



# National FFA Organization

*Premiere Leadership*

*Personal Growth*

*Career Success*

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## **New Jersey FFA “Unlock the Possibilities”**

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

**FROM:** Alec McAlarnen, State FFA President  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist  
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

**DATE:** October 14, 2011

**RE:** State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, November 7, 2011 – 4:00 pm**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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. Lisa Ann Mosehera-Chernigovets will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2011-2012.

### **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 – Alec McAlarnen
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Ernie Arians
  - C. State Leadership Activities – Jimmie Ferguson
  - D. State Applications – Stephanie Tarlowe
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Sam Rubinstein
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Gillian Armstrong
  - G. State Convention Evaluation- Anna Lubas

#### **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** – Eric Nelson
- VII. Foundation Report** – James Ferguson
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Sam Rubinstein
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Alec McAlarnen
- X. Unfinished Business**
  - A. State Grange Convention (October 14, 2011) – James Ferguson
  - B. National Convention Review
    - a. Delegate Report – James Ferguson
    - b. State Booth Report – Sam Rubinstein
    - c. State Suite Report – Gillian Armstrong
  - C. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 14-15, 2011) – Alec McAlarnen
  - D. Fall Career Development Events (November 17, 2011) – Sam Rubinstein
  - E. 2012 Calendars – Ernie Arians
  - F. International Leadership Conference for State Officers – Gillian Armstrong
  - G. Team Goal Action Plan – James Ferguson
  - H. Chapter Visits – Ernie Arians
- XI. New Business**
  - A. “Turkey Trot” FFA 5K (November 19, 2011) – Anna Lubas
  - B. Holiday Party – Stephanie Tarlowe
  - C. State Agriculture Convention (January 17-19, 2012) – Alec McAlarnen
  - D. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 20, 2012) – Sam Rubinstein
  - E. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 28, 2012) – Anna Lubas
  - F. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 16-18, 2012) – Gillian Armstrong
  - G. Agricultural/Education Issues Discussion – Ernie Arians
  - H. Member of the Month – Eric Nelson
  - I. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, December 5, 2011  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom  
4:00 p.m.*

**NJ FFA Association**  
**Minutes of the October 3, 2011 State Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Alec McAlarnen called the meeting to order at 3:58 pm. Voting members in attendance were Jimmie Ferguson, Stephanie Tarlowe, Ernest Arians, Samuel Rubinstein, Gillian Armstrong, Eric Nelson, Julianne Robinson, and Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette.

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

**Motion by Stephanie Tarlowe** to accept the September minutes as read.  
**Second by Julianne Robinson. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

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

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

**Motion by Samuel Rubinstein** to give Rachel Layton an unexcused absence.  
**Second by Eric Nelson. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Eric Nelson** to give Anna Lubas an unexcused absence.

**Second by Stephanie Tarlowe. Motion to amend** the main motion by Eric Nelson to insert the words "pending doctor's note." **Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Amendment passes.**  
**Motion passes as amended.**

**Motion by Eric Nelson** to accept Jessica McCosker's letter of resignation from Executive Committee.

**Second by Julianne Robinson. Motion passes.**

**Motion by James Ferguson** to accept Eric Nelson's withdrawal from candidacy for National Office.

**Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.**

*Jimmie assumed the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Assignments**

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

The next meeting will be held October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Membership and Chapter Relations**

A Google Document will be posted on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**C. State Leadership Activities**

A meeting will be held in October about 212, starting with a Google Doc for ideas.

**D. State Applications**

Motions based off of committee suggestions will be brought before the board at the next

meeting.

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**

A Google Doc will be posted by tomorrow with questions for improvement.

**F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**

A meeting will be held after LEAD.

**G. State Convention Evaluation**

No report.

*Alec reassumed the duties of the chair.*

**VI. Executive Committee Report**

This month's key is about being conscious of the transparency of social media and being aware of the state officers' Facebook postings.

**VII. Foundation Report**

The next meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Department of Agriculture Board Room.

