



# National FFA Organization

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## **New Jersey FFA** **Imagine. Inspire. Impact.**

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

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

DATE: December 15, 2009

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, January 4, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor NJDA Auditorium, Trenton, NJ

- 9:00 am – 11:00 am – *State Association Meeting*
- 11:00 am – 12:00 am – *New Jersey Department of Education Visit*
- 12:00 am – 1:00 pm – *Lunch*
- 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm – *State Convention Planning*

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. David Pedde, Teacher Representative to the Executive Board, will have voting power at each meeting in 2009-2010.

### **AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY STATE MEETING**

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the December State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Hanna Toft
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Allison Karr
  - C. State Leadership Activities/State Convention - Brianne Scholl
  - D. State Applications – Skylar Matthews
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Eric Nelson
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jessica Voll

#### **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. Executive Committee Report** – Keely Weinberger
- VII. Foundation Report** – Brianne Scholl
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Allison Karr
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Hanna Toft
- X. State CTE Advisory Committee** – Eric Nelson
- XI. Environmental Education: A Plan of Action** – Hanna Toft
- XII. Unfinished Business**
  - A. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention – Brianne Scholl
  - B. 2010 Calendars – Skylar Matthews
  - C. Holiday Party (December 7, 2009) – Skylar Matthews
  - D. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 22, 2010) – Eric Nelson
  - E. State Officer Candidates' School (January 30, 2010) – Brianne Scholl
  - F. State Ag Convention (February 9, 2010) – Hanna Toft
  - G. National FFA Week
    - a. ALLD (February 25, 2010) – Skylar Matthews
    - b. Chapter Activities – Allison Karr
  - H. DVC Leadership Training (March 1, 2010) – Allison Karr
  - I. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design (March 12 -14, 2010) – Jessica Voll
  - J. National Ag Day, Washington D.C. (March 18, 2010) – Brianne Scholl
  - L. Chapter Visits – Allison Karr
  - M. Association/ Team Goal Updates – Eric Nelson
- XIII. New Business**
  - A. State Convention Planning – Keely Weinberger
  - B. Retiring Address – Annaliese Gancarz
  - C. Potential State Officers – Jessica Voll
  - D. American FFA Degree Workshop – Eric Nelson
  - E. Chapter Reports
  - F. Member of the Month
  - G. State Officer Mileage

**XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, February 1, 2010  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Board Room  
4:00 p.m.*

**NJ FFA Association  
Minutes of December 7, 2009**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Hanna Toft called the meeting to order at 4:22pm. Voting members in attendance were Brienne Scholl, Jessica Voll, Eric Nelson, Allison Karr, Skylar Matthews, Keely Weinberger, Annaliese Gancarz, and Mr. Dave Pede, Teacher Representative. In addition, Mrs. Erin Noble, state staff and Eric Nunn, Newton FFA Chapter President attended.

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

**Motion by Jessica Voll** that the secretary's report be accepted as read.  
**Seconded by Annaliese Gancarz. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Eric Nelson gave the Treasurer's Report.  
**Motion by Eric Nelson** to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.  
**Motion passes pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introduction and Attendance**

Eric Nunn, the Newton FFA Chapter President attended the December State Meeting.

**Motion by Annaliese Gancarz** to give Mark Boyko an excused absence for the December State Meeting.  
**Seconded by Eric Nelson. Motion passes.**

*Brienne assumes the duties of the chair*

**V. Committee Assignments**

- A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities**  
Meeting is rescheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup>, after the workshop meeting.
- B. Membership & Chapter Relations**  
No report.
- C. State Leadership Activities and State Convention**  
No Report.
- D. State Applications**  
No Report. The next meeting will be in January.
- E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**  
No Report.
- F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**  
No Report.

*Hanna re-assumes the duties of the chair.*

**VI. Executive Report**

Keely Weinberger reported that the Executive Committee will help throughout SOCS and ALLD and the committee is available to help with speeches.

**VII. Foundation Report**

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

**VIII. Alumni Report**

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

**IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

Hanna was unable to attend the November meeting. She did, however, call in and give a report about National FFA Convention and the Rose Parade.

**X. State Career Technical Education Advisory Committee**

The next meeting will be held in March.

**XI. Environmental Education Committee**

Hanna was elected onto this committee and discussed what the committee's goals are. The next meeting is in January.

**XII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Fall CDE Results**

First place teams include:

Fruits and Vegetables – Freehold FFA

Dairy Foods – South Hunterdon FFA

Turf Management – Monmouth County FFA

Land Judging – Allentown FFA

**B. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention**

Brianne attended the NJ Farm Bureau Convention and spoke to them on the importance of agricultural education. She was able to meet many people including Mitchell Jones from Warren County. It was a great experience.

