



# 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: October 26, 2010

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, November 1, 2010 – 4:00 pm**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor NJDA Board Room, 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 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 NOVEMBER STATE MEETING**

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the October 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

#### **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** – Hanna Toft
- VII. Foundation Report** – Keely Weinberger
- 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. National Convention Review
    - a. Delegate Report – Keely Weinberger
    - b. State Booth Report – Jimmie Ferguson
    - c. State Suite Report – Rachel Layton
  - B. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 4-14, 2011) – Julianne Robinson
  - C. Program Affiliation – Jessica McCosker
  - D. Fall Career Development Events (November 18, 2010) – Rachel Layton
  - E. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 15-16, 2010) – Eric Nelson
  - F. State Grange Convention – Hanna Toft
  - G. 2011 Calendars – Jessica McCosker
  - H. Teach Ag CDE – Alec McAlarnen
  - I. Public Relations Event – Rachel Layton
  - J. Team Goal Action Plan – Keely Weinberger
  - K. Chapter Visits – Julianne Robinson
- XII. New Business**
  - A. Holiday Party – Alec McAlarnen
  - B. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 21, 2011) – Jimmie Ferguson
  - C. State Officer Candidates' School (January 29, 2011) – Keely Weinberger
  - D. State Agriculture Convention (February 8-9, 2011) – Eric Nelson
  - E. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design CDE (March 18-20, 2011) – Jimmie Ferguson
  - F. Agricultural Issues Discussion – Jessica McCosker
  - G. Member of the Month – Hanna Toft
  - H. State Officer Mileage
- XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, December 6, 2010  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom  
4:00 p.m.*

**NJ FFA Association**  
**Minutes of October 4, 2010**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Voting members in attendance were Eric Nelson, Keely Weinberger, Alec McAlarnen, Rachel Layton, Jessica McCosker, Jimmie Ferguson, Julianne Robinson, Hanna Toft, Allison Karr, Brianne Scholl, and Mrs. Guttadora. Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Trivette and Ms. Butch were also in attendance.

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

**Motion by Alec McAlarnen** to accept the September minutes as read.  
**Seconded by Rachel Layton. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer'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**

Welcome to Ms. Guttadora, Teacher Representative.

**Motion by Hanna Toft** to excuse Brianne's tardiness due to school obligations.  
**Seconded by Keely Weinberger. Motion passes.**

Alec discussed attendance at state events and encouraged the board to be more diligent about our attendance contract regarding absences at all events, not just at meetings.

**Motion by Keely Weinberger** to require doctor's notes for excused absences due to illness.  
**Seconded 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**

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

**G. State Convention – Jessica McCosker**

No Report

*Eric reassumes the duties of the Chair*

Mrs. Noble reminded us to check up on the New Jersey FFA Chapter Membership Data spreadsheet provided at all meetings to help chapters stay in good standing.

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

Hanna offered support with the hectic month of October.

**VII. Foundation Report – Keely Weinberger**

Next meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**VIII. Alumni Report – Julianne Robinson**

Next meeting is October 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

The next meeting has been postponed indefinitely.

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

The next CTE meeting has been postponed to sometime in early 2011.

**XI. Unfinished Business**

**A. Eastern States Exposition**

Eric attended the Eastern States Exposition as a State Presidents Intern. Eric helped set up, and was assigned to take pictures and videos throughout the conference. Eric acknowledged the competitors from New Jersey, who placed highly throughout the conference.

**B. Fall Ag Ed Conference**

The Fall Agriculture Education Teachers Conference was held September 24, 2010 at the Rutgers Eco-Complex in Columbus, New Jersey. Marie Barry, Director of New Jersey Career and Technical Education gave a presentation about the new vision for Career and Technical Education and Gary Diggs provided a presentation about the Program Re-approval process.

**C. Leadership Experience and Development**

*a. COLT Report*

Eighty-four chapter officers from the 13 chapters that were in attendance. The officer team did a great job presenting their workshops.

*b. SGC Report*

The Greenhand conference was a success, with attendees competing in mock Career Development Events, and Creed speaking competitions.

**D. National Convention –October 20-23, 2010**

*a. Flag Bearer*

The Flag Bearer will present New Jersey's State Flag at all official events. Alec received an email regarding the dates of his duties.

*b. Delegates*

Eric and Keely will serve as "leadership delegates" at National Convention, and Alec will serve as the third delegate.

