previous years, raffle tickets are being sold for the Michigan FFA Alumni & Friends. If interested in purchasing or selling tickets contact Burt Henry.

**VIII. Past State Officers – Henry Reinart**

1. No Report

**IX. Michigan FFA Foundation – Alexandria Schnabelrauch**

1. We are looking for new donors to support urban agricultural education.
2. Fall Leadership Conference - Careers Conference:
  - a. Approximately 18-20 of our Foundation sponsors plan on attending and hosting booths to engage with students regarding the agriculture, food, and natural resources industry.
3. Over 500 raffle tickets were sold at AgroExpo in August.

**X. Ag Ed Club – Sarah Albrecht**

1. In the spring, we did a club exchange with the University of Kentucky (UK), where MSU club members viewed UK’s facilities and met members of the Agriculture Education team at UK.
  - a. This spring, we are hoping to host them.
2. Our first Ag Ed Club meeting was on Tuesday, September 10th.
  - a. As a reminder, E-board member length has changed due to the new AFNRE 4-year program.

- i. As a result of this change, new E-Board members will be elected in November, with official office taking place from January-December 2025.
3. Fall Semester meeting dates
  - a. October: 1st, 15th, 29th
  - b. November 12th, 26th

**XI. Call To The Public**

**XII. Standing Committee's Report**

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

**XIII. Informational Items**

1. Dairy Handlers - Career Development Event
  - a. During our summer review, the committee recommended no changes to be considered.

**XIV. Old Business: N/A**

**XV. New Business Proposals:**

1. Agricultural Communications – Career Development Event Committee
  - a. It was moved to update the Agricultural Communications Career Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
    - i. Charles Scovill moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
    - ii. Nicole Hollabaugh moved to sustain. Sophia Barnum seconded. Motion passed.
2. Agricultural Sales - State Officer Policy Committee
  - a. It was moved to update the Agricultural Sales Career Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
  - b. Doug Pennington moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.

- c. Landon Umlor moved to sustain. Sophia Barnum seconded. Motion passed.
- 3. Creed Speaking - Awards and Activities Committee
  - a. It was moved to update the Creed Speaking Leadership Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
    - i. Brent Willet moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
    - ii. Sara Dammann moved to sustain. Sophia Barnum seconded. Motion passed.
- 4. Dairy Judging - Visioning and Special Topics Committee
  - a. It was moved to not update the Dairy Judging Career Development Event as proposed.
    - i. Beth Wilson moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
    - ii. Sophia Barnum moved to sustain. Nicole Hollabaugh seconded. Motion passed.
- 5. Demonstration - Career Development Event Committee
  - a. It was moved to update the Demonstration Leadership Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
    - i. Charles Scovill moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
    - ii. Nicole Hollabaugh moved to sustain. Sophia Barnum seconded. Motion passed.
- 6. Greenhand Conduct of Meetings - State Officer Policy Committee
  - a. It was moved to update the Greenhand Conduct of Meetings Leadership Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
    - i. Doug Pennington moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
    - ii. Logan Bowers moved to sustain. Hannah Osterink seconded. Motion passed.
- 7. Market Rabbit - Vision and Special Topics Committee
  - a. It was moved to update the Market Rabbit Career Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
    - i. Beth Wilson moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
    - ii. Dori Stuever moved to sustain. Logan Bowers seconded. Motion passed.
- 8. Poultry Judging - Awards and Activities Committee
  - a. It was moved to update the Poultry Judging Career Development Event as proposed. See updated contest resources for any changes.
    - i. Brent Willet moved to accept with changes. Motion passed.
    - ii. Nicole Hollabaugh moved to sustain. Dori Stuever seconded. Motion passed.

**XVI. Additional Information**

1. Due to the many new programs added recently, any regional mapping adjustments will be discussed at the December 5th meeting. In the meantime, please be on the lookout for a survey to suggest any changes to our current mapping.
2. Our next meeting, December 5th, may include a potential location change, at AgroLiquid IQHub in St. Johns, MI. Be on the lookout for more information closer to our scheduled meeting date.

**XVII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Addison Van De Moortel*

2024-2025 Michigan FFA State Secretary

**2025-2026 contests slated to be reviewed are; Floriculture, Forestry, Land Conservation, Marketing Plan, Greenhand Conduct of Meetings, Jr. High Conduct of Meetings, and Nursery Landscape**

2024-25 Meeting Dates

December 5, 2024

February 20, 2025

April 17, 2025