**C. Holiday Party**

Following the state meeting, we will have the annual holiday party. Officers will exchange secret Santa gifts. Everyone is to bring a dish and their gift.

**D. 2010 Calendars**

At the December work session the State Officers will arrive at 10:00 am in official dress to distribute calendars to supporters in the NJ Dept. of Agriculture, NJ Dept. of Education and the Farm Bureau. Following the delivery and lunch we will begin the work session.

**E. Banquet Speech Workshop**

The banquet speech workshop is January 22. This workshop is for the state officers to practice their speeches and get feedback on how to improve. Parents and advisors are invited to attend this event. It is at the NJDA in the Auditorium at 6:00 pm, please arrive at 5:30.

**F. SOCS**

SOCS will be taking place on January 30, 2010. Lessons on the eight officer competencies and nominating committee process will be presented to potential state officers by the 2009-2010 State Officers. This year's theme is "Going to the Carnival." Eric will organize reflections.

**G. State Ag Convention**

The State Agriculture Convention will be on February 9, 2010. Hanna will be attending this convention as well as presenting her speech to the delegates in attendance.

**H. National FFA Week**

**A. ALLD**

Advocacy and Leadership Day is February 25, 2010 at The College of New Jersey. All State Officers will be presenting workshops. Hanna and Brianne will present Advocating as State President with Key Messages. Eric and Allison will present Advocating through Communication. Skylar and Jessica will present a workshop on the Delegate Process and Parliamentary Procedure. The executive committee will put together a workshop on Making an Impact through Politics. Lastly, Brianne will give the keynote address and Jessica will present the member challenge.

**Motion by Eric Nelson** to keep the registration fee for ALLD at \$25.

**Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion passes.**

**B. Chapter Activities**

Keep schedules opened because there are many activities and dinners that state officers are invited to during FFA Week.

**I. DVC Leadership Training**

Allison, Eric and Brianne will be present at the DVC Leadership Training on Monday, March 1, 2010. More information will be provided soon.

**J. Horticulture Exposition /Floral Design**

The Horticulture Exposition is March 12-14, 2010. Everyone was assigned the additional days they need to be at the mall. If there are any problems please let Jessica know.

**Motion by Eric Nelson** to keep the Hort Expo entry fee at \$4 and the CDE fee at \$25.

**Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion passes.**

**K. Chapter Visits**

Everyone is doing a great job scheduling and completing chapter visits. Let's keep up the good work so that we can reach our goal of visiting every chapter! Some of us really need to start our chapter visits.

**L. Association and Team Goal Updates**

Skylar spoke about the January Team Day that will be at the Rockefeller Center in NYC. He is still looking into the days that we can attend and how we all will meet there. In addition, for the art competition we still need sponsors, so let's start looking.

**XIII. New Business**

**A. National Ag Day**

National Ag Day is Thursday, March 18. Last year the officers were able to talk about agriculture and made it an educational time. Also they were able to catch up with other State Officers. Officers who attend will meet with U.S. Congressman which was a great opportunity. Brianne, Skylar, Jessica and Keely are interested in attending.

**B. Ceremony Practice Schedule**

The State Officers will begin practicing ceremonies for state convention. The practice schedule is as follows:

- December Work Session - Honorary State FFA Degree
- January Work Session – State FFA Degree
- February Work Session – Installation
- March Work Session – Blue Jackets. Bright Futures.

**C. Member of the Month**

**Motion by** Keely Weinberger to make Eric Nunn, from the Newton FFA Chapter, the December Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion passes.**

**D. State Officer Mileage.**

This was the last submission for mid-year travel reimbursement. Don't forget to continue submitting mileage!

**E. Other**

**Motion by** Allison Karr to renew membership to the Ag. Society.

**Seconded by Brianne Scholl. Motion passes.**

**XIV. Closing Ceremonies**

**XV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.

New Jersey FFA Association  
Treasurer's Report for  
November 2009

**BEGINNING BALANCE: November 1, 2009**

\$93,832.21

<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	\$ 20,108.00		\$ 946.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 358.00	\$ 1,744.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 225.00		\$ 68.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 3,952.00	\$ 8,742.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00		\$ 23,126.80
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 1,745.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,400.00		\$ 303.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 91,583.00	\$ 4,505.00	\$ 36,674.80
<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	\$ 9,140.00		
	2	Contests	\$ 403.00		
	3	General Supplies	\$ 2,401.00		\$ 1,311.97
	4	State Officers	\$ 8,556.00		\$1,438.50
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,345.00	\$ 6,272.00	\$ 6,272.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,365.00		
	7	National Convention	\$ 5,427.00	\$ 2,647.08	\$ 5,357.88
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 3,890.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,015.00		\$ 725.00
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,041.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 91,583.00	\$ 8,919.08	\$ 15,105.35

