I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Introductions


II. Approval of Agenda

Approval as presented.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Craig: Approval of previous meeting minutes as presented. Second by Elaine Lewis.

VV – unanimous in favor.

IV. Reports (5 minutes or less)

a. WAAE Report: Elaine Lewis/Matt Asplund – Summer conference, good participation and in-service education. Exciting to be in a different spot this year. Biggest buzz point is pins versus plaques (previous Board decision). Big worry about 16-18 unfilled AgEd position and that they may not fill and programs may close. Push to get emergency certified folks from industry as a stopgap. Elaine is moving from Yelm to Omak.

b. FFA State Officer Report: J. Spangler and M. Haugen – Here at conference for BLAST Off training. Had a logistics meeting/retreat at Abbie’s house to get started. Next week heading to NLCSO with OR, ID, AK state officer teams (in Corvallis) and then Julia and Monica to SPC. End of July will help Foundation with WALE followed by DOT. Summer fairs, Chelan rodeo, Wilco grand opening, etc. Make-up of the team is: two officers from D7, three officers from D6, one officer from D1; 2 girls, 4 guys.

c. WSU Report: JD Baser – Dr. Candace Carraway hired (from Texas Tech) to be the other AgEd faculty member; starts teaching in the Fall 2015 semester. She has a background in CASE (AnSci). 6 of 9 student teachers are employed, 1 still looking, 1 in grad school and 1 working at WSU. Hosted a small engine inservice right before WAAE conference, had 11 participants. Fall will have 1 student teacher, Spring will have 4 student teachers. WSU will have a changing landscape due to the passing of President Floyd.

Stewart added that Ag Center for Excellence wants to work on K-12 career information…specifically AgEd. Considering a statewide Ag Summit – may be good to have a stronger WSU voice involved in that event/planning/etc.

d. FFA Report: Abbie DeMeerleer – Membership at 7 year high (8,025). Abbie will be working on some updates with National FFA to continue to improve some systems functions. State Convention update – 2 new events (Education Expo and Little Farmers Ag Classroom); 40+ PSOs; thank you for ability to write checks; some housing issues – complications with gender ratio, only a couple behavior issues but
handled quickly and consistently; continue to evolve the pre-session; some sound/audio issues. Working on State CDEs dates and coordinators, if don’t have coordinators might have to drop CDEs; PO Box change will take affect now (old box will forward for 6 months); business professional attire change with nametag for additional utility. LaQuinta fundraising opportunity (discount code: NAFFA) – 10% discount plus get 9% return to FFA (4.4% direct to WAFFA).

e. OSPI Report: Becky Wallace – Both Kathleen and Betty were present at convention (1st time Betty was invited) and received their Honorary State Degrees. Kathleen retired two weeks ago and her replacement is Dr. Ken Emmil- He was a superintendent at Colville previously and in charge of foster care at OSPI. Sup. Dorn may be done so there could be some major changes in OSPI. 5 course equivalencies were approved, 4 will directly influence AgEd. There are AgEd teachers that stepped up to get trained about equivalencies and can now train others – all districts except one have a trainer (kudos!). For CASE there were 25 scholarships ($68,750 total) which was the biggest allocation in the state. There was $23,900 provided in grant funds for non-traditional students to be involved with agriculture and leadership, state convention attendance was a requirement. Phouang Hamilton helped get the money for this (THANK YOU!!). District end reports are coming in at this time (due by July 1). $10,000 for alignment of NextGen to AgEd standards – only group that got that. Total of $102,000 from OSPI in 2014-2015.
18 agriscience applications; 36 American degrees; 16 National Chapter applications forwarded. Propose developing a committee that reports to the Board but does not have voting privileges – Advocacy and Legislation; invited Dan Coyne and Sen. Schoesler to be on that committee. Another name is Ben Buchholz. Lobbying advocate because we rely on WA-ACTE lobbyist and we don’t have enough voice through them. Craig – support the committee idea, however lobbying is expensive so may have to explore a subsidized option. BW – if we can draft language and then they are just reviewing (not writing from scratch) they will likely be more willing to help.

**MOTION:** Matt: Move to establish a Policy & Advocacy subcommittee that reports to the Board of Directors with invitations initially to Dan Coyne, Sen. Schoesler and others by appointment of the chair. Second by Elaine.
VV – unanimous in favor.

