I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Introductions

II. Approval of Agenda
   MOTION: Approve the agenda as proposed – no changes so approved by unanimous consent.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Nov. 4, 2016)
   MOTION: Approve the minutes (Craig), SECOND (Tye). VV, unanimous.

IV. Reports
   a. WAAE Report
      John: Nothing major out of district reports from Fall WAAE Exec meeting. WAAE Summer Conference registration has gone out (in Moses Lake) – the schedule is different than in years past so may impact the summer Board meeting. Still important to have Board members present to cultivate the relationships.

   b. FFA State Officer Report: McGee/Taylor
      Alyssa: Finished chapter visits; Winter Retreat planning for 212/360, FFA Week, and state convention; excellent legislative training in Olympia followed by various legislative visits – CTE Bill (SB 5183/HB1282 - funding formula change) and AgEd Bill (SB5318/HB1453 - CASE funding/grant support) will be their focus in the legislative meetings; Luke and Megan went on ILSSO in South Africa and learned about African agriculture/trade, noticed it was much more labor intensive than US agriculture; impressed Sup. Reykdahl with the fact that they can do what they do with only $4000 for a year and he was in disbelief but VERY impressed with them.

   c. WSU Report: JD Baser
      JD is offering a pre-conference training engines training in June; Candis is
offering a clock hours training concurrent with 212/360 about SAEs and curriculum; Candis will be attending the 2017 NFFA Inservice.

d. **FFA Report: Abbie DeMeerleer**

212/360 conferences are completely full; State Convention planning is well underway but being cautious with scheduling as there are some potential impacts from CDE changes – maintaining the pricing the same as 2016 seems to have been appreciated from chapters (anecdotally); WAFFA will be hosting the 2017 Western NLCSO (at WSU);

e. **OSPI Report: Becky Wallace**

New Superintendent Chris Reykdal (Jan. 11); Cabinet restructuring; CTE was asked about how it’s going in WA and the staff had the opportunity to be candid and he is willing to listen – the Superintendent announced that Dr. Emmil will not be returning to OSPI; CTE will be audited to look at potential disproportionate support; Sup. Reykdal has said that CTE are not “less than” courses and not everyone needs to take pre-calc; Becky testified on course equivalencies on Monday (1/23); CTE could get moved under a new Assistant Sup (not determined who at this time); Senate Bill $125M for CTE; AgEd Bill is one that Stewart worked with AgForestry Leadership to put forward; Drop-out Prevention through Farming proviso just put forward; did get funds to do course equivalency work on Power Structure; two dates for best practice work in two different locations – need to get more sign ups; still have money for new teacher training that will be planned/offered; consider need for another AgEd FTE at OSPI maybe to manage off-programs (drop-out prevention through farming, CASE, funding, etc.); possibility of E.D. through OSPI but need to explore options of working remote/risks, etc. – thoughts?: WSU? Farm Bureau? OSPI by an amendment in law language? RC- could it create a political war with the other CTSOs? CS: I don’t think adding a half a seat is an issue (not ED), and think it’s worth exploring the E.D. piece as exploration not commitment. DH: If we want to add programs and make FFA bigger and better, it takes people-power so we will need infrastructure. JG: Need to explore because we can’t keep putting things on
RW/AD plates...it takes people and we may need more. RC: Most important thing is that Sup. Reykdal will bring positive change – he’s a good man and his philosophies align with CTE and FFA.
RW: Noticed that he is willing to listen and there has been a noticeable morale shift in OSPI.
RC: 65 fairs in the state, gets $2M/year; grant to improve fairgrounds but that is up for grabs each year (allocation from legislature).

V. Financial Report

a. Finance Committee/Audit Update: Craig Shindler/Ricky Adams
One action item – met via phone; transferring bank accounts to Columbia but keeping USBank through roughly June to ensure everything is clear and wrapped;
Affiliation Dues – no need to change at this time but need to continue to review;
State Convention pricing – WSU did approve a 5% but committee discussed only adjusting every 3-5 years to adjust for that (Abbie will put together some pricing options for March BoD meeting); formalizing the Audit Report and need to present it to the Board once completed. RW: Power to Act was given to Committee for bank transfer – committee left more in the USBank than originally planned (~$150K) to be conservative and flexibility to “test drive” Columbia Bank.

b. Budget Review: Finance Committee Report and Recommendation
Abbie explained the 5 items that are not easily understood in the bottom-line: removal of $20K from Foundation, National Convention expenses will be higher in 2017, convention merchandise line reflects a major sponsorship that isn’t guaranteed in 2017, Fire/Emergency funds that haven’t been paid out as an alumni chapter isn’t in place, potential elimination of Perkins funds (or diminished amount provided), big influx of 212/360 income (deposits) but haven’t paid out to the site yet (expense). True Net Income is close to but just above the 2015 EOY. Important to note – not increasing costs to students, just managing expenses and money better, costs to students has remained equal to cost of event (or less than cost of event, ie. State Convention).
MOTION: Motion to approve budget as presented (Ron); SECOND (Duane) – VV, unanimous approval.

