Washington FFA Association
Board of Directors Meeting -- WIAA Office, Renton, WA
Minutes
January 22, 2020

I. Call to Order (9:09am) and Roll Call – Introductions
Current Board Members/Participants: Dennis Wallace, Abbie DeMeerleer, Craig Shindler, Nathan Moore, Marty Fortin, Duane Hamp, JD Baser, Dr. Anna Warner, Ricardo Ibarra, Ron Crawford, Tamara Whitcomb, 19-20 State Officers (Awson Wheeler, Kendyl Wiley, Devin Schafer, Abbie Dorhauer (v), Mara Soto (v) and Hannah Ruth Pettyjohn), Jesse Taylor
Call-in: Adam Corum, Anne Ross, Gene Forrester
Guest: Bailey Peters

II. Approval of Agenda - MOTION to accept with addition of one new business item (i) with flexibility. (Ron, 2nd Duane). voice vote – unanimous in favor.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - MOTION to approve the previous minutes (Marty, 2nd Craig). voice vote – unanimous in favor.

IV. Reports
a. WAAE Report: Adam and Nathan: STAR committee meeting next week – there is an increase from $8k to $9k (this is for TeachAg efforts) – Adam will be handing off the leadership of the committee; WAAE officers attended NAAE conference in Anaheim – updates from NAAE=NFFA is looking at eliminating LPS & region 1 discussed thoroughly & sent letter to NFFA in support of LPS; Spring Exec will be March 6, State Degree/Prof sift on March 7 – both will be held at the Red Lion; Gary recovering from his hip surgery; (DW) question about letter…is it to NFFA or Board as well? (AC) Region was unanimous and he’s not sure who it is being sent to. Some states have sent individual letters. (DW) would recommend individual state letters as well. (TW) when is the date of the decisions…can we still do something? (AC) not sure, just a firm not “re-upping” LPS and looking at cutting.
b. WSU Report: JD & Anna: Hiring for position previously filled by Jim Durfey and hired for fall of 2020 and add another AgTM in fall of 2021…hopefully 2 FT, maybe 3 FT; student teachers = 9 are out in the field currently, fall will have 2 additional in the field and expecting 9 more in spring of 2021; enrollment in “feeder” class has 10; field trip to see programs in D4 (Yakima Valley); 16 in AgEd 430 (CASE AnSci); 22 in JD’s 201 class; state agronomy March 25 and team activity is different per summer conference; state agriscience at WSU on March 30 – would love to have board members help judge, also have WSU professors but concerns of understanding FFA so would be good to have some FFA background also; handbook for pilot AgEd CDE went out and will have 2 from each district at state convention; will help with normal CDEs at state convention; recruitment = meeting with prospects on campus, summer inservice by JD (machining) with CBC before WAAE summer conference; WSU AgEd will host CASE APT and MSA concurrently at WSU (July 6-18); AgEd Club has new, young officer team due to shift with practicum timing (DW) AgTM has 1 being replaced and move to 3…background? (JD) yes, grow and with Durfey’s connections maybe endowment and possibly facilities – he did so much himself and realization that need more people to help (DW) used to be more (JD) master’s level and FT teaching and work them into advising b/c a big part of what Jim does…part of why he has so many, he walks them through the program…connection…should be very position even with Jim’s retirement (he was an AgEd graduate)
c. FFA Alumni Report: Ricardo Ibarra: Bad news – NFFA did an alumni roster sweep of those who hadn’t submitted in the past 2 years and that reduced our state
roster to 35 chapters but those remaining have all grown – others were deactivated. NFFA did not send list of who was deactivated. Top 3 alumni chapters: Yelm (451), Prosser (431), Walla Walla (###). Trying to figure out best process to get alumni chapters established so feedback would be appreciated otherwise keep moving forward. (DW) Nationals did a flat fee – what is our state versus nationals? (RI) WA is a mixed affiliation state: $100 flat fee or $10 per member ala carte but would recommend full affiliation, but our state does not collect state alumni dues. If any alumni chapter has 10 lifetime, there is no annual flat fee. (TW) maybe some switched to booster? (RI) possibly.

