I. Call to Order and Roll Call – Introductions

Present: Dennis Wallace, Abbie DeMeerleer, Jesse Taylor, Craig Shindler, Annette Weeks, Nathan Moore, Marty Fortin, Duane Hamp, JD Baser, Dr. Anna Warner, Ron Crawford, Tamara Whitcomb, Hannah Ruth Pettyjohn, Abbie Dorhauer (voting), Mara Soto (voting), Devin Schafer, Kendyl Wiley, Awson Wheeler

Present via Phone: Ricardo Ibarra, Gene Forrester

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Approve with ability to change as needed (Craig, Duane 2nd) vv-unanimous in favor. PASS

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Accept minutes as presented (Ron, Annette 2nd) vv-unanimous in favor. PASS

IV. Reports

a. WAAE Report: Annette and Nathan – 180 people registered for 2019 WAAE conference; conference app; bowling tournament fundraiser; auction & Quarter-Century Social; Adam will start on the board in October & find out tonight who new WAAE Secretary will be; 2020 will be in Pasco; suggested: more formalized introduction of the Quarter-Century attendees

b. WSU Report: JD/Dr. Warner – JD hosted 2-day inservice (25 people) on Stihl chainsaws & in-field training for harvesting trees; CASE MSA “sneak peek”; Proactive Program Advocacy workshop for teachers with tangible walkaway plan; SAE for All workshop following a train-the-trainer; need to get 2 teachers from each district trained this year and goal to get all teachers trained in next 3 years – having a state subscription would allow for data/information to support advocacy local/etc; 2 new grads still looking for positions; ~36/37 students that have at least one CASE certification at graduation; discussion about CASE value; can CASE be used in semester-long courses rather than one year?

c. FFA Alumni Report: Ricardo Ibarra – working on expanding; challenges in guiding people for navigating Alumni roster/invoicing; NFFA continued free five-yr. associate membership for graduating seniors (easy to access & convert); Question: how many WAFFA Alumni are there? RI: can look that up. Question: what is the fee? RI: just the national rate b/c we don’t current have a state rate.

d. FFA State Officer Report – Convention—we got elected! Attended some banquets with the retired team; Cornerstone & BaseCamp training for 1 week in June – expectations, preparation, team development; board meeting; HP & AW going to State Grange meeting; going to Oregon for a 4-state training; July travel to DC for Summit; DOT in Bellingham; summer will also have fair visits.

e. FFA Report: Abbie – report submitted and summarized

f. OSPI Report: Denny – slow now that legislative session is over; better year than expected legislatively; another $1.75M in funding for CASE (through Foundation); $1M for equipment grants; Washington Ag History media free for teachers (provisio $$) being routed through OSPI/Denny; multiple pathways/certifications/apprenticeships & industry connection; how do we blend the new buzzwords with what we do? (ie. Career-Connected Learning) – need
to be careful to not get caught up in the buzzwords and be more vocal explaining what we already do that fit in those buzzwords; need to replace Perkins-process person; T/L having all employees “adopt-a-school” and visit to help with best practices but OSPI arrival isn’t always met with excitement; transition year for Perkins and will be having to work with some entities that think very differently; certificates that we could give that will satisfy Perkins?

**Question:** wouldn’t a proficiency demonstrate specific/exceptional skill? What level of accomplishment do you need to have? **Question:** is industry still driven by college degrees? Soft-skills? DW: Hope Ag Center for Excellence might help to determine what KSAs are for entry-level

g. **National FFA Board Report/Update:** Denny – Charter did pass; done to strengthen our intra-curricular nature; Board selection & organization management without government oversight; constitutional changes are now before student body for consideration; 50 years of women in FFA – DW got to be a delegate when it was passed and then as a state officer got a “compliance” letter from NFFA to allow females and it was passed (good move!) however Washington did have female members because they beat DW in Creed and Public speaking; AgExplorer – great site for teachers to utilize (pathway thinking vs. cluster thinking); SAE for All is sweeping the nation and good because it is critical component of three-circle model: National FFA Convention – all sessions will be in Lucas Oil, housing block filling; Living to Serve grants (WAFFA received one); FFA #NextGen conference – in 2020 pilot in Animal Systems open to Jrs/Srs & opens August 15 (application opens)…no Board awareness of this activity

V. **Financial Report:** Denny – Investment Fund: Volatile time in market but in it for the long run and have made some money. Abbie – P&L & comparison submitted to the finance committee; continue to refine the accounting categories so can better show income/expenses; Quickbooks migration to over late-summer/early fall.

