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## New Jersey FFA "Be Bold with Blue and Gold"

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

FROM: Eric Nelson, State FFA President  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Specialist  
Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: February 25, 2011

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, March 7, 2011 – 4:15 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. Mrs. Lisa Ann Mosehera-Chernigovets/Mrs. Kristina Guttadora will fill the Teacher Representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2010-2011.

### AGENDA FOR THE MARCH STATE MEETING

- I. Opening Ceremonies
- II. Minutes from the February State Meeting
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance
- V. Committee Assignments
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Eric Nelson
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Julianne Robinson
  - C. State Leadership Activities – Alec McAlamen
  - D. State Applications – Keely Weinberger
  - E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Rachel Layton
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jimmie Ferguson
  - G. State Convention Evaluation- Jessica McCosker

#### 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** – Hanna Toft
- VII. Foundation Report** – Keely Weinberger
- VIII. Alumni Report** – Julianne Robinson
- IX. State CTE Advisory Committee Report-** Eric Nelson
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Eric Nelson
- XI. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients – Jimmie Ferguson
  - B. Delegate Issue for SPC 2011 – Eric Nelson
  - C. Program Affiliation – Jessica McCosker
  - D. State Agriculture Convention (February 8, 2011) – Jimmie Ferguson
  - E. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design CDE (Mar 18-20, 2011) –Jimmie Ferguson
  - F. National FFA Week
    - a. ALLD (February 24, 2011) – Jessica McCosker
    - b. Chapter Activities – Rachel Layton
  - G. National Ag Day (March 13-15 2011) – Julianne Robinson
  - H. Del Val Collegiate FFA CDE Day (March 5, 2011) – Rachel Layton
  - I. State Convention Planning – Alec McAlarnen
    - a. Timeline
    - b. Video Shoot
    - c. Potential SOC/Nom Com
  - J. Retiring Address Workshop (April 13, 2011) – Allison Karr
  - K. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Keely Weinberger
  - L. Online Career Development Events – Rachel Layton
  - M. Spring CDEs (April 14, 2011) – Rachel Layton
  - N. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs (April 16, 2011) – Brianne Scholl
  - O. Agriscience Fair (May 3, 2011) – Julianne Robinson
  - P. Chapter Visits – Julianne Robinson
  - Q. Association/Team Goal Updates – Keely Weinberger
- XII. New Business**
  - A. Request to Rescind Motion on Honorary Degree Policy – Jimmie Ferguson
  - B. State Applications Judging – Alec McAlarnen
  - C. Agricultural Issues Discussion – Eric Nelson
  - D. Member of the Month – Hanna Toft
  - E. State Officer Mileage
- XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, April 4, 2011  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom  
4:15 p.m.*

**NJ FFA Association  
Minutes of February 7, 2011**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. Voting members in attendance were Keely Weinberger, Alec McAlarnen, Rachel Layton, Jimmie Ferguson, Julianne Robinson, Hanna Toft, Allison Karr, and Brianne Scholl. Mrs. Noble, Ms. Butch and Mrs. Trivette were also in attendance.

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

**Motion by Alec McAlarnen** to accept the January minutes as read.  
**Seconded by Keely Weinberger. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasure's Report**

Rachel Layton gave the Treasurer's Report.

**Motion by Rachel Layton** to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit.  
**Motion Passes pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

**Motion by Hanna Toft** to give Jessica McCosker an unexcused absence from the February state meeting until we receive a doctor's note.  
**Second by Alec McAlarnen. Motion passes.**

**V. Committee Assignments**

*Keely assumes the Duties of The Chair.*

**A. Constitution, Bylaws, & Program of Activities – Eric Nelson**

No Report

**B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Julianne Robinson**

Remember to check your Chapter Membership Data, because all the deadlines have lapsed for items due in order for chapters to maintain their FFA charter.

**C. State Leadership Activities – Alec McAlarnen**

No Report

**D. State Applications – Keely Weinberger**

No Report

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Rachel Layton**

No Report

**F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jimmie Ferguson**

No Report

**G. State Convention – Jessica McCosker**

No Report

*Eric reassumes the Duties of The Chair.*

**VI. Executive Committee Report – Hanna Toft**

The Executive Committee offered help to the State Officers with Retiring Addresses, and

anything else they might need.

