



# National FFA Organization

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## **New Jersey FFA** **Imagine. Inspire. Impact.**

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

FROM: Hanna Toft, State FFA President  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist  
Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: April 1, 2010

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, April 5th, 2010 - 4:15 p.m.**  
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. David Pede, Teacher Representative to the Executive Board, will have voting power at each meeting in 2009-2010.

### **AGENDA FOR THE APRIL STATE MEETING**

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the March State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Hanna Toft
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Allison Karr
  - C. State Leadership Activities/State Convention - Brianne Scholl
  - D. State Applications – Annaliese Gancarz
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Eric Nelson
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jessica Voll

#### **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** – Keely Weinberger
- VII. Foundation Report** – Brianne Scholl
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Allison Karr
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Hanna Toft
- X. State CTE Advisory Committee** – Eric Nelson
- XI. Environmental Education: A Plan of Action** – Hanna Toft
- XII. Unfinished Business**

- A. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design (March 12 -14, 2010) – Jessica Voll
- B. National Ag Day, Washington D.C. (March 18, 2010) –Brianne Scholl
- C. State Convention Planning- Keely Weinberger
  - a. Time line
  - b. video shoot
- D. Retiring Addresses- Mark Boyko
- E. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Brianne Scholl
- F. Online Career Development Events- Eric Nelson
  - a. Farm Business Management & Forestry (March 24, 2010)
  - b. Meats Evaluation & Agronomy (April 21, 2010)
- G. Spring CDEs (April 15, 2010) –Annaliese Gancarz
- H. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDE (April 10, 2010) – Jessica Voll
- I. Agriscience Fair (April 28, 2010) –Allison Karr
- J. Chapter Visits – Allison Karr
- K. Association/ Team Goal Updates
  - a. Clothing Drive - Keely Weinberger

**XIII. New Business**

- A. State Officer Candidates- Brianne Scholl
- B. Nominating Committee Candidates – Annaliese Gancarz
- C. National Officer Candidates – Hanna Toft
- D. Chapter Reports
- E. Member of the Month
- F. State Officer Mileage

**XIII. Closing Ceremonies.**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, May 3, 2010  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom  
4:15 p.m.*

**NJ FFA Association  
Minutes of March 1, 2010**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Hanna Toft called the meeting to order at 4:12 pm. Voting members in attendance were Brianne Scholl, Jessica Voll, Eric Nelson, Allison Karr, Keely Weinberger, Mark Boyko and Annaliese Gancarz. In addition, Mrs. Erin Noble state staff attended.

**Minutes from the February State Meeting**

**Motion by Jessica Voll** that the Secretary's report be accepted as read.

**Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion passes.**

**II. Treasurer's Report**

Eric Nelson gave the Treasurer's Report.

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

Motion passes pending audit.

**III. Guest Introduction and Attendance**

**Motion by Annaliese Gancarz** to excuse Mr. Pede from the March State Meeting.

Motion seconded by Allison Karr. **Motion passes.**

Mark Boyko recommended the teachers send an alternate to meetings when Mr. Pede is unavailable to attend. Having a teacher represented at every meeting is important to the officers.

*Brianne assumes the duties of the chair*

**IV. Committee Assignments**

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

No report.

**B. Membership & Chapter Relations**

No report.

**C. State Leadership Activities and State Convention**

No report.

**D. State Applications**

No Report.

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**

No report.

**F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**

No Report.

*Hanna re-assumes the duties of the chair.*

**V. Executive Report**

The executive committee was unable to help with ALLD since it was cancelled, but will be helping with the association with the upcoming events. Hort Expo, Spring CDEs, and State Convention are right around the corner.

**VI. Foundation Report**

The Foundation is looking for more people to join the board. Eric will be attending the next meeting which is April 13. The Foundation will be electing new officers. Keely and Brianne are on the nominating committee.

**VII. Alumni Report**

The last meeting was on February 13 and held via Go To Meeting. This was the first web conference the Alumni has participated in. They discussed the Golf Tournament which is June 22. The Alumni is not merging with the Farm Credit East golf tournament after all. However, Farm Credit East is still interested in making a donation. The state officers are strongly encouraged to get golfers and sponsors.

