



# National FFA Organization

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## **New Jersey FFA “Be Bold with Blue and Gold”**

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

FROM: Eric Nelson, State FFA President  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist  
Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: February 1, 2011

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, February 7, 2011 – 4:15 PM**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor NJDA Boardroom, 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. Mr. Lisa Ann Mosehera-Chernigovets/Mrs. Kristina Guttadora will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2010-2011.

### **AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY STATE MEETING**

#### **I. Opening Ceremonies**

#### **II. Minutes from the January State Meeting**

#### **III. Treasurer's Report**

#### **IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

#### **V. Committee Assignments**

- A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Eric Nelson
- B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Julianne Robinson
- C. State Leadership Activities – Alec McAlarnen
- D. State Applications – Keely Weinberger
- E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Rachel Layton
- F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jimmie Ferguson
- G. State Convention Evaluation- Jessica McCosker

#### **VI. Executive Committee Report – Hanna Toft**

#### **VII. Foundation Report – Keely Weinberger**

#### **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.*

**VIII. Alumni Report** – Julianne Robinson

**IX. State CTE Advisory Committee Report**- Eric Nelson

**X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Eric Nelson

**XI. Unfinished Business**

- A. ILSSO Report – Eric Nelson
- B. Program Affiliation – Jessica McCosker
- C. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 21, 2011) – Jimmie Ferguson
- D. State Officer Candidates' School (January 29, 2011) – Rachel Layton
- E. State Agriculture Convention (February 8, 2011) – Eric Nelson
- F. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE- (Mar 18-20, 2011) – Jimmie Ferguson
- G. National FFA Week
  - a. ALLD (February 24, 2011) – Jessica McCosker
  - b. Chapter Activities – Rachel Layton
- H. National Ag Day (March 13-15 2011) – Julianne Robinson
- I. Del Val Collegiate FFA CDE Day (March 5, 2011) – Rachel Layton
- J. State Convention Planning – Keely Weinberger
  - a. Timeline
  - b. Video Shoot
  - c. Cost Analysis
  - d. Statewide Community Service Project
- K. Retiring Addresses –
- L. Potential State Officers – Rachel Layton
- M. National Constitutional Amendment Submitted – Eric Nelson
- N. Chapter Visits – Julianne Robinson
- O. Association/Team Goal Updates – Keely Weinberger

**XII. New Business**

- A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients – Jimmie Ferguson
- B. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Keely Weinberger
- C. Delegate Issues for SPC 2011 – Eric Nelson
- D. Online Career Development Events (March 23, 2011) – Rachel Layton
- E. Spring CDEs (April 14, 2011) – Rachel Layton
- F. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs – Alec McAlarnen
- G. Agriscience Fair (May 3, 2011) – Julianne Robinson
- H. Agricultural Issues Discussion – Eric Nelson
- I. Member of the Month – Hanna Toft
- J. State Officer Mileage

**XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, March 7, 2011  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom  
4:15 p.m.*

**NJ FFA Association  
Minutes of January 3, 2011**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Voting members in attendance were Eric Nelson, Keely Weinberger, Alec McAlarnen, Rachel Layton, Jessica McCosker, Jimmie Ferguson, Julianne Robinson, Hanna Toft, Allison Karr, and Brianne Scholl. Mrs. Noble, Ms. Butch and Mrs. Trivette were also in attendance.

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

**Motion by Alec McAlarnen** to accept the December minutes as read.

**Seconded by Alison Karr. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasure's Report**

Rachel Layton gave the Treasurer's Report.

**Motion by Rachel Layton** to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.

**Motion Passes pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

**Motion by Keely Weinberger** to excuse the teacher representative from the January State Meeting.

**Second by Rachel Layton. Motion Passes.**

**Motion by Brianne Scholl** to excuse Hanna Toft from the December State Meeting, because we received a doctor's note.

**Second by Keely Weinberger. Motion Passes.**

**Motion by Hanna Toft** to give Brianne Scholl excused lateness for the February through May State Meetings.

**Second by Jessica McCosker. Motion Passes**

**Motion by Keely Weinberger** to make the meetings start at 4:15 for the February through May State Meetings.

**Second by Rachel Layton. Motion Passes**

**V. Committee Assignments**

*Keely assumes the Duties of the Chair.*

**A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities – Eric Nelson**

No Report

**B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Julianne Robinson**

No Report

**C. State Leadership Activities – Alec McAlarnen**

No Report

**D. State Applications – Keely Weinberger**

The committee discussed creating a separate application for college students for scholarships.

**Motion by Eric Nelson** to accept the State Applications committee report  
**Committee reports carry an implied second. Motion Passes.**

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Rachel Layton**

**Motion by Rachel Layton** to accept the Career Development Policy for Winning by Default.

**Second by Eric Nelson.**

Amendment by Eric Nelson to amend the Career Development Policy for Winning by Default to clarify that in team events, only individual awards will be presented.

