Washington FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Washington Apple Commission Board Room, Wenatchee, WA
October 15, 2019

I. Call to Order (12:48pm) and Roll Call – Introductions
Current Board Members/Participants: Dennis Wallace, Abbie DeMeerleer, Jesse Taylor, Craig Shindler, Adam Corum, Nathan Moore, Marty Fortin, JD Baser, Anne Ross, Ricardo Ibarra, Ron Crawford, Tamara Whitcomb, 19-20 State Officers – present via phone: Andy Barth, Kristin Hinton

II. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Abbie Dorhauer to accept with addition of two new business items (d and e), 2nd Nathan Moore. Voice vote – unanimous in favor.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion by Nathan Moore to approve the previous minutes, 2nd Anne Ross. Voice vote – unanimous in favor.

IV. Reports
a. WAAE Report: Adam and Nathan – Fall Exec was in early October in Wenatchee; wrap up from summer conference – 182 attendees; update on Gary = 2nd hip replacement in early December.
b. WSU Report: JD – 12 graduates in 18-19 and all were placed. MSA CASE in 2019 summer; 44 AgEd students at WSU currently; 15 in AgEd 110; 13/15 Jrs/Srs – classes even have FCS students in them (AgEd 440); student teachers (10 in 19-20); curriculum change from Sr yr to Jr yr (AgEd 471); WestB test must be attempted or equivalent – show proficiency in WSU class; 2000 CTE occupational hours in Ag to be a teacher but students can struggle to get during collegiate program – change is that now doesn’t have to be paid (voluntary and not teaching) and within 10 years; AgEd Club did TeachAg video again this year; sending recruitment postcards to chapters in WA; Agronomy March 24; Agriscience TBD/April 6 or 10; AgEd CDE pilot during state convention; summer 2020 JD will offer a professional development program; WSU will offer 2 CASE trainings = APT and MSA…will run at the same time = July 6-17…no spots held for WA so any WA teachers will need to sign up early – DW asked about MSA equivalency (?) discussion; discussion regarding whether there were as many unfilled AgEd teaching positions? WSU doesn’t have good data…but don’t think as many as last year.
c. FFA Alumni Report: Ricardo – getting a handful chapters chartering/re-chartering; hoping to plan an Alumni event during state convention; working on confirming numbers.
d. FFA State Officer Report: 19-20 Team – summary of emailed report; good reports from chapter visits thus far (kuddos from Mr. Moore & Ms. Whitmore)
e. FFA Report: Abbie – need to be thinking about Insurance (renewal/tractor/etc); NOC update…please send some well wishes; Puyallup fair discussion.
f. OSPI Report: Denny – summary of a written report (distributed in person); appreciated being on Evergreen Tour and just completed technical assistance tour (OSPI); getting harder for approval to attend FFA/AgEd events not in Olympia; HB1599 – CTE courses (2) in a pathway…at odds with SBE b/c they say it can just be 2 CTE courses (not linked); wonder how the student reps on SBE are selected? Abbie sent board a sample letter from Becky that can be used to send to SBE…letters should go to SBE & Rules committee; state RCW/WAC tell us what we have to do, equivalency & dual-credits/IRC (industry-recognized certification), leads to employment; AgEd report is still
underreported, but better this past year than years previous; SAE for All workshops to fill
an opportunity gap for teachers and students to help with understanding and
implementation of the three-circle model...did have grants to help teachers attend; didn’t
get as much Federal support this year; clock hour discussions...only for professional
development and not supervision of students; degrees & proficiencies...MUST be
approved by the district or will NOT be considered at all; Karp petition to OSPI that
references environmental science and “kindness to animals/veganism” and the end of
FFA/4H if raising animals for slaughter...OSPI will send a brief response (local control
state)...DW is going to meet with WSDA and Farm Bureau to discuss.

g. **National FFA Board Report/Update**: Denny – At end of national convention USDE will
no longer provide staffing for FFA; constitution and bylaws being handled by student
delegates at National Convention; virtual board meeting in November – mostly budget
but could be interesting because might not have a Board chair at that time; DW has one
more year; took applications for national advisor and national executive secretary.

V. Financial Report

a. Investment Fund: Denny -- doing well...still making positive dividends; Curt is doing
great things managing the fund; Curt verified stock account up 14.8% and recommends
rolls T-bills into a CD by Nov. 2019.

*Motion* by Marty Fortin to authorize the finance committee to work with Curt (Columbia
Investments) and have the power to act on re-investing our FFA Association funds
through Columbia Bank, 2nd by Anne Ross. Voice vote – unanimous in favor.

b. P & L: Abbie – combine with prelim. budget discuss/report
c. 2020 preliminary budget: Abbie – projected the recommended budget; explained certain
unique differences from previous years; discussion and clarifications from the Board.

*Motion* by Craig Shindler to approve 2020 budget as presented, 2nd by Nathan Moore.
Voice vote – unanimous in favor.

