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

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

DATE: January 30, 2012

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2012 – 4:15 pm
1st 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 FEBRUARY STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the January 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 Rubenstein
 - 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 Rubenstein
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Alec McAlarnen
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. International Leadership Conference for State Officers Report – Gillian Armstrong
 - B. State Agriculture Convention (January 18, 2012) – Alec McAlarnen
 - C. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 20, 2012) – Sam Rubenstein
 - D. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 28, 2012) – Anna Lubas
 - E. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 16-18, 2012) – Gillian Armstrong
 - F. National FFA Week
 - a. ALLD (February 23, 2012) – Ernie Arians
 - b. Chapter Activities – Anna Lubas
 - G. National Ag Day – Sam Rubenstein
 - H. State Convention Planning – Jimmie Ferguson
 - a. Planning Retreat
 - b. Timeline
 - c. Video Shoot
 - d. Cost Analysis
 - e. Statewide Community Service Project
 - I. Retiring Addresses – Rachel Layton
 - J. Association/Team Goal Updates – Jimmie Ferguson
 - K. Chapter Visits – Ernie Arians
- XI. New Business**
 - A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - B. Delegates Issues for State Convention – Jimmie Ferguson
 - C. Pfizer Animal Health Visit (March 9, 2012) – Ernie Arians
 - D. Teach Ag Day Event (March 15, 2012) – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - E. Online Career Development Events (March 22, 2012) – Gillian Armstrong
 - F. Spring CDEs (April 19, 2012) – Sam Rubenstein
 - G. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs (April 21, 2012) – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - H. Agriscience Fair (April 25, 2012) – Anna Lubas
 - I. Agriculture/ Education Issues Discussion – Julianne Robinson
 - J. Member of the Month – Eric Nelson
 - K. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – March 5, 2012
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
4:15 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the January 9, 2012 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Alec McAlarnen called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Voting members in attendance were Jimmie Ferguson, Stephanie Tarlowe, Anna Lubas, Ernest Arians, Samuel Rubinstein, Eric Nelson, and Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Trivette and Mrs. Noble.

II. Minutes from the December State Meeting

Motion by Stephanie Tarlowe to accept the December minutes as read.

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

III. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Anna Lubas to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.

Motion passes pending audit.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Eric requested to leave early for work. Stephanie will be late to the May work session for an AP test. As a reminder, Gill received an excused absence for this meeting since she is in China for ILSSO.

Motion by James Ferguson to give Rachel Layton and Julianne Robinson unexcused absences.

Second by Eric Nelson. Motion Passes.

Jimmie assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

See attached committee reports for full details.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

The January 5 focused on POA updates. Copies of the POA will be reviewed for terminology changes at the next meeting.

Motion by Alec McAlarnen to accept the Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities Committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

Motion by Alec McAlarnen to accept recommended changes to the POA.

Second by Eric Nelson. Motion passes.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

There will be a phone conference tomorrow at 11 am.

C. State Leadership Activities

No report.

D. State Applications

Stephanie worked with Mrs. Noble so that approved changes will be made for this year's applications.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

No report.

F. State Convention Evaluation

A Google Doc will be resent to committee members for comments.

G. Special Committee: Hall of States Event

State officers will judge written plans before judges do the final evaluation at State Convention. Aggressive promotion is needed since there is a short amount of time before registration is due. If no satisfactory booth is presented, the State Officers will be responsible for the Hall of States exhibit again.

Motion by Samuel Rubinstein to accept and implement the Hall of States Event as outlined in the application packet.

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

Alec reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

This month's key is acceptance of differing viewpoints. As State Convention planning begins, we must remember to be open-minded to the ideas of others so that the final result is a blend of everyone's best ideas.

VII. Foundation Report

The next meeting is tomorrow at 6 pm in the board room.

VIII. Alumni Report

The last meeting was held via webinar on December 14. The 5K will be repeated in the spring as a Bunny Hop at Veteran's Park on March 24. The race begins at 9:30 am. Associate membership will be promoted through a raffle at State Convention. Students will submit their information and one winner will receive an iPod Nano. All information will be kept and used once the student graduates so a recruitment packet can be sent.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 18 in Atlantic City during the State Ag Convention from 8 am to 3 pm. Alec will deliver his speech in the afternoon.