d. **FFA State Officer Report:** 19-20 Team: Summary of National Convention – all 6 + 2 student member delegates (Colton student also helped), enjoyed delegate experience; went to fall state CDEs (Soils, Potato, Tractor, Apple) – many more coming this spring; completed chapter visit sweep and looking forward to spring visits; Winter Retreat week as team bonding, planning and work for spring and started convention; Devin, Kendyl & Abbie went on ILSSO in Spain & Portugal for 2 weeks with ~80 other state officers; just started legislative business with Bootcamp and then office visits with more scheduled for state officer team – have resolution about 90th year of WAFFA; AgExpo in Spokane and trying a panel for 30min; State Convention service project = FFA Jacket drive THIS IS US IN BLUE (WAFFA), fundraising in Feb/early March for official dress, students complete application and would give out at sate convention, goal is 90 ($7200), $80/set which includes Jacket/Scarf-Tie/White Shirt

**MOTION:** Amend the budget to adopt the service project as presented raise funds to provide 90 jackets at the state convention through application process that the Association will handle (Craig, 2nd Nathan). voice vote – unanimous in favor.

(MF) – chapters can’t raise money in general FFA…would have to be different a different account just for the jackets. (SOs) explained ideas and background maybe Evergreen Tour if additional funds. State Officers do the review and decisions.

e. **FFA Report:** Abbie: sent previously…biggest reminder is Board hotel block for state convention.

f. **OSPI Report:** Denny: *handout on clock hours* – inservice must be minimum of 1 hour, if OSPI giving then an OSPI staff must be in attendance; can only apply to be a provider once a year and that time has already passed…WSU is not on the list; program & course approvals – Ag is group 3 and need to get done before the end of January!!! If not, all courses will have to be redone. Congrats to LaCrosse FFA: 2 of the 5 Presidential Scholars (CTE students) Lauren Stubbs & Tim Harder. SAE for All grant: can’t allocate the money until Carl Perkins apps have been approved. Looking at doing an SAE for All training in TriCities area and possibly Vancouver area and may have additional funds to help with the training. CTE is largest department in OSPI.

g. **National FFA Board Report/Update:** Denny: Finances have been stressed at the national level – sold property and one-time major gift; LPS…currently on 3 active LPS employees and thoughts that those responsibilities could be covered by Teacher Ambassadors

V. **Financial Report**

a. **Investment Fund:** Ron/Denny: 2018 Columbia Bank investment – split into two accounts $201,093 (safe account) and $200k into more moderate account and now $228,211 (26% gain). Denny, Ron, Gene, Craig & Jesse serve on investment account and were given power to make some changes, did that and seem to be getting positive return with limited safe risk.

b. **P & L:** Abbie: Quick review; convention notes for future.
VI. Unfinished Business

a. Parliamentarians at state convention – held from June meeting – Denny: sent email request and received 2 responses as accredited parliamentarians.

b. Proficiency Issue – held from June meeting – Denny: NFFA sent information regarding proficiencies and there are some changes coming – some combined areas; some will potentially go away (stay tuned); NFFA isn’t paying 1st place in 2020 (just a chunk to state but is lumped with awards and CDEs so unknown amount and what will be paid); DW did get confirmation that pins will be awarded; sifting is on March 7th, deadline is March 1st or in Denny’s hand by 4pm on March 4 – anything late will NOT be scored.

c. Governance Committee: Ricardo/Anne/Duane/Marty: Ricardo did review with the projection of edits. 

