



# National FFA Organization

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## **New Jersey FFA Association**

### **“Fuel Your Fire”**

**TO:** State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

**FROM:** Kyle Clement, State FFA President  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist  
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

**DATE:** March 27, 2014

**RE:** State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, April 7, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.**  
1st Floor NJDA Board Room, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at (609) 984-4380, and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mrs. Lisa Ann Moschera-Chernigovets will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2013-2014.

### **AGENDA FOR THE APRIL STATE MEETING**

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the March State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Kyle Clement
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Catherine Cincotta
  - C. State Leadership Activities – Delaney Gray
  - D. State Applications – Kristianne Dowd
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Stuart Faunce
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Kelly Gangel
  - G. State Convention Evaluation – David Watts

#### The FFA Mission

*FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.*

- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report** – Stuart Faunce
- VII. Executive Committee Report** – Ernest Arians
- VIII. Foundation Report** – Kristianne Dowd
- IX. Alumni Report** – Delaney Gray
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Kyle Clement
- XI. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 14-16, 2014) – Kelly Gangel
  - B. Online Career Development Events (March 19, 2014) – Catherine Cincotta
  - C. National Ag Day Event (March 23-25, 2014) – Stuart Faunce
  - D. Visit with Zoetis (March 28, 2014) – Kelly Gangel
  - E. NJ Agricultural Society Gala (March 28, 2014) – Catherine Cincotta
  - F. Retiring Address Workshop (April 9, 2014) – Ernest Arians
  - G. Spring CDEs (April 10, 2014) – Stuart Faunce
  - H. Livestock Judging CDE (April 12, 2014) – David Watts
  - I. State Applications (April 17, 2014) – Kristianne Dowd
  - J. Agriscience Fair (April 23, 2014) – Delaney Gray
  - K. Eastern PA FFA Day (May 1, 2014) – Catherine Cincotta
  - L. Dairy Judging CDE (May 3, 2014) – Delaney Gray
  - M. State Convention Planning
    - a. Timeline – Kristianne Dowd
    - b. Video Shoot – Catherine Cincotta
    - c. Statewide Community Service Project
    - d. Potential SOC/Nom Com – Stuart Faunce
  - N. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Kelly Gangel
  - O. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Kristianne Dowd
  - P. Safe Tractor Operations Event (July 15, 2014) – David Watts
  - Q. Team Goal Action Plan – Kristianne Dowd
- XII. New Business**
  - A. Nominating Committee Candidates – Ernest Arians
  - B. Agriculture/ Education Issues Discussion – Stuart Faunce
  - C. Member of the Month – Ernest Arians
  - D. State Officer Mileage
- XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- May 1, 2014  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Board Room  
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes of the March 10, 2014 Meeting**

**I. Opening**

The meeting was called to order at 3:59 pm. Voting members in attendance were Delaney Gray, Kelly Gangel, Kristianne Dowd, Catherine Cincotta, Dave Watts, Stuart Faunce, Ernie Arians and Lauren Fillebrown. State staff in attendance was Mrs. Trivette and Mrs. Noble. Guest in attendance was Sean Walker.

**II. Minutes from the February State Meeting**

**Motion by Catherine Cincotta** to dispense with the reading of the minutes.  
**Seconded by Ernie Arians. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion by Kristianne Dowd** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.  
**Motion passes pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

Sean Walker from the Ocean County FFA Chapter discussed his new year, and that he is working on achieving his state degree this May.

*Delaney Gray assumes the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Assignments**

**A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities**

No report.

**B. Membership & Chapter Relations**

No report.

**C. State Leadership Activities**

No report.

**D. State Applications**

The next meeting will be held March 12, 2014 via Google Hangout.

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**

No report.

**F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**

No report.

**G. State Convention Evaluation**

Ryan Moran has accepted to attend the 85<sup>th</sup> State FFA Convention as our keynote speaker.

**Motion by David Watts** to make Ryan Moran the keynote speaker for this year's State FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Kristianne Dowd. Motion passes.**

*Kyle Clement reassumes the duties of the chair.*

## **VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

The motion to take from the table takes place when there was a motion that was previously laid on the table earlier in the present session or in the previous session. Take from the table is a motion that brings a question again before the assembly. It cannot interrupt, it requires a second, it is not debatable, it is not amendable, it cannot be reconsidered and it requires a majority vote.

## **VII. Executive Committee Report**

There are 5 levels of leadership: position, permission, production, people development, and pinnacle. There are only 77 days until the last session of convention, in which we must start being level 5 leaders. When in level 5, we can do 3 things: create a level 5 organization, meaning to give back to the organization and empower people to lead; encourage others to reach their fullest potential; and create a legacy within the organization, making the most of our connections, then providing a platform for the organization to impact others.

