



# National FFA Organization

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## **New Jersey FFA Association**

### **“Break Through Limits”**

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

FROM: Kristianne Dowd, State FFA President  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist  
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: April 20, 2015

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, May 4, 2015 – 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. Mrs. Lisa Ann Moschera-Chernigovets will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2014-2015.

### **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 – Kristianne Dowd
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Hope Cahill
  - C. State Leadership Activities – Ben Wainwright
  - D. State Applications – Kyle Fisher
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Jenna Pinhas
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Kelly Gangel
  - G. State Convention Evaluation – Sean Hamner

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 – Kyle Fisher**
- VII. Executive Committee Report – Kyle Clement**
- VIII. Foundation Report – Ben Wainwright**
- IX. Alumni Report – Kelly Gangel**
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Kristianne Dowd**
- XI. New Jersey Ag Society – Kristianne Dowd**
- XII. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Nominating Committee – Kyle Clement
  - B. State Convention Planning
    - a. Timeline – Ben Wainwright
    - b. Statewide Community Service Project – Kelly Gangel
    - c. Potential SOCs – Hope Cahill
    - d. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Sean Hamner
    - e. Retiring Address Workshop – Delaney Gray
  - C. State Applications (April 9, 2015) – Kyle Fisher
  - D. Spring CDEs (April 16, 2015) – Jenna Pinhas
  - E. Livestock Judging CDE (April 18, 2015) – Jenna Pinhas
  - F. Dairy Judging CDE (April 18, 2015) – Sean Hamner
  - G. Eastern PA FFA Day (April 28, 2015) – Hope Cahill
  - H. Agriscience Fair (April 29, 2015) – Sean Hamner
  - I. Assembly Resolution – Stuart Faunce
  - J. Team Goal Action Plan – Jenna Pinhas
  - K. Chapter Visits – Hope Cahill
- XIII. New Business**
  - A. H.O. Sampson Chapter Recognition – Kyle Fisher
  - B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – Kelly Gangel
  - C. Summer CDEs – Kyle Fisher
  - D. Chapter Banquets – Kelly Gangel
  - E. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Ben Wainwright
  - F. Member of the Month – Kyle Clement
  - G. State Officer Mileage – Sean Hamner
- XIV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- June 1, 2015  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Board Room  
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes from April 6, 2015 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00. Voting members in attendance were Kelly Gangel, Jenna Pinhas, Ben Wainwright, Hope Cahill, Sean Hamner, Kyle Fisher, Delaney Gray, Kyle Clement, Stuart Faunce, David Watts, and Catherine Cincotta. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Ms. McCluskey, and Mrs. Trivette.

**II. Minutes from March State Meeting**

**Motion by Jenna Pinhas** to accept the secretary's report as read.  
**Seconded by Stuart Faunce. Motion passes**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion by Ben Wainwright** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit  
**Motion passes pending audit**

*Kelly Gangel assumed the duties of the chair*

**IV. Committee Assignments**

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

The meeting agenda for State convention was prepared.

**B. Membership and Chapter Relations**

**Motion by Catherine Cincotta** to recommend to the delegates to revoke the charters of BCIT Westampton and BCIT Medford.  
**Seconded by Dave Watts. Motion passes.**

**C. State Leadership Activities**

The committee discussed changes to ALLD, the creation of a state conference revolving around agriculture, and the creation of a Global Youth Institute in New Jersey.

**Motion by Ben Wainwright** to accept the committee report as read.  
**There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

**D. State Applications**

The meeting agenda for State Convention was prepared.

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**

The meeting agenda for State Convention was prepared

**F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**

The meeting agenda for State Convention was prepared. The committee would like suggestions from teachers about any changes needed for the Horticultural Exposition.

**G. State Convention Evaluation**

The meeting agenda for State Convention was prepared

*Kristianne Dowd reassumed the duties of the chair*

**V. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

The motion for Recess is a privileged motion that pauses the meeting. This may be used to count votes or to get more information on a subject being discussed. The meeting picks up right where it was paused.

**VI. Executive Committee Report**

The executive committee had the team think about a time that a state officer reached out to us when we were members. We should make sure we make the most of the last 44 days of our state officer year and make the difference in the lives of the members.

**VII. Foundation Report**

The next meeting will be on April 14 at the NJDA.

**VIII. Alumni Report**

The next alumni meeting will be this Wednesday, April 8. The Retiring Address Workshop will be conducted during the meeting.

**IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

The next meeting will be during State Convention.

**X. New Jersey Ag Society Report**

The meeting was held on March 4. The Ag Society was well into preparing for the Gala. The Ag Society was very excited to do more with FFA.

**XI. Unfinished Business**

**A. ACTE National Policy Seminar**

The ACTE National Policy Seminar was held on March 3 at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington DC. Stu attended the seminar on behalf of the State Association and met with congressmen. All were interested in Ag Education, FFA and CTE.

**B. NJ Agricultural Society Gala**

The Ag Society Gala occurred on March 13. Kristianne, Sean, Hope, Kyle, and Jenna attended the event. They assisted with the horse races, selling raffle tickets, and met with industry leaders from around the state. They all had a great time and hope to do it again next year.

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

The Horticultural Expo was held March 13-14. The Middlesex East Brunswick FFA Chapter placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Floral Design CDE. The Winners of Best in Division were Andrew DeJesus of Delsea Regional (Horticulture Division),

Breanna Bishop of Monmouth County (Permanent Arrangement Division), Vincent Viviano of Allentown (Fresh Arrangement Division), and Nichol Carrol of Cumberland County (Adult Arrangement Division). Congratulations to everyone who competed.

**D. National Ag Day Event**

The National Ag Day Event was held March 16-18 with Kyle and Ben in attendance. They learned about the legislative process, participated in round table discussions with industry leaders, and attended a luncheon. On the last day, they attended congressional visits with the staff of Chris Smith and Bob Menendez.

**E. Online Career Development Events**

The online CDEs occurred on March 25. Newton placed first in Farm Business Management, Meat Evaluation and Technology, and Forestry. Congratulations to all who competed!

**F. State Applications**

Judging of FFA applications will occur on April 9 at the NJDA at 8:30 am. Some of the applications being judged include Blue Jackets, Bright Futures, State Scholarships, and Superior chapter.

**G. Spring CDEs**

Spring CDEs will be held on April 16 at Rutgers University. Members can compete in Environmental & Natural Resources, Floriculture, Agricultural Sales, Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems, Nursery/ Landscape and Veterinary Science. Further information of assignments will be given soon.

**H. Livestock Judging CDE**

The Livestock Judging CDE will be on April 18 at Delaware Valley University. Jenna, Kyle F., and Ms. McCluskey will be attending on behalf of the Association.

**I. Dairy Judging CDE**

The Dairy Judging CDE will occur at Cedar Lane Farms in Hunterdon County on April 18. Sean, Ben, Kristianne, and Mrs. Noble will be attending the event.

**J. Eastern PA FFA Day**

The Poultry Evaluation, Food Science & Technology, and Agronomy CDEs will occur at the Eastern PA FFA Day on Tuesday, April 28. These events will be held at the Lebanon Expo Center. Hope, Jenna, and Ms. McCluskey will attend on behalf of the Association.

**K. Agriscience Fair**

The Agriscience Fair will be held on Wednesday April 29 at the Rutgers EcoComplex in Bordentown NJ. The event will begin at 3pm with set up

beginning at 2pm. Jenna, Sean, Dave, Kyle, and Mrs. Noble will attend the event on behalf of the Association.

**L. Marketing plan CDE**

The Marketing Plan CDE is in place of the Soybean Yield Contest and will occur on Wednesday of State Convention, May 20 and is sponsored by the New Jersey Soybean Board. Teams consisting of 3 members will create a marketing plan for an existing or new enterprise relating to soybeans. The written plans are due April 10.

**M. State Convention Planning**

**a. Timeline**

We shot the session videos last Saturday and the session music and committee reports were due today.

**b. Video shoot**

The video shoot was on Saturday April, 4. The video is currently being edited to be ready for convention.

**c. Statewide Community Service Project**

This year's Statewide Community Service Project is Food drive of healthy products to "Feed our Friends the Right Way".

**d. Potential SOCs**

Please continue to reach out to potential SOCs to help them prepare for the selection process at convention.

**e. Delegate Issues for State Convention**

The delegate packets for students will be sent out shortly.

**f. Ceremonies Practice Schedule**

All of the ceremonies should be memorized. If you need help getting the ceremonies perfect, please reach out to executive committee.

**g. Retiring Address Workshop**

The Retiring Address Workshop will occur during the alumni meeting on April 8. Be prepared to give speech for the first time and get feedback on it. Remember to bring something to write with and on, the music, and speakers to the workshop.