**VII. Foundation Report – Keely Weinberger**

The last meeting was January 18, 2011. A financial planner was in attendance and will help the Foundation manage their funds. He will oversee all of the invested money that the Foundation has.

**VIII. Alumni Report – Julianne Robinson**

The next meeting is February 9, 2011.

**IX. State CTE Advisory Committee- Eric Nelson**

Keely attended the meeting and listened in on the reports. Marie Barry presented on Career Technical Education. At the meeting the advisory committee members discussed the possibility of not having mandatory Career Technical Student Organizations while still having Career Technical Education Programs. Other discussion revolved around the costs of Career Technical Student Organizations.

**X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Eric Nelson**

The next meeting is February 8, 2011 at 1:30 pm.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

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

The International Leadership Seminar for State Officers was held January 3-13, and Eric, Julianne, and Alec traveled to Argentina. While in Argentina they visited different farms, toured Puerto Iguazu's subtropical rain forest, and met with the US Ambassador to Argentina. The attendees encouraged the entire team to attend next year.

**B. Program Affiliation**

We will propose Program Affiliation to the delegates at the 82<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey FFA Convention.

**C. Banquet Speech Workshop**

The Banquet Speech Workshop was held January 21, 2011. Advisors, Alumni Members, and Parents were in attendance to help the State Officers prepare for Banquet Season.

**D. State Officer Candidates' School**

SOCS was held January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Agriculture. There were 21 students, 4 parents, 5 advisors, 10 executive board members, 3 state staff, for a total of 43 people in attendance. The state officers presented about the state officer competencies and overall roles and responsibilities of being a state officer.

**E. State Agriculture Convention**

The State Agriculture Convention will be February 8, 2011, in Cherry Hill and Eric will speak about global agriculture. Rachel, Jess, Julianne, and Jimmie will attend the

youth reception.

**F. Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design CDE**

Horticulture Exposition/Floral Design CDE held March, 18-20 2011. Students come and set up on Friday at the Burlington Center Mall, and pick up their arrangements on Sunday. We will have a meeting with the judges prior to the judging process. Jimmie has made a schedule of when the officers will be at the Horticulture Exposition.

**G. National FFA Week**

a. *ALLD*

We will meet at The Brower Student Center at The College of New Jersey at 7:30.

b. *Chapter Activities*

We've had a lot of State Officer Requests throughout FFA Week. Rachel will be attending Cape May. Eric will be traveling to Allentown and Newton. Jimmie will be going to Penns Grove. Alec will be going to Northern Burlington. Julianne will be going to Ocean County.

**H. National Ag Day**

National Ag Day will be held March 13-15, 2011. Julianne will be attending for the full conference. Mrs. Noble offered to take a group of us down to Washington D.C. for a day trip on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**I. Del Val Collegiate FFA CDE Day**

The Del Val Collegiate FFA CDE Day will be March 5<sup>th</sup>. There is no further information available at this time.

**J. State Convention Planning**

a. *Timeline*

A timeline was provided in our meeting folders of due dates

b. *Video Shoot*

The Video Shoot will be on March 27<sup>th</sup>

c. *Cost Analysis*

**Motion by Alison Karr** to maintain the \$135 per person registration fee for State Convention.

**Seconded by Brianne Scholl. Motion Passes.**

**Motion by Keely Weinberger** to cover the \$3,000 for Andrea Lore to be the keynote speaker at our State Convention.

**Second by Rachel Layton. Motion Passes.**

d. *Statewide Community Service Project*

Some ideas that were brought to the table were donations to the Ronald McDonald House and/or to raise money for rooms at the Ronald McDonald

House.

**K. Retiring Addresses**

Outlines are due February 7, 2011. First Drafts are due February 13, 2011.

**L. Potential State Officers**

We had an opportunity to converse with some Potential State Officer Candidates at State Officer Candidate School. Make sure to keep up contacts with those potential candidates.

**M. National Constitutional Amendment Submitted**

An Amendment to the National Constitution under Article XII, Section B, reading, *“Business items shall only be considered when approved by a delegate committee, or by a two-thirds vote of the delegate body,”* was submitted by New Jersey this year. Rachel will start assembling information to prepare for National Convention.

**N. Chapter Visits**

Julianne visited West Essex, they asked her to come back and present a parliamentary procedure workshop. Eric attended Allentown for the second semester visit; he was impressed with the facilities, and had a good day.