1. At Large Elections Committee- Eric Nelson
2. FFA Degree Committee- Keely Weinberger

### 3. SAE Standards Committee- Alec McAlarnen

c. *State Booth*

Jimmie brought the materials he intends to use for the State Booth. He asked for suggestions. Board members gave suggestions to incorporate more “Jersey Fresh” paraphernalia, and to figure out how to transport the materials out to Indianapolis.

d. *State Suite*

There will be a special reception on Friday, October 22, 2010 during National Convention for the Honorary American FFA Degree Recipients and Mrs. Trivette. Guests at the State Suite will include chapter members and advisors, award recipients and other guests.

e. *Recognition Program*

Mrs. Noble and Julianne assigned the topics to the State Officers. At the Recognition Program all New Jersey National Convention participants are invited to attend, and the State Officers will deliver short speeches about what is all going on at National Convention. Topics include: Eric – welcome; Keely – award recipients and competitors; Alec – delegate process; Rachel – convention sessions; Jessica – convention entertainment; Jimmie – career show/hall of states.

f. *Delegate Process- Written/Oral Testimony*

We decided to write a written testimony for each delegate committee. We will apply to do oral testimonies at each committee, and Eric, Keely, and Alec will present the oral testimonies.

Veterinary Science CDE

This report was not prepared in time for the meeting. Eric will be sure this is accomplished before our webinar next Monday.

American Suppliers for FFA Unlimited Items

See attached Testimony.

**Motion by Keely Weinberger** to accept the American Suppliers for FFA Unlimited Items Written Testimony as read.

**Seconded by Jessica McCosker. Motion Passes.**

SAE Standards for National FFA Award Process

See attached Testimony.

**Motion by Allison Karr** to accept the SAE Standards for National FFA Award Process Written Testimony as read

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

Increase Student Voice on the National Level

See attached Testimony.

**Motion by Hanna Toft** to accept the Increase Student Voice on the National Level Written Testimony as read

**Seconded by Alec McAlarnen. Motion passes.**

At-Large Election of National Officers

See attached Testimony.

**Motion by Hanna Toft** to accept the At-Large Election of National Officers Written Testimony as read

**Second by Rachel Layton. Motion passes.**

FFA Degree Expansion

More discussion is needed to finalize this report. The officers will discuss this during the webinar meeting next Monday.

**E. Team Goal Action Plan**

Everybody should come to the November State Meeting with information about and progress on their individual Team Goal Action Plan.

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

Eric, Julianne, and Alec were accepted to International Leadership Seminar for State Officers. The tentative dates are set as January 4- 14, 2010. The focus now is on fundraising.

**G. Program Affiliation**

The Executive Board discussed the possibility of setting up Program Affiliation. There needs to be more research done on how program affiliated states work the “fee.” This will be discussed more in depth at the next meeting.

**H. Fall Career Development Events (November 18, 2010)**

Annual New Jersey FFA Fall Career Development Events will be held Thursday, November 18, 2010 at The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers University. Career Development Events include: Land Judging, which will be assisted by Hanna and Allison; Fruits and Vegetables assisted by Jimmie, Keely, and Brianne; Turf Management assisted by Rachel, Julianne, and Jess; and Dairy Foods assisted by Eric and Alec. Pre-registration and payment for all chapters participating in Fall CDEs is Friday, October 15.

**I. Chapter Visits**

The board was provided with an updated sheet of requested chapter visits. State officers were reminded to make the initial contact ASAP. The board discussed confirmed visit dates. Mrs. Noble reminded the board to copy her on all correspondence, and that we must have one visit completed before National Convention.

**XI. New Business**

**A. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention**

The New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention is November 15-16, 2010. Eric will speak on November 15 and represent the State Association.

**B. 2011 Calendars**

Tentatively Keely, Jimmie, and Jessica are available on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to deliver calendars.

**C. Teach Ag CDE**

Drafts were handed out. These drafts are to be read and critiqued by the November State Meeting. Changes will be made and sent out after the November State Meeting.

**D. Public Relations Event**

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**E. Chapter Reports**

After Chapter Visits we usually give a report of how the chapters are doing, and how our visit went, this will start at the November State Meeting.

**F. Agricultural Issues Discussion**

Legislators from the 12th district met with Equine Industry Professionals at an Equine Symposium on Monday September 27. This was a good chance for the professionals to give some input about their concerns to elected officials. On Monday, September 27 Warren County reached the milestone of having 20,000 acres of preserved farmland. The preserving of the 56-acre, Demeter farm put the county over the top. Warren County is the fourth county in New Jersey, behind Burlington, Hunterdon, and Salem.

**E. Member of the Month**

The member of the month for the month of October is Ben Wainwright from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter.

**Motion by Hanna Toft** to make Ben Wainwright of the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter the October Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Jessica McCosker. Motion Passes.**

**F. State Officer Mileage**

Get it in on Time!

