**Minnesota FFA Board Meeting**

**April 23rd, 2017**

**2:15 pm**

**Continuing Education Conference Center, St. Paul, MN**

President Spencer Wolter

Vice President Katie Rogers

Secretary Wendy Bauman

Treasurer Clay Newton

Reporter Rebekka Paskewitz

Sentinel Joe Ramstad

Region I President Brooke Hendrickx

Region II President Eleora DeMuth

Region III President Brady Carter

Region V President Kylee Kohls

Region VI President Courtney Engholm

Region VII President Brice Bonin

Region VIII President Emily Pliscott

Region I President-Elect Paul Hendrickx

Region III President-Elect Ashley Anderson

Region IV President-Elect Isabella Lindahl

Region V President-Elect Kaitlin Niska

Region VI President-Elect Kegan Zimmermann

Region VII President-Elect James Mathiowetz

Region VIII President-Elect Lauralee Eaton

Advisor Joel Larsen

Executive Secretary Juleah Tolosky

Lavyne Rada – Leadership Development Coordinator

Region I Representative Jenna Cardinal

Region II Representative Gretchen Schleper

Region III Representative John Roberts

Region IV Representative James Weninger

Region V Representative Jeff Gabrielson

Region VI Representative Deb Martin

Region VII Representative Bruce Mathiowetz

Region VIII Representative Ryan Steele

Jim Burns – Minnesota FFA Alumni

Dave Fjeldhem – Administrative Representative

Minnesota FFA Foundation Executive Director Val Aarsvold

Curtis Francis – University of Minnesota Crookston Agricultural Education

Career Development Event Coordinator Dennis Bjorklund

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by 2:15 pm by President Wolter.

**Invocation**

Invocation by Region VI President Engholm.

**Introduction**

Introduction of board members.

**Introduction of Nominating Committee**

The 2017 State Officer Nominating Committee members are Ethan Walz (Region I), Madeline Hinrichs (Region II), Taylor Zeltwanger (Region III), Abby Stumpner (Region IV), Donnie Schuelke (Region V), Anna Zwach (Region VI), Larissa Becker (Region VII), and Samantha Stelling (Region VIII). The Adult Consultant is Leah Addington. The Adult Representatives are Val Velde (Minnesota FFA Foundation), Lisa Moorhouse (Minnesota FFA Alumni), Deb Martin (Minnesota FFA Association Adult Board), and John Roberts (Minnesota FFA Association Adult Board). The Nominating Committee Co-Chairs are PJ Aarsvold and Mariah Daninger. The Adult Consultant position is a positive addition to the Nominating Committee Process. The Nominating Committee Report will be accepted on Tuesday at Session 4 and will come with an implied second.

**Minutes and Correspondence**

Secretary Bauman gave Secretary’s Report for previous board meeting found on pages 5-12. Secretary Bauman moved to approve the minutes as read. Seconded and passed. Representative Roberts moved to sustain. Seconded and sustained.

**Region President Reports**

Region Presidents provided a review of their years of service.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Newton shared the 2016-2017 Budget, found on pages 14-17, and the proposed 2017-2018 Budget, found on page 13. Treasurer Newton moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report subject to audit. Seconded and passed. Representative Mathiowetz moved to sustain. Seconded and sustained.

**Foundation Update**

Val described the Foundation’s role at Convention. She asked that we continue to promote the livestream on social media. Foundation Ambassadors are being trained and will interact with current and potential sponsors and offer them the true “FFA Experience.” MNSCU Tent is being set up and will host 38 exhibitors. FFA Experience will occur Monday, April 24 from 12:30-1:30 pm. The CDE Sponsor Reception will occur on Tuesday, April 25. The FFA Foundation Board Meeting will occur on May 17. FFA Day with the Saints will occur at CHS Field on July 23. The Minnesota FFA Foundation Golf Tournament will occur on July 27 at the Island Pine Golf Course in Atwater, MN.

**Membership Status**

Executive Secretary Tolosky shared the 2017 membership as of April 5, 2017, found on pages 19-23. The final date for submission of dues is May 15.

**Approval of State FFA Degree List**

List of State Degrees List is found on Pages 24-26. Vice President Rogers moved to approve the list of state degrees. Seconded and passed. Representative Weninger moved to sustain. Seconded and sustained.