**O. Association/Team Goal Updates**

We had a team day after State Officer Candidate School and are close to meeting the goal of visiting all the chapters.

**VII. New Business**

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

**Motion by Jimmie Ferguson** to accept the four Chapter Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations.

**Second by Hanna Toft. Motion Passes**

*Eric relinquished the duties of the chair to Keely.*

**Motion by Eric Nelson** to accept the Executive Board Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations as Barry Jesse, Pete Pomper, Fred Schoenagel, Rebecca Lambert, and Colleen Stemme.

**Second by Rachel Layton.**

**Amendment by Hanna to strike Colleen Stemme and insert Robin McLean.**

**Second by Brienne Scholl.**

**Motion by Alison Karr for previous question.**

**Second by Hanna Toft.**

**Previous question Passes**

**Amendment fails.**

## **Main Motion passes.**

**Motion by Alison Karr** to accept the Chapter Distinguished Service Recipient Nominations.

**Second by Brianne Scholl. Motion Passes.**

**Motion by Jimmie Ferguson** to select Mercer County Soil District and the NJNLA as the State Executive Board Distinguished Service Recipients.

**Second by Alison Karr. Motion Passes.**

Individuals discussed for the Honorary State FFA Degree who were not chose have been placed on a list for next year's consideration. Letters to this year's recipients are forthcoming.

### **B. Delegate Issues for State Convention**

National Convention Constitution amendments are sent to state associations by March 1. We will focus our efforts at State Convention on Program Affiliation.

### **C. Delegate Issues for SPC 2011**

Eric discussed submitting a Delegate Issue for SPC 2011 regarding the Regional Lines. Delegate Issues for SPC are due in June.

### **D. Online Career Development Events**

Farm Business Management, Forestry, Agronomy, and Meat Evaluation and Technology CDEs will be held via MyCAERT on March 23. Registration is due March 1, 2011. The announcement and registration can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board.

### **E. Spring CDEs**

Agricultural Mechanics, Floriculture, Nursery Landscape, Ag Sales, and Environmental and Natural Resources will be held on April 14. Registration is due March 18, 2011. The announcement and registration can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board.

### **F. Livestock and Dairy Judging CDEs**

April 16<sup>th</sup> at Delaware Valley College, the announcement has not been released yet. Eric and Brianne volunteered to assist with the event.

### **G. Agriscience Fair**

Registration, applications, and 5 copies of the abstract are due March 30, 2011. Only National FFA Agriscience Fair applications will be accepted. The announcement and registration can be found on the Ag Ed Bulletin Board. The Agriscience Fair will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Rutgers EcoComplex.

**H. Agricultural Issues Discussion**

Eric spoke about exploring global agriculture, and his experiences in Argentina. One farmer had a record 9.5 ton yield of wheat last year. One families Hampshire down farm is not providing enough income so they had to resort to agritourism. Jimmie mentioned an article about how New Jersey is 7<sup>th</sup> in the country for wine production.

**I. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Hanna Toft** to make Ami Adams of the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter the member of the month.

**Seconded by Brianne Scholl. Motion Passes.**

**J. State Officer Mileage**

Mileage for the month of February is due no later than 2:00 pm on March 7, 2011.

**Motion by Hanna Toft** to accept Eric Nelson's late mileage report for the month of January.

**Second Rachel Layton. Motion Passes.**

**K. Other**

**Motion by Hanna Toft** that in the future if a chapter or the state does not fill its 5 allowed spots, for Honorary State Degree recipients, that the open available spots that would not be filled otherwise be allowed to be filled by the excess State or chapter nominees. In this case we would use our pre-existing judging rubric to score the nominees to place them in the unfilled nomination spaces of either the chapter or State Association Honorary Degree Nominations.

**Second by Julianne Robinson. Motion Passes.**

**XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

**XIV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.



New Jersey FFA Association  
Treasurer's Report for  
January 2011

**BEGINNING BALANCE: January 1, 2011**

**\$66,703.02**

<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	\$ 23,530.00	\$ 1,671.00	\$ 1,935.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 803.00	\$ 1,680.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		\$ 590.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 9,555.00
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 10,859.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 447.00	\$ 2,552.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,275.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 97,665.00	\$ 3,736.00	\$ 27,171.65
<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	\$ 12,670.00		
	2	Contests	\$ 1,078.00		\$ 135.78
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,220.00		\$ 1,149.17
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,603.00	\$ 4,672.49	\$ 8,249.99
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,146.00	\$ 1,178.52	\$ 13,967.47
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 42,479.00		\$ 250.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,411.00		\$ 7,994.76
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 3,952.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,065.00		\$ 2,065.00
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,041.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 97,665.00	\$ 5,851.01	\$ 33,812.17