**VIII. Alumni Report**

The next meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Department of Agriculture Board Room. Planning will continue for the 5K and elections will be held.

**IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

The next meeting will be held in November.

**X. Unfinished Business**

**A. Eastern States Exposition**

The Big E was held from September 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Northern Burlington's Ag Mechanics team won second place with two top-ten individuals. Mackenzie Tierney of the Union County Chapter was named Eastern Region Star Chapter in Placement.

**B. Fall Ag Ed Conference**

This professional development conference for agriculture teachers was held last Friday at the Rutgers EcoComplex; Alec and Jimmie represented our state officer team there. Workshops on the Ag Career Network and Program of Study were given. Lunch was provided in the form of a Hunger Banquet led by a past Virginia state officer and CEO of Feed by Seed.

**C. Leadership Experience and Development**

*1. Chapter Officer Leadership Training*

A run-through of the 360 conference material will be held after the meeting. COLT is held at Camp Bernie on Friday and Saturday; state officers will arrive at 7 pm the night before, bringing candy, decorations, and all belongings.

*2. State Greenhand Conference*

SGC has a road trip theme and Eric will be getting road signs and traffic cones to decorate with.

3. *Timeline*

The schedule for LEAD was read.

**D. National Convention**

1. *Flag Bearer*

Jimmie is the flag bearer at various events throughout Convention.

2. *Delegates*

Information about the delegate process, committees, and a schedule can be found on the National FFA website. Jimmie is Vice-Chair of the Floriculture Committee, Alec is Sentinel of the Leadership Development Committee, and Stephanie has been recommended for the Delegate Process Committee. Ernie is the alternate delegate.

3. *State Booth*

The idea of a map game matching agricultural products to counties was replaced by plans to bring the three displays, Jersey Fresh posters, and trivia questions. Sam, Ernie, and Jimmie will carry the displays on the plane.

For next year, the executive board will have to reach out to others for a quality display or else create a display to use every year. Suggestions were made for creating a CDE or other event in agricultural promotions in which the winning team would bring their display to National Convention.

**Motion by Eric Nelson** to refer the Hall of States ideas to a committee.

**Second by Julianne Robinson.** Committee members will be Sam, Ernie, Jimmie, and Alec. **Motion passes.**

4. *State Suite*

Gill will be hosting the suite.

5. *Recognition Program*

Officers have received their assignments. A sample of the program was provided.

6. *Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony*

Copies of written testimony were reviewed and discussed. Finalized versions will be created at the web conference on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

**E. Team Goal Action Plan**

Goals were reviewed along with their action plans as available.

**F. ILSSO**

Gillian has sent out her donation letters.

**G. Fall Career Development Events**

Pre-registration is due October 14<sup>th</sup>. The CDEs will be held at Rutgers on November 17<sup>th</sup>. State Officers received their assignments at last month's meeting. Eric will replace Jess for the Fruits and Vegetables CDE.

**H. Chapter Visits**

All officers have all scheduled their visits. Stephanie reported on her visit to Hackettstown and Alec reported on his visit to Middlesex-East Brunswick.

## **XI. New Business**

### **A. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention**

This convention is held November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the Princeton Weston Hotel. Alec will represent that State Association. Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Holiday Inn Select in Bridgeport is the State Grange Convention; Jimmie will present a speech there.

### **B. 2012 Calendars**

State officers will deliver calendars to the Department of Education, Farm Bureau, and Department of Agriculture at 1 pm before the December State Meeting, and then mailed to chapters. The state officer holiday party will be held following the December Work Session.

### **C. Chapter Reports**

- Cape May Tech has an oyster and clam bake fundraiser coming up.
- Freehold held a year-opening picnic with high attendance by freshmen.
- Warren Hills will attend LEAD with journalism teacher Mrs. McKinney.
- Hackettstown is holding a pig roast before their homecoming football game.
- Northern Burlington had a luncheon with the Farm Bureau. Their new agriculture teacher and Mrs. Hamilton's student teacher will be coming to LEAD.
- Middlesex-East Brunswick brought their FFA president to a school board meeting brought a positive message about changes in their chapter.

