I. Call to Order and Roll Call –

*Present:* Dennis Wallace, Abbie DeMeerleer, Jesse Taylor, Craig Shindler, Annette Weeks, Nathan Moore, Marty Fortin, Duane Hamp, JD Basaer, Dr. Anna Warner, Andy Barth, Sadie Aronson, Anne Ross, Kyle Johnson, Kristin Hinton

*Phone:* Ricardo Ibarra, Ron Crawford

*Non-Voting:* Karlee Hansen, Zach Schilter, Tamara Whitcomb, Naddile Widner

II. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Approve as presented with modifications to add Governance to New Business and Forrester Scholarship to Other Business. Andy moved, Duane 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

IV. Reports


b. **WAAE Report:** Annette & Nathan: WAAE Summer Conference June 23-27 (done by noon). Main conference hotel is full so there are alternative hotels (12 Tribes, Omak Inn, Quality Inn & Suites Okanogan-Omak). Quarter Century letters went out but if you know of some folks that haven’t received their letter, let Annette know so she can update the contact list. Adam will be arranging a room for the Board to meet. Opportunity to send some teachers to an SAE for All training (Holly Cahow, Jennie Wagner, Steve Cotterill & Dr. Warner) to be a trainer. Annette attended National Policy Seminar in D.C. ACTE had 4 big asks is working on changing the perception around apprenticeships and trying to double Perkins funding. CASE training (Food Sci in Goldendale & MSA at WSU).

c. **FFA State Officer Report:** Sadie & Kyle: National FFA week with National Secretary all over Washington (east to west) – had B&I visits, lots of chapter engagement and ended in Ocean Shores at EMERGE. National Ag Day was celebrated with social media and mailed cards to stakeholders. Naddile & Syndey Klaveano (past officer) participated with the National Ag Day event in WA DC. Zach went to Utah State Convention, Sadie to Oregon Convention, Karlee to Nevada State Convention, then to cold-call B&I week and State Agronomy. Then had a week of B&I with WAFFA Foundation Director in Walla Walla area. Now attending state CDE events, some rescheduled chapter visits and convention preparations. Attended Spring Fair in Puyallup and state Agriscience Fair. Convention has a new app – Little Farmers prep is going well – service project “backPACK for Success” reminder...need for backpacks and three-ring binders, there is an AmazonSmile wishlist.

d. **WSU Report:** JD & Anna: Current enrollment of 45 advisees and adding a MiT, 1 fall student teacher/9 in spring. Should have 16 AFNR CASE-certified ag ed students. Helped put on the Outdoor Power section of the FFA State AgMech & Tech CDE. COE is looking at student teaching as the capstone. Transitioning AgEd 417 course to sophomore year to ensure all AgEd see JD or Dr. Warner every year while in the program. Hosted State Agronomy with a teacher PD
concurrent. Prepping for state convention CDE events. Ag Ed Club submitted an AgEd CDE delegate issue. Chainsaw PD course with JD and Andy Perleberg at Okanogan area with summer conference (2-day) $200/person. WSU AgEd is hosting CASE MSA (currently 7 enrolled, room for more). WSU-CAHNRS has new recruiter = Josh Davis. JD & Dr. Warner participating in a policy review committee. Perry Tech was a great host and the retirees who came in to coordinate did a great job and now have a committee plan for future.

e. **FFA Report:** Abbie: Anne Ross updated on National Officer Candidate selection process and happy to announce the committee did decide to nominate him as our candidate. 6 months to prep and will need support in the preparation process. Summarized written report (membership update, state officers, EMERGE, DOT 2019, CDE updates, convention reminders).

f. **OSPI Report:** Denny: online system was down for 2 months which made it hard for program supervisors to do their program reviews/Perkins/etc. No word on what is going to happen legislatively (CASE funding). Statewide affiliation would be good and now have time to address some components for future run – what will we do related to events that we have to charge for? Pleased with work that Foundation is doing to reduce barriers and as a Board need to keep working to ensure that all kids have access to our programs. AgEd CTE 3-circle model delivery is the key for students. All applications need to get to Denny on time – if make online changes, have to get him a new printed version. Every page has a version number and they HAVE to match with the signature page. American Degree (June 10); Agriscience, Proficiency & National Chapter due by June 27 to Denny (at summer conference is okay). Get them to Denny as early as possible – don’t wait!! CASE scholarships through Perkins – submit to Denny. Pacific Environmental Institute (PEI) created a statewide framework for forestry and concerned about interest in national curriculum. Program Course approvals group 2 are happening. “SAE for All” train the trainer happening and WA will have 4 individuals attending. Hoping to work with WSDA & Bailey at Farm Bureau to do outreach to industry to determine if AgEd is relevant to industry today. Hope that it will bring the career-connected learning to fruition.