V. Financial Report

a. Finance Committee Update: Craig Shindler – Thanks to Ron for joining the committee. State Convention budget- did meet and exceed budget with a positive. Are looking ahead and the current Association budget is in the positive. Taxes – have engaged the TaxMan...we have an extension to August 1, 2015. Got Abbie set-up on the accounts to be able to write limited checks and should streamline some billing issues. Did discover conflicting names/addresses/tax numbers so need to get that stuff straightened out as our next step. Need to get approval for our insurance policy ($5million coverage). Can reduce to $1million coverage (save ~750-1000)...probably not worth it.

**MOTION:** Elaine: Move to approve insurance coverage and premiums that was outlined by Craig and the Finance Committee. Seconded by Monica.
VV – unanimous in favor.

Truck leases – Stewart is going to meet with the RAM advocate next week to figure out the final year contract and matching funds details. Craig – really appreciate Stewart’s work but the contract may not be worth it in the long-term so may need to reconsider vehicles in the future.
Did have a closed committee meeting to review the Executive Director contract (expires end of the month).
Elaine – thank you for the clear report of expenses and information…the more we can do that, the better.

VI. Unfinished Business

a. Board Policy/Expectations/Attendance- (Duane/Kristin/Craig) Info Update  
   *Tabled to October meeting*

b. Review of Constitution and Bylaws -- *Tabled to October meeting*

c. Funding Priorities Committee report – Board review  *Tabled to October meeting*

VII. New Business

a. *Re-clarify Association name – 5 different names in various locations.*  
   *Suggestion: Washington FFA Association*  
   Ron update: Secretary of State had 1 name for us, IRS had 2 names, bank had 2 names.  Will need to decide what the Board wants to refer to the Association (would be a constitutional change) so will be the same on all fronts.  Then there are a series of forms that will need to be completed (in order) and submitted and then we can get things cleaned up.  
   Where should the “home” address be located”? Name?? Is there a letter of dissolution?  
   This fall we need to plan to complete the clean-up process.  Look to student board for some language and reasoning for name change – keep minutes and submit to the Board of Directors for consideration and motion.

b. 2015-16 calendar approval, 2016-17 discussion – Finalizing the CDE dates tomorrow at WAAE then calendar will be complete for approval.  Abbie will also send the 16-17 projection (to date…lots still to work on).

c. *Board training at fall meeting (by NPIP)* – It will be scheduled.

d. *Delegate business review & consideration from State Convention*—Delegate motions: Passed the resolution to limit state officer candidacy to 2 opportunities.  Discussion: Julia – 1st run was a “dry” run, did run 3 times.  Doesn’t think the “dry” run should count.  Monica also thinks there should be a “dry” run opportunity without penalty.  Abbie offered that the biggest counterpoint amongst the delegates was advantage of learning “the system” if run three times.  
   **MOTION:** Ron: Move to table the motion to the Fall meeting.  Seconded by Monica  
   VV – unanimous in favor.

National Officer Candidate process overlapping state convention is an issue.  Trying to balance state convention obligations and NOC (individual) goals.  Move off state convention to occur prior to convention and then the candidate can be announced at and support candidate.  Consider putting the process guidelines in the CDE rules.  
   **MOTION:** Monica: Move to hold the national officer candidate selection process before state
convention. Second by Marty Fortin. Question was called by Ron Crawford. VV – unanimous in favor.

State Officer CDE/Delegate responsibility discussion. The student delegates failed with a split vote. There are considerations on both sides.

e. Executive Director Evaluation/Contract -- There has been an agreed upon contract. There was unanimous approval to offer the contract. There was both a Board review and WAAE review and BW & Abbie have gone over those results/evaluations. There is some lingering pieces to figure out with the contract. There is also a component that we are looking into with WSU that could change things – MOU similar to Oregon. Would be an executive board session if that ever became a possibility. Contract hasn’t been signed yet because

MOTION: Ron: Move to offer the Executive Director contract to CADalyst, LLC via Abbie DeMeerleer. Second by Matt Asplund. VV – unanimous in favor.

IX. Other Business

a. Set upcoming meeting dates

1. Sept/Oct – OLYMPIA (Sept. 30 or Oct. 7)
2. Jan 2016 – TBD (Jan. 13)
3. Mar 2016 – TBD (Mar. 9)
4. June 2016 – PASCO (June 29)

X. Adjournment – 12:05pm – adjourned.