### **D. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion**

Cleanup from Hurricane Irene continues. Over \$100,000 in goods was lost in the carpentry building where Jersey Fresh, NJDA, and Farm Bureau had supplies.

### **E. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Eric Nelson** to make Jennifer Ludwig of the Penns Grove FFA Chapter the October Member of the Month.

**Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.**

### **F. State Officer Mileage**

October mileage will be due November 7<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

## **XII. Other Business**

- The Board was reminded to recruit members and supporters for FFA Connect.
- The State Officers should actively recruit people for the FFA Alumni's 5K.

## **XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

## **XIV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

New Jersey FFA Association  
Treasurer's Report for  
September 2011

BEGINNING BALANCE: September 1, 2011

\$32,711.52

<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	\$ 30,900.00	\$ 4,033.00	\$ 4,047.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 243.00
	3	General Supplies		\$ 628.00	\$ 628.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 2,843.00	\$ 2,843.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 48,600.00		\$ 20,379.90
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,465.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,675.00		\$ 188.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,750.00		\$ 200.00
		Total Deposits	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 8,062.00	\$ 29,993.90

**Expenses:**

<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	\$ 15,320.00		
	2	Contests	\$ 1,378.00		\$ 1,300.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,388.00	\$ 628.00	\$ 628.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 11,143.00	\$ 1,632.72	\$ 5,542.46
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,904.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,956.00		\$ 1,801.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,711.00		\$ 2,330.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,041.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,854.00	\$ 1,853.51	\$ 1,853.51
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,140.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 4,364.23	\$ 13,704.97

Ending Balance: September 30, 2011

\$36,409.29

**FY12  
FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
<b>July</b>				
2	Salem Co. Bd Voc. Education	1167	\$ 135.00	
				\$ 135.00
6	Union Co. Voc/Tech Schools	318367	\$ 1,215.00	
	Ocean Co Voc Schools	18243	\$ 945.00	
	Woodstown Pilesgrove School	4862	\$ 2,070.00	
	Somerset Co Voc Tech	1893	\$ 280.00	
	Cape May Co. Tech School	6492	\$ 3,204.00	
	Camden Co. Tech School	3814	\$ 675.00	
	New Jersey Farm Bureau	3936	\$ 25.00	
				\$ 8,414.00
7	Freehold Twp High School	12501	\$ 150.00	
				\$ 150.00
			\$ 8,699.00	\$ 8,699.00
<b>August</b>				
1	Gloucester Co. Special Services	98271	\$ 14.00	
				\$ 14.00
6	Jan Traynor- Morris Comm.College Display	5283	\$ 25.00	
	State of NJ-EN Conv. Registration	10579688	\$ 243.90	
	State of NJ -SRB & NJT Conve.Registration	20581768	\$ 294.00	
	Salem Co. Bd for Voc. Ed	1182	\$ 2,133.00	
	Newton Bd of Education	34683	\$ 3,915.00	
	Monmouth Co. Career Center	674	\$ 70.00	
	Middlesex Co. Voc. Schools	2022	\$ 450.00	
	North Warren Reg.	29462	\$ 1,234.00	
	<b>Phillipsburg High School</b>	<b>0654</b>	<b>\$ 3,601.00</b>	
				\$ 11,965.90
7	Mark Robson	8802	\$ 50.00	
	Monmouth Co. Vocational Schools	76489	\$ 350.00	
	Cumberland Regional	25839	\$ 115.00	
	Cumberland Regional	5959	\$ 250.00	
	Salem Co. Bd	1190	\$ 100.00	
				\$ 865.00
8	Cumberland Regional	25843	\$ 188.00	
				\$ 188.00
10	Penns Grove High School	0769	\$ 40.00	
	Penns Grove High School	59423	\$ 160.00	
				\$ 200.00
			\$ 13,232.90	\$ 21,931.90
<b>September</b>				
1	Allentown High School	585	\$ 2,249.00	
	Cape May	6742	\$ 1,550.00	
	JoAnn Sopchak	3282	\$ 13.00	
	Penns Grove High School	0770	\$ 221.00	
				\$ 4,033.00
2	Allentown High School	585	\$ 36.00	
	Woodstown	4902	\$ 45.00	
	Warren Hills	016851	\$ 9.00	
	North Warren Regional Bd of Ed	029638	\$ 9.00	
	Cumberland Regional School District	25862	\$ 9.00	
				\$ 108.00
3	Selective Insurance	9997242321	\$ 628.00	
				\$ 628.00
5	Essex County Voc Schools	64440	\$ 875.00	
	Warren Hills	017008	\$ 1,230.00	
	BCIT - Westampton	2197	\$ 738.00	
				\$ 2,843.00
7	Northern Burlington	7793	\$ 300.00	
	Monmouth Co. Career Center	680	\$ 150.00	
				\$ 450.00
			\$ 8,062.00	\$ 29,993.90



