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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: April 26, 2010

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, May 3, 2010 - 4:15 p.m.
1st 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. David Pede, Teacher Representative to the Executive Board, will have voting power at each meeting in 2009-2010.

AGENDA FOR THE MAY STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the April 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 – Annaliese Gancarz
 - 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. State Officer Candidates – Brianne Scholl
- B. Nominating Committee Candidates – Annaliese Gancarz
- C. National Officer Candidates – Hanna Toft
- D. State Application Judging (April 8) – Eric Nelson
- E. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDE (April 10, 2010) – Allison Karr
- F. Spring CDEs (April 15, 2010) – Eric Nelson
- G. Online CDEs (April 20) – Eric Nelson
 - a. Meat Evaluation
 - b. Agronomy
- H. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Brianne Scholl
- I. State Convention Planning – Keely Weinberger
 - a. Time line
- J. Retiring Addresses – Mark Boyko
- K. Agriscience Fair (April 28, 2010) – Brianne Scholl
- L. Chapter Visits – Allison Karr
- M. Association/ Team Goal Updates
 - a. Statewide Community Service – Keely Weinberger

XIII. New Business

- A. Honorary American Degree Nominations – Jessica Voll
- B. Summer CDEs – Allison Karr
- C. H.O. Sampson Chapter Recognition – Jessica Voll
- D. Harry Schneiber Treasurer’s Book of the Year Event – Jessica Voll
- E. Chapter Reports
- F. Member of the Month
- G. State Officer Mileage

XIII. End of the Year Reflection

XIV. Closing Ceremonies.

*Next State Meeting - Monday, June 7, 2010
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
4:00 p.m.*

**NJ FFA Association
Minutes of April 5, 2010**

I. Opening Ceremonies

Hanna Toft called the meeting to order at 4:25 pm. Voting members in attendance were Brianne Scholl, Jessica Voll, Eric Nelson, Allison Karr, Keely Weinberger, Mark Boyko and Mr. Pedde, Teacher Representative. In addition, Mrs. Nancy Trivette and Mrs. Erin Noble, state staff, attended.

Minutes from the March State Meeting

Motion by Jessica Voll that the Secretary's report be accepted as read.

Seconded by Eric Nelson. **Motion passes.**

II. Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report.

III. Guest Introduction and Attendance

Motion by Eric Nelson to excuse Annaliese Gancarz from the April State Meeting.

Motion seconded by Mark Boyko. **Motion passes.**

Brianne assumes the duties of the chair

IV. Committee Assignments

A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities

No report.

B. Membership & Chapter Relations

No report.

C. State Leadership Activities and State Convention

No report.

D. State Applications

No Report.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No report.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

The committee discussed how the Hort. Expo had gone and what needs to be discussed through the delegates. At the Hort Expo, the runners and helpers most definitely helped keep the day flowing and organized. There are still complications with the Bonsai category, which will also be discussed at the NJ State Convention. At the State Convention we hope to hear from others to improve the Hort Expo.

Motion by Jessica Voll to accept the Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review report.

There is an implied second. Motion passes.

Hanna re-assumes the duties of the chair.

V. Executive Committee Report

The executive committee will be here only for another couple months. Keely informed us to keep working hard and to memorize our retiring addresses. The committee is here up until State Convention to help us.

VI. Foundation Report

They are looking for more people to participate and be on the board. Eric will be attending the next meeting which will be on April 13. They will be electing the new officers.

VII. Alumni Report

The Alumni is hosting a Retiring Address workshop on April 14. This workshop provides on-the-spot feedback on how the State Officers can improve their speeches for State Convention.

VIII. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The last meeting was in February and the next meeting will be on May 25.

IX. State Career Technical Education Advisory Committee

The next CTE meeting will be held in the fall.

X. Environmental Education Committee

Hanna hasn't received information regarding this committee in recent weeks.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design

The Horticultural Exposition took place March 12-14 at the Burlington Center Mall. On Friday, March 12 the Floral Design CDE took place and BCIT-Medford FFA Chapter placed first. There were nearly 700 entries in the Hort Expo and close to thirty industry individuals helped judge the event. It was a very successful and organized event.

B. National Ag. Day, Washington D.C.

On March 18, 2010 Keely, Brianne, and Jessica went to Washington D.C. to represent New Jersey and talked to representatives from Senator Lautenberg and Menedez office, and other congressman and assistants about FFA. We asked them to sign on to the National FFA coin commencement. The money collected from the coin will go toward agricultural education.

Motion by Brianne Scholl that all State Officers attend National Ag. Day.