VI. Unfinished Business

a. Delegate Engagement at State Convention: Abbie & State Officers – 3 ideas: social
media to build engagement and interest in the process; state officers will highlight the
position of delegates in chapter visits/events/etc.; all national delegates must have
served as a state delegate first...hope that this increases number of state delegates and
national delegate applications; NM...will we get the best national delegate candidates if
require state delegate? ADorhauer – may encourage some students who don’t advance
in CDEs/LDEs another path to engage in convention and leadership continuum

b. State Officer Election updates: Ricardo, Craig, Marty, Nathan, Abbie – how to evaluate
the process so the speech doesn’t outweigh the process that occurs prior to the speech;
with the pre-speech process worth 1200 points, the speech would be worth 400 points +
mathematical normalization (*see committee notes at end of minutes*).

*Motion* by Adam Corum to adopt proposed Constitutional changes as presented by
Ricardo & committee, 2nd by Anne Ross. Discussion: this would be in effect for the 2020

c. Parliamentarians at state convention – held from June meeting – Mr. Dunbar has 3 listed
in the state of WA; discussion: ask advisors to reach out to their accredited students and
would be unbiased & honorable; advisors provide a list of possible parliamentarians that
we can contact.

*Motion* by Tamara Whitcomb to have Washington state ag teachers put forward a list of
possible accredited parliamentarians by the Jan. 22 board meeting for consideration and
d. Proficiency Issue – held from June meeting – defer to FFA Committee report.
e. Governance Committee: Ricardo/Anne/Duane – committee recommendations were accepted by Foundation with the committee to reconvene and develop actual Constitution/Bylaws revisions for the Jan. 2020 board meeting - CS: maybe have our board legal rep review our constitution and bylaws with the adjustments - RI: maybe after the next iteration of edits - MF: would like to join the committee and assist based on some recent training.

**Motion** by Adam Corum to have equal action as the Foundation related to constitution/bylaw board governance (*committee continue work with suggested edits and present Constitution & Bylaws edits at Jan. 2020 meeting*), 2nd by Nathan Moore. Voice vote – unanimous in favor.

f. Program Assistant: Abbie & Jesse – would want to parallel with Foundation motion to have a committee to further review details…no power to act, just report back by Nov. 30. Discussion: the special committee members sit on both the Foundation and Association so will be able to represent and report for both.
g. Advocacy Update: Jesse & Abbie – CTSO directors working with WA-ACTE and hopefully OSPI on possible adjustment to existing state funds provisio. Early stages – more information in January.

**VII. New Business**
b. Coordinator Honorarium/Support: Abbie – in the 2020 approved budget; will work with M. Fortin on specific language; will not be effective until 2020.
c. CDE/LDE FFA Committee Report – Tamara – written report displayed.

**Motion** by Kristen Hinton to approve 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 2nd by Nathan Moore. Voice vote – unanimous in favor.
d. OSPI-SBE letter (*info emailed this AM*) – review and share your comments/thoughts regarding the 2 CTE credits required for graduation and strength of CTE in WA.
e. Gene Forrester Scholarship & Student Teaching scholarship update/reminder – Gene Forrester = two $2000 for graduating seniors going to WSU in AgEd; Student Teacher scholarships by retired teachers group = eight to any subject area (not just AgEd) $1000 for student teachers going out in fall of 2020.

**IX. Other Business**
a. Meeting dates
   • Jan. 22, 2020 in Renton (WIAA office)  A-1st, F-2nd
   • April 9, 2020 in Ellensburg (*possibly Cattleman’s office, to be confirmed*)  F-1st, A-2nd
   • June 24, 2020 in Pasco (Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center Pasco)  A-1st, F-2nd

b. Other – Abbie: recognize the Honorary American Degree recipients…all four were present at the Board meetings today.

**X. Adjournment - Motion** to adjorn by Anne Ross, 2nd by Marty Fortin. Voice vote – unanimous in favor. 4:13pm
State Officer Score Allocation

The intent of this calculation is to normalize the points that each state officer candidate finalist receives from their 3-minute speech to no more than 25% of their total election points.

Election points
1200 pts Process (interviews, tests, activities), 75% of election points

400 pts Speech, 25% of election points

Speech points

# of seated delegates x 6 = maximum number of points possible in speech round, S

Ex: 100 delegates x 6 = 600 speech points

We need to normalize this to a percentage of 400 election points.

First, determine what percentage of the maximum number of speech points each candidate received:

(Total delegate score of speech points, D)/(total speech points available, S) = percentage of total speech points the candidate received, P.

Ex: If Jose receives 540 points from the 100 delegates, his percentage of total speech points is 540/600=90%

Then, express P as a decimal for ease of multiplying with the total number of election points for this portion of the process (400 election points).

(P/100)*400 = Normalized election points for the speech, N

Ex: Jose received 90% of the total number of speech points. Normalized, this is 0.90*400=360 election points (N)

Then, add the normalized speech points (N) with the candidate’s total election points from the process, E (no more than 1200 points) to determine which candidate received the highest number of election points.

Ex: Jose’s score from the process, E, is 976. Added with his normalized speech points, his final election score is 360+976=1,336.