



# National FFA Organization

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## **New Jersey FFA Association "Fuel Your Fire"**

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

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

**DATE:** October 23, 2013

**RE:** State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, November 4, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.**  
1st 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 Moschera-Chernigovets will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2013-2014.

### **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 – Kyle Clement
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Catherine Cincotta
  - C. State Leadership Activities – Delaney Gray
  - D. State Applications – Kristianne Dowd
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Stuart Faunce
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Kelly Gangel
  - G. State Convention Evaluation – David Watts

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** – Stuart Faunce
- VII. Executive Committee Report** – Ernest Arians
- VIII. Foundation Report** – Kristianne Dowd
- IX. Alumni Report** – Delaney Gray
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Kyle Clement
- XI. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Leadership Experience and Development Review (October 11-12, 2013)
    - a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Delaney Gray
    - b. Leadership and Opportunities Conference – David Watts
    - c. State Greenhand Conference – Ernest Arians
  - B. State Grange Convention (October 18, 2013) – Kyle Clement
  - C. 86th National FFA Convention Review (October 30-November 2, 2013)
    - a. Delegate Report – Kristianne Dowd
    - b. State Booth Report – Catherine Cincotta
    - c. State Suite Report – Stuart Faunce
  - D. 2014 Calendars – Catherine Cincotta
  - E. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 18-19, 2013) – Stuart Faunce
  - F. Fall Career Development Events (November 14, 2013) – Stuart Faunce
  - G. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January 4-13, 2014) – Kelly Gangel
  - H. National Ag Day Event (March 23-25, 2014) – Delaney Gray
  - I. Team Goal Action Plan – Kristianne Dowd
  - J. Chapter Visits – Catherine Cincotta
- XII. New Business**
  - A. Holiday Party – David Watts
  - B. State Officer Challenge – Delaney Gray
  - C. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 17, 2014) – David Watts
  - D. State Officer Candidates' School (January 25, 2014) – Catherine Cincotta
  - E. State Agriculture Convention (February 4-6, 2014) – Delaney Gray
  - F. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 20, 2014) – Kristianne Dowd
  - G. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 14-16, 2014) – Kelly Gangel
  - H. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Kristianne Dowd
  - I. Member of the Month – Ernest Arians
  - J. State Officer Mileage
- XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

***Next State Meeting - December 2, 2013***  
***New Jersey Department of Agriculture, First Floor Board Room***  
***4:00 p.m.***

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes of the October 7, 2013 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Voting members in attendance were Delaney Gray, Kelly Gangel, Kristianne Dowd, Catherine Cincotta, Dave Watts, Stuart Faunce, Ernie Arians, and Mrs. Lisa Moschera-Chernivogets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Mrs. Trivette. Guests in attendance were Emily Karr from the Freehold FFA Chapter and Sam Rubenstein, NJ FFA National Officer Candidate.

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

**Motion by Kelly Gangel** to accept the minutes as read.

**Seconded by Delaney Gray. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion by Kristianne Dowd** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

**Motion passes pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

Emily Karr from the Freehold FFA Chapter discussed her obligations with her band at school and her excitement for finding her shoes.

*Delaney Gray assumes the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Assignments**

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

No report. Next meeting will be held on October 19, 2013.

**B. Membership & Chapter Relations**

No report.

**C. State Leadership Activities**

No report.

**D. State Applications**

No report.

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**

No report. The next meeting will be held on December 9, 2013. A draft of the New Jersey FFA Association Career Development Event Sixty-Percent Mastery Policy was shared.

**Motion by Kristianne Dowd** to accept the written policy relating to the 60% mastery level policy.

**Seconded by Catherine Cincotta. Motion passes.**

**F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**

The committee discussed changes to the names and descriptions of certain classes in the Hort Expo. The committee also discussed the idea of keeping two stations for the Floral Design CDE.

**Motion by Kelly Gangel** to accept the committee report as read.

**There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

## **G. State Convention Evaluation**

The committee discussed the change of location for State Convention from Rutgers University to Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ. The committee also discussed the shift of dates for convention, and concerns that advisors had.

