



National FFA Organization

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New Jersey FFA **“Soar to New Heights”**

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

FROM: Ernest Arians, State FFA President
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: October 19, 2012

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, November 5, 2012 – 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 Mosehera-Chernigovets will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2012-2013.

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 – Ernie Arians
 - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Anne Poinsett
 - C. State Leadership Activities – Lauren Fillebrown
 - D. State Applications – Gaspar Hernandez
 - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Kyle Clement
 - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Delaney Gray
 - G. State Convention Evaluation – Joe Goodenough

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** – James Ferguson
- VII. Foundation Report** – Kyle Clement
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Anne Poinsett
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Ernie Arians
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Leadership Experience and Development (October 5-6, 2012)
 - a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Joe Goodenough
 - b. Leadership and Opportunities Conference – Sam Rubinstein
 - c. State Greenhand Conference – Jimmie Ferguson
 - B. Champions of Change (October 9, 2012) – Anne Poinsett
 - C. World Food Prize Global Youth Institute (October 18-20, 2012) – Lauren Fillebrown
 - D. State Grange Convention (October 19, 2012) – Anne Poinsett
 - E. National Convention Review (October 24-27, 2012)
 - a. Delegate Report – Gaspar Hernandez
 - b. State Booth Report – Kyle Clement
 - c. State Suite Report – Lauren Fillebrown
 - F. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 12-13, 2012) – Ernie Arians
 - G. Fall Career Development Events (November 15, 2012) – Kyle Clement
 - H. “Turkey Trot” NJ FFA Alumni 5K (November 17, 2012) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - I. 2013 Calendars (December 3, 2012) – Anne Poinsett
 - J. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 3-13, 2013) – Kyle Clement
 - K. Team Goal Action Plan – Joe Goodenough
 - L. Chapter Visits – Anne Poinsett
- XI. New Business**
 - A. Holiday Party – Gaspar Hernandez
 - B. State Agriculture Convention (January 17-19, 2013) – Delaney Gray
 - C. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 18, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
 - D. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 26, 2013) – Gaspar Hernandez
 - E. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 15-17, 2013) – Delaney Gray
 - F. Agriculture/ Education Issues Discussion – Anne Poinsett
 - G. Member of the Month – Jimmie Ferguson
 - H. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – December 3, 2012
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium.
4:00 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the October 1, 2012 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Ernie Ariens called the meeting to order at 3:54 PM. Voting members in attendance were Anne Poinsett, Delaney Gray, Kyle Clement, Gaspar Hernandez IV, Lauren Fillebrown, Jimmie Ferguson, Samuel Rubinstein, and Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Ms. Butch, and Mrs. Trivette. Guests in attendance were Eric Nelson and Kristianne Dowd.

II. Minutes from the August State Meeting

Motion by Delaney Gray to accept minutes as corrected.
Seconded by Jimmie Ferguson. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Gaspar Hernandez to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.
Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Kristianne Dowd introduced herself and said that her school year is going well.

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to give Joe Goodenough an unexcused absence pending a doctor's note
Seconded by Sam Rubenstein. Motion Passes.

Anne Poinsett assumes the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

No report.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

The next meeting will be on October 11th at 5pm via conference call.

C. State Leadership Activities

The next meeting will be on October 16th at 5pm via phone call.

D. State Applications.

No report

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

The next meeting will be on October 14th via Skype at 4pm.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Next meeting will be November 11 or 12 via Skype of phone call.

G. State Convention Evaluation

No report

Ernie reassumes the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

Sam Rubenstein talked about how flying squirrels don't fly even though that is what their name suggests. He related this to how the State Officers shouldn't be "fake" when they put their FFA jacket on. Instead, Sam suggested that the officers should try and be "the best you, you can be." This way we will truly be flying and not just falling gracefully.

VII. Foundation Report.

No report. The next meeting will be on October 9 at 6PM. Delaney and Sam will attend as alternates since Jimmie and Kyle will be in Washington, D.C.

VIII. Alumni Report

No report. The next meeting will be on Wednesday October 10 via webinar at 6pm

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

No report.

X. Unfinished Business

A. National Convention (October 22-28)

a. Flag Bearer

Joe received the official schedule and will carry the flag at all events specified.

b. Delegate Process

1. Creation of a Discussion Meet

- Topics to include in the written testimony: learn how to construct and argument, professional development, congress style debate style, given the topics and positions beforehand, promotes public speaking, parliamentary procedure,

2. Agricultural Summit

- Topics to include in the written testimony: FFA needs to bring agricultural issues to light to the members, encourage visiting local farms, having a national agricultural issues workshop, have the Ag Summit taught to State Officers in order to enforce the ideas and facilitate it to the members.

3. Evaluation of Proficiency Award Areas

- Topics to include in the written testimony: The NJ FFA does not believe that food service should be applied as a SAE. We also do not support creating a separate urban agriculture proficiency for it already can be applied to an existing proficiency area.

4. Agricultural Equipment Operations / Safety CDE

- Topics to include in the written testimony: The association supports having the Agricultural Equipment Operations CDE and how it promotes agricultural equipment safety. This CDE can prevent accidents on the farm which could cost money or the lives of others.