New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2012				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
				\$ -
	Contests			
07/07/11	NJ FFA Foundation-to increase awards for CDE's at Convention		\$ 1,300.00	
				\$ 1,300.00
	General Supplies			
08/04/11	Selective Insurance Liability		\$ 628.00	
				\$ 628.00
	State Officers			
07/27/11	National FFA - SPC Regis for McAlamen & Ferguson		\$ 600.00	
07/12/11	Jessica McCosker mileage May & June		\$ 252.46	
07/12/11	Alec McAlamen mileage May & June		\$ 297.41	
07/12/11	Eric Nelson mileage May & June		\$ 120.90	
07/14/11	FFA Alumni for Reimbursement of SO BLAST OFF LODGING		\$ 740.60	
07/12/11	Keely Weinberger mileage May & June		\$ 142.60	
07/06/11	NJ FFA Foundation - pledge to FFA Cares program		\$ 1,755.77	
09/15/11	A. McAlamen, July & August mileage		\$ 435.86	
09/15/11	A. Lubas, July & August mileage		\$ 85.25	
09/15/11	S. Tarlowe, July & August mileage		\$ 197.41	
09/15/11	E. Arans, July & August mileage		\$ 379.05	
09/15/11	S. Rubinstein, July & August mileage		\$ 130.17	
09/15/11	E. Nelson, July & August mileage		\$ 47.86	
09/15/11	J. McCosker, July & August mileage		\$ 99.20	
09/15/11	J. Ferguson, July & August mileage		\$ 257.92	
				\$ 5,542.46
	Leadership Experience and Development			
09/14/11	Partycrashers - DJ service at Camp Bernie		\$ 250.00	
				\$ 250.00
	State Convention			
07/18/11	Lella Granjaei - Convention Award		\$ 75.00	
07/06/11	Buena Reg. School - Convention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/06/11	BCIT - convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Phillipsburg High School - Covention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/06/11	Penns Grove - Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	N Burlington Co. Reg.-Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Middlesex - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
07/06/11	Cape May - Convention Award		\$ 150.00	
07/06/11	Hackettstown - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
07/06/11	Stepahnie Tarlowe - Convention Award		\$ 50.00	
07/15/11	National FFA - SO Business Casual Shirts		\$ 451.00	
8/4/	Harrah Newman-convention award		\$ 50.00	
08/08/11	Rebecca Shannon-convention award		\$ 100.00	
08/08/11	Jamie Jellife-convention award		\$ 75.00	
8/8/	Angelina Roslin - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
				\$ 1,801.00
	National Convention			
07/06/11	National FFA - NJ Housing Lodging Deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
07/06/11	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 630.00	
				\$ 2,330.00
	Hort Expo			
				\$ -
	Leadership Event			
				\$ -
	National Leadership Conference			
09/19/11	West Virginia FFA - Lodging & Regis for State Officers		\$ 1,853.52	
				\$ 1,853.51
	Grand Total		\$ 13,704.98	\$ 13,704.97