**State Greenhand Leadership Conference**

The 2017 State Greenhand Leadership Conference will occur June 12-16, 2017. The cost of attendance is $190.00. Registration is accepted after May 1. Further details listed on page 29 of Board Packet.

**State Leadership Conference for Chapter Leaders**

The 2017 State Leadership Conference for Chapter Leaders will occur June 25-27 – Session 1, and June 28-30 – Session 2. The cost of attendance is $170.00. Registration is accepted after May 1. Further details listed on page 30 of Board Packet.

**Washington Leadership Conference**

Stephen Funk is the chaperone for 2017. As of April 1, registration is filled. 42 students will be in attendance. The 2018 Chaperone is undecided but will be discussed at future board meetings.

**Career Development Event Update**

CDE Coordinator Bjorklund provided an update of CDEs at State Convention. Registration and exams are beginning Sunday afternoon. There was discussion of various decisions regarding Career Development Events decisions to be made at MAAE Summer Conference.

**Greetings**

National FFA Central Region Vice President Valerie Earley provided a welcome. She will be giving her keynote address on Sunday night at the Reflections Program instead of at the Awards Ceremony on Monday night. Her workshop is being cancelled.

**InTENse Conference**

The Conference agenda can be found on page 33. The pilot conference will occur July 17-21, 2017. Looking for 75 students in first year of attendance. Registration deadline is TBD.

**State Officer Professional Development Program**

List of tentative SOPD dates on pages 62-64.

**Officer Training**

Region officer trainings include ROLO and POWER. Each Region has decided to host a ROLO. POWER will occur June 20-22 between SGLC and SLCCL. State Officer training will include Blast Off – May 4-8, Facilitation Bootcamp – June 5-8, NLCSO – June 20-23. Region Presidents will attend Blast Off May 6-8. Further analysis of Leadership Development Continuum will occur throughout the coming year.

**H2O Conference**

The Fall Habits to Own Conference will occur at Camp Friendship in Annandale, MN on November 18 and will correspond with Fall Board Meeting. The conference will focus on Habitudes Book 2 and relationship development.

**Thank You to Retiring Board Members**

Gretchen Schlepper and Deb Martin will be serving as acting advisors for sessions. Advisor Larsen shared a thank you for their service on the FFA Adult Board of Directors.

**Chapter Awards List**

List of Chapter Awards are found on pages 34-42. Ag Literacy and Land of Service found on 67-68.

**Convention Update**

There are 3603 members and 327 chaperones and advisors registered.

**General Session Overview**

Changes to Official Dress Guidelines were made at the National FFA Convention in October; the guidelines now state that Official Dress consists of an Official FFA Jacket, a white, collared shirt, an Official FFA scarf or tie, black pants or dress skirt, black socks or nylons, and black, closed-toed shoes.

Session 1 begins at 8:30 am on Monday, April 24, in the CECC. Session 2 begins at 1:45 pm on Monday, April 24, at Mariucci Arena. Session 3 begins at 8:45 am on Tuesday, April 25, in the CECC. The Awards Ceremony begins at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 24, in Mariucci Arena. Session 4 begins at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, April 25, in Mariucci Arena.

**Changing Lives Teach Ag Ed Workshop**

The Changing Lives, Teach Agricultural Education Workshop will be held from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 23, in the CECC.

**Models of Innovation**

Chapter award presentations will be Tuesday morning.

**MNSCU Tent**

Several colleges, businesses, and student organizations are being featured in the MNSCU tent.

**Band and Chorus**

The Band and Chorus concert will occur before the Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 24, from 5:45 pm to 6:25 pm in Mariucci Arena.

**Minnesota State Fair**

There are changes to agricultural mechanics exhibits for the 2017 Minnesota State Fair. FFA Day at the Fair will be September 2.

**MAAE SAE Committee**

There are 93 American Degree Applications. Interviews will be occurring within the next two weeks. Identification of four star candidates will occur in subsequent weeks. National Proficiency Application revisions are due June 1.

**Alumni Update**

The Take-an-Admin-to-Convention Workshop will occur in Room 77 at the CECC at 10:30 am on Monday, April 24. The Past State Officer Reception will occur at 4:30 pm on Sunday, April 23.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 31st. Time and location to be determined.

**Adjournment**

Vice President Rogers moved to adjourn at 3:27 pm. Seconded and adjourned.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR A GREAT YEAR!