

January 2008 Committee Reports

Budget:

The budget committee recommends the following:

- Set aside money for officer team to attend '08 Farm Bureau Convention
- Make MFE cheaper for next year for students
- Set aside money so Line Officers can fly to National convention
- Extra money set aside for last minute opportunities for State Officers

Respectfully submitted on December 19, 2007 by Daniel Geoghan, Chair.

Camp Program

No report available at time of printing.

CDE

The Career Development Events committee recommends that:

1. The Governing Board develop a committee to evaluate CDEs every year, on a rotational basis to ensure that students are able to learn the most from CDEs and also be competitive on the National level. An effective way to evaluate CDEs would be to survey teams and individuals from NY that have competed on the National level to determine whether or not the way CDEs are conducted currently on the state level, meet the needs of students so that they are familiar with the material that they will see at the National competition.

2. The committee also recommends that CDEs be divided so that similar CDEs are looked at the same year, and that all CDEs will be evaluated at the end of every five years. The proposed rotation is as follows:

Year 1:
Sr. Prepared Speaking
Sr. Extemporaneous Speaking
Sr. Creed Speaking
Employment Interview
Agriculture Issues
Parli-Pro

Year 2:
Jr. Quiz Bowl
Jr. Prepared Speaking
Jr. Creed
Jr. Extemporaneous Speaking
Chapter Meeting
People In Ag.
Tool ID

Year 3:
Agriculture Sales
Market Plan
Farm Business Management

Year 4:
Horse Evaluation
Livestock Evaluation
Dairy Cattle Evaluation

Agriculture Communications
Agriculture Mechanics
Floriculture

Dairy Handler's Activity
Poultry Evaluation
Meat Science and Technology

Year 5:
Environmental and Natural Resources
Forestry
Nursery Landscape
Food Science
Dairy Foods
Agronomy

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Wynkoop- Chairman

Public Relations

The public relations committee recommends:

- FFA members pursue opportunities to meet with businesses and industries to form better relationships and to show interest in sponsors who support us
- Develop a directory of businesses who support FFA so that local ag teachers can contact them with greater ease.
- State officers should work to be more accessible to the state membership so they are building more relationships. Ideas on how to do this included creating a state newspaper, a brief monthly synopsis of activities or some sort of message board for members and officers to connect through.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Greene
Chair

Program of Activities Committee Report

The POA Committee was created at the 2007 October Governing Board. The committee first met at the 2007 October Governing Board. We have continued to communicate since the meeting via email. The POA committee was assigned the duty of constructing a Program of Activities for the New York State FFA. Miss Mandi Millen designed a tentative POA that the committee has updated and changed to fit the state's needs. The committee has been asked to insure that the POA meet the quality standards of:

Division I - Student Development

- Leadership
 - Healthy Lifestyles
 - SAE
 - Scholarship
 - Ag Career Skills
- Division II - Chapter Development (Association)
- Recruitment
 - Financial
 - Public Relations
 - Leadership (officer training/etc.)
 - Support Group activities
- Division III - Community Development (State)
- Economic
 - Environmental
 - Human Resources
 - Citizenship
 - Agricultural Awareness.

The members of this committee are Stephanie Rhoades (Chair), Corey Reed, Rachel Golja and Rebecca Greene. The trustee for this committee is Miss Mandi Millen.

The committee has made the following POA based on the proposed POA written by Miss Mandi Millen. The committee has worked on the attached POA and will continue to work on it to fit New York State FFA's needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Golja (chair)

Redistricting

The redistricting committee recommends that:

- A chapter seeking redistricting petition the Governing Board in writing requesting the change and indicating the reason for the change.
- The Governing Board consider reassignment by looking for a valid reason for change and determining the effects on both the chapter and NY FFA.
- Chapters be informed about the status of their change and the effective date of their district reassignment, if applicable.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Metcalf for Kelly Kerstetter, Chair

State Convention

The state convention committee recommends:

- Better directions to rooms in the host school with a map or signs available to direct students.
- Have microphones available during the business session for students to use while making motions and seconds.
- Hands free microphones be available for state officers to use during opening ceremonies and retiring addresses.
- Better advertisement of tours and workshops so more students take advantage of them.

Respectfully submitted,

- Anna Metcalf, Chair

State Fair

We the State Fair Committee recommends the following:

1. That the FFA has a building where CDE's can take place, displays can be seen, and the public can learn more about the FFA.
2. State Officers should be present in the building to inform the public about what FFA is and what we do, as well as answer any questions people may have.
3. The State Officers create an informational slide show to be viewed by the public at all times in the FFA building.
4. Continue offering the CDE's at State Fair that have been previously offered.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Flansburg (chair)