VI. **Unfinished Business**

a. **Member Delegate Report: Abbie** – Reviewed electronic report (previously emailed)

**MOTION:** Approve the student delegate resolution that an Agricultural Education CDE be created to create a passion to pursue a career in Ag Education. (Craig, Ron 2nd) – vv, unanimous in favor. PASS

**MOTION:** Approve the student delegate resolution that State Agriscience Event be combined with the State Agronomy Event held at WSU. (Ron, Anna 2nd) – vv, unanimous in favor. PASS – **discussion:** consider and encourage still presenting at Puyallup Spring Fair.

**MOTION:** Approve the student delegate resolution that a CDE be created to boost the involvement with those with special needs/life-skills students to prepare them for possible future careers. (Ron, Anna 2nd) – vv, unanimous in favor. PASS

**MOTION:** Approve the student delegate resolution to support the proposed Middle School Flat Fee, as proposed by National FFA, but only if there is an option for the chapters to have an individual dues program. (Anna, Ron 2nd) – vv, unanimous in favor. PASS

**Action Item:** The state officers & Abbie will develop a program to improve delegate engagement/count at State Convention and present it at the October meeting. (related to the Delegate incentive/penalty resolution)

**MOTION:** Approve the student delegate resolution to Incentivize the delegate process by providing participate delegates with a pin, certificate and stage recognition. (Anna, Craig 2nd) – vv-opposed. FAIL
MOTION: Refer student delegate resolution related to state officer election/speech score-weight (Officer Qualifications Committee resolution) to a committee of Ricardo, Craig, Marty, Nathan and Abbie to develop potential solutions to be finalized and approved at the October board of directors meeting. (Marty, Ron 2
– vv, unanimous in favor. PASS

b. CDE/LDE FFA Committee Report: Tamara – Reviewed report electronically (projected); some discussion/clarification throughout. MOTION: Accept the report excluding poultry, parli, proficiency (Ron, Marty 2
– vv, unanimous in favor. PASS
MOTION: Hold the 2020 Poultry contest in the fall with ability to make changes. (Ron, Marty 2
). Discussion. vv-opposed. FAIL
MOTION: Hold the 2020 Poultry contest in the spring. (Anna, Nathan 2
) vv – unanimous in favor. PASS
MOTION: Find accredited parliamentarian(s) to help with the state parli finals along with the 3
place team advisor(s). (Anna, Nathan 2
) vv – unanimous in favor. PASS
MOTION: Postpone proficiency issue and place on agenda for the October board meeting. (Anna, Ron 2
) vv – unanimous.

b. Association Insurance: Abbie – April 2020 is when current agreement will be up for renewal and Conover will provide quotes for reconsideration and other options; also the time when Foundation and Association would be split in coverage.

c. Advocacy Update: Jesse & Abbie – Will come back in 2020 through House Education committee but no other updates since April.

d. Governance Committee: Ricardo/Anne/Duane – Planning to have one more committee meeting and will report at the October meeting.

VII. New Business
a. Honorary Degree Rubric/criteria (currently none): Abbie – no action needed
b. Chapter Visit Homestays: Abbie – hold to October
c. Program Assistant (shared btwn Association & Foundation) – Abbie & Jesse: Asking board to consider adding a shared program assistant to help with organizational business. Discussion: how can you have an intern if you don’t have employees-could sound like a staff (concern); will require Board support if need to continue growing; what are potential roadblocks? Have the discussion with the Foundation as well and then develop a plan/finance possibility. Have Abbie and Jesse come up with time commitment/proposal and work with Craig, Denny and Marty before October.

d. Coordinator Honorarium: Abbie – asking Board to consider a type of compensation/support to CDE/LDE coordinators for their efforts. DW: would like to see recommended honorarium amount and list of coordinators; NM: something like this could help with retention; TW: not just for state convention; MF: if call “honorarium” has payment implications for IRS; could consider levels of reimbursement and that could maintain “volunteers status” and help paperwork on both sides; all coordinators would have right to refuse;

Action Item: Abbie will design 2020 budget with potential per diem/reimbursement level for the October meeting.

IX. Other Business
a. Meeting dates for rest of year –
   • October 15 in Olympia (Blue Sky at Farm Bureau). Foundation 1
, Association 2

- Jan. 22, 2020 in Renton/Seattle area (WIAA? – Marty will check) Association 1st,
  Foundation 2nd
- April 9, 2020 (Central WA – Ellensburg: Abbie will ask Cattleman’s) Foundation
  1st, Association 2nd
b. Other -- none.

X. Adjournment – 1:04pm