**Ending Balance: January 31, 2011**

**\$64,588.01**

**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>January</b>					
	1	BCIT - Westampton	1744	\$ 494.00	
		Camden Co. Tech schools	4511	\$ 468.00	
		Essex County Voc School	1020	\$ 11.00	
		Cape May	5611	\$ 546.00	
		Essex County Voc School	1019	\$ 130.00	
		Cumberland Regional High School	5001	\$ 22.00	
	2	Cape May	0394	\$ 70.00	
		Penns Grove	57565	\$ 108.00	
		North Warren Regional Bd of Ed	28686	\$ 144.00	
		Sussex Co. Voc. Tech	4162	\$ 63.00	
		Somerset Co. Voc School	60703	\$ 72.00	
		Camden Co. Tech School	4496	\$ 36.00	
		Hackettstown Bd of Ed	41913	\$ 22.00	
		Union Co Voc. School	317051	\$ 72.00	
		Ocean Co. Voc. School	16405	\$ 108.00	
		Cumberland Regional School	24650	\$ 108.00	
	5	State of NJ check for EN COLT regis	10297852	\$ 158.00	
		S. Butch check for COLT regis	3741	\$ 107.00	
	6	Penns Grove	57451	\$ 550.00	
	7	Cape May - Room deposit	0394	\$ 200.00	
		Delegate Reimbursement from National FFA	159975	\$ 247.00	
				\$ 3,736.00	
					\$ 27,171.65

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2011				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
	Contests			
08/17/10	Scantron cards		\$ 69.00	
11/29/10	S.Kinsey-reimbursement for Dairy Foods supplies		\$ 66.78	
				\$ 135.78
	General Supplies			
07/10/10	Selective Insurance - Liability		\$ 485.00	
07/10/10	Day Timers - Covey's		\$ 341.19	
12/13/10	Vista Print - Calendars		\$ 322.98	
				\$ 1,149.17
	State Officers			
09/20/10	National FFA- Jackets/Shirts for SO's		\$ 759.50	
09/20/10	National FFA -Polo's & Navy Long sleeve shirts		\$ 518.00	
11/19/10	NJ Agricultural Society - membership		\$ 50.00	
12/16/10	National FFA-International Payment for E.Nelson, J.Robinson and A. McAlamen		\$ 2,250.00	
01/10/11	NJ Agricultural Society - Dinner for SO		\$ 220.00	
01/19/11	Eric Nelson mileage		\$ 595.91	
01/19/11	Hanna Toft mileage		\$ 248.00	
01/19/11	James Ferguson, III mileage		\$ 430.48	
01/19/11	Keely Weinberger - mileage		\$ 814.70	
01/19/11	Alec McAlamen - mileage		\$ 984.98	
01/19/11	Rachel Layton - mileage		\$ 633.71	
01/19/11	Jessica McCosker - mileage		\$ 744.71	
				\$ 8,249.99
	Leadership Experience and Development			
09/30/10	Partycrashers DJ for COLT		\$ 200.00	
11/19/10	Balance to Camp Bernie		\$ 11,358.00	
11/04/10	First Coast Promo- T-shirts		\$ 1,230.95	
02/01/11	First Coast Promo - Blue Padfolios		\$ 1,178.52	
				\$ 13,967.47
	State Convention Awards			
10/28/10	Partycrashers DJ for State Convention		\$ 250.00	
				\$ 250.00
	National Convention			
07/27/10	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 665.00	
07/06/10	National FFA - Lodging Room deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
10/07/10	Susan R. Butch - America Express for SO's Airline tickets to Indy		\$ 1,355.26	
11/04/10	Susan R. Butch-America express for Hyatt, NJ Breakfast		\$ 2,227.00	
11/24/10	The Westin-lodging for Delegates		\$ 2,047.50	
				\$ 7,994.76
	Hort Expo			
	Leadership Event			
	National Leadership Conference			
08/03/10	Virginia FFA - Registration for State Officers		\$ 2,065.00	
				\$ 2,065.00
	Grand Total		\$ 33,812.17	\$ 33,812.17