## **VIII. Foundation Report**

The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2014 at 6 pm.

## **IX. Alumni Report**

The last meeting was held Wednesday, February 12. The Alumni discussed yearbook convention books that they hope to sell, and the upcoming golf tournament. The Alumni is also considering ordering alumni official dress to be more visible at state convention. The officers who attended ILSSO also provided a short presentation.

## **X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

The next meeting will be held at the 85<sup>th</sup> New Jersey State FFA Convention.

## **XI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. State Officer Challenge**

All materials were turned in. New Jersey FFA received 6<sup>th</sup> place in the challenge. Congratulations on participation! It's time to start promoting the chapter challenge.

### **B. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients**

The state officers discussed and selected recipients of the Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Awards. Mike Brooks, Paul Hlubik, Daniel Wunderlich, Sabrina Brown, Ryck Suydam, Mitchell Jones, Lisa Tauscher, Lisa Roach, William Carney, and Chuck Wojtaszek will receive the Honorary Garden State Degree. Zoetis, Lawrence Toyota, The Horse Park of New Jersey and Linden Moose Lodge 913 will be awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

### **C. National FFA Week**

#### **a. ALLD**

Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day was held February 20 at TCNJ. Chapter presidents toured the state house with Kyle Clement as other members participated in rotational workshops that teach how to advocate for agriculture. We even had the pleasure of hearing from Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno. The members had a fun time overall.

**b. Chapter Events**

FFA chapters have requested state officers to attend their chapters' events to celebrate FFA Week. The state officers were assigned to different chapter events during the week where they had fun with members. Officers attended breakfasts, luncheons, petting zoos, and other activities to promote FFA. Kyle attended the "Youth Voices" event in Washington in celebration of CTE month D.C. where he met Secretary Arne Duncan.

**D. State Convention Planning**

**a. Fuel Up Retreat**

The state officers attended a retreat in North Wildwood, NJ to prepare for the upcoming State FFA Convention. The officers completed many tasks and had a great weekend of team bonding.

**b. Timeline**

Retiring address titles, music, and rough draft is due next week. Picture for parent videos, convention committee agendas, and delegate packet materials are due April 1.

**c. Video Shoot**

The Video shoot will start tonight after the meeting. We will be shooting the Call to Convention Video.

**d. Statewide Community Service Project**

The state officers are planning to work with Habitat for Humanity where chapters will sell paper "bricks" to raise money for the organization and build safe homes for those who are in need.

**e. Potential SOC/Nom Com**

State officers are encouraged to continue motivating those who are interested in running for state office or the nominating committee. Applications for Nom Com are due March 15.

**E. Delegate Issues for State Convention**

Items that will be discussed at the State FFA Convention will be any amendments to our State or National Constitution. The proposed National amendment is in our folders. The state officers will be running committee meetings to plan out an agenda for delegate meetings at convention.

**Motion by Delaney Gray** to recommend to the delegates that they approve the National FFA Constitution and Bylaws amendment proposal at the 85<sup>th</sup> NJ FFA Convention.

**Seconded by Ernie Arians. Motion passes.**

**F. Ceremony Practice Schedule**

The officers should already have the Honorary Membership, State Degree, Officer Installation, and Blue Jacket Bright Futures ceremonies memorized. Practice will be next week at the work session.

**G. Retiring Address Workshop**

The retiring address workshop will be held at the Department of Agriculture on April 9, 2014 at 5:00 pm. The state officers will practice their retiring addresses in front of the Alumni members and will receive on the-spot feedback.

**H. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE**

The Horticultural Exposition is this weekend. The state officers will be helping judges throughout the exposition, and working to run the Floral Design CDE. Set up will be this Thursday at 4:30 pm.

**I. Online Career Development Events**

The online CDEs are on March 19, 2014. They include Forestry, Farm Business Management and Meat Evaluation & Technology.

**J. National Ag Day Event**

Stuart Faunce and Catherine Cincotta will represent New Jersey FFA in Washington DC for the National Ag Day Event. They will meet with many government officials and agriculture leaders. The rest of the team will attend on Tuesday for the day. The team is also invited to attend the Borlaug Symposium.

**K. Visit with Zoetis**

The state officers will visit Zoetis on March 28, 2014. A tentative schedule has been sent out, but we are still waiting on finalized times. The Pennsylvania and New York FFA Associations will be there as well.

**L. Spring CDEs**

Spring CDEs will take place on April 10 at Rutgers SEBS campus. The officers have each been assigned to run a different event. Assignments are as follows: Ag Sales – Kyle; Vet Science – Dave & Ernie; Nursery/Landscape – Kristianne; Ag Mechanics – Stuart; Floriculture – Catherine & Kelly; ENR – Delaney. An informational email about the event will be sent out shortly.