**Ending Balance: November 30, 2009**

\$89,418.13

FY10  
FFA Deposits

<i>Date Rec'd</i>	<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
<b>October</b>					
2		Salem Co. Bd of Vocational Education	1001	\$ 27.00	
		Gloucester Co Special Services	93131	\$ 36.00	
		Camden Co. Tech. Schools	4299	\$ 36.00	
		Buena Regional School District	7075	\$ 36.00	
		Warren Hills Regional School	14577	\$ 72.00	
		BCIT- Westampton	10790	\$ 36.00	
					\$ 243.00
5		BCIT - Westampton	016155	\$ 936.00	
		Penns Grove High School	0732	\$ 520.00	
		Edward Grinshpun	2586	\$ 104.00	
		William Jeffery	4610	\$ 104.00	
		Paul Robb	1205	\$ 104.00	
		Sharon Barresi	4377	\$ 104.00	
		Kimberly Desrochers	245	\$ 10.00	
		Warren Hills	014443	\$ 1,352.00	
		Monmouth Co. Career Center	308	\$ 728.00	
		North Warren Regional	026932	\$ 728.00	
					\$ 4,690.00
6		Newton High School	3775	\$ 1,547.00	
					\$ 1,547.00
7		Cape May	3391	\$ 300.00	
		Woodstown Pilesgrove Regional School	3935	\$ 150.00	
					\$ 450.00
				\$ 6,930.00	\$ 32,169.80
<b>November</b>					
2		Essex Cty Voc. School	1113	\$ 108.00	
		Cumberland Regional	4252	\$ 70.00	
		Monmouth Co. Career Center	329	\$ 72.00	
		Cumberland Regional	4196	\$ 108.00	
					\$ 358.00
5		Woodstown	4027	\$ 1,248.00	
		Allentown	114	\$ 1,144.00	
		Salem Co. Bd of Voc/Educ.	1009	\$ 936.00	
		Union Co. Voc Tech Schools	314360	\$ 624.00	
					\$ 3,952.00
7		Northern Burlington	5064	\$ 195.00	
					\$ 195.00
				\$ 4,505.00	\$ 36,674.80



New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2010				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	<b>Dues/Memberships</b>			
	<b>Contests</b>			
	<b>General Supplies</b>			
08/17/09	Color toners, easel pads		\$ 718.57	
08/18/09	Erin Noble - Reimbursement for SO Business Cards		\$ 111.61	
10/14/09	Bell Promo - travel mugs		\$ 460.84	
				\$ 1,291.02
	<b>State Officers</b>			
08/27/09	National FFA - SO Jackets, scrabs, key chains, Thankyou notes		\$ 586.50	
08/21/09	National FFA - SO Jackets- Eric & Hanna redo		\$ 148.00	
10/02/09	National FFA - SO LS Shirts		\$ 129.00	
10/14/09	National FFA - M.Boyko shirt		\$ 20.95	
10/15/09	National FFA - Registration for J.Voll at SPC		\$ 575.00	
				\$ 1,459.45
	<b>Leadership Experience and Development</b>			
11/05/09	YMCA - Camp Ralph Mason - Lodging & Meals		\$ 6,272.00	
				\$ 6,272.00
	<b>State Convention</b>			
				\$ -
	<b>State Convention Awards</b>			
				\$ -
	<b>National Convention</b>			
07/07/09	National FFA - CDE registration		\$ 630.00	
07/06/09	National FFA - Lodging Room deposits		\$ 1,100.00	
09/09/09	Susan Butch- Delg. & SO Airline Tickets to Indianapolis	Pd on SRB AMEX Card	\$ 793.15	
09/09/09	FFA Alumni Association - SO Airline Tickets	Credit to Alumni from SRB AMEX Card. From Marriott BLAST OFF Hotel Rm.s	\$ 187.65	
11/10/09	Hyatt Regency, Indy, IN - NJ FFA Breakfast		\$ 1,000.00	
11/10/09	Big E Registration 3 @ \$10		\$ 30.00	
11/23/09	The Westin - SO lodging rooms during Nat. Convention		\$ 1,417.08	
11/18/09	National FFA - Registration for SO		\$ 200.00	
				\$ 5,357.88
	<b>Hort Expo</b>			
				\$ -
	<b>Leadership Event</b>			
				\$ -
	<b>National Leadership Conference</b>			
09/14/09	Pennsylvania FFA - Registration for NLCSO for SO		\$ 725.00	
				\$ 725.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>		\$ 15,105.35	\$ 15,105.35