X. Unfinished Business

A. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers

Gillian is currently in China, and the rest of us can follow her adventures on the National FFA Blog. Those who have been on ILSSO before assure us she is having

the time of her life learning about global agriculture and will return with newfound respect for the industry, new connections, and lots of stories.

B. 2012 Calendars

Calendars were distributed by Alec, Sam, and Ernie before the December work session. They were a hit with the recipients.

C. Holiday Party

We enjoyed a lovely potluck dinner and holiday party at the Trivettes' house after the December work session. Everyone exchanged gifts and enjoyed each others' company.

D. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 20, 2012)

This workshop will be held at 6 pm at the EcoComplex. Parents and Advisors received invitations in the mail and should RSVP by January 11. Speeches do not have to be memorized but we should be comfortable presenting them.

Training for the Agricultural Experience Tracker (AET), an online record book system available free to Blue-Affiliated programs, will be held that day from 9 am to 3 pm at Mercer County College. State Officers are welcome to attend and should bring a laptop with wireless connection.

E. State Officer Candidates' School (January 28, 2012)

Select chapter members who have been targeted as potential candidates have received personal invitations. Sam will help set up the Friday before starting at 3 pm.

F. State Agriculture Convention (January 18, 2012)

Alec, Jimmie, Stephanie, Ernie, and Sam will attend Wednesday's youth reception at 5 pm before the Delegate Dinner. Alec and Jimmie will present honorary American degrees to those unable to attend the National FFA Convention at 1:30 pm.

G. Horticultural Exposition/ Floral Design CDE (March 16-18, 2012)

The Hort Expo will be publicized at Mercer County College, over the radio, to nearby senior communities, and through FFA supporters. Jason Troendle, the National FFA Secretary, will be in attendance to present three leadership workshops, making this trip an exciting opportunity to both compete and gain leadership skills. The day before the event, he will help with a Teach Ag Day event for nearby schools along with Eric, Alec, Stephanie, Anna, and Ernie.

Time slots for State Officers to work the Expo have been assigned as follows:

- Friday, 5-8 pm: Stephanie and Eric
- Saturday, 9 am-1 pm: Alec and Julianne
- Saturday, 1-4 pm: Ernie and Sam
- Sunday, 1-5 pm and cleanup: Anna and Gillian

H. National FFA Week

I. ALLD (February 23, 2012)

The schedule has been published. The guest speakers will be determined this week.

2. Chapter Activities

Anna will be at Allentown's sponsor breakfast and Sam will present a speech. He will also do a chapter visit for Allentown's second semester classes the week of February 6, provided his other visits are complete. Many more requests are expected for discussion at the February meeting.

I. State Convention Retreat (February 24-26, 2012)

We have secured a cabin in the Poconos to concentrate on State Convention planning and grow as a team. There is an opportunity to go to nearby Jack Frost for snow tubing. State officers will meet at Mrs. Noble's house or the A&P in Asbury for the drive, but should ensure their vehicles' safeties. Officers will plan the menu for the week after this meeting.

J. National Ag Day

Ernie and Sam are going to Washington D.C. to meet with legislators and work with about 100 other students to discuss agriculture and advocate for an important issue.

K. Convention Practice Schedule

Ceremonies are to be memorized for the work sessions as follows:

- December – Honorary
- January – State Degree
- February – Installation of State Officers
- March – Blue Jackets. Bright Futures.

L. Association/ Team Goal Updates

Sam found a location for an ice skating team day. Jimmie has been working on goals and Anna talks about CDEs at chapter visits. Stephanie posted encouragement to complete applications on Facebook. Alec sent emails to collaborate on the Alumni goal. We need to promote Member of the Month applications to reach our goal of ten each month!