MOTION: Make the next meeting (April) the final review as number one item in Unfinished Business and Ricardo will disseminate the edits for review prior (Ron, 2nd Duane). voice vote, unanimous in favor.

d. Program Assistant Committee: Abbie & Jesse: handout; different tasks are valued at a different rate; event planning/logistics coordinator and clarity in support needed and RI shared what he’s learned and form like an RFP with deliverables/goals/objectives; (MF) consider requesting invoice/month rather than auto-payment; (CS) typos: org sum & attendance for Board meetings; (RI) maybe breakout major sections of deliverables and approximate % of those to total compensation; clarification in bid response about payment of deliverables (how much do they think those will cost). DW: are we in a place to proceed? 

MOTION: Allow RI/AD/JT to revise and discuss/adopt/deadlines at April meeting and target contract signing for June board meeting with a July 1 contract start (Craig, 2nd Duane/Ron). voice-vote, unanimous in favor.

MOTION: Authorize Abbie to offer up to $4k on a short-term admin contract (Ricardo, 2nd Nathan). voice-vote, unanimous in favor.

e. Advocacy Update: Jesse & Abbie: Since ~2001 CTSOs have received $100k to be divided so FFA gets $12,500 annually and it has never had any increase; asking for a proviso amendment to $200k/CTSO/year but will likely be an over-time increase. There are some requestors that Jesse is working with. (DW) Refining language on use of CTE funds; House Bill 2128 has new reporting standards; HB2662 is maximum salaries; HB1660; Senate bill related to a scholarship. OSPI is tracking ~20 bills related to education and very few came from OSPI.

f. Puyallup Fair Status/involvement: Abbie: reported on 2012 minutes discovery which was not much; Bailey noted that there will be changes – premiums, AI change and connection to FFA; maybe need to clarify the legal responsibilities; maybe need to force WSDA to clarify relationship with youth shows especially related to the funding and how it is allocated/to whom (DW will talk with T. Norman) – add this to unfinished business for April.

VII. New Business

a. Coordinator Honorarium Update: Abbie & Marty: It is not an honorarium or stipend → travel reimbursement based on distance of travel for the event.

b. Strategic Plan Year 2 review and planning: Abbie: unfinished so revisit in April.

c. Tentative proposed WAFFA calendars (2020-21; 2021-22 previously emailed): Abbie: review and approve in April.

d. State Convention: Abbie:

1. Pricing for 2021 – will need to review and decide since previous Board decision was for 2018-2020.

2. 2021 Dates discussion
MOTION: Committee up to 7 to review all aspects of convention in coordination with Abbie and report at the Jan. 2021 meeting for the 2022-2025 conventions (price, date, schedule, location, ALL components) chaired by Abbie to include Ricardo, Nathan M (WAAE), one state officer/student (Abbie D), CDE Coordinator. (Tamara, 2nd Abbie Dorhauer). voice-vote, unanimous in favor.

e. Association Insurance: Abbie: policy will be up for renewal before next meeting. Board = proceed with renewal.

f. Foundation Relationship: Abbie: April for further discussion but Abbie did give some hard-copies to Board members and will email electronic version of the MOU draft based on Oregon FFA information.

g. CDE/LDE FFA Committee Report: Tamara: At Spring Exec will be reviewing state convention assigned seating idea; Special Abilities CDE for consideration, New Business will need a rule that the year of state degree application is the year for state star application, draw for seeding, review district stars to make top 4 recommendation to BOD.

h. Member resignations and additions
      MOTION to accept KH resignation (Ricardo, 2nd Marty). voice-vote, unanimous in favor.
   2. MOTION to add Bailey Peters to Board of Directors (Ron, 2nd Ricardo). voice-vote, unanimous in favor.

i. South Bend FFA petition for change of district (D8 to D3) 
   MOTION: Allow the South Bend FFA chapter to transfer from D8 to D3 (Ron, 2nd Tamara). voice-vote, unanimous in favor.

IX. Other Business
   a. Meeting dates
      • April 9, 2020 in Ellensburg F-1st, A-2nd
      • June 24, 2020 in Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center Pasco A-1st, F-2nd
      • October 15, 2020 in Renton (WIAA if available, Marty will work on) F-1st, A-2nd
   b. Other

X. Adjourn (12:34 pm) Craig, 2nd Anna