**VIII. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

The last meeting was at the State Ag. Convention. There was a great deal of discussion about CASE, articulations and other important items regarding agricultural education. In addition, new officers were elected for the year.

**IX. State Career Technical Education Advisory Committee**

The next CTE meeting will be held in the Fall.

**X. Environmental Education Committee**

The last meeting was February 10. Hanna was unable to attend.

**XI. Unfinished Business**

**A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients**

Honorary State Degree and the Distinguished Service Awards are as follows. The Honorary State Degree - Marilyn Patterson, Chris Nnadi, Joe Clark, Kenneth Karamichael, Troy Joshua. Janice Galbraith, Jean Nicoletta, Richard Lawrence, and Robin Sternal. The Distinguished Service Awards to – Delaware FFA Association, Cape May County Board of Agriculture, and Union County Board of Agriculture.

**B. State Ag. Convention**

Hanna attended the State Ag. Convention at the end February. Keely and Mark attended the event later in the day. Hanna presented her speech “Agriculture: It’s a Global Affair.” Keely, Mark and Hanna attended the youth reception and delegate dinner. They had the chance to meet with individuals from the different ag commodity areas and 4-H representatives. A highlight from the delegate dinner was hearing from Governor Chris Christie.

**C. National FFA Week**

**A. ALLD**

Advocacy and Legislature Leadership Day was supposed to be February 25 at the College of New Jersey; however it was cancelled due to the snow and unable to be rescheduled.

**B. Chapter Activities**

Brianne attended Allentown FFA’s Sponsor Breakfast. Secretary Fisher attended the event as well. Hanna attend Penns Grove’s staff breakfast and BCIT Westampton’s degree breakfast. Eric attended Newton’s appreciation luncheon. Allison attended Woodstown’s pot luck supper. The officers presented inspirational speeches to members, advisors, and guests about agriculture education and FFA and how it changed them.

**D. DVC Leadership Training**

Allison, Brianne and Eric attended this conference on March 1, 2010 at Delaware Valley College. They presented five workshops in the main gym. It was a smaller conference than they thought, but it went very well. The members were receptive to the material. The NJ State Officers had the chance to see other members and officers from other states as well.

**E. Horticultural Exposition/Floral Design**

The Horticultural Exposition is March 12-14. Officers will meet at the base of the elevators at 9:15 pm on Thursday to set up for the event. We went over the duties for the event.

**F. National Ag. Day, Washington D.C.**

Keely, Brianne, and Jessica will be heading to Washington D.C. to meet with senators and congressmen to give important key messages and learn about more important information on agriculture. There is also a special event in the Capitol's visitor center where they will hear from leaders in various ag related organizations. This will be on Thursday, March 18, 2010.

**G. State Convention Planning**

**a. Timeline**

Keely reviewed the overdue tasks that need to be done as soon as possible. Please get the Retiring Addresses in. State Convention is creeping up.

**b. Video Shoot**

The video shoot will take place on March 27, 2010 at 10 am at Mrs. Noble's house. The rules skit, opening video and parent speeches will be recorded.

**c. Potential SOC/Nom Com**

We discussed potential State Officers and Nom Com at the last meeting. The state officers, unfortunately, were unable to see members at ALLD due to the snow, but we can keep in touch with them through Facebook.

**H. Delegate Issues for State Convention**

One National FFA delegate issue that was presented was Pennsylvania's proposal for a ratification process for the constitution and bylaws. Mrs. Noble also discussed other state constitution and bylaws amendments. Please be prepared to vote on these proposals at the April state meeting.

**I. Online Career Development Events**

**a. Farm Business Management and Forestry**

On March 24, 2010 the Farm Business Management CDE and Forestry CDE will take place via [www.MyCAERT.com](http://www.MyCAERT.com).

**b. Meats Evaluation and Agronomy**

The Meat Evaluation and Agronomy CDEs will take place via [www.MyCAERT.com](http://www.MyCAERT.com) on April 21. These are two new events this year.