M. Chapter Visits

Several chapters are still missing materials required for them to maintain their charters. Alec, Jimmie, Stephanie, Anna, Ernie, and Eric will attend the Calais chartering ceremony January 30 at 1:30 pm. Pemberton and Passaic schools were sent information about chartering but have not replied. BCIT-Medford's vet program has been sent materials as well. Stephanie is working on a visit date with Belvidere and Sam is trying to reach Monmouth. Visits should be completed before February.

XI. New Business

A. Potential State Officers

Registration is due Wednesday for SOCS.

B. State Convention Planning

As we enter the new year, we start thinking about State Convention, which is held from May 22-24. The retreat will be held from February 24-26 in a Poconos cabin to focus on writing our parts together. We will start planning following this meeting. Seth Pratt will be our attending National Officer.

C. Retiring Addresses

It's getting to be that time of year, so materials have been provided to get us thinking and help us with an outline. We are going to put our all into these speeches because it is how we will be remembered. The timeline will be discussed later.

D. Statewide Community Service Project

Each year, the State Officers select a service project to be showcased at State Convention. Last year, "FFA Cares" ribbons were sold to support cancer research. We will focus on the issue of hunger as a continuation of our efforts at ALLD. Anna is researching rubber bracelets that say "FFA Against Hunger" to support Farmers Against Hunger; we hope to have these ready to sell for ALLD and FFA Week. We may work with a connection at Rutgers for a food drive. Delaware had done a similar food drive at their State Convention last year, so we may investigate creating a service project to fill recreation time at Convention although this may not be feasible with time constraints and logistics.

E. American FFA Degree Workshop

This workshop is always offered with little interest, but Mrs. Noble will work with eligible State Officers one hour before next week's work session.

F. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion

A list of this year's projected top agricultural issues includes: the farm bill, due to financial conditions; animal welfare with the lifting of the horse slaughter ban; biodiesel, since tax provisions expired without reauthorization; food safety in eggs and E. coli to save money and outbreaks; and several others. There are also bound to be problems in the Department of Labor due to cuts and the proposed child agricultural law. A discussion of CASE curriculum was had since state staff are all going to meetings and NJ will be hosting a training again this summer.

G. Member of the Month

Motion by Eric Nelson to make Erin Eckenroad of the Penns Grove Chapter the January Member of the Month.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

H. State Officer Mileage

January mileage is due by February 6 at 2 pm.

XII. Other Business

- The State Officers will join the teams from New York and Pennsylvania at Pfizer Animal Health in Madison on March 9 for a lunch, tour, and workshops. More details

to follow.

- The New Jersey Soybean Board wants to start a contest for FFA members. Members would sign up to plant and harvest soybeans and submit paperwork of their records with an evaluation of their yield so that judges can pick a winner to be announced at State Convention. With 5-10 participants, this would be worthwhile; Cumberland and Northern Burlington definitely have eligible members, so now it is only a matter of promotion. We will need to clarify if seniors would be eligible for the crop they plant during the spring of their senior year. We recommend finding sponsorship for the award, which would be kept similar to current award payouts or made into a scholarship through the Foundation. Perhaps the Soybean Board could provide resources for seed donations.

Motion by Eric Nelson to propose a Soybean Yield Contest to the NJ Soybean Board.

Second by Anna Lubas. Motion passes.

- Veterinary Science CDE materials are now available from National FFA.

Motion by Samuel Rubinstein to accept the Veterinary Science CDE state event outline.

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

XIII. Closing Ceremonies

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.

New Jersey FFA Association Treasurer's Report for
December 2011

BEGINNING BALANCE: December 1, 2011

\$33,270.24

Deposits:					
<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		\$ 20,492.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00		\$ 1,503.90
	3	General Supplies			\$ 806.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00		\$ 11,699.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 48,600.00		\$ 25,153.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00		\$ 1,550.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,675.00		\$ 687.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,750.00		\$ 200.00
		Total Deposits	\$ 107,835.00	\$ -	\$ 62,090.90
 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	\$ 1,915.00	\$ 1,915.00
	2	Contests	\$ 1,378.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 1,665.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,388.00	\$ 819.48	\$ 1,447.48
	4	State Officers	\$ 11,143.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 7,598.94
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,904.00		\$ 13,223.54
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,956.00		\$ 3,655.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,711.00		\$ 9,184.53
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,041.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,854.00		\$ 1,853.51
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,140.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 3,259.48	\$ 40,543.00