**N. National Officer Candidate**

Lauren Fillebrown was selected as our national officer candidate for this year. Good Luck to Lauren and we hope to see her do great things!

**O. Assembly Resolution**

Stuart is currently writing a letter in support of AR145 to the New Jersey Legislature to help with the deadlock.

**P. Team Goal Action Plan**

We had a team bonding experience where we prepared for the video shoot. We have been striving for 10% increase in events with lots of advertising on social media and during class visits. We should continue to find sponsors for life time membership for National FFA Alumni.

**Q. Chapter Visits**

One chapter visit still needs to be completed.

**XII. New Business**

**A. Nominating Committee Candidates**

The nominating committee candidates will be chosen tonight after the meeting.

**B. Agricultural Education Issue Discussion**

Half Day Vo Tech programs are running into an issue where students have to leave their tech class early or arrive late due to scheduling with their home schools. Some high schools are not allowing students to go to Vo Tech schools because of these scheduling issues. Full day Vo Tech schools are flourishing because it is easier with scheduling for students.

**C. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Kyle Clement** to accept Amanda Buchel as the April Member of the Month

**Seconded by Kyle Fisher. Motion passes.**

Congratulations Amanda!

**D. State Officer Mileage**

The mileage report is provided in our folders.

**XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.

BEGINNING BALANCE: March 1, 2015

\$22,206.77

Deposits:														YTD		
Date	Project#	Project Description	Annual Budget	June/July/Aug	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	YTD Balance	Over/Under Budget
	1	Affiliation	\$ 49,000.00				\$ 28,155.00		\$ 6,730.00	\$ 3,717.00					\$ 50,494.00	\$ 1,494.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,725.00	\$ 433.00			\$ 360.00		\$ 36.00						\$ 1,127.00	\$ (3,598.00)
	3	General Supplies	\$ -		\$ 730.00										\$ 730.00	\$ 730.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 1,015.00				\$ 90.00		\$ 18.00						\$ 108.00	\$ (907.00)
	5	LEAD	\$ 17,540.00				\$ 5,030.25		\$ 2,156.88	\$ 75.00					\$ 23,130.44	\$ 5,590.44
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 65,000.00				\$ 95.00								\$ 10,216.05	\$ (54,783.95)
	7	National Convention	\$ 4,495.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 397.61		\$ 120.00		\$ 666.72						\$ 4,419.33	\$ (75.67)
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 612.00			\$ 471.24								\$ 3,392.24	\$ (2,107.76)
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ -												\$ -	\$ -
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,172.00	\$ 1,042.00				\$ 1,284.00						\$ 4,218.00	\$ (782.00)
		<b>Budgeted income</b>	\$ 152,275.00												\$ -	\$ (152,275.00)
		Total Deposits	\$ -	\$ 2,357.00	\$ 5,961.61	\$ 10,891.60	\$ 34,321.49	\$ -	\$ 10,891.60	\$ 9,785.06	\$ 97,835.06	\$ 54,439.94			\$ 97,835.06	\$ (54,439.94)

Expenses:

Date	Project #	Expense Description	Annual Budget	March	February	January	December	November	YTD Balance	Over/Under Budget
	1	Affiliation	\$ 14,895.00				\$ 13,310.00		\$ 14,327.00	\$ 568.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 5,148.00		\$ 4,655.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 328.00	\$ 5,472.00	\$ (324.00)
	3	General Supplies	\$ 5,230.00	\$ 456.66		\$ 71.98	\$ 1,303.18		\$ 4,226.82	\$ 1,003.18
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,037.00	\$ 446.00	\$ 284.79		\$ 2,801.74		\$ 5,981.03	\$ 4,055.97
	5	LEAD	\$ 21,821.00		\$ 58.11			\$ 500.00	\$ 23,747.74	\$ (1,926.74)
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 69,171.00		\$ 28.97		\$ 527.75		\$ 63,577.29	\$ 5,593.71
	7	National Convention	\$ 9,656.00	\$ 1,069.26	\$ 421.40		\$ 914.94	\$ 60.00	\$ 7,409.10	\$ 2,246.90
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 7,459.00	\$ 3,912.24	\$ 1,108.00		\$ 153.41		\$ 5,173.65	\$ 2,285.35
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,027.00						\$ 2,498.72	\$ (471.72)
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 6,831.00	\$ 1,520.06	\$ 3,568.63		\$ 1,735.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 7,324.19	\$ (493.19)
		<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	\$ 152,275.00						\$ -	\$ 152,275.00
		Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 7,404.22	\$ 10,124.90	\$ 371.98	\$ 20,746.52	\$ 1,388.00	\$ 139,737.54	\$ 12,537.46

