

83rd Annual NYS FFA Convention

Business Meeting

May 2nd, 2008

Session called to order at 1:08 PM by President Anna Metcalf.

Roll was called with a total of 140 delegates.

The secretary's report was given by State Secretary Amber Wynkoop.

The treasurer's report was given by State Treasurer Stephanie Rhodes.

Election of the State President

It was moved by Chris O'Conner of South Jeff and seconded by CJ Rohr of Lowville to vote only on the top two candidates if a majority was not obtained on the first vote. **The motion carried.**

Spencer Starring of the Madison FFA Chapter, seconded by Brady Lawton of Madison, nominated Katie Wratten for State President.

Katie Wratten accepted this nomination.

Kaylie Ackerly of the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter, nominated as State President, presented her nomination speech.

Rebecca Greene of the Salem FFA Chapter, nominated as State President, presented her nomination speech.

Katie Wratten of the Madison FFA Chapter, nominated as State President, presented her nomination speech.

The chairman of the Budget Committee was called to the podium to present their committee report. There is an implied second. **The committee report was approved.**

The chairman on the FFA Camp Committee was called to the podium to present their committee report. There is an implied second. **The committee report was approved.**

A run off vote for the top 2 candidates is necessary. The vote will proceed, the candidates are:

- Katie Wratten
- Rebecca Greene

The chairperson of the CDE's Committee was called to the podium to present their committee report. There is an implied second. **The committee report was approved.**

The chairperson of the Program of Activities Committee was called to the podium to present their committee report. There is an implied second. **The committee report was approved.**

The State President is Rebecca Greene.

Election of Vice President

Katie Wratten of Madison was nominated for State FFA Vice President.

Sean Whipple of the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter with a second from CJ Rohr of Lowville nominated Kaylie Ackerly of Tri-valley for State FFA Vice President.

The chairperson of the Public Relations Committee was called to the podium to present their committee report. There is an implied second. **The committee report was approved.**

The chairperson of the redistricting Committee was called to the podium to present their committee report. There is an implied second. **The approval of the report failed.**

The chairperson of the State Convention committee was called to the podium to present their committee report. There is an implied second. **The committee report was approved.**

The State Vice President is Katie Wratten.

Sean Whipple of Tri-Valley, seconded by Emily Hough of Tri-Valley nominated Kaylie Ackerly for State FFA Secretary.

Kaylie Ackerly accepted this nomination.

Chris O'Connor of South Jefferson, seconded by Matt Scheiferstein, nominated Corey Reed for State FFA Secretary.

Corey Reed accepted this nomination.

Jacob Bauer of Letchworth, seconded by Laura Mason of Letchworth nominated Pat Vander Ploeg of Lethworth.

Pat Vander Ploeg accepted this nomination.

The chairperson of the state fair committee was called to the podium to present their committee report. There is an implied second. **The motion carried.**

New Business

Tyler Olsen of Unadilla valley, with a second by Pamela Reed of Worcester moved to strike the words “No student elected to a state line office shall serve for more than one year. A district president is eligible to run for more than one year,” from Article 1, Section A of the By-Laws and substitute the words “A student elected to a state line office may be re-elected to serve one additional term as a different position – unless previously elected to the position of President.”

Zeke Roulo of Cuba-Rushford called Division of the House.

The motion carried.

There will be a run off vote for State Secretary. Nominees are:

- Corey Reed
- Kaylie Ackerly

Lindsey Caullis of Tully FFA, seconded by CJ Rohr of Lowville, moved to amend the NYSFFA Association Bylaws: Article I: Officers by adding a “SECTION E:” after SECTION D: that would read:

In the event that a state officer position becomes vacant, because of dismissal, resignation, or due to lack of qualified candidates, the NYS FFA Association Governing Board will have the option to appoint a nominating committee to select qualified officer candidates to fill those vacant positions as follows:

1. The governing board will solicit qualified candidates.
2. The committee (nominating committee structure will be similar to that of the previous state convention) will interview each qualified officer candidate and will select the most qualified candidate to fill each vacant position.
3. The committee will interview and make their officer selections within 60 days of that time that the officer position becomes vacant.

CJ Rohr called for Division of the House.

The motion failed.

The State FFA Secretary is Corey Reed.

Elections for State Treasurer

Patrick Vander Ploeg has been nominated.

Ashley Westman of Ellicotville BOCES nominated Kelly Kerstetter for State Treasurer.

Kelly Kerstetter accepted.

Tyler Olsen nominated Kaylie Ackerly for State Treasurer.

Kaylie Ackerly accepted.

Lindsey Caullis of Tully, seconded by Tyler Olsen from Unadilla Valley, moved to amend Article VI, Section C of the New York State FFA Constitution by:

Deleting: Section C

Replacing with: The Executive Treasurer shall be designated by the NYSFFA Board of Trustees.

The motion carried.

The State FFA Treasurer is Kaylie Ackerly.

Elections for State Reporter

Kelly Kerstetter is nominated.

Jessica Troxel of Warwick nominated Jackie Geoghan of Warwick for State Reporter.

Jackie Geoghan accepted the nomination.

Katie Stone of Madison nominated Danielle Dapson of Madison for State Reporter.

Danielle Dapson accepted the nomination.

Jake Baugher of Letchworth nominated Pat Vander Ploeg for State Reporter.

Pat Vander Ploeg accepted the nomination.

Morgan Parker brought news from the National Organization, talking about the 3 constitutional changes at the 2008 National FFA Convention.

The Ag Mechanics CDE Awards were given.

Katie Brosnon of Warwick Valley, seconded by Liz Polunski of Greenville, moved to reconsider the failure of the Redistricting Committee report.

Emily Reihlman of Cobleskill-Richmondville moves previous question, seconded by Katie Brosnon of Warwick Valley. **The motion is lost.**

Emily Reihlman of Cobleskill-Richmondville calls division of the house.

The motion failed.

Liz Polunski of Greenville, seconded by Katie Brosnon of Warwick, moved to reconsider the SO repeat. The motion failed.

The State Reporter is Danielle Dapson.

State Sentinel Elections

Jackie Geoghan is nominated.

Ashley Westman of Ellicottville BOCES nominated Kelly Kerstetter for State Sentinel.

Kelly Kerstetter accepted the nomination.

Laura Mason of Letchworth nominated Patrick Vander Ploeg for State Sentinel.

Pat Vander Ploeg accepted the nomination.

The Creed Speaking Awards were presented.

There will be a run off vote for State Sentinel.

-Pat Vander Ploeg

-Jackie Geoghan

The awards for the Small Animal Care CDE were presented.

The awards for the Aquaculture CDE were presented.

The awards for the Ag Communications CDE were presented.

The State Sentinel is Jackie Geoghan.

The awards for the Floriculture CDE were presented.

The awards for the Job Employment Interview CDE were presented.

The District President Nominating Committee Chair presented the slate of candidates.

The session was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Sue Bigness