I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Introductions (9:09am)

Present: Dennis Wallace, Abbie DeMeerleer, Jesse Taylor, Craig Shindler, Annette Weeks, Nathan Moore, Marty Fortin, Duane Hamp, JD Baser, Dr. Anna Warner, Kristin Hinton, Andy Barth, Sadie Aronson, Naddile Widner.

Phone: Anne Ross

Non-Voting: Kyle Johnson, Karlee Hansen, Zach Schilter, Tamara Whitcomb

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Approve as presented. Annette moved, Craig 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve as presented. Andy moved, Duane 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

IV. Reports

b. WAAE Report: Annette & Nathan – Formal invitation to WAAE Conference in Omak June 23-27. Auction is 25th; Banquet is 26th. NAAE Exec is in San Antonio and 14 teachers attended with good information coming back. Spring Exec is on March 8 & 9 in Wenatchee at WVC (Exec on Friday, Application review Saturday) and district presidents attend Exec; 1 FFA committee member – Degree Review = all districts need to send 2 advisors (best to have 1 with experience and 1 new who can learn and return the following year). Would be great to have AgEd students there to help also. Discussion: WAAE Summer Conference cost – suggestion to consider reduction in registration cost because if numbers are up...is the best training for teachers, however may carry a cost barrier.

c. FFA State Officer Report: Sadie & Naddile – Have visited ~90 chapters in the fall and will be reaching out to remaining chapters for visits. National Convention was great – some standouts were honorary degree recipients, Sumner National Agriscience champions and Nicole Harder as National Proficiency winner; trainings; industry connections. Preparing for National FFA week...special day themes they will be promoting. National Secretary Layni LeBlanc will be joining the team for the week of visits. EMERGE Conference (2 being held). Will be going on spring B&I visits; attending spring State CDEs; planning for state convention (May 9-11). Plan for opening ceremonies – will be having the National FFA VP filling in as the VP part.

d. WSU Report: JD & Anna – Agronomy-hosting same as in the past...Sue Sackmann is retired but JD has it covered, Meats-Paul Kuber will be handling and Anna will be WSU liaison...Paul will reach out to Abbie regarding budget for event, MQP-should be fine and same “new” system, FBM-same; Food Sci-revamping a bit this year for use of the judgingcard scantron system...JD working on timeline that can be sent to the ag teachers...sorting a top 8 and finals run separately and judged by FoodSci personnel...JD has judges & rooms...JD put together a team grid for the event with staggered presentations...mostly in Johnson Hall Consumer Science wing – TW did bring up an issue with the 2017 National test lacking a key but TW has worked on it and has a key; Ag Mech-JD won’t be writing the test this year. WSU Courses: JD=407 (13 students); Co-teach=431 (16 students); 10 student teachers; 2 in fall. Attending AgExpo on Feb. 7th. FFA Week the AgEd Club will be hosting an FFA Night on Feb. 15 against UW with reduced rate specialty seating. 2 AgEd summer interns. 407 is now the capstone!

e. FFA Report: Abbie – see attachment. Updates on membership; reminder about convention
housing/registration for Board attendance; consider committee/adjusted time for state star selection in order to have enough time to create videos and get awards.

f. **OSPI Report**: Denny – Spent 2 weeks in South Africa as ILSSO chaperone (with Zach) and was a great opportunity and experience, spent time on cultural intelligence and world perspective, ag facilities/farms/industry; CTE funding via Perkins...looking to find more support for CTE; National FFA “Value Chain”- most layfolks don’t understand/know the 3-circle model so this value chain shows more detail/depth of what FFA/AgEd is teaching students...good for foundation connection/relationship/communication...AgExplorer (online program) and trying to get school counselors on board b/c ag-related careers not well represented via typical resource sites (state officers utilized AgExplorer in a number of their workshops & it is a unit in EMERGE); National FFA new strategic plan with 3 pillars. DW did testify in support of the increased fair funding bill. 3 grants through OSPI = EMERGE is the first, equipment and Summit; EDS system is problematic/shutdown; CASE – DW/JT: winners announced (~12 new schools)...how did accounting turn out? There were some errors that were caught and so the process has been changed.

g. **National FFA Board/Federal Charter Report**: Denny – HR439 passed the House and now in Senate, has been modified slightly...governing board component has been amended to include a USDE person with Ag/AgEd experience...does reference constitution details that haven’t been updated so will go before the student delegates in 2019. One senator can put a hold on the consideration process in Congress...just need to call ask for more time to consider the details and impact. NFFA is discussing charges for use of the emblem as it is trademarked-would have to have license to use...royalties; doing better financially than have in past 5/6 years.

h. **FFA Committee Report**: Tamara – WAFFA Universal Resume has been distributed for use for all applications, is also posted on the website. State Degree changes that could be made in AET have been updated...if were too early would have to restart but wasn’t a correct version; State Degree Checklist is the final page in the application when it prints; districts are supposed to sift and send list to Denny (cc: Abbie); district has choice in whether or not to allow corrections but then have to be reviewed a second time. Once district says is final – needs to be final.