VI. Old Business/

a. Committee Work

i. CDE Reviews

Lots of changes to CDE/LDEs, including management by the State Association which is a change in paradigm; one source of information...from WAFFA; handbook review and updates eliminates whitesheets so only one source of event rules/guidelines and how the event is run; Vet Science coordinators will not be returning in 2018 (notified RW/AD via email);

ii. Strategic Plan Review

Table to next official meeting to allow committees time to meet:

a. 3 committees that align with the Strategic Priority areas to review, update:
   Engaging Our Students – Chair: Alyssa – Candis, Craig, John G, Ricardo
   Supporting Our Advisors – Chair: Becky – JD, Tye, Gene, 1 WAAE rep, Marty
   Telling Our Story – Chair: Abbie – Duane, Kristin, Marissa, Ron

b. Establish 2 additional committees to meet prior to board meeting in order to review issues and make recommendations:
   Standing CDE Committee – Ricky Adams, Dan White, JD, Candis, Alyssa, Kristin, Becky, Abbie, Marissa
   Advocacy Committee – Marty, John, Kristin, Tye, Becky, Abbie, Marissa

POWER TO ACT: Purchase Conference Call system/subscription (GoToMeeting) – Abbie explore and use personal judgement (contact Finance Committee if question) to purchase and have for the next meeting.

iii. Other? State Degree clarification: “$1000 investment or 300 unpaid hours or combination...” Request recommendations from WAFFA at Spring Exec for consideration at summer BoD meeting so potential changes would take effect in the 17-18 membership year. Honor what’s published for 16-17 membership year.

iv. NFFA Opening Ceremonies & OD changes
**Official Dress:** Adopt NFFA -- what about “Outdoor OD”? Board needs to be clear on what’s allowable or not in CDEs (eg. Livestock, Horse, Forestry, Soils, etc.) – district to district expectations are different.

Board requests the State Officer team to submit a student delegate issue for consideration for their opinion and thoughts.

**MOTION:** Adopt an Outdoor Official Dress: Black or Blue Jeans or slacks and close-toe shoes (including black or brown boots) with white collared shirt and FFA jacket. SECOND (Jake).

**MOTION:** Refer motion to a student committee through the delegate process, issue topic written by the State Officer Team (TYE). SECOND (Ron). VV – unanimous.

**MOTION:** Consider an Outdoor Active OD policy referred to student committee through the delegate process, issue topic written by the State Officer Team (TYE). SECOND (Duane). VV – unanimous.

**Opening Ceremonies:** NFFA Board approved the change from “Puerto Rico” to “Virgin Islands.”

**MOTION:** Put forward to student delegates for Due Pass recommendation from the WAFFA Board of Directors. (Duane). SECOND (Alyssa)

**Spanish Creed:** Have made a commitment to offer it but haven’t done the work for translation/judging. Consider doing a “demonstration” event in 2017. RW/AD can ask about what NFFA is doing when in Indy next week (also ask about accommodations).

**MOTION:** Pilot of Spanish Creed at the 2017 state convention (TYE). SECOND (Ron). VV – unanimous approval.

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**VII. New Business**

**a. Legislative Engagement Updates**

Do we consider a separate FFA bill or proviso? If so, do we pursue this year or in the future?
**MOTION:** Offer the AgForestry Leadership class the California model of 100% affiliation funding for FFA to pursue (DUANE). SECOND (TYE). VV – unanimous approval.

**VIII. Other Business: Meeting Dates for Spring**

March 9 in eastern Washington – Becky will DoodlePoll the location (Ellensburg, Cle Elum, Yakima)...maybe consider Marissa looking into businesses that might host that are also donors/potential donors. Will schedule the Foundation Board meeting separately.

April 8 or 15 – could have additional meeting that coincides with National Chapter selection and possibly NOC selection.

1:13 pm – Meeting Adjourned.