**Motion by Ernie Arians** to accept the change of venue for the State Convention to Monmouth University.

**Seconded by Catherine Cincotta. Motion passes.**

*Kyle Clement reassumes the duties of the chair.*

## **VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

Quorum: the number or percentage one needs to conduct a meeting. Parliamentary inquiry: a question directed to the presiding officer to obtain information on a matter of parliamentary law or the rules of the organization.

## **VII. Executive Committee Report**

In preparation for LEAD, the executive committee recommended getting full nights of sleep, dedicating our minds to remembering members' names, and investing time in getting to know who the members are. Try not to stress too much on all of the things going on, and really take time to get know the people around us. We have been challenged to remember at least seven names of new FFA members at LEAD.

## **VIII. Foundation Report**

The next meeting is October 8, 2013, and Stuart Faunce will be standing in for Krisitanne Dowd as the NJ FFA representative.

## **IX. Alumni Report**

There has not been a meeting this month. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 9, 2013. Ms. Morey is now the NJAAE representative on the board.

## **X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

No report. The next meeting is Thursday, October 17 at Somerset County Vocational Technical High School

## **XI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Eastern States Exposition**

Kyle Clement attended the Big E from September 12-16, 2013 for the States President Internship Program. Catherine Cincotta attended the Big E for the Star State Farmer Competition. Northern Burlington FFA placed first place in the Agricultural Mechanics CDE, and Lauren Fillebrown placed second in Extemporaneous Public Speaking. Congratulations!

### **B. Fall Ag Conference**

Kyle Clement, Delaney Gray, Dave Watts, and Stuart Faunce attended the conference. Mrs. Noble facilitated a workshop about the profession of agricultural education. Mrs. Ellen Thompson spoke about the Teach Ag campaign and the profession of agricultural education. Teachers that attended the conference also shared their favorite parts of teaching agriculture.

### **C. Leadership Experience and Development**

#### **a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT)**

COLT will be held for Chapter Officers. The State FFA Officers will be facilitating the 360 curriculum, and will have hold individual officer sessions, a Me in a Box session, and Perspectives. The officers are currently practicing their sessions of the 360° conference.

#### **b. Leadership and Opportunities Conference**

Eric Nelson, Jimmie Ferguson, and Sam Rubenstein will be facilitating LOC for all members who are not first year members or officers. They will follow the 360° conference and will have separate breakout sessions throughout the conference.

#### **c. State Greenhand Conference**

Ernie Arians, Lauren Fillebrown, Anne Poinsett and Sam Rubenstein will be facilitating SGC for first year members looking to receive their Greenhand Degree, learn about SAEs, and participating in FFA events.

#### **d. Timeline**

The state officers should have everything prepared by now, and will practice facilitating their team building activity after the meeting.

### **D. World Food Prize Youth Global Institute**

Allie Wilson from the Freehold FFA Chapter has been selected. Congratulations! She prepared and submitted a research paper, which got her to this point of selection. She will then travel to the Global Youth Institute and give a presentation to world leaders and other experts on her ideas.

### **E. 86<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention**

#### **a. Flag Bearer**

Dave Watts is the flag bearer for National Convention. He will be on the floor, holding the NJ Flag at the second session on Thursday.

#### **b. Delegates**

The delegate testimonies are in our folders. Later on we will be finalizing the testimony and deciding who will present each testimony.

#### **c. State Booth**

Catherine Cincotta will be manning the State Booth in the Hall of States with Northern Burlington FFA.

#### **d. State Suite**

Stuart Faunce will be meeting and greeting FFA members at the State Suite.

#### **e. Recognition Program**

Each officer was given a topic to discuss at the recognition breakfast. Have the topics written and prepared for Wednesday, October 9, 2013. Look at the planning section of the National Convention website and check out the information.

**F. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony**

The delegate process and testimonies are provided in our folders. The delegate committee findings were discussed, as well as the delegate testimonies. Changes and recommendations will be made during the national convention webinar next Monday.

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

ILSSO will be held in South Africa on January 3-14, 2013. The ILSSO coordinators have added an online educational course for the state officers to participate in. Kelly Gangel, Kristianne Dowd, Dave Watts, and Delaney Gray are raising the necessary funds for the trip. There is a possibility of receiving college credit for ILSSO, which is being researched currently.