**H. Other**

a. Agri-biology CDE

Mrs. Guttadora asked about the possibility of setting up a new Career Development Event. The event would be run by the NJAAE, and run similar to Quiz Bowl. Jeff Neyhart will help to run the event.

**XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

**XIV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Alec McAlarnen  
2010-2011 State FFA Secretary

New Jersey FFA Association  
Treasurer's Report for  
September 2010

**BEGINNING BALANCE: September 1, 2010**

\$73,881.49

<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		\$ 209.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00		\$ 252.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		\$ 500.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00		\$ 7,844.65
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00		\$ 550.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,275.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 97,665.00	\$ -	\$ 9,355.65
<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		\$ 69.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 1,277.50	\$ 2,103.69
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,603.00		
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,146.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 42,479.00		
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,411.00		\$ 2,365.00
	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	\$ 1,477.50	\$ 6,802.69

**Ending Balance: September 30, 2010**

\$72,403.99



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>
July					
1		Cumberland Regional	4988	\$ 77.00	
		Sussex Tech	19103	\$ 132.00	
					\$ 209.00
2		Woodstown Regional	4369	\$ 45.00	
		Warren Hills	15598	\$ 18.00	
		Cumberland regional	4967	\$ 45.00	
		Cumberland regional	4987	\$ 72.00	
		BCIT - Westampton Campus	1290	\$ 72.00	
					\$ 252.00
4		Woodstown - R.Layton Application fee	4340	\$ 100.00	
		Cape may - J.Ferguson & A.McAlarnen app	391	\$ 200.00	
		Trudy Layton - J.Layton application fee	6098	\$ 100.00	
		Andrew McCosker- J. McCosker app fee	3352	\$ 100.00	
					\$ 500.00
6		Penns Grove - lost key	0749	\$ 70.00	
		Delsea	9521	\$ 288.00	
		Woodstown	4441	\$ 3,168.00	
		N. Burlington	6149	\$ 2,420.75	
		Camden Penn	3695	\$ 1,224.00	
		Erin Noble	2369	\$ 307.90	
		Susan Butch	3718	\$ 173.00	
		Nancy Trivette	3929	\$ 193.00	
					\$ 7,844.65
7		Monmouth Co Career Center	72093	\$ 150.00	
		Hackettstown	7227	\$ 200.00	
		Warren Hills	15570	\$ 150.00	
		Catherine Gancarz	1039	\$ 50.00	
					\$ 550.00
				\$ 9,355.65	



**National FFA Convention  
Delegate Process Written Testimony**

**Issue Committee:** (Please select only one from the following)

- Veterinary Science CDE
- Use American Suppliers for FFA Unlimited Items
- SAE Standards for National FFA Award Process
- Increase Student Voice on the National Level
- At-Large Election of National Officers
- FFA Degree Expansion

Click on check-boxes to make selections.  
Click on underlined blanks to insert text.

**Submit this form at Delegate Registration,  
prior to 10:00am on  
Tuesday, October 19, 2010.**

**State Association:** New Jersey

*Please Check One:*

- My state would like to submit written testimony ONLY.**
- My state would like to submit written testimony AND apply for an oral testimony time slot.**

Delegate providing oral testimony: Eric Nelson

**Summary**

Please summarize your testimony into no more than five main points.

1. Limiting ourselves to only American suppliers would greatly increase the pricing of FFA unlimited items
2. Some of the items sold through National FFA are not made anywhere in the U.S., making it impossible for you to purchase these items as a member if we switched to American only suppliers.
3. FFA is all about making the importance of Agricultural Education and the FFA known globally. If we only use American suppliers, we won't be doing a good job of thinking globally.
4. We need to remember that there are chapters that can barely afford to keep their chapters going and if we move to American suppliers only, the cost would increase and these members may not even be able to afford FFA jackets.
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Support**

Please explain the supporting evidence for your main points.

When you read the committee research findings for this committee, it is pretty obvious to see that switching to American suppliers would greatly increase the cost of FFA unlimited items. As quoted in the National FFA Committee Research Findings, "National FFA carries over 3,000 items... Cost increases would depend on the item category and if it was available in the United States. To obtain the same quality here as overseas, it would cost 25% more, at a minimum, and it could cost as much as 60% - 100% more." As you can see, this is a dramatic increase in price and many FFA members would not be able to afford it. Some of the FFA items for sale are not even made in the U.S. anymore because of increasing labor costs so they are only made over seas, and if we cut off business with other countries, not only would our prices go up but some items may not even be offered anymore. Global engagement is a driving point for National FFA and if we switched to American only suppliers we would be limiting our choices and affordability for our members.

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Delegate providing oral testimony: Alec McAlarnen

**Summary**

Please summarize your testimony into no more than five main points.

