

Minutes of the NYAAE Executive Council

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 Jon Clayson
 - o Mandi Millen

Called to Order – 4:03 pm – President B. Foote

Approval of Previous NYAAE Minutes

- Moved to approve the minutes of the June, 2021 meeting as presented
- M. Foote
- Seconded by T. Eick
- Approved

2021-2022 NYAAE Committees and Chairs -

- Finance Committee – Chair T. Eick
 - o Seeking new members for the committee

- Professional Development – Chair M. Millen
- Membership Committee – Chair A. Maxwell
 - o Seeking new members for the committee
 - o J. Phelps is also interested in staying actively involved on this committee
- Public Relations – Chair M. Foote
 - o Seeking new members for the committee
- State Fair Committee – Chair T. Berescik-Burke
 - o Seeking new members for the committee
- Diversity – Co-Chairs – C. Fuentes and J. Parnapy
 - o Seeking new members for the committee
- Constitution and Bylaws – Chair D. Lewis
 - o Seeking new members for the committee
- Legal/Ethics – Chair C. Aukema
 - o Seeking new members for the committee
- Strategic Planning Committee – Chair R. Johnson
- NYAAE Legislative Committee – Co-Chairs – B. Foote and M. Foote
 - o Seeking new members for the committee
- Nominating Committee – Chair – T. Berescik-Burke
 - o Seeking representatives for the Trustee and Alternate position from District 1 / 2 for the term starting in June, 2022
 - o Seeking representative for the office of President Elect starting in June, 2022
 - o Contact T. Berescik-Burke with any interest in these positions

Move to keep the Strategic Planning Committee and Diversity and Inclusion Committee active for 2021-2022 academic year.

- T. Eick
- Seconded by M. Foote
- Approved

Moved to approve the Committee Chairs for 2021-2022.

- T. Eick
- Seconded by R. Johnson
- Approved

Committee Reports/Other Reports –

- Constitution – no report
- Professional Development – Sent via e-mail by M. Millen
 - o Presented by R. Johnson and M. Millen
 - Conference will be in Saratoga, NY next year
 - Mentoring Program will continue for 2021-2022
 - There were many more scholarships given out this year for many different professional learning opportunities.
 - Awards and recognition information has been identified as a needed change in the Policy Handbook in order to be more in line with NAAE Award information

- The information will also clearly identify when awards are New York only and which move on for Regional/National Recognition.
 - Move for acceptance of report – M. Millen
 - Seconded by M. Foote
 - Approved
 - Move to adopt the recommended changes to the policy handbook for alignment of awards –
 - R. Johnson
 - seconded by T. Eick
 - Move to refer back to the Professional Development Committee for corrections and clarification
 - T. Eick
 - Seconded by J. Perry
 - Approved
 - Next meeting – Tuesday, August 10, 2021 – 9 AM via Zoom
- Legislative Committee – S. Lighthall (informational purposes only)
 - Met with Kevin King (replacement for Pat Hooker) – discussed Ag and Markets support
 - Must start thinking about advocacy efforts for the future
 - Make sure to keep in contact with representatives and continue to promote what individual chapters are doing to support agriculture and agricultural education
 - Meeting today with Ag Alliance to continue to promote all things agricultural education and agriculture
- Membership – C. Rowe – no report
- Public Relations – M. Foote –
 - Update – following NYAAE state conference press releases were developed for award winners – these were sent to schools and local newspapers
 - Combined press release was also made for Country Folks about all winners
 - They are looking for members
 - Move to accept the Report
 - M. Foote
 - Seconded by R. Johnson
 - Approved
- Nominating – no report
- Legal and Ethics – C. Aukema – no report at this time but will be meeting L. VanDerValt to discuss legal proactive issues associated with NYAAE.
- Diversity and Inclusion – J. Parnapy – no report
- Finance Committee – T. Eick
 - Updated financial presented to the executive council
 - \$75,333 as of June 30, 2021
 - Moved for acceptance as submitted
 - T. Eick
 - Seconded by M. Foote
 - Approved
- Review of NYAAE Binder – D. Hill