**H. Fall Career Development Events (November 14, 2013)**

Registration due October 11, 2013. More information about CDE responsibilities and expectations will be discussed at a later time.

**I. Chapter Challenge**

The draft of the chapter challenge is provided in our folders. The officers plan to share this challenge at LEAD with members that are attending. Make sure to discuss the Chapter Challenge at chapter visits.

**Motion by Delaney Gray** to accept the draft of the Chapter Challenge as the official copy of the NJ FFA Association Chapter Challenge.

**Seconded by Stuart Faunce. Motion passes.**

**J. Chapter Visits**

All of the chapter visits have been requested, and nine visits have been completed so far. Catherine Cincotta attended the Middlesex East Brunswick Chapter and the Freehold FFA Chapter. Catherine shared things that she learned from each chapter. Delaney Gray attended Salem County, and shared what she had learned about the chapter. Dave Watts visited Woodstown and Cumberland Regional, where he got the realization that this is what state officers do, and he is excited to continue more visits. Kristianne Dowd attended Newton and Ocean County, where she facilitated fun workshops for the students. Kyle Clement attended Cape May Tech, where he went crabbing with the students. After chapter visits, follow up with an evaluation form and a thank you to the chapter.

**Chapter Chartering**

Memorize the chapter chartering ceremony for Hunterdon County Polytech High School. The ceremony will be held on Monday, October 21, 2013.

**K. Team Goals Action Plan**

The state officers have finalized the team goals, and discussed the status of the goals and action plans. Stuart Faunce created an Animoto clip about Fall CDEs, which each officer should start posting on social media websites to increase involvement. Video blogs are still to be determined. Dave Watts is researching the voting districts and representatives so that the officers can start making contact with them.

**XII. New Business**

**A. 2014 Calendars**

The NJ FFA 2014 Calendars will be available shortly. Our goal is to hand out the calendars before the December State meeting.

**B. New Jersey State Grange**

The New Jersey State Grange is a service organization, which has chapters throughout the state similar to FFA. They have agricultural roots, and are supporters of the NJ FFA. Every year, the State Grange has a presidents' dinner during their annual conference where an FFA State Officer is welcome to speak. Kyle Clement will be attending the dinner on behalf of the New Jersey FFA Association.

**C. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention**

The New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention will be held on November 18-19. There will be more information provided on their website later on, or contact Liz Thompson with any questions. There will also be YF&R events at the convention to participate in. Kyle will most likely be invited to speak during the convention.

**D. National Ag Day Event**

The National Ag Day Event is a day that FFA members and 4-H members visit the 4-H center in Washington, DC and attend workshops on advocating for agriculture. Members also will be able to meet with representatives of their state. Those attending will need to arrive in the afternoon of March 23. Mrs. Noble will need a list of officers, in order of precedence, who would like to attend.

**E. Agriculture/Agricultural Education Issues Discussion**

The government shut down has affected agriculture in several ways. The Food and Drug Administration has not been able to evaluate products for safety. However, there is still evaluation of meat and poultry. It has stopped the monitoring of air pollution. Small businesses that are Ag based are prevented from receiving loans. National park sites are also shut down, affecting tourism. The USDA website is also shut down.

**F. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Ernie Arians** to make Jessie Leigh Hickey of the Allentown FFA Chapter the October Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Catherine Cincotta. Motion passes.**

**G. State Officer Mileage**

State officer mileage is in our folders.

**XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report  
September 2013

**BEGINNING BALANCE: September 1, 2013**

**\$72,276.67**

<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	Affiliation	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 1,725.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 171.00	\$ 171.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 5,367.30	\$ 31.55	\$ 31.55
	4	State Officers	\$ 1,015.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 18,170.00	\$ 2,413.45	\$ 2,413.45
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 59,350.00	\$ 10,001.70	\$ 10,001.70
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 1,716.00	\$ 1,716.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 5,675.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
		<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 144,335.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,403.70</b>	<b>\$ 16,403.70</b>
 <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	Affiliation	\$ 14,400.00		
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,854.20		
	3	General Supplies	\$ 5,267.30	\$ 775.55	\$ 775.55
	4	State Officers	\$ 9,694.50		
	5	LEAD	\$ 21,353.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 64,494.00		
	7	National Convention	\$ 6,856.00		
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 7,710.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,125.00		
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 7,581.00		
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 144,335.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,025.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,025.55</b>