5. Agricultural Education CDE

- Topics to include in the written testimony: The state of New Jersey likes the idea of an Agricultural Education CDE. Students who participate may become Agricultural Teachers, who are needed.

6. Aquaculture CDE

- Topics to include in the written testimony: The New Jersey FFA Association supports the creation of the Aquaculture CDE and believes it can benefit students and broaden career horizons.

c. State Booth

There will be a map of New Jersey and the counties showing the top agricultural commodities of the state and of each region. Students from Salem County Vo. Tech will be scheduled to work at the booth as well as Kyle Clement and Joe Goodenough.

d. Recognition Program

We will host a recognition breakfast for the NJ chapters attending National Convention on Wednesday, October 24. Chapters who would like to attend should have emailed Mrs. Noble by September 27. Each officer (except for Lauren) is responsible for preparing a short stand-and-deliver relating to the topic assigned by Gaspar.

e. State Suite

The State Suite will be available for NJ members upon request. Emails were sent to the teachers attending National Convention. Teachers should have emailed Mrs. Noble by September 27 to request tickets. Lauren and Joe will serve as suite hosts.

B. Eastern States Exposition (September

The Big E took place on September in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Ernie Arians served as a Big E intern, Joe Goodenough competed in the stars program, Delaney Gray participated in State Officer opportunities, and Lauren Fillebrown participated in the Prepared Public Speaking CDE. Lauren placed 2nd in Prepared Public Speaking and Northern Burlington FFA's Floriculture team placed 5th with teammate Catherine Cincotta placing 2nd individually. A good time was had by all.

C. Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD: October 5-6 2012)

a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training

The COLT schedule is complete and the State Officers are excited to meet all the chapter officers!

b. Leadership & Opportunities Conference

Those involved in LOC will break out during chapter office specific activities. Ms. Weinberger, Eric Nelson, and Stephanie Tarlowe will facilitate those workshops.

c. State Greenhand Conference

All first year FFA members will attend SGC which will be facilitated by Alec McAlarnen, Jimmie Ferguson, Gillian Armstrong, and Sam Rubenstein.

D. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 3-13)

Kyle Clement and Anne Poinsett applied for the International Leadership Seminar for State Officers which will take place in Argentina from January 3-13, 2013. There will be a meeting to attend about ILSSO at National Convention. Mrs. Noble has been sending them updates

regarding donations that have come through the State FFA Foundation in their name.

E. Fall Ag Ed Conference (September 28th, 2012)

The Fall Ag Ed conference was held at Mercer County Community College on September 28. Forty-eight people attended. Topics focused on 21st Century Agricultural Education: Preparing students for high demand, high skill, high wage careers. Barrett Keene- a past national officer- delivered a keynote address to teachers to motivate them to continue making an impact in students' lives.

F. World Food Prize Global Youth Institute (October 18th-20th, 2012)

Lauren Fillebrown will attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Iowa from October 18-20, 2012. She is excited to learn more about the world wide hunger issue. She feels that it will be a life changing experience.

G. Fall Career Development Events (November 15th 2012)

Fall Career Development Events will take place at Rutgers University's Cook Campus in New Brunswick, NJ. Fall CDEs include Land Judging with Anne and Joe, Fruits and Vegetable Identification with Kyle, Sam, and Alec, Turf Management with Lauren, Gaspar, and Gillian, and Milk Quality and Products with Jimmie, Delaney, and Ernie. Teams will be registered before 9:30 am and the events will start at 10:00 am. Additional logistical information will be provided as we get closer to the events.

H. Chapter Visits

Kyle Clement said that he had a wonderful first chapter visit with the Penns Grove FFA Chapter! Officers shared the dates they secured for visits.

I. Team Goal Action Plan

The State Officers will continue to work on their individual plans of action and work with each other to accomplish the team and association goals.

XI. New Business

A. 2013 Calendars

The 2013 Calendars will be handed out at prior to the December meeting and will be given to the NJ FFA chapters, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Education, and NJ Farm Bureau. Ernie, Same, Anne, and possibly Delaney are available to deliver calendars.

B. Champions of Change (October 9th 2012)

The United States Department of Agriculture has selected FFA and 4-H members to be the focus of their Champions of Change program which highlights individuals who make a difference in their communities. Lauren Fillebrown, Anne Poinsett, Ernie Arians, Gillian Armstrong, Jimmie Ferguson, and Kyle Clement will go to the White House on October 9th to attend the ceremony. They will also be able to attend an east wing tour of the White House as well!

C. New Jersey State Grange Convention (October 19th 2012)

Anne Poinsett will attend the NJ State Grange Convention and is excited to share her experiences with the grange and how the granges statewide are helping FFA members.

D. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 12th-13th)

The NJ Farm Bureau Convention will be held at the Westin in Princeton. The county boards are in the process of electing delegates. Ernie Arians will address the convention on the 12th.