Seconded by Keely Weinberger. **Motion passes.**

C. State Convention Planning

a. TimeLine

Keely reviewed the tasks that need to be done as soon as possible. State Convention is creeping up and Retiring Addresses need to be finalized.

b. Video Shoot

The video shoot was at Mrs. Nobles on March 27, 2010 at 10 am. The rules skit, opening video and parent speeches were recorded. The shoot went well and we all can't wait to see the videos.

D. Retiring Addresses

The Retiring Address Workshop is Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 5:00 pm at the Department of Agriculture. The Alumni and State Staff will be working with the State Officers to improve their speeches and their speech delivery. This workshop will provide on the spot feedback unlike the banquet speech workshop.

E. Delegate Issues for State Convention

The National FFA has provided the state associations with one constitutional amendment for consideration at the 2010 National FFA Convention. Pennsylvania resubmitted the constitution amendment proposing a ratification process for the constitution and bylaws changes. In addition, the National FFA has an amendment for the ratification of the Constitution and Bylaws, as well as amendments for NJ FFA.

Motion by Eric Nelson that NJ votes in favor for the amendment for the new national FFA Constitution and Bylaws amendment process.

Seconded by Brianne Scholl. Motion passes.

Motion by Eric Nelson to accept all the New Jersey FFA proposals for Bylaws except Proposal 3A.

Seconded Brianne Scholl. **Motion passes.**

Motion by Eric Nelson to accept all the New Jersey FFA proposals to the Constitution.

Seconded by Keely Weinberger. **Motion passes.**

Motion by Eric Nelson that the state dues stay at \$6.00 a person.

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

F. Online Career Development Events

a. Farm Business Management and Forestry

On March 24, 2010 the Farm Business Management CDE and Forestry CDE took place online. Allentown won Farm Business Management CDE and Newton won the Forestry CDE.

b. Meat Evaluation and Agronomy

These CDEs will be taking place on April 21, 2010. They are new CDEs to New Jersey and we are looking forward to see how many members will participate. Since Newton is the only competitor in the Meat Evaluation and Agronomy events, he requested that the events be held on April 20.

G. Spring CDEs

The Spring CDEs will be on April 15, 2010 at Rutgers University. Coverage at each CDE is as follows:

Environmental and Natural Resources-Eric and Hanna

Floriculture-Allison

Nursery/Landscape-Mark

Agricultural Mechanics-Brianne (will take place of Annaliese since she will most likely not be able to attend because of her foot)

Agricultural Sales-Jessica

State Officers will be there at 8:00 and will meet at their respective location.

H. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDE

Livestock and Dairy Judging is April 10, 2010 at Delaware Valley College. Eric will be at Dairy Judging and Allison will be at Livestock Judging. Please meet with Mr. Roszel at 8:00am at the Feldman Agriculture Building.

I. Agriscience Fair

The Agriscience Fair is April 28, 2010 from 3-6pm at Rutgers EcoComplex. Coverage for this event will be Eric, Brianne and possibly Annaliese.

J. Chapter Visits

Ninety-one percent (91%) of chapters have been visited. We reached our goal! There are three chapters left to visit this year. Let's strive to meet them all!

K. Association/Team Goal Updates

a. Clothing Drive

Gently worn clothes can be donated and we will be donating to Atlantic City Rescue Mission. They also accept food items and toiletry items.

Motion by Keely Weinberger to have an item (clothing, food, toiletries) drive and donate it to Atlantic City Rescue Mission.

Seconded by Eric Nelson. **Motion passes.**

XII. New Business

A. State Officer Candidates

The board discussed people who may still want to be State Officer Candidates. Continue to reach out to the members and encourage them to follow in your footsteps.

B. Nominating Committee Candidates

The team also reviewed people who are potential Nominating Committee Candidates. Hanna and Annaliese will create a list of candidates following the meeting.

C. National Officer Candidates

Brianne Scholl and Jessica Voll both handed in letter of intent and will be have a run-off in the June.

D. Chapter Reports

Hanna, Allison and Jess reviewed there experiences in their chapter visits.

E. Member of the Month

Motion by Keely Weinberger to make Gillian Armstrong from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter the April Member of the Month.

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

F. State Officer Mileage

Keep getting it in!

G. Other

The executive board received two letters of appeal regarding unaccepted Garden State FFA Degree applications. Hanna read each letter to the board.

Motion by Eric Nelson to accept the appeal letter of Gillian Armstrong and let her receive her Garden State FFA Degree.

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

Motion by Allison Karr to accept the appeal letter from Jessica McCosker and let her receive her Garden State FFA Degree.

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

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.