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

FROM: Renée Stillwell, State FFA President
       Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
       Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: March 1, 2018

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
     Monday, March 5, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.
     1st Floor NJDA Auditorium, 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. John Neyhart will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2017-2018.

AGENDA FOR THE MARCH STATE MEETING

I. Opening Ceremonies

II. Minutes from the January/February combined State Meeting

III. Treasurer’s Report

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

V. Committee Assignments
   A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Renee Stillwell
   B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Allison Finn
   C. State Leadership Activities – Kelsey Stockton
   D. State Applications – Jeremy Poslusny
   E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Ariel Norbeck
   F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Mckenna Moore
   G. State Convention Evaluation – Sarah Kelly
VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Allison Finn

VII. Constitution and Bylaws Report – Jeremy Poslusny

VIII. Executive Committee Report – Morgan Rutar

IX. Foundation Report – Jeremy Poslusny

X. Alumni Report – McKenna Moore

XI. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Ariel Norbeck

XII. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Kelsey Stockton

XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators – John Neyhart

XIV. Unfinished Business

A. State Agricultural Convention (February 6-7, 2018) – Jeremy Poslusny
B. Fuel Up Retreat (February 15-18, 2018) – Allison Finn
C. National FFA Week (February 17-24, 2018) – Ariel Norbeck
D. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 22, 2018) – Sarah Kelly
E. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 9-10, 2018) – Kelsey Stockton
F. National Ag Day Event (March 20, 2018) – McKenna Moore
G. Winter (Online) CDEs (March 21, 2018) – Allison Finn
H. Spring CDEs (April 19) – Ariel Norbeck
I. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Jeremy Poslusny
J. Statewide Community Service Project – Sarah Kelly
K. Chapter Visits – Allison Finn
L. Team Goal Action Plan – Jeremy Poslusny

XV. New Business

A. New Jersey Agriculture Society Gala (March 17, 2018) – Kelsey Stockton
B. Retiring Address Workshop (April 11, 2018) – McKenna Moore
C. State Applications Judging (April 12, 2018) – Ariel Norbeck
D. Horse Evaluation (April 15, 2018) – Kelsey Stockton
E. Dairy Cattle Evaluation (April 21, 2018) – Ariel Norbeck
F. Agriscience Fair (April 25, 2018) – Allison Finn
G. Agricultural Education/Agriculture Issues Discussion – Jeremy Poslusny
H. Member of the Month – Morgan Rutar
I. State Officer Mileage – McKenna Moore

XVI. Closing Ceremonies

Next State Meeting- April 2, 2018
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium
4:00 p.m.
New Jersey FFA Association
Minutes from the January 29, 2018 Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies
Renee Stillwell called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Voting members in attendance were Jeremy Poslusnzy, Kelsey Stockton, Sarah Kelly, Ariel Norbeck, McKenna Moore, Allison Finn, Morgan Rutar, and Mr. John Neyhart. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Erin Noble and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

II. Minutes from December State Meeting
Motion by Kelsey Stockton to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and approve them as distributed.
Seconded by Sarah Kelly.
Motion by Jeremy Poslusnzy to amend the minutes from the December State Meeting by striking out “January 17” and replacing it with “January 27” under State Officer Candidates’ School.
Seconded by Allison Finn. Amendment passes.
Minutes as amended passes.

III. Treasurer’s Report
Motion by Sarah Kelly to accept the treasurer’s report pending audit.
Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance
Mr. Bill Carney: Representative of the Allentown Alumni FFA Chapter.

Jeremy Poslusnzy assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments
A. Constitutions, Bylaws, & Program of Activities
The committee met on January 17 with all committee members present. There were several recommendations to amend the constitution in addition to possibly adding an additional component to the nominating committee process for rerunning state officers.
Motion by Renee Stillwell to accept the committee report as read.
Implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Renee Stillwell to recommend amending the constitution by striking out “Agricultural Career Network” in Article 1, Section C, Paragraph 2, and inserting “the official FFA Roster program,” and inserting “through the Agricultural Experience Tracker” after “December 1” in Article 1, Section C, Paragraph 4.
Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

Motion by Renee Stillwell to recommend amending the constitution by striking out, “concurrently reenrolled”, and inserting “enrolled,” in Article 3, Section A, Paragraph 4, and striking out, “in any way a Career Development Event which purpose or objective would give a State Officer leverage in any unfair way through officer training conducted by the Association itself,” and inserting “as a contestant in the 6-8
Minute Public Speaking LDE, extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE, Employment Skills LDE, Official Ceremonies Event, Parliamentary Procedure LDE, Agricultural Issues LDE, Agricultural Sales CDE, or the Teach Agriculture Event” in Article 3, Section A, Paragraph 4.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

Motion by Kelsey Stockton to recommend amending the constitution by striking out “collegiate members and advisor”, and inserting “Advisors” in article 5, Section B, Clause 3.

Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations
The committee met on December 12 to discuss expectations for FFA Week and explore having an FFA Chapter Jacket Set program.