Ending Balance: December 31, 2011

\$30,010.76

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2012				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
11/30/11	National FFA - Manuals & Student Handbooks		\$ 1,915.00	
				\$ 1,915.00
	Contests			
07/07/11	NJ FFA Foundation-to increase awards for CDE's at Convention		\$ 1,300.00	
11/16/11	Big E registrations		\$ 50.00	
11/16/11	Delaware FFA -		\$ 75.00	
12/13/11	Clay Ewell -Scantron Cards		\$ 240.00	\$ 1,665.00
	General Supplies			
08/04/11	Selective Insurance Liability		\$ 628.00	
12/05/11	National FFA - Jackets, scrafs, ties		\$ 763.50	
12/13/11	Vistaprint - calander order partial order		\$ 55.98	\$ 1,447.48
	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. Arians, 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	
11/23/11	G. Armstrong July & August mileage reimbursement		\$ 66.91	
11/23/11	A. McAlamen Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 420.95	
11/23/11	J. Ferguson Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 305.66	
11/23/11	S. Tarlowe Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 252.90	
11/23/11	A. Lubas Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 67.58	
11/23/11	E. Arians, Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 274.72	
11/23/11	S. Rubinstein, Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 173.45	
11/23/11	G. Armstrong Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 145.08	
11/23/11	E. Nelson Sept & Oct mileage		\$ 63.36	
12/06/11	E. Arians - Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv		\$ 50.00	
12/06/11	A. McAlamen - Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv		\$ 50.00	
12/06/11	J. Ferguson -Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv		\$ 104.87	
12/06/11	G. Armstrong-Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv		\$ 25.00	
12/06/11	S. Tarlowe -Baggage Fee to National FFA Conv.		\$ 56.00	
				\$ 7,598.94
	Leadership Experience and Development			
09/14/11	Partycrashers - DJ service at Camp Bernie		\$ 250.00	
11/29/11	YMCA Camp Bernie		\$ 12,887.00	
12/06/11	E. Nelson - SGC supplies		\$ 86.54	
				\$ 13,223.54
	State Convention			
07/18/11	Leila 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	
08/04/11	Harrah Newman-convention award		\$ 50.00	
08/08/11	Rebecca Shannon-convention award		\$ 100.00	
08/08/11	Jamie Jellife-convention award		\$ 75.00	
08/08/11	Angelina Roslin - Convention Award		\$ 100.00	
10/17/11	Phillipsburg High School - over payment of registration Pd 2x's		\$ 1,854.00	
				\$ 3,655.00
	National Convention			
07/06/11	National FFA - NJ Housing Lodging Deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
07/06/11	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 630.00	
10/13/11	Hyatt Regency-indy - NJ Breakfast		\$ 1,748.46	
10/03/11	Pacers Basketball - rental of suite in Indy		\$ 2,500.00	
10/27/11	Levy suite food		\$ 340.84	
10/30/11	The Westin Hotel		\$ 2,265.23	
				\$ 9,184.53
	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			
			\$ 40,543.01	\$ 40,543.00

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: January 5, 2012

Committee: Constitution, By-Laws & POA

Committee Members Present: Ernie Arians, Alec McAlarnen

Absent: Advisor, Stephanie Tarlowe

Purpose of Meeting: To review the Constitution, By-Laws & POA for general updating.

POA

Recommended Action(s): In Member Activities: Section C: Goal: Strike the word "priority." Section E: Strike "Dues" and insert Affiliation Fees where applicable. In State Activities: Section H: Change "VSO Council" to "CTE Advisory Committee" and have the Goal and Action Steps mirror that of Section I. In Section J: Move "Promote chapter communication with the state association through forms and applications to the Goal Box, and make the first box "Forms and Applications. Throughout the Constitution and By-Laws, consider updating the term "Dues" to be "Affiliation Fees."

• update dues terminology

Comments: s

Alec McAlarnen
Chairperson

Secretary