Ending Balance: March 31, 2015

\$17,159.55



**FY15  
FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>MonthlyTotal</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
	<b>March</b>				
	The Calais School (Landscape Design CDE)	503	9.00		
	Northern Burlington County Regional School	3067	72.00		
	Newton Board of Education	41765	144.00		
	Monmouth County Vocational Schools	2012	36.00		
	Warren Hills Regional School District	22372	36.00		
	Hunterdon County Polytech	1775	36.00		
	South Hunterdon Regional School District	170	100.00		
	<b>P2 total</b>			\$ 433.00	
	Newton Board of Education	41765	140.00		
	<b>P7 total</b>			\$ 140.00	
	Newton High School student Fund	6217	100.00		
	New Jersey Farm Bureau	4091	242.00		
	South Hunterdon Regional School District	000155	5.00		
	South Hunterdon Regional School District	000156	50.00		
	Hackettstown Board of Education	052460	215.00		
	<b>P8 total</b>			\$ 612.00	
	Rutgers University (SEBS)	2972519	44.00		
	New Jersey Farm Bureau	4091	27.00		
	Monmouth County Career Center	1460	27.00		
	Board of Education (Ocean)	31310	135.00		
	Young Farmer & Rancher (Bradley Klemm)	cash	17.00		
	NJ Agricultural Education Association	1158	27.00		
	Anne E. Edwards	8802	44.00		
	Sandra L. Shinn	1220	95.00		
	NJIT	151777	27.00		
	State of New York (Cobleskill)	3373162	27.00		
	Upper Freehold regional BOE Student Activities	1321	108.00		
	Union County Vocational-Technical Schools	327183	54.00		
	Phillipsburg High School	2658	378.00		
	North Warren Regional School District	20450	135.00		
	Board of Education of the Vocational School (Sussex)	5750	27.00		
	<b>P10 total</b>			\$ 1,172.00	
	<b>March Total</b>			\$ 2,357.00	\$ 97,835.06

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2015

Date	Description	Order #'s	Amount	MTD Total
	March			
	General Supplies (P3)			
3/11/15	Reim state account for advertising (issue #2 2015)		\$ 456.66	\$ 456.66
	State Officers (P4)			
3/12/15	Vegetable Growers (youth reception meals)		\$ 300.00	
3/12/15	Stuart T Faunce (reim for tavel to ACTE National Policy 3.4.15)		\$ 146.00	\$ 446.00
	National Convention (P7)			
3/30/15	Reim state for National Convention hotel bill (due to late invoice)		\$ 1,069.26	\$ 1,069.26
	Hort Expo (P8)			
3/16/15	Preferred Party Rentals LLC (Horticulture CDE & Expo)		\$ 2,675.00	
3/27/15	Zieger & Sons Inc		\$ 1,237.24	\$ 3,912.24
	State Legislative Leadership Activity (P10)			
3/19/15	Wyndham Garden (ALLD - additional attendees from prior payment)		\$ 1,520.06	\$ 1,520.06
	March Total			\$ 7,404.22

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

Date: April 3, 2015

Committee: State Leadership Activities

Committee Members Present:

Benjamin Wainwright, Hope Cahill, Sean Hamner

Absent:

Kyle Clement, Delaney Gray, Mr. Rudderow

Purpose of Meeting:

Discuss ALLD, Global Youth Institute, and anything else that needed to be addressed.

Recommended Action(s):

Suggested for ALLD, more time for symposium, have State Officers stand around the room with microphones during symposium. If no National Officer is available for the panel, consider putting a State Officer in his/her place. Better communication on timing during sessions. Consider creation of a conference about agriculture. Look into the possibility of doing regional farm tours, similar to how the State Officer Ag Tour is done over the summer. Host these events for a couple hours at different farms in each region. Show different aspects of agriculture in New Jersey. For Global Youth Institute, we will write a proposal and go over it at the next committee meeting and then present it to the delegates in the committee meeting. We will see what their thoughts are on the idea and decide from there. A good location may be at the Ag Convention, since there is already many people from the industry there.

Comments:

Next meeting to be determined.

Benjamin Wainwright  
Chairperson

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Secretary