**M. Livestock Judging CDE**

Livestock Judging will be held Saturday April 12, 2014 at Delaware Valley College. Mrs. Noble, Delaney Gray and Kyle Clement will be in attendance.

**N. Agriscience Fair**

The Agriscience Fair will be held on April 23, 2014 at the Rutgers Eco Complex. Ernie Arians, Kyle Clement, Delaney Gray, and Dave Watts will be in attendance.

**O. Eastern PA FFA Day**

Poultry Evaluation CDE, Agronomy CDE and the Food Science and Technology CDE will be held at the Eastern PA FFA Day on Thursday, May 1, 2014 in Manheim, PA.

**P. Dairy Judging CDE**

Dairy Judging will take place on May 3, 2014 at Cedar Lane Farms. Delaney Gray, Kristianne Dowd, and Kelly Gangel will be in attendance.

**Q. Safe Tractor Operations Event**

The Safe Tractor Operations Event will be held on July 15, 2014 at the Burlington County Fairgrounds.

**R. Team Goal Action Plan**

The state officers will be holding a movie night on March 28 after the Zoetis visit. The Positivity Club has been going well, and will continue after the meeting. The accountability plan has been successful, and the officers are keeping tabs on each other. Government official meetings have been scheduled successfully, and the social media plan is a big hit with members on the state Facebook page.

**S. Chapter Visits**

All but one chapter visit has been completed. The state officers had a great time with the members, and enjoyed visiting the agriculture programs.

**XII. New Business**

**A. State Applications**

On April 17, Kristianne Dowd, Delaney Gray, and Ernie Arians will judge state applications on behalf of the board.

**B. NJ Agricultural Society Gala**

Catherine Cincotta, Delaney Gray and Dave Watts will be attending the NJ Agricultural Society Gala on March 28.

**C. Agriculture/Agricultural Education Issues Discussion**

Dave encouraged us to buy "local" produce to support the farmers in America. There are too many products bought from other countries and we should start promoting local, domestic products.

**D. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Ernie Arians** to make Kiana Harris of the Allentown FFA Chapter the March Member of Month.

**Seconded by Stuart Faunce. Motion passes.**

Congratulations Kiana!

**E. State Officer Mileage**

The state officer mileage report is provided in our folders.

**F. Closing ceremonies**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.



New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report  
February 2014

BEGINNING BALANCE: February 1, 2014

\$37,532.98

<b>Deposits:</b>					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project#</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Income</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Affiliation	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 44,755.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,471.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 5,367.30		\$ 331.55
	4	State Officers	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 117.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 18,170.00		\$ 18,396.20
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 59,350.00		\$ 15,411.70
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 580.00	\$ 4,683.40
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 5,675.00		\$ 80.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 2,378.14	\$ 4,095.89
		Total Deposits	\$ 144,335.00	\$ 11,235.14	\$ 89,341.74
<b>Expenses:</b>					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project #</i>	<i>Expense Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Expense</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Affiliation	\$ 14,400.00		\$ 13,310.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,854.20	\$ 115.00	\$ 2,455.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 5,267.30		\$ 3,900.80
	4	State Officers	\$ 9,694.50	\$ 119.11	\$ 4,003.17
	5	LEAD	\$ 21,353.00		\$ 25,877.42
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 64,494.00		\$ 55,755.90
	7	National Convention	\$ 6,856.00		\$ 6,027.11
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 7,710.00	\$ 1,165.50	\$ 1,165.50
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,125.00		\$ 2,125.00
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 7,581.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 144,335.00	\$ 1,399.61	\$ 114,619.90

Ending Balance: February 28, 2014

\$47,368.51



**FY14  
FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
	<b>February</b>			
1	Middlesex County Vocational E.Brunswick	2361	\$ 1,050.00	
	Cumberland Regional	30251	\$ 3,300.00	
	Newton	039645	\$ 2,100.00	
	Belvidere	039645	\$ 1,200.00	
				\$ 7,650.00
2	Newton	039645	\$ 144.00	
	Gloucester County Special Services	110276	\$ 36.00	
	Cumberland Regional	30383	\$ 144.00	
	Pemberton Twp	026927	\$ 36.00	
	Cape May	000961	\$ 240.00	
				\$ 600.00
4	Maryanne Riegelman	1461	\$ 9.00	
	Warren Hills	020529	\$ 18.00	
				\$ 27.00
7	Newton	039645	\$ 280.00	
	Monmouth	84905	\$ 300.00	
				\$ 580.00
10	Cash		\$ 105.00	
	NJ Ag Education Association	1150	\$ 25.00	
	Ewing Thunderbolt	704	\$ 25.00	
	Tara Gruber, USDA, FSA	1003	\$ 25.00	
	NJ Co Op Extension Service of Cook Coll.	1312	\$ 25.00	
	Penns Grove FFA Chapter	835	\$ 50.00	
	Rutgers	2770375	\$ 40.00	
	Northern Burlington	11534	\$ 250.00	
	Suny Cobleskill	02217434	\$ 25.00	
	NJ Agricultural Society	6237	\$ 25.00	
	State of NJ Check First Coast (duplicate)	0011654310	\$ 1,558.14	
	BCIT - West Vet	4286	\$ 75.00	
	South Hunterdon	1856	\$ 150.00	
				\$ 2,378.14
			\$ 11,235.14	
				\$ 89,341.74

