

NYAAE Board Meeting
10/22/2020

The meeting was called to order at 3:22 p.m. by President Karen LaBombard.

The following were in attendance:

Karen LaBombard, President
Betsy Foote- President Elect
Chloe Fuentes- 1 / 2 Trustee
Dianne Lewis- 1 / 2 Alt
Mary Foote- 3 / 6 Trustee
Nichole Hirt- 3 / 6 Alt
Renee Johnson- 4 / 5 Trustee
Mandi Millen- 4 / 5 Alt
Joe Killian- 7 / 8 Trustee
Crystal Aukema- 7 / 8 Alt
Todd Eick- 9 / 10 Trustee
Jeff Parnapy- 9 / 10 Alt
Derek Hill - AEO
Shari Lighthall I- AEO
Terry Hughes - AEO

Todd Eick moved to accept the minutes of 8/25/2020 as printed. Mary Foote 2nd. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Professional Development- Renee Johnson gave the report. See attached. Mary Foote moved to accept, De Lewis 2nd. Report Accepted.

Membership Committee- Catie Rowe gave the report. See attached. Joe Killian moved to accept. Mary Foote 2nd. Report accepted.

Public Relations- Mary Foote gave the report. The committee has done several initiatives including: Teach Ag Day social media posts, COVID Lessons from an Ag Teacher, Email an Ag Teacher campaign. The committee is in search of new members. Todd moved to accept the report. Joe Killian 2nd. Report accepted.

Finance- Todd Eick reported, the Agricultural Education outreach grant appropriation for 20-21 is \$332,800 which is a reduction of

\$84,000 due to COVID Reductions in the NYS Budget. Overall, AEO has been cut \$329,000 from our main projects. And, the Urban Ag initiative of \$250,000 will not be funded this year. Todd Eick moved to accept the report pending audit. Mary Foote 2nd. Motion passed.

Legal and Ethics- Crystal Aukema reported that the Conflict of Interest Policy was reviewed and recommended for approval. The Board Liability insurance is currently being discussed with the other NYAgEd organizations. Mary Foote moved to accept the report. De Lewis 2nd. Report accepted.

Legislative Committee- Betsy Foote reported that the committee met in September and reviewed and updated the Ag Education sections in the Farm Bureau Policy Handbook. The changes were sent to NYS Farm Bureau as well as shared with NY Ag Teachers. The changes have been approved by at least 6 counties. Betsy Foote moved to accept the report. Mary Foote 2nd. Report approved.

Diversity and Inclusion - No Report

Constitution- No Report

NYAAE Policy Book- Terry Hughes shared his charge to the committees to complete their sections of the Policy Book. Betsy Foote moved to adopt pages 1-16 of the Policy Book as written. Todd Eick 2nd. Motion passed.

2020 Ag Ed Incentive Grant- Derek Hill reported that the grant has been cut 20% by NYS. There is \$150,000 still available for FFA membership dues, new programs and growing programs. The application will be available on November 6, 2020 with a due date of 12/4/2020.

RAENY Update- Keith Schiebel reported that the summer gathering was cancelled due to COVID but they had several ZOOM meetings. The group met at Camp Oswegatchie in September. Their winter gathering in Florida has been cancelled.

New Business- Mary Foote moved to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy as written. Todd Eick 2nd. Policy Adopted.

Future Meeting Dates:

January 21, 2021 at 3:15 p.m.

April 1, 2021 at 3:15 p.m.

Mary Foote moved to adjourn. Todd Eick 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.