**J. Livestock and Dairy Judging**

Livestock and Dairy Judging will take place on April 10, 2010 at Delaware Valley College. Eric will be at Dairy and Livestock will be between Annaliese, Keely, and Allison.

**K. Retiring Address Workshop**

The Retiring Address Workshop will be on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 5:00 pm at the Department of Agriculture. The Alumni and State Staff will be working with the State Officers to improve their speeches and their speech delivery. This will be on-the-spot feedback unlike the banquet speech workshop.

## **L. Spring CDEs**

The Spring CDEs will be on April 15, 2010 at Rutgers University. Coverage at each CDE is as follows:

Environmental/Natural Resources - Eric and Hanna  
Floriculture - Allison and Brianne  
Nursery/Landscape - Mark  
Ag. Mechanics - Annaliese  
Ag. Sales - Jessica

## **M. Agriscience Fair**

The Agriscience Fair will be on April 28, 2010 from 3-6 pm at the Rutgers EcoComplex. Coverage for this event will be Eric, Brianne and possibly Annaliese.

## **N. Chapter Visits**

There are seven chapters left to visit this year. Let's get them done and accomplish our goal!

## **O. Association/Team Goal Updates**

The Art Competition still needs a Sponsor for the award money. The team activity needs to be rescheduled still. We are hoping to schedule something when it gets warm and before state convention!

## **XII. New Business**

### **A. State Applications Judging**

State Applications Judging will be on April 8, 2010 at the NJDA at 8:30 am. Business people and teachers will be judging these applications. Eric will represent the executive board on the judging committee.

### **B. Member of the Month**

**Motion by** Keely Weinberger to make Rachel L. Layton from the Woodstown FFA Chapter the March Member of the Month.

**Seconded by** Allison Karr. **Motion passes.**

### **C. State Officer Mileage**

Keep getting it in!

### **D. Other**

Keely is going to look into conducting a clothing drive as the statewide service project. She will report back at the April meeting.

## **XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

## **XIV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

New Jersey FFA Association  
Treasurer's Report for  
February 2010

**BEGINNING BALANCE: February 1, 2010**

\$89,418.13

<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	\$ 20,108.00	\$ 4,623.00	\$ 8,660.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 279.00	\$ 3,442.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 225.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 158.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 10,400.00		\$ 8,742.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00		\$ 23,126.80
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,320.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 216.00	\$ 528.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
		Total Deposits	\$ 91,583.00	\$ 5,972.00	\$ 47,776.80
<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	\$ 9,140.00		\$ 50.00
	2	Contests	\$ 403.00		\$ 407.50
	3	General Supplies	\$ 2,401.00		\$ 2,024.74
	4	State Officers	\$ 8,556.00		\$ 4,303.15
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,345.00		\$ 6,393.51
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,365.00		\$ 1,069.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 5,427.00		\$ 7,493.80
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 3,890.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,015.00		\$ 725.00
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,041.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 364.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 91,583.00	\$ 364.00	\$ 22,830.70

**Ending Balance: February 28, 2010**

\$95,026.13

**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>
<b>February</b>					
1		Cape May Co Tech	4121	\$ 803.00	
		Allentown High School	188	\$ 1,463.00	
		Belvidere Bd of Ed	1850	\$ 1,462.00	
		BCIT - westampton	1044	\$ 477.00	
		Gloucester Co. Special services	94218	\$ 176.00	
		Buena Regional School District	7130	\$ 242.00	
					\$ 4,623.00
2		Middlesex County Voc Schools - Piscatway	1546	\$ 72.00	
		Freehold Regional High School	391031	\$ 36.00	
		Cape May Co. Tech	291	\$ 171.00	
					\$ 279.00
4		Cape May Co. Tech	3992	\$ 54.00	
					\$ 54.00
8		BCIT - Westampton	1117	\$ 100.00	
		Cape May Co. Tech	291	\$ 116.00	
					\$ 216.00
10		BCIT - Medford	1045	\$ 225.00	
		Allentown High School	187	\$ 375.00	
		BCIT - Westampton	1056	\$ 175.00	
		Delaware Valley College	124212	\$ 25.00	(Needs to be reimbursed)
				\$ 5,972.00	\$ 800.00
					\$ 47,776.80



