

# Minutes of the NYAAE Executive Council

## Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Meeting called to order by B. Foote at 11:41 am



### NYAAE Agenda Items

- Welcome to Conference – B. Foote
- Request for additions to the agenda
  - None
- Committee Reports \*
  - Finance Committee Report – T. Eick
    - \$146,000 current balance
    - Expenses about \$70,000
    - Afterwards about \$76,000
    - Looking at investing moving forward
      - Move for acceptance of report pending audit T. Eick
      - Seconded by C. Smith
        - Passed
  - Diversity and Inclusion Committee report – C. Fuentes
    - Critical Conversations
    - Resources
    - Diversity Training
    - New Teacher Online Support Platform
    - Collegiate Campaign
    - Updated NYAAE profession materials
  - Public Relations Committee Report – M. Foote
    - Seeking individuals to facilitate social media training and legality training
    - Will develop a monthly calendar for use of social media
    - PR Toolkit – in development
    - Recruiting more members is important
  - State Fair Committee Report – B. Foote
    - Increase the draw to the FFA building at the state fair
  - Legislative Committee Report – B. Foote
    - Work with governmental officials has been very positive
    - Virtual LOB meetings in 2022
    - Future of Ag Summit
  - Professional Development Report – M. Millen
    - Meeting to provide a large number of innovative PD
    - Scholarships for PD are happening and are important
    - Mentor Teachers have been a success and are being utilized
    - Classroom assistance is also expanding
  - Legal and Ethics Committee Report – C. Aukema
    - Continue Executive Council Training
    - PD about legal and ethics for rules and regulations
  - Membership Committee Report – A. Maxwell
    - Current membership is 188
    - Facebook Challenge is being used to get people involved and interested
    - Handwritten notes for all non-members to encourage them to become active

- *How do we encourage non-member to join? The committee is looking for suggestions.*
- Post Secondary Report – C. Ax
  - *SUNY Cobleskill*
    - *Fully in-person instruction for next year*
    - *Animal Science*
    - *Ag Business*
  - *SUNY Morrisville*
  - *SUNY Oswego*
  - *Cornell University*
  - *Lots of exciting things going on in education in NY – visit the college and things are now back open*
  - *Lots of changes happening at each institution*
- *Move to accept all reports – M. Foote*
- *Seconded by M. Kehrer*
- *Accepted*

#### New Business

- Appointment of President
  - I move to the we cast a unanimous ballot in the name of Tara Burke for the position of NYAAE President
    - A. Maxwell
    - Seconded by K. Doyle
    - Passed
- Election of President Elect
  - I move that we cast a unanimous ballot in the name of Jeff Parnapy for the position of NYAAE President-Elect
    - T. Burke
    - Seconded by C. Smith
    - Passed
- Regional Meeting Results
  - District ½ - Trustee – Stephanie Rhoades, Alternate – Taylor Bogardus
  - District 9/10 – Alternate – Rachael Clayson
- Post Secondary Rep
  - I move that we cast a unanimous ballot for Chris Smith as the Post Secondary Representative and another for Chip Ax as the Post Secondary Alternate Representative.
    - T. Burke
    - Second by K. Doyle
    - Passed
- Pre-Service
  - I move that we cast a unanimous ballot in the name of Meghan Lamb as the Pre-Service Teacher Representative.
    - M. Foote
    - Seconded J. Jacobs
    - Passed
- Melvin Phelps – Resolution

#### Resolution to Restore Separate NYAAE & FFA Governing Board Leadership

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- Resolution to Restore Separate NYAAE & FFA Governing Board Leadership
  - M. Phelps moves to the adopt the resolution
  - Seconded by C. Bordman
  
  - Move to Amend the Resolution by striking out “that two committees be formed of 5 members each” and replaced with “that one committee be formed of 7 members” in the second Therefore.
    - T. Burke
    - Seconded by T. Jacobs
    - Amendment Passed

Resolution as amended:

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- Discussion as Amended
- Passed as Amended
- Committee Members
  - M. Phelps - Chair
  - T. Burke
  - M. Kline
  - M. Foote
  - T. Bean
  - E. Anderson
  - T. Eick
    - Additional people can join the Constitution Committee with E. Smith and they can share their opinions on the resolution on that Committee
- Thank you to the retiring members of the executive council for your service
  - Chloe Fuentes, Betsy Foote and Diane Lewis
- Move to adjourn
  - T. Eick
  - Seconded by S. Rhoades – 12:19 pm.