

Minutes of the NYAAE Executive Council

Location – Zoom Virtual Meeting

Date – Thursday, November 4, 2021, 3:30-5:30 pm



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Attendance

- Crystal Aukema
- Charles Ax
- Tara Berescik-Burke
- Jessica Currie
- Betsy Foote
- Mary Foote
- Victoria Gregory
- Derek Hill
- Terry Hughes
- Renee Johnson
- Shari Lighthall
- Amy Maxwell
- Jeff Parnapy
- Sarah Hale
- Jeff Perry
- Catie Rowe
- Erin Smith
- Mandi Millen
- Jon Clayson

Call to Order

- 4:03 pm by B. Foote

Minutes

- Move to approve as reported virtually
- M. Foote
- Seconded by C. Aukema
- Passed

NYAAE Agenda Items

- 2021-2022 NYAAE Committees and Chairs
- Committee Reports

- *Constitution (NYAAE) – D. Lewis*
 - *Professional Development – M. Millen*
 - *Legislative – B. Foote*
 - *Membership – Co-Chair J. Phelps and A. Maxwell, C. Rowe*
 - *Public Relations – M. Foote*
 - *Nominating Committee – T. Berescik*
 - *Legal and Ethics – C. Aukema, T. Hughes*
 - *Diversity and Inclusion – J. Parnapy and C. Fuentes*
 - *Financial Committee- T. Eick*
- Constitution Committee – D. Lewis and T. Hughes

NYAAE Binder (to be added Tab 5.3)

NYAAE Executive Council Members and Voting Rights per NYAAE Constitution (June 2021)

Based on the NYAAE Constitution Article IV and V (below), the following individuals have voting rights on all NYAAE Executive Council action items. (20 voting members)

- President
- President-Elect
- Five Regional Trustees
- Five Regional Trustee Alternates
- State Education Department Representative
- Cornell University Representative
 - SUNY Oswego Representative
 - Post-Secondary Representative
 - RAENY (Retired Agricultural Educators of New York)
 - Pre-Service Teacher Representative
 - FFA Foundation Representative
 - FFA Alumni Representative

The following positions are ex officio non-voting members of the NYAAE Executive Council.

- State FFA Advisor
- State FFA Director
- Executive Director
- Agricultural Education Outreach Specialists
- NYSACTE Board Representative

What is the role of ex officio? (General Definition, not in the NYAAE Constitution)

Members that serve as ex officio members have all the rights and obligations of the board meetings or committee that they serve on. This includes the right to discuss, debate, and may or may not have the right to vote depending on the language of the organization's Constitution and Bylaws. It also makes them accountable for the duties of their position as stated in the by-laws. (NYAAE Constitution is clear that the ex officio members are non-voting.)

NYAAE
Constitution
Article IV
Officers

Section A The elected officers of NYAAE shall be: President, President-Elect, five Regional Trustees and five Regional Trustee Alternates.

1. FFA Districts 1 & 2- 2022 and every three years thereafter
2. FFA Districts 3 & 6 – 2023 and every three years thereafter
3. FFA Districts 4 & 5- 2023 and every three years thereafter
4. FFA Districts 7 & 8- 2024 and every three years thereafter
5. FFA District 9 & 10- 2024 and every three years thereafter
6. President-Elect – annually

Article V
Boards and
Committees

Section A

Definition: The Executive Council shall consist of the elected officers plus State Education Department Representative, Cornell University Representative, SUNY Oswego Representative, Post-Secondary Representative, RAENY (Retired Agricultural Educators of New York), Pre-Service Teacher Representative, FFA Foundation Representative, FFA Alumni Representative, with ex officio, non-voting members to include State FFA Advisor, State FFA Director, Executive Director, Agricultural Education Outreach Specialists and NYSACTE Board Representative.

FFA Binder (to be added as Tab 5.3)

NYS FFA Board of Trustees Voting Rights per NYS FFA Constitution

Based on the NYS FFA Bylaws Article III (below), the following individuals have voting rights on all NYS FFA Board of Trustees action items. (5 voting members)

- Five Regional Trustees (Five Regional Trustee Alternates only vote in the absence of their Trustee)

The following positions are ex officio non-voting members of the NYS FFA Board of Trustees.

- NYAAE Executive Council;
- State FFA Advisor
- FFA Director
- State FFA CDE Coordinator

What is the role of ex officio? (General Definition, not in the NYS FFA Constitution)

Members that serve as ex officio members have all the rights and obligations of the board meetings or committee that they serve on. This includes the right to discuss, debate, and may or may not have the right to vote depending on the language of the organization's Constitution and Bylaws. It also makes them accountable for the duties of their position as stated in the by-laws.

(NYS FFA Constitution is clear that the ex officio members are non-voting.)