E. NJ FFA Alumni 5K (November 17th 2012)

The 2nd Annual Turkey Trot FFA 5K will take place on Saturday, November 17 at Veterans Park in Hamilton, NJ. It starts at 9:30 am and will happen rain or shine! FFA members pay \$15, Alumni \$20, and all others pay \$20. If you decide to register the day of, the price is \$25. Contact Ms. Butch for more details at susan.butch@ag.state.nj.us . Please register at eventbrite.com.

F. Agricultural/Education Issues Discussion

Lauren Fillebrown spoke about many agricultural issues facing the state, country, and world. She spoke about many different topics relating to hunger such as crop walks and engineering, organic and conventionally grown crops, North Korea's agricultural reform, and high apple prices.

G. Member of the Month

Motion by Jimmie Ferguson to accept Kaitlyn Eachus as October's Member of the Month.

Seconded by Sam Rubenstein. Motion passes.

H. State Officer Mileage

September's mileage was due on September 1st and October's Mileage will be due on November 5th.

I. National Ag Day(March 17th -19th)

The State officers will have the opportunity to go to Washington DC and visit with legislators and assemblymen to discuss agriculture. Participants will be housed at the National 4-H center.

XII. Closing

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM .

New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report
September 2012

BEGINNING BALANCE: September 1, 2012

(\$7,770.03)

Deposits:					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Project#</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Income</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Affiliation	\$ 47,017.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 148.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 1,015.00		
	5	LEAD	\$ 15,625.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 60,850.00	\$ 7,709.00	\$ 7,709.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,800.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.		\$ 4,006.13	\$ 4,006.13
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 5,000.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 141,092.00	\$ 13,763.13	\$ 13,763.13

Expenses:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Project #</i>	<i>Expense Description</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>	<i>Monthly Expense</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
	1	Affiliation	\$ 14,845.00		
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,179.00		
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,208.00		\$ 641.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,749.91		\$ 1,071.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 18,031.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 66,317.73		
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,511.00	\$ 1,543.00	\$ 1,543.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 7,314.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,920.36		\$ 16,719.95
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 6,016.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 141,092.00	\$ 1,843.00	\$ 20,274.95

Ending Balance: September 30, 2012

\$4,150.10

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FFA Deposits**

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
July				
1	Middlesex Co. Voc Schools	1735	\$ 550.00	
1	N.Warren Reg. Bd of Education	030009	\$ 832.00	
				\$ 1,382.00
2	N.Warren Reg. Bod	030974	\$ 108.00	
2	N.Burlington	33568	\$ 90.00	
2	N.Warren Reg Bd of Education	031309	\$ 45.00	
2	Cumberland	27465	\$ 144.00	
2	Newton Bd of Education	036616	\$ 634.00	
				\$ 1,021.00
6	Cape May Co Tech School	008152	\$ 2,940.00	
6	Freehold Reg. High School	415876	\$ 4,480.00	
6	Monmouth Co.	79909	\$ 499.00	
				\$ 7,919.00
8	Sussex	4594	\$ 570.00	
	Cumberland	27465	\$ 200.00	
				\$ 770.00
9	Virginia FFA Association	3755	\$ 3,105.72	
				\$ 3,105.72
			\$ 14,197.72	
August				
2	South Hunterdon	010337	\$ 521.00	
				\$ 521.00
4	Cumberland Reg School	005009	\$ 63.00	
				\$ 63.00
6	Ocean Co Voc	4277	\$ 200.00	
	Middlesex Co Voc. Piscataway	1787	\$ 1,260.00	
	State of NJ - NJT State Convention	11026392	\$ 140.00	
	State of NJ - SRB & EN State Convention	11028925	\$ 384.80	
				\$ 1,984.80
7	Monmouth Co	80300	\$ 150.00	
	Rutgers	2456812	\$ 1,000.00	
	Bryan Leh	3100	\$ 100.00	
	North East NJ FFA Alumni	132	\$ 50.00	
				\$ 1,300.00
9	Cash, Purto Rico Regis.		\$ 737.68	
	Delaware Association	1528	\$ 2,368.04	
	West Virginia FFA Association	8905	\$ 3,260.72	
				\$ 6,366.44
			\$ 10,235.24	
				\$ 24,432.96
September				
1	Somerset Co Voc School	63608	\$ 450.00	
	Buena regional	26526	\$ 1,050.00	
				\$ 1,500.00
2	Newton High School	5049	\$ 27.00	
	Cumberland Regional	27862	\$ 36.00	
	Freehold Twp High School	13124	\$ 40.00	
	Northern Burlington	9290	\$ 45.00	
				\$ 148.00
6	Northern Burlington	9290	\$ 2,720.00	
	Delsea Regional	14210	\$ 1,164.00	
	Lisa Moschera	207	\$ 1,000.00	
	BCIT Westampton- wristband	2298	\$ 25.00	
	South Hunterdon	10562	\$ 2,750.00	
	Northern Burlington	9289	\$ 50.00	
				\$ 7,709.00
7	Northern Burlington	9289	\$ 250.00	
	South Hunterdon	10562	\$ 150.00	
				\$ 400.00
9	NJFFA Foundation, Inc.	1455	\$ 4,006.13	
				\$ 4,006.13
			\$ 13,763.13	
				\$ 65,722.35

