I. Roll Call
Board members in attendance: Becky Wallace, Abbie DeMeerleer, Craig Shindler, Candis Carraway, Julia Spangler, Duane Hamp, Mike Sheppard, Ricardo Ibarra, Stewart Padelford, Monica Haugen, Gene Forrester, Ron Crawford, Ricardo Ibarra. Call-in: Kristin Hinton, Jake Bredstrand
Guest: Dallas Tyus

Becky chaired the meeting (930am start), Abbie acted as Secretary. Unless otherwise noted, all votes were signified by voice with no abstentions or objections.

II. Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved by consent. Addition: Reports – will add Update from the FFA Foundation Director.

III. Approval of Minutes (Jan 13. 2016)
Gene moved to approve minutes, seconded by Ron.

IV. Reports
a. WAAE: Mike Sheppard
   No report
b. State Officer: Julia Spangler and Monica Haugen
   Business and Industry visits in both western and eastern Washington; prepping for state convention. Julia reported on ILSSO trip to South Africa. Board recognized the team’s year of service.

c. WSU Update: Dr. Candis Carraway
   Students change majors so numbers are still in flux. Submitted for a new course in AgEd. CASE institute only has 1 position left in it – great numbers! Hosting Agronomy CDE and helping with Meats, MQP, and Farm Business Management, as well as the club supporting convention general responsibilities. Hoping to host an FFA Future Cougar Day – this year will be combined with general WSU Future Cougar Day.

d. Executive Director: Abbie DeMeerleer
   Question about photo release at state convention – Ricardo had some feedback. What implications are there for minors and use of photos? Ask Robert for legal advice. Ron – Tumwater school district photo statement; opt-out form only. Could we put a statement on the website that would cover as a blanket for public? Look into

   ACTION ITEM: Follow-up on photo release.
MOU – Lengthy discussion about potential details, pro’s/con’s. What about Farm Bureau or other entities?

ACTION ITEM: Meet with Dr. Kidwell during state convention week.

e. **Foundation: Stewart Padelford**
   Plan on the State Stars BBQ by Porky’s BBQ Pit (Sat.). Tax information sent to Taxman – 1099’s sent. CDE donor information. Working on possibly moving Ag Mech to Perry Tech Institute in Yakima (will attend the 2016 contest to see how it is put on). WALE location – possibly Quincy or Lynden; ~50 people; week of July 18th (due to state officer availability). Estate donation in combination of work by Abbie and Stewart – donor wishes to remain anonymous. WSU AgEd scholarships (Bob Andrews); funds for 2 years.

f. **OSPI: Rebecca Wallace**
   MSOC money did not go through legislatively; possibly consider a budget line item on coordination with WAAE for lobbyist support for an FFA/AgEd bill. D7 & D1 do a good job bringing legislators in and showing them what AgEd/FFA is and is doing. Regarding “incidences” at FFA state events; association needs to know about these things when it happens. New Perkins staff member at OSPI. 18 applications for the Underserved Populations grant; grant writing would be a good professional development opportunity at WAAE Summer Conference so that advisors/schools can be more competitive. $79,000 from OSPI for CASE institutes. Have asked WAAE to consider take over the management of the CASE institutes; will be discussed at the 2016 summer conference. $20K in grants available for classroom curriculum alignment work. 5 new CIP codes that can be used by programs. FREE Regional Alumni Development Conference, June 24/25 in Kennewick – please come! State Degrees and proficiencies reviewed; 138 state degrees confirmed, ~90 proficiencies reviewed and approved. April 9th at Ellensburg High School will be the National Chapter review – Board help would be appreciated at the review. April 16th is the Agriscience State event at the Puyallup Spring Fair – Board help with judging would be appreciated.

Shared District issues from FFA: State Officer selection process clarification; ENR – request to add a 5th practicum, Becky put out email to listserv and only 1 piece of negative feedback at this time; two districts have put forward delegate proposals to change the CDE seeding. Review of CDE 17-21 changes – plan is proposals will go through WAAE FFA committee on Sunday/Monday of summer conference so recommendations can be put before the Association Board on Wednesday of that week; pins vs. plaques – find a donor, fiscally have to review; likely something to consider annually- chaperone coverage by gender at state convention; consider changing due date for dues payments (move to Dec. 15 and April 15) – discussion: (RC) it can be hard for school districts to process bills in a timely fashion, (DH) think we should give it a working chance through at least a year, (RI) agreed, school payment can be difficult but need to encourage teachers to work with their districts

V. **Committee Report:**

a. **Finance Committee: Craig Shindler**
   i. **Profit/Loss**
   Net Income is a positive – budgeted for $6,675 and actual is $92,428.

   **ACTION ITEM:** Request a Budget to Actual report at every Board meeting.
ii. **Tax Update**
Abbie already provided.

iii. **Affiliate Dues Update**
Finance Committee recommends no change for the 16-17 Affiliate Dues Schedule. Need to understand it better – impact to students and advisors – talk to advisors at summer conference. Need to look more closely at the numbers to see implications.