1. Eliminating regional affiliation of national officers would decrease the chance of even representation of each diverse region at the national level.
2. Would require amending the federal charter through Congress, therefore opening the charter to further changes.
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Support**

Please explain the supporting evidence for your main points.

The regional lines divide the states into the Western Region, Southern Region, Central Region, and Eastern Region. The regional lines divide membership evenly throughout the country. National Officer elections presently consist of electing an officer from each region. Therefore, allowing equal representation of each region at the National level. Holding at-large elections would require having National FFA bring the change to Congress in which it would then be voted on to open up and change the federal charter. Opening the federal charter would officially allow other changes to be made that could drastically affect the organization. Regional representation allows regions to be equally represented, and their diverse agricultural pursuits. Therefore, election of national officers should remain as it stands, with vice-presidents representing the diversity in each of the four regions.

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**State Association:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Delegate providing oral testimony: Keely Weinberger

**Summary**

Please summarize your testimony into no more than five main points.

1. SAE reinforces classroom instruction
2. "Questionable SAEs" do not support one's agricultural knowledge
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Support**

Please explain the supporting evidence for your main points.

The purpose of a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) is to reinforce the skills and materials that students have learned in the classroom. SAEs provide students the opportunities to apply those skills in an agricultural profession supervised by an industry professional. All of the jobs listed under "questionable SAEs" do not reinforce the skills taught in an Agricultural Education program. Baby sitting, building cars, working in restaurants, and working in retail stores does not increase one's agricultural skills or knowledge. Therefore, standards should be set to make sure SAEs maintain their purpose. If National FFA sets the standards for SAE, it would eliminate questionable SAEs allowed at the state level.

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Delegate providing oral testimony: Keely Weinberger

**Summary**

Please summarize your testimony into no more than five main points.

1. In our region, it would take 18 years to rotate around each state.
2. Traveling to meetings would be an issue.
3. We can voice our opinion in other ways.
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Support**

Please explain the supporting evidence for your main points.

In New Jersey's point of view, we have 18 states in our region and this committee would allow one representative from one state each year to make it an unfair 18 year rotation. The states not represented by a chair would have less say until their time to hold the seat. Travelling to the meetings would be an issue as far as cost and time goes. Where would the money come from to get the representatives out to the meetings? Although having another voice on the National Level is a good idea, there are other means in which each state can voice their opinions. For example, we have the delegate process at Nationals as well as the regional representation of National Officers. We do recommend that the regional FFA Vice Presidents communicate to each of the state's about the issues that are to be discussed at the board meetings. This will allow the National Officers, who know the opinions of the members, to make more informed decisions.

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Delegate providing oral testimony: Eric Nelson

**Summary**

Please summarize your testimony into no more than five main points.

1. The skills gained column is beneficial to the applicants because it provides more opportunities
2. Research and service learning based SAE students have difficulty investing and earning the dollar amount required to obtain degrees
3. Currently degree requirements only use money earned/invested and documented hours as a measure of achievement for recognition
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Support**

Please explain the supporting evidence for your main points.

With the ever expanding opportunities in agriculture, we must expand our opportunities to members. Research and service learning based SAEs in agriculture are becoming more common than they had been in the past; therefore, implementing a skills attained column will give those students equal opportunity to obtain degrees in the FFA. The purpose of the skills obtained column would provide another measure of SAE achievement other than the traditional money earned/invested and documented hours. FFA is about creating opportunities for members and an additional column would allow more members the opportunity to grow in agricultural education pursuits. This will also allow students to be rewarded for their advancement and knowledge gained in the agriculture industry. The skills obtain column can cater to the non-traditional student in the non-traditional SAE and provide the same opportunities as the "traditional" FFA member.

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Delegate providing oral testimony: Alec McAlarnen

**Summary**

Please summarize your testimony into no more than five main points.

1. A veterinary science CDE would be a good opportunity to provide our members
2. A veterinary science CDE would be a good way to get the attention of new members as well
3. The framework for this CDE is already available
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Support**

Please explain the supporting evidence for your main points.

More and more FFA members are becoming interested in animals and veterinary science. As of 2008, fifteen states already have created their own competition. By setting up a national competition with unifying standards we will make it easier for other states to provide this opportunity to their members as well. There are also many others out there who are not in FFA with an interest in veterinary science; by creating this Career Development Event, we will attract their interest. It is often said that veterinary school is harder to get into than medical school, and by offering this event to our members we can offer them a competitive edge for their future. Since we already have the framework from the 4-H and other states who currently conduct the event, this will be an easy CDE to set-up and conduct. Providing a Veterinary Science CDE would offer FFA members more opportunities to explore other areas of agriculture.