**Seconded by Rachel Layton. Amendment passes.**

**Motion as amended passes.**

**F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jimmie Ferguson**

No Report

**G. State Convention – Jessica McCosker**

No Report

*Eric reassumes the Duties of The Chair.*

**VI. Executive Committee Report – Hanna Toft**

The Executive Committee suggested that everyone attend the proposed team day in January, and wished luck to the ILSSO Attendees.

**VII. Foundation Report – Keely Weinberger**

The next meeting is January 11, 2011.

**VIII. Alumni Report – Julianne Robinson**

The meeting was held December 8, 2010. The alumni are developing a new slogan, and are working to gain new members to the Alumni. Mrs. Trivette challenged the team to gain a member who will be active for the State Alumni by March. The next meeting will be in February.

**IX. State CTE Advisory Committee- Eric Nelson**

The next meeting will be in January 28, 2011.

**X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Eric Nelson**

The next meeting is February 8, 2011

**VI. Unfinished Business**

**A. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers**

Eric, Julianne, and Alec leave today from Philadelphia for Miami. Julianne started a blog to detail her experience. They will return on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Program Affiliation-**

**Motion by Keely Weinberger** to accept the Program Affiliation Proposal.

**Second by Alison Karr.**

**Previous Question moved by Hanna Toft.**

**Seconded by Julianne Robinson.**

**Previous Question passes.**

**Main Motion passes.**

**C. 2011 Calendars**

Eric and Alec handed out the calendars that Mrs. Noble created to the Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, and NJ Farm Bureau on December 13, 2010.

**D. Holiday Party**

After the December work session on December 13, 2010 there was a party at Mrs. Trivette's house. There was also a "Secret Santa" for the executive board. The Executive Board would like to extend a big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Trivette for having us over their home.

**E. Banquet Speech Workshop**

The Banquet Speech Workshop will be January 21, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the Department of Agriculture. Parents and advisors were invited to attend and hear the banquet speeches and give feedback to the officers. Mrs. Noble challenged us to memorize our speeches. Please plan on arriving at 5:30, and bring a flash drive.

**F. State Officer Candidates' School**

State Officer Candidates' School is Saturday, January 29, 2011 for students who are interested in running for State Office or Nominating Committee at the Department of Agriculture. We will go over, in detail, the workshops at the work session on January 24, 2011.

**G. State Agriculture Convention**

The State Agriculture Convention will be February 8, 2011, in Cherry Hill and Eric will be speaking about global agriculture. Rachel, Jess, Julianne, and Jimmie will be attending the youth reception.

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

Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE held March, 18-20 2011. Students come and set up on Friday at the Burlington Center Mall, and pick up their arrangements on Sunday. We will have a meeting with the judges prior to the judging process. If we know of any judges we should forward their contact information to Mrs. Noble. Jimmie has made a schedule of when the officers will be at the Horticultural Exposition.

**I. National FFA Week**

*a. ALLD*

The theme of ALLD is Global Agriculture, and there will be comments from legislators, the presentation of an FFA week Proclamation, greetings from the Department of Agriculture Division Directors, and workshops by the state officers.

*b. Chapter Activities*

State Officers will be requested during National FFA Week, and must be submitted through the State Office of Agriculture Education.

**J. National Ag Day**

National Ag Day will be held March 13-15, 2011. Traditionally a few State Officers will go to National Ag Day in Washington, D.C. This year will be only one State Officer for the full time, preparing them for advocacy training. Julianne will be attending.

**K. Chapter Visits**

Rachel visited Cumberland Regional on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and toured the agriculture room; she was also able to attend the chapters Christmas Party. Eric traveled down to Northern Burlington and toured their facilities, and met with members. Jimmie went to Somerset County and presented a workshop on leadership, communication, and FFA opportunities.

**L. Association/Team Goal Updates**

Keely is trying to put together a team day after SOCS.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Del Val Collegiate FFA CDE Day**

The Del Val Collegiate FFA CDE Day will be held March 5, 2011. There is no further information available at this time.

**B. Potential State Officers**

The executive board discussed chapter members who they thought would make good State Officer Candidates, and put them on the list to be invited to State Officer Candidate School.

**C. State Convention Planning**

State Convention Planning will start today after the meeting. We will be deciding themes, and session titles. We also worked on Honorary State Degree Recipient Candidates, the executive board was asked to bring an honorary degree application filled out to the February state meeting.

**D. Retiring Addresses**

Now is the time to start thinking about Retiring Addresses. We will receive timelines soon, and work with the alumni to edit our speeches.