- Thank you to the staff for making the binders.
- All in 1 binder this year instead of 2.
- Please make notes for changes next year
- Ag Ed Incentive Grant – S. Peavey
 - About 100 total applicants for 2020-2021
 - 80 in Growing Programs, 20 in New Programs
 - All final reporting has come in so all applicants are able to apply again in 2021-2022 cycle.
 - Fall 2021 incentive grants will be one of the largest amounts ever.
- RAENY Update – no report
 - Bill Stowell will be the new representative to the Board in this position
 - Thank you to Keith Scheibel for all his years of service
- Post-Secondary Update – C. Ax
 - Come to Morrisville August 26-27, 2021
- Alumni Update – no report
- NYSED Report – no report
- NYSACTE – E. Smith
 - Last 2 days many teachers participated in the CTETAC/NYACTE online workshop.
 - Developed a plan for action with many bullets to implement over the next year
 - NYACTE covers all CTE areas in NY and all NYAAE members and Ag Teachers are encouraged to join and participate.
- FFA Foundation – V. Gregory
 - Foundation believes that all 3 Foundation Teacher Representatives should be elected by the NYAAE since they are all representing the NYAAE
 - A teacher from each region should be on the Foundation if possible
 - Currently – M. Phelps, J. Clayson, and J. Wall (position is up for reelection)
 - Foundation does have a vote on the NYAAE Board with V. Gregory
 - J. Clayson will be the alternate for this position
 - V. Gregory is also acting as the liaison between the Foundation and the Alumni Association
- National Award Winning Results – T. Hughes
 - Early Career Teacher – Mary Foote
 - Teacher – Makayla Kehrer
 - Service Citation - Victoria Gregory
 - Lifetime Achievement – Dave Marbot
 - Teacher Turn the Key – Rayne Ives
 - Outstanding Mentor – Jan Woodworth
 - Feedback from the evaluation committee said that our pool was hard to select winners from – our second and third place winners need to apply again if they are eligible because they had excellent and very competitive applications.
 - Move that NYAAE cover the cost of coach airfare and hotel, for all award winners minus any stipends or funds provided by NAAE.
 - M. Foote
 - Seconded by R. Johnson

- Approved

Old Business – none

New Business –

- Conference Survey – C. Rowe
 - 28 responses from 170 participants
 - Most enjoyed the conference
 - Took advantage of facilities
 - Looking for future workshops to cover content areas
 - Move to refer to professional development committee for further review
 - J. Parnapy
 - Seconded by R. Johnson
 - Approved
- 2022 Conference location and dates – C. Rowe
 - June 28-July 1
 - Saratoga, NY
 - Working on reserving a hotel block
 - Information will be coming out earlier than in previous years since it is in conjunction with Ag. In the Classroom.
 - (Previously) Board gave committee the power to act for this conference
- NYAAE Scholarships – C. Rowe
 - Timeline changed to match up with CASE
 - Teachers Conference Scholarship will be open in December, so scholarships will also open around that time and will be open until all funds are distributed
- NYAAE Mentors – S. Lighthall
 - 2 more mentors for the upcoming year
 - Proficiencies and Awards will be added to the mentoring pool to help teachers in need
 - Meeting next Tuesday
- Approval of Delegates for the National Conference
 - Betsy Foote
 - Mary Foote
 - Makayla Kehrer
 - Rayne Ives
 - Moved to accept these individuals to fill the four seats for New York.
 - M. Foote
 - Seconded by J. Perry
 - Approved
- Regional Retention Funds S. Lighthall
 - \$5000 to spend to engage teachers in their regions, \$1000 per trustee, \$500 per district
 - Each Trustee needs to develop a way to engage and reach out to teachers – not just FFA chapters, but anyone who teaches Agriculture in a region
 - Google form will be sent out with further information

- If you don't use the funds, you lose the funds!!!
- Committee Reporting and Visibility – R. Johnson
 - All ag teachers need to have access and be able to know what is going on.
 - Move to have a drop-down link on the website so all teachers have access to the committee reports.
 - R. Johnson
 - Seconded by M. Foote
 - Discussion
 - Move to amend the main motion so it states that we note the committees, purpose and chair on the website.
 - The motion, if amended, will read - Move to have a drop-down link on the website where we note the names of committees, their purpose and the contact information for the chair of the committee.
 - R. Johnson
 - Seconded by M. Foote
 - Approved – Amendment
 - Move to have a drop-down link on the website where we note the names of committees, their purpose and the contact information for the chair of the committee.
 - Approved main motion as amended.

Future Meeting Dates

- November 4th – 3:30 pm Virtual
- January 28th – 6 pm – NYAAE – In person
- January 29th – 8 am – FFA – In person
- April 7th – 3:30 pm - Virtual
- June 2nd – 3:30 pm – NYAAE – Virtual

Adjourn -

- Move to adjourn at 5:26 pm
 - M. Foote
 - Seconded by C. Aukema
 - Approved