New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2010				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	<b>Dues/Memberships</b>			
12/17/09	NJ Ag Society membership		\$ 50.00	
				\$ 50.00
	<b>Contests</b>			
01/28/10	ScranTron Cards		\$ 345.00	
01/28/10	Rental of MPR rooms		\$ 62.50	
				\$ 407.50
	<b>General Supplies</b>			
08/17/09	Color toners, easel pads		\$ 718.57	
08/18/09	Erin Noble - Reimbursement for SO Business Cards		\$ 111.61	
10/14/09	Bell Promo - travel mugs		\$ 460.84	
11/24/09	American Income Life Insurance		\$ 677.12	
12/09/09	Vista Print - Xmas cards		\$ 56.60	
				\$ 2,024.74
	<b>State Officers</b>			
08/27/09	National FFA - SO Jackets, scrafs, key chains, Thankyou notes		\$ 586.50	
08/21/09	National FFA - SO Jackets- Eric & Hanna redo		\$ 148.00	
10/02/09	National FFA - SO LS Shirts		\$ 129.00	
10/14/09	National FFA - M.Boyko shirt		\$ 20.95	
10/15/09	National FFA - Registration for J.Voll at SPC		\$ 575.00	
12/16/09	E.Nelson - mileage reimbursement		\$ 142.54	
12/16/09	H.Toft - mileage reimbursement		\$ 1,040.36	
12/16/09	A.Karr- mileage reimbursement		\$ 388.68	
12/16/09	J.Voll-mileage reimbursement		\$ 447.86	
12/16/09	B.Scholl-mileage reimbursement		\$ 343.76	
01/05/10	K.Weinberger - mileage reimb.		\$ 285.20	
01/05/10	A.Gancarz- mileage reimb.		\$ 96.10	
01/05/10	M.Boyko - mileage reimb.		\$ 99.20	
				\$ 4,303.15
	<b>Leadership Experience and Development</b>			
11/05/09	YMCA - Camp Ralph Mason - Lodging & Meals		\$ 6,272.00	
11/25/09	A. Gancauz - LEAD supplies		\$ 22.04	
12/16/09	K.Weinberger - COLT supplies		\$ 99.47	
	<b>State Convention</b>			\$ 6,393.51
01/28/10	First Coast Promo- Blue Tie Dye Shirts		\$ 1,069.00	
				\$ 1,069.00
	<b>State Convention Awards</b>			
				\$ -
	<b>National Convention</b>			
07/07/09	National FFA - CDE registration		\$ 630.00	
07/06/09	National FFA - Lodging Room deposits		\$ 1,100.00	
09/09/09	Susan Butch- Delg. & SO Airline Tickets to Indianapolis		\$ 793.15	
09/09/09	FFA Alumni Association - Balance of SO Airline Tickets to Indy		\$ 187.65	
01/08/10	Nat. FFA - Lodging for A.Keggan at Nat.Convention		\$ 395.85	
01/28/10	Conseco Field House - Suite Food		\$ 761.43	
11/10/09	Hyatt Regency, Indy, IN - Balance of NJ FFA Breakfast		\$ 1,938.64	
11/10/09	Big E Registration 3 @ \$10		\$ 30.00	
11/23/09	The Westin - SO lodging rooms during Nat. Convention		\$ 1,417.08	
11/18/09	National FFA - Registration for SO		\$ 200.00	
11/25/09	H.Toft - baggage reimbursement		\$ 40.00	
				\$ 7,493.80
	<b>Hort Expo</b>			
				\$ -
	<b>Leadership Event</b>			
02/24/10	College of New Jersey		\$ 364.00	
				\$ 364.00
	<b>National Leadership Conference</b>			
09/14/09	Pennsylvania FFA - Registration for NLCSO for SO		\$ 725.00	
				\$ 725.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 22,830.70</b>	<b>\$ 22,830.70</b>