g. **National FFA Board Report:** Denny: Delegate process will be revised following a taskforce evaluation (*Abbie mentioned nothing has been shared with DelCos at this time*); trivial name changes; solid financial picture nationally; discussion about enforcing the emblem trademark (*met with resistance*); held dues this year but may consider in future. Will have a virtual board meeting May 13/14. TW: asked about change to online judging when the hotel contract is up? DW wasn’t aware but will ask.

h. **FFA Committee Report:** Tamara: FFA Committee business hot topics:

- **Universal Resume** - Elaine Lewis moved that as long as resumes meet the intent of the universal resume as far as page numbers, margins, font size and type, categories and content that it be deemed acceptable. Seconded and passed.
- **Agriscience Star** - Jessica Olaiya moved to not score battery question number three on the Agriscience star battery rubric this year. Seconded and passed.
- **Agriscience Star** - Jessica Olaiya moved to change the Agriscience star battery question #3 to “Describe a challenge in your Agriscience SAE and how you overcame it.” Seconded and passed.
• State Degree Checklist - Discussion on State Degree checklist and making sure that the checklist embedded in the application is exactly like the document developed previously.

• Proposed change to WAAE constitution to add FFA Committee (didn’t previously exist). FFA Committee Chair would be a 3-year term, not consecutive. Ag teachers will vote on that at summer conference.

**MOTION:** As long as resumes meet the intent of the universal resume as far as page numbers, margins, font size and type, categories and content that it be deemed acceptable and the career objective is only “Objective.” Annette moved, Nathan 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

**MOTION:** Change the Agriscience star battery question #3 to “Describe a challenge in your Agriscience SAE and how you overcame it.” Andy moved, Annette 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

**MOTION:** Adopt the Washington FFA State Degree Reviewer Checklist as posted on the WAFFA website for district and state review. Andy moved, Duane 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

**V. Financial Report** – Denny: 2.7% investment gain in Columbia investment account. More than inflation/savings account. DW has received a question about why the FFA has an investment account? Reserves for operating should things go wrong...there was never a backup. DW: What is the threshold we should have in that account? Where is the point when you get into too much trouble? MF – none but can’t lobby. RC: if we left it at the level it’s at...then could we use the other excess for projects? DW: seems like discussion is that we may need. As we mature this, we may need to look at finances.

Abbie: Taxes will be filed with extension per Willard.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

a. Advocacy/Legislative: Abbie & Jesse – CASE capital grant ($1.7M) made it through most hurdles, now waiting to April 28 for approval. FFA Affiliation bill passed Senate but died at House Ed Committee April 3...no more chance this year. Can take 5-6 runs to pass a bill. It is a ton of effort and time – will need to determine if want to go again. It will automatically come up – straight to House Education committee – in next session (2020).

b. Association Insurance: No suggestions were provided so the Executive Director will work on recommendations for Board selection at the June meeting.

c. State Officer Service Project (backPACK for Success) – each district is bringing certain materials but backpacks, lunchboxes, reusable water bottles are general donations that will be needed for the project. Officers can coordinate pickup. Officers will resend the district responsibility list and post to convention.

**VII. New Business**

a. Honorary Degree Approval (state & American)

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

**MOTION:** Approve Honorary American with Rebecca Wallace & Craig Shindler added. Kristin moved, Andy 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

b. Delegate Issues (awareness)

- NFFA Constitutional changes
- State Officer speech change (constitutional)
- Delegate convention requirement
- AgEd CDE
- Middle School Affiliate program

c. Consider changing district membership deadline date for CDE/LDE seeds from April 15 to March 1 to determine district seeding. Would then align with existing spring membership deadline.

d. Governance Committee – to work concurrent with Foundation committee (established 4/18/19). See if there’s existing examples from other Associations.
   
   MOTION: Establish committee consisting of Duane and Anne to review Board positions, term limits, etc. and work concurrently with Foundation committee and report back at June meeting. Andy moved, Sadie 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor.

IX. Other Business

a. Gene Forrester Memorial Scholarship. Gene is establishing with $40,000 and give 2 x $2000 scholarships to WA FFA member, high school graduate who enrolls in WSU in AgEd. Great legacy. More details will be forthcoming.

b. Meeting dates
   - June 26 – Omak (WAAE Summer Conference). Association 1st; Foundation 2nd.
   - October 15 in Olympia (Blue Sky at Farm Bureau). Foundation 1st, Association 2nd.

X. Adjournment

   MOTION: to adjourn. Andy moved, Sadie 2nd – vv, unanimous in favor. 3:21pm