**E. Statewide Community Service Project**

This is a state convention community service project we do every year. Last year we donated clothes to Atlantic City Rescue Mission. We must decide what we wish to do this year.

**F. American FFA Degree Workshop**

Mrs. Noble puts together an American FFA Degree Workshop for people who are interested in getting their American Degree. Tentatively the workshop is set for January 24, 2011, at 2:00 pm.

**G. Agricultural Issues Discussion**

Governor Christie signed a precedent-setting bill curtailing some aspects of lawn fertilizer applications throughout the state. NJFB planning is now underway for a series of three seminars in late February-early March on the subject of electric rate billings by utilities, farm practices/electric energy use and practical tips to reduce those energy-related costs.

**H. Member of the Month**

None

**I. State Officer Mileage**

Mileage for the month of January is due on February 7, 2011 no later than 2:00 pm

**Motion by Hanna Toft** to accept her late mileage for the month of December.  
**Seconded by Brianne Scholl. Motion Passes**

**J. Other**

**Motion by Alec McAlarnen** to submit the ratification amendment to the National FFA.  
**Seconded by Jessica McCosker. Motion Passes.**

**XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

**XIV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am.

New Jersey FFA Association  
Treasurer's Report for  
December 2010

**BEGINNING BALANCE: December 1, 2010**

\$69,276.00

<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	Dues	\$ 23,530.00		\$ 264.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00		\$ 877.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		\$ 590.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00		\$ 9,290.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00		\$ 10,229.65
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00		\$ 600.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,275.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 97,665.00	\$ -	\$ 23,435.65
<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	Dues 1,828 x \$5	\$ 12,670.00		
	2	Contests	\$ 1,078.00		\$ 135.78
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 322.98	\$ 1,149.17
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,603.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 3,577.50
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,146.00		\$ 12,788.95
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 42,479.00		\$ 250.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,411.00		\$ 7,994.76
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 3,952.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,065.00		\$ 2,065.00
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,041.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 97,665.00	\$ 2,572.98	\$ 27,961.16

**Ending Balance: December 31, 2010**

\$66,703.02



New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2011				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
	Contests			
08/17/10	Scantron cards		\$ 69.00	
11/29/10	S.Kinsey-reimbursement for Dairy Foods supplies		\$ 66.78	
				\$ 135.78
	General Supplies			
07/10/10	Selective Insurance - Liability		\$ 485.00	
07/10/10	Day Timers - Covey's		\$ 341.19	
12/13/10	Vista Print - Calendars		\$ 322.98	
				\$ 1,149.17
	State Officers			
09/20/10	National FFA- Jackets/Shirts for SO's		\$ 759.50	
09/20/10	National FFA -Polo's & Navy Long sleeve shirts		\$ 518.00	
11/19/10	NJ Agricultural Society - membership		\$ 50.00	
12/16/10	National FFA-International Payment for E.Nelson, J.Robinson and A. McAlamen		\$ 2,250.00	
				\$ 3,577.50
	Leadership Experience and Development			
09/30/10	Partycrashers DJ for COLT		\$ 200.00	
11/19/10	Balance to Camp Bernie		\$ 11,358.00	
11/04/10	First Coast Promo- T-shirts		\$ 1,230.95	
	State Convention			\$ 12,788.95
	State Convention Awards			
10/28/10	Partycrashers DJ for State Convention		\$ 250.00	
				\$ 250.00
	National Convention			
07/27/10	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 665.00	
07/06/10	National FFA - Lodging Room deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
10/07/10	Susan R. Butch - America Express for SO's Airline tickets to Indy		\$ 1,355.26	
11/04/10	Susan R. Butch-America express for Hyatt, NJ Breakfast		\$ 2,227.00	
11/24/10	The Westin-lodging for Delegates		\$ 2,047.50	
				\$ 7,994.76
	Hort Expo			
	Leadership Event			
	National Leadership Conference			
08/03/10	Virginia FFA - Registration for State Officers		\$ 2,065.00	
				\$ 2,065.00
	Grand Total		\$ 27,961.16	\$ 27,961.16

**Committee Report**  
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: December 30, 2010

Committee: State Applications Committee

Committee Members Present: Keely Weinberger (Chair), Alec McAlarnen, Jimmie Ferguson, Rachel Layton, & Brianne Scholl

Absent: Mr. Rudderow

Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of this meeting was to review current state applications to see if changes are necessary.

Recommended Action(s):  
 Recommended actions for the Scholarship Application:  
 Consider creating a scholarship application geared toward college students. College students may find the current scholarship application confusing because many of the terminologies are not specific (ex. Graduation Date and School Information). Additionally, it may be difficult for students to obtain their parent's, high school advisor's, or high school principal's signature.  
*High school clarification*

Comments:

Keely Weinberger  
Chairperson

Alec McAlarnen  
Secretary