- Craig moved to maintain dues schedule (general and affiliate), Gene seconded, passed unanimously.

iv. **Truck Update**
They have been returned; there was damage in the last 2 weeks that had to be covered by the Association in order to return without penalty.

v. **Audit Review Recommendations**
Form that has been proposed; August is a more flexible month for the Executive Director to work on an audit. Kailan Dunn is no longer on the committee so will need to fill that position.

- Ron moved to have annual audit completed by September 1, Duane seconded, passed unanimously.
- Monica moved to have an audit committee chaired and appointed by Craig to report at the fall meeting, seconded by Mike, passed unanimously.
- Ron moved to purchase QuickBooks 2015 for the association, seconded by Julia, passed unanimously.

b. **CDE Committee: Mike Sheppard**

VI. **New Business:**

a. **State Degree- Constitution Language**
Discovered inconsistencies between constitution and application and NFFA requirements. Heard that there were differences between categories and then a change was potentially made by Wayne. Lloyd Walker had some historical feedback and concerns about fairness and equity. Change can be made but needs to be in alignment with constitution.

**ACTION ITEM:** Becky will adjust language to align with NFFA constitution standards and committee and board recommendations.

b. **State Star Selection:**
The board of directors reviewed, and selected, the state Stars in the following areas: Farmer, Placement, Agribusiness, and Agriscience.

Point of information: There is currently nothing in policy that a student can’t win district star in two categories, or be state star in two categories- common for a district to only nominate in one area for increased student recognition. **Move to agenda item for June.**

c. **Delegate Issues**
- Constitutional Language adjustment by BW for state degree
• **Title/Classification of Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events.** Board supports.

• Agriscience Fair: amended to include all 6 divisions and follow restructured age divisions into new categories and increases potentially for middle-school opportunity, cannot replace team members if a student cannot go/would compete with 1. Board supports.

• **National Chapter:** amended titles and brand-new rubric. Stay in alignment with NFFA.

• CDE’s: NFFA is going away from drop scores – do we count all scores/continue with alternate/management: need flexibility to be able to add student and move forward with winning team (*Marketing as example*), added scored component for “process,” establishment of Spanish Creed (Board supports). Ag Comm change from 3 to 4 member team. Electronic submission of nearly all documents. Ag Mech would need to potentially keep Energy Systems for WA specifically. Novice Parli title will change to Conduct of Chapter Meetings: changes age range and expands number of team members. Extemp will have to provide computer access/time. Floral/NL will likely have lots of discussion. Horse added a Ranch Pleasure (what does this mean?), we already do the team piece. Job Interview name change to Employment Skills, may need to consider WA process implications. Farm Business Management may need a total revamp. Parli change with minutes.

• Need to clear up the process for change → WAAE suggestions to BoD, Coordinator suggestions to State Association → Association BoD reviews and decides; policy created.

• **Tabled:** BoD official dress recommendation for all contests, regardless of location of state CDE. Coordinator needs to clarify Official Dress “standard” for scoring at beginning of the contest. Move to agenda item for June.

• **Table 2016 changes and recommendation to review at Summer Conference with NFFA changes.** Soils – No change; Tractor – No change; 1st Year Member – Official Dress scored on scorecard (-5 if not at standard, per team) **Board support;** Delete the “guide” and only have rules; Qualify 7-10th grade is the eligibility window (**table decision** – not in effect for 2016); MQP – use 3 previous year’s problem-solving for total of 10 questions (failed with recommendation to review with all other CDE changes); Vet Sci – change to one 50 point essay rather than two 25 point essays.

### d. Honorary State Degrees/Honorary American Degrees-VIP Citations

### e. Others

**Background check for candidates:** Marty Fortin provided the law language and it is an electronic form (which would be free as a non-profit). Robert – think it’s a decent idea and aim to be non-invasive; would need to add to the application with information; have parental consent as well. Discussion: (RC) concern for only the 6 elected? (RW) potentially the turnaround time if one of the 6 doesn’t pass the check. (JS) What about checking all viable candidates (not juniors)? (CS) How do we then decide if something that comes up and whether it influences selection? Should we ask for disclosure in the application? Should we ask what School Superintendents if they have a policy or procedure? (RW) Jake is in strong favor of this and due to the application and vetting process, there shouldn’t be any real issues. (GF) Issue with waiting for election would mean removing and officer or not allowing them into certain schools. Becky will send a cover letter explanation with link to application to 2016 candidates/parents and deadline for completion. (MS) Hates to potentially
have anyone do extra paperwork that might limit participation. (JS) Provided personal explanation of having to complete for her own high school.

Ron moves Becky send application to 2016 eligible candidates and have a background check completed prior to start of convention, Julia seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Articles of Amendment** – RC checked, they have cleared the Secretary of State and Charitable side. Ron will take to Taxman to have him (Taxman) complete the federal IRS name change following 2015 taxes. Ron and Gene will work with Abbie to get the bank account updated after IRS

Adjournment at 1pm.

**Meetings:**

a. **May 12th (Thursday) – May 14th (Saturday) State FFA Convention, No formal meeting but Board Recognition and plenty of opportunities to assist.**

b. **June 29th – (Wednesday) Pasco, WA: WAAE**