NYS FFA Bylaws
ARTICLE III
Board of Trustees

Section A. The Board of Trustees:

1. Regional Representatives - Five teacher members, each elected by the NYAAE membership at the NYAAE Annual Meeting by dues paid NYAAE members from their respective regions, will serve as regional representatives. These will consist of one representative each from the following combined FFA districts: 1/2, 3/6, 4/5, 7/8, 9/10. Each of these five members will serve a three-year term. In matters requiring a vote of action on FFA matters, the Board of Trustees which consists of only the five designated Regional Trustees, or the Regional Trustee Alternate, in the absence of the trustee, are designated to vote on FFA motions/actions. The remaining members of the NYAAE Executive Council are advisory in nature only.
 - Districts 1 and 2 – 2019 and every three years thereafter
 - Districts 3 and 6 – 2020 and every three years thereafter
 - Districts 4 and 5 – 2020 and every three years thereafter
 - Districts 7 and 8 – 2021 and every three years thereafter
 - Districts 9 and 10 – 2021 and every three years thereafter
 2. The chair of the Board of Trustees shall be the NYAAE President or their designee.
 3. Advisory non-voting members will include the NYAAE Executive Council; State FFA Advisor, FFA Director, and State FFA CDE Coordinator.
4. Quorum: A Quorum for voting on FFA policy changes, personnel issues or budget issues is defined as the President (or designee) and four out of five regional trustees as defined in “sub-section a” above.

Reports

- 2021-2022 Ag. Education Incentive Grant
- RAENY Update
- Postsecondary Update
- Alumni Update
- NYSED Report
- NYSACTE Report
 - Erin Smith
 - Peter Carr is no longer the Legislative Lobbyist and there is currently no professional lobbyist with the organization
- NYS FFA Leadership Training Foundation

Report about the FFA Foundation:

- Foundation is working with Tanya M. Eastman of www.02consult.org about the mission, purpose, and perceptions of and about the FFA Foundation.
- Had a financial report from the Central New York Community Foundation. Information included the money in the Endowment fund. They had voted to not take/use the distribution and to have the money go into the endowment. Monies in the CNY Community Foundation are from the FFA Foundation, New York FFA, and the NY FFA Alumni. Some of the money from the Alumni Association include the \$25,000 I donated to the Alumni Association to start \$1000 scholarships to become an Agriculture teacher. Sara Ann Frank was selected this past year as the first recipient.
- They have been also using the North Country Foundation and completing grants.
- FFA Camp: the Victoria L. Pinney Gregory Airbnb netted \$25,000 last year. A propane system for Sutliff and Foster Lodge was installed. Insulation and repair of the retaining walls at each end of Sutliff are the next projects. Camp is booked until December. Have changed liability and property insurance coverage. Sentinel Hall-have been researching acoustic companies to professionally install acoustics in the dining hall. Going to have two recognition walls. One for capital campaign donors and the other for lifetime donors. There is a plaque recognizing Todd and Shari Lighthall and other staff for their contributions to the Capital campaign. The Tractor being raffled is an Allis Chalmers 1943 C Wide front end.

Vicky Gregory

- Move to accept all presented reports
 - C. Aukema
 - Seconded by D. Lewis
 - Passed

Old Business

- [Regional Retention Funds](#)
 - Each Trustee should write down what they plan to use their money for. B. Foote will approve. All members and non-members who teach Ag Ed should be invited to this event.
 - Opportunity to lead and serve the members
 - Please let B. Foote know when you have inputted your idea for spending the money.
 - Money must be spend by June, 2022
 - Move to increase the allocation to \$2000 per region.
 - M. Foote
 - Seconded by V. Gregory
 - Passed
- Follow-up Action Items from Aug Meeting (Policy Book and Website)
 - Every action item from the August meeting has been completed - Awards updates and committee updates specifically

New Business-

- Approve New York FFA Leadership Training Foundation Board Seat, Melvin Phelps has expressed interest
 - Move to approve Melvin Phelps as the Foundation Board Seat
 - M. Foote
 - Seconded J. Parnapy
 - Passed
- Board Insurance
 - Move that we move forward in obtaining insurance for both FFA Board of Directors and NYAAE officers as soon as possible.
 - M. Foote
 - Seconded by J. Parnapy
 - Passed
- [New York State Council of Educational Associations \(NYSCEA\)](#)
 - Erin Smith
 - Umbrella organization and recommended to join as a Board.
 - State Education Department works with this group as well.
 - Move the NYAAE become a member of NYSCEA.
 - M. Foote
 - Seconded by J. Parnapy
 - Passed

Move to adjourn – 4:48 pm

- C. Aukema
- Seconded by V. Gregory
- Passed

Future Meeting Dates:

January 28th at 6:00pm, Syracuse (NYAAE) - Marriott

January 29th at 8:00am, Syracuse (FFA)

April 7, 2022 at 3:30pm

June 2, 2022 at 3:30pm (NYAAE)