I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Introductions (1:05pm)

Visiting: Taylor Enns, Kelci Scharff, Matt Rounsley, Tamara Whitcomb (phone), Anne Ross (phone)

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Approval by unanimous consent.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes


IV. Reports (5 minutes or less)

a. WAAE Report: Liz and Julia – written report provided. Summer conference went well – 2 half-days of industry tours; STEM clock hours were important and included through the conference. Update of the WAAE officers; FFA committee met and went over Constitution, Bylaws and Event rules/guidelines and offer recommendations to the FFA Board of Director at today’s meeting. June 24-28, 2018 will be the next WAAE Summer Conference.

b. FFA State Officer Report: Mollee and Sydney – written report provided. NLCSO training hosted by Washington FFA and started on delegate issues and prepped for DOT. Seth & Mollee attended SPC in Washington DC; advocated for delegate issues but the WA proposal wasn’t selected by the National Officer team. Each officer attended 3 fairs (total of 18); attended WA-ACTE and met with the other 7 CTSO state officer teams; impromptu National Officer sweep with NFFA VP Ashley Willits – was a great opportunity for the team to get prepared before Evergreen Tour. Evergreen Tour = 9 stops in 5 days; experience in facilitation to prepare for chapter visits. Officers have currently done visits in 3 districts for a total of 30+ chapter/district events.

c. WSU Report: JD – written report provided. AgEd intro class has 14 students; AgEd430 (CASE) will be offered and taught by Nathan & Jessica Moore and looks to have ~12 students so WSU will NOT offer a CASE institute during the summer of 2018. AgEd coursework that Candis taught is being covered by JD, Candis at a distance and Abbie to get through Fall courses. AgEd Club won the National Teach AgEd commercial (video) campaign! June 23 JD will host a one-day summer engine institute (short-blocks) in Vancouver. AgEd position is approved and advertising will go live soon; committee is in place and WAAE has 2 reps on the selection committee; likely to interview in January and hire to start in June. 40 AgEd majors; 5 student teachers. CAHNRS is doing both a dean and associate dean search currently. WSU AgEd was charted as an alumni affiliate (approved this past week) because collegiate FFA is being disbanded. Ben Meyer spent 2 days at WSU with the AgEd students through 2 AgEd courses.

d. FFA Report: Abbie – written report submitted. There are ~12 states not using NFFA roster...maybe we should have additional conversation about that as an option to better serve our advisors/students; NFFA state officer program changing significantly for the 2018-19 state officers. DW – need to add National Chapter to the coordinator “need” list.

e. OSPI Report: Denny – enjoyed Evergreen Tour but wasn’t sure was going to be able to go because of budget cuts; will go to NASAE/NFFA convention & state convention but only has $5000 for the entire year so will use technology more for connection/meetings. Reminder that Becky is not
Denny’s boss...Kathe Taylor is and she is in Learning & Teaching so is still learning FFA. Supt. Reykdal gets CTE and is supportive. Still helping with SkilledTechSci but hopefully the position will be hired full-time soon. Course approvals and Perkins funding work right now.

V. Financial Report

a. Finance Committee Update: Craig Shindler – conducted audit on October 6 (report handed out). No items of concern were noted, records were organized, did sampling and all merited out accurate. Recommendation to complete transfer from USBank to Columbia at 2017 year-end. May need to re-evaluate affiliate fee structure; great for chapters and students but is a loss point for the Association. Re-evaluate state convention registration costs even though reviewed at June BOD because the finances may not pencil out.

b. Taxes Update – Abbie. 2016 taxes return received; electronic version submitted to Denny & Craig; “all clear.”

**MOTION:** Use “The Taxman” for the 2017 taxes. – Craig, 2nd Duane. VV – unanimous in favor - passed.

c. 2018 Budget – Abbie. Abbie walked through a very conservative initial projection. Explained some line items that need adjustment/changed significantly or anticipate change in 2018, as well as some expenses that need review moving forward. CS – Finance Committee will review and provide recommendations at January meeting for a final budget.

**MOTION:** Carryover the 2017 budget into Jan & Feb of 2018 for authority to spend. – Craig, 2nd Duane. VV – unanimous in favor - passed.

VI. Unfinished Business

a. CDE Review Update – Abbie. The existing WAFFA CDE Rules & Guidelines hadn’t been updated since 2013 and were in conflict with many of the new CDE/LDE handbooks (& didn’t recognize LDEs). Abbie reviewed with basic edits/suggestions for flow and current practice and shared with WAAE FFA Committee for detailed review and recommendations. Started with Constitutional updates/changes provided by Abbie and WAAE. End of Year Report can’t be removed because is a verification mechanism. TW – then need clear guidelines about Good Standing and having it include the report.

**MOTION:** Approve as constitutional changes as recommended. – Sydney, 2nd Mollee. VV – unanimous in favor - passed.

**MOTION:** Approve as CDE/LDE Rule changes as recommended. – Gene, 2nd Sydney. VV – unanimous in favor - passed.

**MOTION:** Continue Spanish Creed and Quiz Bowl as special projects in 2018. – Mollee, 2nd Sydney. VV – unanimous in favor - passed.

b. Strategic Plan Committee → recruit members and set date for committee work. Volunteers: Liz, Marty, Denny.

c. Advocacy Committee – Marty, John, Kristin, Mollee, Denny, Abbie and Marissa.
   This report/work was tabled at our last meeting.

d. Scantron Committee Report – Abbie (written proposal). Committee reviewed and made recommendations for action but had one big “yet to be determined.” DW – how do you handle the costs? No recommendation currently listed. KH – in favor of using Idaho’s system as a preliminary and like the conversation.
MOTION: Use Judgingcard system as proposed for 3 precovention CDEs (Agronomy, Horse, Livestock) and 3 convention events (Food Science, MQP, Meats) if Idaho will share and Association get the scansheets. – Julia, 2nd Liz. VV – unanimous in favor - passed.

Discussion regarding how to handle CDE/LDE costs as they continue to increase. Do we continue to leave it at a one-time chapter fee or consider a “pay-to-play” model? Tack it on to existing registration? Increase E&A? How do we handle the shortfall? Review in January.

VII. New Business

MOTION: Accept in alignment with WAAE votes except with adjustment to Policy recommendation #3. – Craig, 2nd Mollee. VV – unanimous in favor - passed.

Resolution 3 -ADJUSTED: Include 3 State Officers on the Board of Directors and 3 State Officers on the Foundation Board – only 2 are voting on either board, third is ex officio. The Officers are to be divided evenly among the two boards.

b. State Calendar – Abbie will work to have 19-20 calendar for review at the October meeting.
MOTION: Postpone until next regularly scheduled meeting in February. – Gene, 2nd Sydney. VV – unanimous in favor – passed.

c. Ag Forestry Leadership Program – Kim Eads. Presentation given during working lunch regarding Class’ work on legislation that would support the Executive Director(s) and FFA member access barriers. They would love to get stories from current/former members if FFA was the game-changer or direct influence that impacted career trajectory. They will also need support during the legislative session – more to come as the bill is finalized.

d. Executive Director Contract – WAAE concern to make sure it is handled so we can keep Abbie. DW – Committee working diligently on it to try to get it figured out with the target of Dec. 31, 2017 but there are a lot of moving parts. CS – won’t make a hasty business operation decision that will likely have a long-term impact so still have work to do and plans to figure out.

IX. Other Business

a. Anne Ross interested in serving on the Board…provided background and why interested. DW: won’t make a decision at this time – need to review bylaws and will get back to with decision as soon as possible.


X. Adjournment (5:10pm)