V. Financial Report

a. Finance Update (2018 EOY/Q1): Abbie – summary of 2018. Denny gave update on investments – doing better than most, managed mutual funds and t-bills...Finance Committee will have strategy to present in the future.

b. 2019 Budget: Abbie.

**MOTION:** Approve the 2019 budget as suggested by the Finance Committee and presented. Annette moved, Sadie 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

c. Taxes Update: Abbie.

**MOTION:** Approve the services of “The Taxman” for the 2018 WAFFA Association taxes. Kristin moved, Duane & Marty 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

a. Strategic Plan: Abbie – Abbie gave a verbal summary of how the 5-year strategic plan was created (utilizing Board efforts 2 years ago and last year). Discussion about components – should consider a way to include teacher recruitment.

**MOTION:** Approve the WA FFA Association 5-year Strategic Plan to guide WAFFA’s efforts & growth with annual review and updates at the Q1 Board meetings – share with WAAE for distribution – commend Abbie on efforts to create. Marty moved, Andy 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

b. Advocacy/Legislative: Abbie & Jesse – Have submitted a state-affiliate bill...numbers should be posted ~3pm. Won’t be easy because there is a fiscal note but are requesting straight to Appropriations/Ways & Means; once numbered will request that it go straight to hearings in
Approp/Ways&Means. Commended state officers for their work to get the office visits and signatures necessary to make the bill a reality. Also, Honeyford has requested a second year allocation for CASE. MF: Awareness about Berquist bill related to Opportunity Gap...plan for engagement and possible grants. Awareness about change to course of study to add Climate Science. FFA is also supportive of increased fair funding (SB5277).

c. Association Insurance: Board asked for recommendations during the October meeting to guide Executive Director’s efforts for insurance updates/options (materials sent with meeting announcement). Any recommendations by the March/April board meeting.

VII. New Business

a. Constitutional Update (follows NFFA changes already adopted).
   **MOTION:** Approve the Constitutional Update language as proposed and already adopted by National FFA. Kristin moved, Andy 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

b. State Star Selection Committee & Date – DW: okay to do via committee as last year? Yes, was collective agreement. Need 4 per category by March 15; winner no later than April 1. Process worked well – use the rubric again so can then have feedback for adjustments.
   • Agriscience Star Battery update: Abbie – it was updated and is now posted and live.

   **MOTION:** Allow Mt. Si to move from D2 to D1. Annette moved, Andy 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.  
   *Note: in the future it would be good to have thoughts from the student officers regarding the impact of the change along with other documents.*

c. Mt. Si FFA Petition to Change Districts (email to D.Wallace – sent with meeting announcement).
   **MOTION:** Kristin moved, Nathan 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

d. Prepared Speaking Handbook Update (proposed change/edit sent with meeting announcement). Edit regarding manuscripts to speech judges. Andy gave a summary as the contest coordinator. Tamara asked that it would be provided to the teachers so districts could adjust accordingly. Would require a manuscript for scoring, but not for the speech presentation.
   **MOTION:** Approve amendments to Prepared Public Speaking Handbook as presented and provided to advisors via Contest Coordinator. Kristin moved, Nathan 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

e. State Calendar (previously tentatively approved 19-20 & 20-21).
   **MOTION:** Approve the 2019-2023 calendars as presented with adjustments as necessary and reports as needed. Andy moved, Sadie 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

IX. Other Business

a. Meeting dates
   • April 18 – Inland Power & Light Building. 9am Foundation; 1pm Association.
   • June 26 – Omak (WAAE Summer Conference). Association 1st; Foundation 2nd.
   • October 15 in Olympia (KH will ask about Farm Bureau room). Foundation 1st, Association 2nd.

b. Other: State Officers – service grant project “backPACK for Success”...there is a district outline that will be sent to advisors; maybe a competition on/between the Boards for participation as well. CS: tell the board what you want and when due by and where to ship to it.

X. Adjournment – Craig moved, Andy 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor. (12:33pm)