

# NY FFA Governing Board Meeting Minutes

**Location** – Sentinel Hall, Oswegatchie Educational Center (simultaneously virtual)

**Date** – Thursday, August 5, 2021

## **Attendance –**

- In Person -
  - o Chrystal Aukema
  - o Charles Ax
  - o Tara Berescik-Burke
  - o Jessica Currie
  - o Todd Eick
  - o Betsy Foote
  - o Mary Foote
  - o Victoria Gregory
  - o Derek Hill
  - o Terry Hughes
  - o Renee Johnson
  - o Shari Lighthall
  - o Amy Maxwell
  - o Jeff Parnapy
  - o Sarah Peavey
  - o Jeff Perry
  - o Catie Rowe
  - o Erin Smith
- Guests (In Person)
  - o Larry VanDerValt
- Virtual
  - o Carlie Bossard
  - o Mandi Millen

**Called to Order** – 5:32 pm – Chair B. Foote

## **Approval of the FFA Minutes –**

- o Moved to approve by M. Foote
- o Seconded by T. Eick
  - Approved

## **Trustee Committee Reports**

- State Convention – R. Johnson
  - o State Convention Committee
  - o 2021 State Convention Recap: The 2021 NYS FFA Convention was held virtually this year from May 9-15th. The virtual platform allowed members to participate in the traditional

workshops, tours, CDE/LDE's and expo center offerings as a regular in-person convention would offer our students.

- Members, advisors and supporters alike joined in to participate through the Zoom platform and convention website to engage with each other and learn about a wide array of topics.
- Statistics about this year's convention:
  - 1,400 unique visitors with 15,000 page views
  - 91 total chapter registrations
  - The Mainstage had 2,300 views
  - 583 participants in the CDE/LDE contests
  - 800 views to the 4 different tour sites
  - 1,000 views to the 11 workshops available
  - 420 visits to the Expo Floor with nearly 20 opportunities to explore
  - Students and teachers participated in the Farm Simulator Game
  - Chapters participated in Days of Service activities like gardening, food pantry donations, highway clean up and more!
- Access to the State Convention site will continue to be offered into the fall so teachers and members can benefit from the workshops, sessions and tours.
- 2022 State Convention: Planning has already begun for the 2022 NYS FFA Convention that will be held May 12-14, 2022 in Syracuse, NY. We will be utilizing the Syracuse Convention Center and downtown hotels for the event.
- Last year in Syracuse – 2023 and 2024 will be in Buffalo
  - Move to accept committee report
  - R. Johnson
  - Seconded by M. Foote
    - Approved
- CDE/LDE Committee – T. Bean – no report
- Constitution Committee – D. Lewis – no report
- Finance Committee – T. Eick –
  - \$35,079.14 as of 5-31-21
    - Move for acceptance pending audit
    - T. Eick
    - Second C. Aukema
    - Approved
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee – C. Fuentes/J. Parnapy – no report
- Realignment Committee – M. Foote
  - Motion was made at the last meeting to postpone district realignment until 2023
  - If you have questions or comments please see or speak to M. Foote
- State Fair Committee – D. Hill – informational purposes only
  - All over the place due to the pandemic
  - FFA building is closed
  - Contests will be held at Morrisville
  - Not enough interest to be at the fair all 18 days – just in the dairy barn the first 4 days for demonstrations – there will be a presence but very limited people

- Any teachers who would like facilitate presentations please contact Derek
  - Maple is also looking for volunteers
  - There will be Dairy evaluation contest as well.
- Move for a 30-minute recess for dinner – reconvene at 6:15
    - By M. Foote
    - Seconded by R. Johnson
    - Approved
  - Call to reconvene by B. Foote – 6:17

## Reports

- Program Updates
  - Golden Owl Award
    - Nationwide is providing \$13,000 in sponsorship for the award
    - Launched on Monday and anyone can go in and nominate teachers
    - Cannot nominate yourself
    - The 2021 winner is not eligible for 2022.
    - Deadline is November 1, 2021
    - Trustees and student officers selected winners
  - COLT Conference
    - First full week of October
      - October 9, 2021 at Cornell
    - State Officer tour will have 12 stops
      - October 4-8, 2021
  - State Fair
    - Morrisville – August 26-27
  - FFA Alumni – no report

## Old Business

- Board Insurance
  - C. Aukema and T. Hughes
    - Very few places offer Board insurance
    - T. Hughes will take over the process since they are reaching out to Cornell insurance group and documents are needed
- Conflict of Interest Policy
  - NYAAE has established one
  - Governing Board needs to make one too
    - Move to Legal and Ethics committee
      - By M. Foote
      - Second R. Johnson
      - Motion Withdrawn
    - Move to send to special committee chaired by C. Aukema, which also includes T. Eick, D. Hill, and S. Lighthall

- By M. Foote
- Second by R. Johnson
- Approved

## **New Business**

- Substate Locations – J. Currie
  - Eastern Region
    - Nobody has sent in a letter
    - Need to reach out to the teachers in the region and check
    - Deadline will be September 1, 2021
- 21-22 FFA Committees and Chairs – D. Hill
  - Need to make sure that the google document is complete and filled out. It is not the same committees as the NYAAE but is in the same file.
  - Sign-ups were done virtually in regional meetings
- Chapter approval(s) and updates – D. Hill
  - OnTech in Syracuse
  - Sullivan West
  - Potsdam
  - Fabius-Pompey
- Medina FFA – Tri-County Alpaca Farm Trail – T. Eick
  - 4 farms on the trail and if you want to see the farms it's a great education for those interested in having Alpaca
  - Empire Alpaca – Showtacular – last week in October
    - Looking for help and support on October 27 and October 31
    - State Fairgrounds in Syracuse
- Future Meeting Dates
  - November 4<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 pm – virtual
  - January 28<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm – Syracuse – NYAAE – in person
  - January 29<sup>th</sup> – 8 am – Syracuse – FFA – in person
  - April 27<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 pm – virtual
  - June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3:30 pm – virtual

## **Adjourn**

- Move to Adjourn – 6:49 pm
  - M. Foote
  - Second R. Johnson
  - Approved