**Ending Balance: September 30, 2013**

**\$87,654.82**



**New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2014**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Order #'s</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<b>Dues/Memberships</b>			
	<b>Contests</b>			
	<b>General Supplies</b>			
08/05/13	Selective Insurance		\$ 625.00	
	<b>State Officers</b>			
09/19/13	AAA Membership	Pcard	\$ 456.00	
09/19/13	Lands End - True Blue Polo's for SO	Pcard	\$ 150.55	
	<b>Leadership Experience and Development</b>			
09/16/13	Partycrashers - DJ		\$ 250.00	
	<b>State Convention</b>			
	<b>National Convention</b>			
	<b>Hort Expo</b>			
	<b>Leadership Event</b>			
	<b>National Leadership Conference</b>			
				\$ -
				\$ -
	<b>Grand Total</b>		\$ 1,481.55	\$ -

FY14  
FFA Deposits

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
	<b>September</b>			
1	Gloucester Co	109467	\$ 300.00	
	North Warren Reg Bd of Education	001251	\$ 1,400.00	
	Northern Burlington Co	10775	\$ 25.00	
				\$ 1,725.00
2	Hackettstown Bd of Ed	048125	\$ 99.00	
	North Warren Regional	032811	\$ 72.00	
				\$ 171.00
3	Erin Noble	2584	\$ 31.55	
				\$ 31.55
4	National FFA Foundation	181612	\$ 90.00	
				\$ 90.00
5	BCIT West	4092	\$ 844.05	
	Warren Hills Regional	19804	\$ 1,569.40	
				\$ 2,413.45
6	Freehold Twp High School	13741	\$ 3,335.00	
	Hackettstown Bd of Education	048125	\$ 2,138.00	
	Newton High School	5493	\$ 2,193.00	
	Delsea Regional High School	16566	\$ 1,641.80	
	Rutgers	2673343	\$ 25.00	
	State of NJ - NJT,SRB,EN registration	0011429079	\$ 624.10	
	Ocean Co Voc School	4567	\$ 19.80	
	NJ FFA Foundation, Inc.	1583	\$ 25.00	
				\$ 10,001.70
7	South Hunterdon	001794	\$ 45.00	
	FFA Alumni -E.Nelson lodging deposit	1820	\$ 50.00	
	Rutgers	2671419	\$ 1,000.00	
	Monmouth County Bd	84182	\$ 450.00	
	North Warren Reg.	032811	\$ 31.00	
	Newton High School	16566	\$ 140.00	
				\$ 1,716.00
8	North Warren Reg.	032811	\$ 80.00	
				\$ 80.00
10	North Warren Reg.	032811	\$ 175.00	
				\$ 175.00
			\$ 16,403.70	

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

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Committee: Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review Committee

Committee Members Present: Kelly Gangel, Dave Watts, Mrs. Hamilton

Absent: Kyle Clement, Ernie Arians, Anne Poinsett

Purpose of Meeting: To evaluate and review the classes and comments of the Horticultural Exposition, and to discuss any necessary changes.

Recommended Action(s):

1. Class 102: Talk with other teachers to see what they recommend for the size limit changes.
2. European Garden: change the description to clarify that there are three separate plants in three separate containers. All three plants should stay in their own container. And then are placed in one large container. We suggest writing: "A group of mixed foliage plants which stay in their own container, and then are displayed in one designer container." Change designer container limits to 14 inches.
3. Change "Give it All You've Got" to "Trend Setters" and put an example of trends that could be used in the description.
4. Continue to have two stations for the Floral Design CDE.
5. Size limitations: Keep one size limit. Two limits will overcomplicate things, and defeat the purpose of the size limits for future careers.
6. "I Do" class: There is a water source issue for the silk bouquets. We suggest adding "Fresh flowers must have a water source. Silk flowers do not need one" to the description.

Comments: Next meeting date TBA

Kelly Gangel  
Chairperson

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Secretary