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2014				
Date	Description	Order #'s	Amount	Total
	<b>Dues/Memberships</b>			
11/20/13	National FFA - Affiliation Fee	MEM 144063	\$ 13,310.00	
				\$ 13,310.00
	<b>Contests</b>			
10/16/13	BIGE - CDE's 7 teams		\$ 70.00	
10/18/13	Rutgers-University Inn & Conference Ctr.	PO7875083	\$ 1,600.00	
11/14/13	Ewell Educational Service- Scranton Cards		\$ 370.00	
01/28/14	Rutgers Gardens - Deposit		\$ 300.00	
02/07/14	Rutgers-MPR's 11/14/13		\$ 115.00	\$ 2,455.00
	<b>General Supplies</b>			
08/05/13	Selective Insurance		\$ 625.00	
11/20/13	National FFA - Hunterdon Polytech Gavel	OE-694652	\$ 24.50	
11/25/13	Vista Print Holiday Cards		\$ 130.04	
12/12/13	First Coast Promo- Mugs		\$ 653.50	
12/12/13	National FFA- Manuals		\$ 990.00	
01/10/14	Vista Print Wall Calendars		\$ 1,477.76	
	<b>State Officers</b>			\$ 3,900.80
09/19/13	AAA Membership	Pcard	\$ 456.00	
09/19/13	Lands End - True Blue Polo's for SO	Pcard	\$ 150.55	
11/20/13	National FFA - SPC parking costs	SPC-970	\$ 253.70	
11/20/13	National FFA SO's jackets	OE679830	\$ 464.00	
12/05/13	K.Clement mileage		\$ 897.70	
12/05/13	D.Gray mileage		\$ 180.87	
12/05/13	K.Gangel mileage		\$ 90.76	
12/05/13	K.Dowd mileage		\$ 102.76	
12/05/13	C.Cincotta mileage		\$ 186.30	
12/05/13	D.Watts mileage		\$ 451.70	
12/05/13	S.Faunce mileage		\$ 244.23	
12/05/13	E.Arians mileage		\$ 140.07	
12/05/13	L.Fillebrown mileage		\$ 265.42	
01/25/14	Peter's Pizza & Deli-SOCS		\$ 119.11	
				\$ 4,003.17
	<b>Leadership Experience and Development</b>			
09/16/13	Partycrashers - DJ		\$ 250.00	
10/16/13	E.Arians - Dairy & Vegie Products	U15659	\$ 79.53	
10/24/13	Jamesburg Hospitality-Crowne Plaza	PO7876645	\$ 23,857.75	
11/20/13	First Coast Promo - t-shirts	PO7889923	\$ 1,558.14	
11/20/13	National FFA-Awards	OE-687259	\$ 132.00	
				\$ 25,877.42
	<b>State Convention</b>			
10/09/13	Rutgers University 2013 State Convention	U1 5627	\$ 55,755.90	
				\$ 55,755.90
	<b>National Convention</b>			
10/10/13	Citibank - SO's airfare to Louisville, KY	u15636	\$ 1,736.60	
11/20/13	National FFA - SO's registraton	ONV-REG 4010	\$ 315.00	
12/18/13	Crowne Plaza- SO's hotel		\$ 1,953.06	
01/16/13	Service America-Centerplate, NJ Bkfst	PO7911241	\$ 1,929.95	
01/27/14	Markey's Audio Visual - Podium & Mic		\$ 92.50	
				\$ 6,027.11
	<b>Hort Expo</b>			
02/25/14	National FFA - Hort Plaques	OE715752	\$ 1,165.50	
				\$ 1,165.50
	<b>Leadership Event</b>			
	<b>National Leadership Conference</b>			
11/20/13	Maryland FFA Association		\$ 2,125.00	
				\$ 2,125.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>		\$ 114,619.90	\$ 114,619.90