Motion by Allison Finn to accept the committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Allison Finn to have an FFA Photo Challenge across social media platforms during FFA Week; create a geo-filter for snapchat during ALLD; and for agriculture and/or food, agriculture, and natural resource education facts to be posted on social media.

Seconded by Kelsey Stockton.

Motion by Allison Finn to amend the main motion by striking out “create a geo-filter for snapchat during FFA Week”.

Seconded by Renee Stillwell. Amendment failed.

Motion passes.

C. State Leadership Activities
No report.

D. State Applications
No report.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review
No report.

F. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation and Review
No report.

G. State Convention Evaluation
No report.

Renee Stillwell reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report
The motion to rescind requires a second, is amendable, and requires a 2/3 vote with no previous notice or majority vote with previous notice. The purpose of rescind is to cancel a motion altogether.
VII. Constitution and Bylaws Report  
Earlier in the meeting there were three recommended amendments to our constitution that will be added into the delegate packets for state convention.

VIII. Executive Committee Report  
Morgan Rutar had the officers reflect on their first convention experience, and what role a state officer may have had in creating that kind of experience. Morgan reminded them to keep these thoughts in mind as they start state convention planning tonight.

IX. Foundation Report  
The Foundation met on January 9. The Board discussed their financial standing. The 2016-2017 year was on track with the goals and reflected growth. The Board also discussed the creation of a Sponsors’ Board and an event will be held at ALLD. The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on April 10. A Sponsors’ Board meeting may be held in March.

X. Alumni Report  
At their last meeting, the alumni discussed details for the Banquet Speech Workshop and possibly a new fundraising event such as a dinner function. Delaney Gray will be attending the NJ Agricultural Convention as their delegate. Their next meeting is on February 14.

XI. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report  
The next meeting will be at the Agricultural Convention on February 7, 2018.

XII. New Jersey Agricultural Society  
The Ag Society had a meeting on January 17. They discussed details and sponsorship of their upcoming Gala, which is on March 17. Morgan Rutar, Allison Finn, Jeremy Poslusny, Renee Stillwell, and Kelsey Stockton will assist with the fundraising activities that night. The next meeting is on March 14th.

XIII. New Jersey Association for Agricultural Educators  
Mr. Neyhart shared that there have been greater initiatives for teacher recruitment. The association will have a booth at the New Jersey Agriculture Convention next week to showcase the alternative route of becoming certified to teach agriculture. Other events coming up are the ACTE Policy Seminar and representing at ALLD during FFA Week. They are discussing how they could possibly recognize teachers at state convention, which will be solidified at their March Meeting.

XIV. Unfinished Business  
A. 212° Conference  
The 212° Conference was held on December 9 at Rutgers University. The evaluation tally was provided on the folders. Besides the inopportune snow fall that day, the members still enjoyed the conference overall.
B. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers
   Sarah Kelly and McKenna Moore enjoyed their trip to South Africa!
   They will be giving a presentation on their experience to the New Jersey
   Alumni. Each of them shared their favorite part of the international experience.

C. Banquet Speech Workshop
   The workshop was hosted by the New Jersey Alumni on January 19 at The
   EcoComplex in Bordentown, NJ. The tally of each officer’s speech and delivery
   reviews will be compiled shortly.

D. State Officer Candidates School
   SOCS was this past weekend on January 27 at the Stone Bridge Middle School. A total of 34
   students joined the association on this day to learn about the process of running for state office
   or becoming a nominating committee member. The officers are reminded to keep in touch
   with these potential candidates.

E. State Agriculture Convention
   On February 7 in Atlantic City, NJ, Renee Stillwell will deliver a speech to the delegates of
   the State Agriculture Convention in Atlantic City. That night, Jeremy Posluszny, Kelsey
   Stockton, Morgan Rutar, and Ariel Norbeck, along with Renee, will partake in the dinner and
   networking program.

F. Fuel Up Retreat
   The Fuel Up Retreat will be February 15-18 in North Wildwood. Throughout the weekend,
   the officers will film their support system thank you videos, write session scripts, and more.
   Additional information to follow.

G. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day
   ALLD will be on February 22 during National FFA Week at The College of New Jersey. This
   year’s theme is “Find Your Path.” Four out of five symposium speakers have confirmed.
   Additional preparation will happen at the February Work Session.

H. National FFA Week
   National FFA Week is February 17-24. All officer requests have been fulfilled. Mrs. Noble
   will keep in touch with the officers if any others are submitted.

I. Statewide Community Service Project
   This year’s community service project supports the Bridge of Books Foundation. A
   promotional plan along with promotional materials will be crafted and submitted.

J. Ceremony Practice Schedule
   The practice schedule was shared.

K. Chapter Visits
   Most of all chapter visits have been conducted! Only a select few are outstanding for special
   circumstances.
L. Team Goal Action Plan
The goals were shared.

XV. New Business

A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients
Submitted chapter nominations were read to the board. The state executive board submitted their list of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award nominations.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to accept the five chapter nominations as the recipients of the Honorary State Degree.
Seconded by Allison Finn. Motion passes.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to accept Grown in Monmouth and the Union County Board of Agriculture as the Distinguished Service recipients.
Seconded by Sarah Kelly. Motion passes.

B. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE
Horticultural Exposition is from March 9-10 with the Floral Design CDE being on March 9 at Mercer County Community College. Shifts will be scheduled so the expo is manned at all times throughout the two days.

C. National Agriculture Day Event
National Agriculture Day is on March 20. Renee Stillwell and McKenna Moore will participate in the National Agriculture Day event in Washington, D.C. from March 19 to 20. They will receive a training on forming key messages and then meet with U.S. Senators and Representatives.

D. Winter (Online) CDEs
On March 21, Winter CDEs will be online through MyCAERT. CDEs include Farm Business Management, Forestry, & Meat Evaluation.

E. Spring CDEs
Spring CDEs are on April 19 at Rutgers University. Agricultural Technical and Mechanical Systems, Floriculture, Nursery/Landscape, Ag Sales, Environmental and Natural Resources, and Veterinary Science Career Development Events will be conducted on this day.

F. Delegate Issues for State Convention
The National FFA Board of Directors are meeting this week, so discussion on the delegate issues they submit will happen at the March Meeting.

Motion by Jeremy Posluszny to approve the cost for the 2018 State Convention to $168, a $3 increase, for the full package and maintaining the partial package cost of $48.
Seconded by Allison Finn. Motion passes.

G. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion
Congress has made progress on drafting the 2018 Farm Bill. One challenge is keeping the same amount of funding that was provided through the 2014 Farm Bill because of the new tax cuts and decision to not increase funds overall. A few of the principles guiding the new farm
bill includes encouraging youth to enter farming through increased access to land and capital; strengthen the integrity and efficiency of the nutrition assistance programs; and prioritize investments in education, training and development of human capital to ensure that the nation’s workforce can meet the growing demand for food and agriculture science.

H. Member of the Month

Due to having a combined January/February state meeting, the January Member of the Month was selected by the board scoring through email and voting through text message. The motion was moved and passed on January 16. February Member of the Month was selected the same way with a motion on February 5.

**Motion by Jeremy Posluszny** to select Nicole Sicker from the Woodstown FFA Chapter as the January Member of the Month.

**Seconded by McKenna Moore. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Kelsey Stockton** to select Kass Wojcik from the Newton FFA Chapter as the February Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Morgan Rutar. Motion passes.**

I. State Officer Mileage

The updated mileage report was provided in the folders.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

*Kelsey Stockton, State Secretary*
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**Committee Report**  
*Membership and Chapter Relations*

**Date:** December 12, 2017

**Committee Members Present:** Allison Finn, Renee Stillwell, McKenna Moore, Morgan Rutar, Mrs. Kline

**Absent:**

**Purpose of Meeting:** To create expectations for FFA Week and to look into the possibility of having an FFA Chapter Jacket Set Program.

**Recommended Action(s):** The committee recommends: (I) To have an FFA Photo Challenge across social media platforms during FFA Week; (II) To create a geofilter for Snapchat during ALLD; (III) To have agriculture, agricultural education, or FFA facts posted on the association social media accounts; (IV) To create a program for chapters to apply for a set of chapter jackets.

**Comments:** It is recommended that the state officers fully participate in the FFA Week photo challenge.

**Allison Finn**  
**Chairperson**

**Renee Stillwell**  
**Secretary**
Committee Report  
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)  

Date: January 17, 2018  
Committee: Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities  
Committee Members Present: Renée Stillwell, Jeremy Poslusny, Ariel Norbeck, Morgan Rutar, Mrs. Thorn  
Absent: None  

Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of this committee meeting was to go over discussion points from the last meeting and to update the committee on items that were voted upon at the November Executive Board meeting. The committee also began screening the constitution and bylaws to make appropriate recommendations.  

Recommended Action(s):  
Update Chapter Membership Requirements (Bylaws, Article 1, Section C):  
-Strike out "Agricultural Career Network" in Paragraph 2, and inserting "the Official FFA Roster program", and  
-Insert "through the Agricultural Experience Tracker" after "December 1" in Paragraph 4.  
Clarify State Officer CDE Participation (Article 3, Section A, Paragraph 4):  
-Strike out "concurrently reenrolled", and insert "enrolled," and  
-Strike out, "in any way a Career Development Event which purpose or objective would give a State Officer leverage in any unfair way through direct training conducted by the Association itself," and inserting "as a contestant in the 3-5 Minute Public Speaking LDE, 6-9 Minute Public Speaking LDE, Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE, Employment Skills LDE, Official Ceremonies competition, Parliamentary Procedure LDE, Agricultural Issues LDE, Agricultural Sales CDE, or the Teach Ag CDE."

Comments: Look into adding a component to the Nom Com process for rerunning state officers. Look into the potential for adding into our constitution the nominating committee process for all members to use as a reference. Look into the possibility of inputting our calendar of events into the AET and sharing that calendar with the chapters in the states. Ensure that the due date for submitting the chapter’s constitution and bylaws by December 1 is on the calendar of events.  

Chairperson  
Secretary