



# 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  
Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: April 23, 2013

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Wednesday May 1, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 MAY STATE MEETING**

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the April 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. Nominating Committee – Jimmie Ferguson
  - B. State Convention Planning
    - a) Timeline – Kyle Clement
    - b) Statewide Community Service Project – Lauren Fillebrown
    - c) Potential SOCs – Anne Poinsett
  - C. New Jersey Ag Society Gala (April 5, 2013) – Delaney Gray
  - D. State Applications (April 11, 2013) – Gaspar Hernandez
  - E. Spring CDEs (April 18, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
  - F. Livestock Evaluation CDE (April 20, 2013) – Anne Poinsett
  - G. Agriscience Fair (April 24, 2013) – Joe Goodenough
  - H. Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE (April 27, 2013) – Lauren Fillebrown
  - I. Eastern PA FFA Day (April 30, 2013) – Kyle Clement
  - J. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Lauren Fillebrown
  - K. Retiring Address – Jimmie Ferguson
  - L. Chapter Visits – Anne Poinsett
  - M. Team Goal Action Plan – Joe Goodenough
- XI. New Business**
  - A. H.O Sampson Chapter Recognition – Gaspar Hernandez
  - B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – Sam Rubinstein
  - C. Summer CDEs – Kyle Clement
  - D. Chapter Banquets – Gaspar Hernandez
  - E. Field and Stream Hurricane Remediation (May 11, 2013) – Jimmie Ferguson
  - F. Agriculture/ Education Issues Discussion – Delaney Gray
  - G. Member of the Month – Jimmie Ferguson
  - H. State Officer Mileage
- XII. End of the Year Reflection**
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – June 3, 2013  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Auditorium.  
4:00 p.m.*

**NJ FFA Association**  
**Minutes of the April 1, 2013 State Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Ernie Ariens called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Voting members in attendance were Anne Poinsett, Delaney Gray, Gaspar Hernandez IV, Kyle Clement, Joseph Goodenough IV, Lauren Fillebrown, Jimmie Ferguson, Samuel Rubinstein, and Ms. Lisa Ann Moschera Chernigovets. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble and Ms. Butch. Guests in attendance were Kristianne Dowd, Kyle Fisher, Alex Feltwater, and Anne Linke.

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

**Motion by Delaney Gray** to accept the minutes as read.

**Gaspar Hernandez seconds. 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 from Freehold, Alex Feltwater from Newton, Anne Linke from Middlesex East Brunswick, and Kyle Fisher from Salem County Vo. Tech introduced themselves and told us about their college plans or what school they currently attend.

*Anne assumes the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Assignments.**

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

No Report. Convention agenda has been finalized

**B. Membership and Chapter Relations**

No Report

**C. State Leadership Activities**

No Report.

**D. State Applications.**

No report.

**E. Career Development Evaluation and Review**

No report. Next meeting will be April 16.

**F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review**

No report.

**G. State Convention Evaluation**

No report Agenda has been finalized.

*Ernie reassumes the duties of the chair.*

## **VI. Executive Committee Report**

Jimmie described a State Officer's year of service as a fireworks show - it ends with a bang! Whether you are a first year FFA member or a high school senior you always find the finale of a fireworks show the most exciting part. It is our job as State Officers to work hard and raise the bar to make this year's State FFA Convention the best finale our members have seen yet!

## **VII. Foundation Report.**

No report. The next meeting will be on April 9.

## **VIII. Alumni Report**

No report. The next meeting will be on April 10 after the Retiring Address Workshop.

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

No report. The next meeting is May 21.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

### **A. National Ag Day**

Delaney and Lauren visited our Nation's Capital from March 17-19 to celebrate National Ag Day and advocate for agriculture and agricultural education in New Jersey. They participated in workshops with other State FFA Officers and youth in agriculture and visited their district congressmen and the offices of Senators Lautenberg and Menendez.

### **B. Online Career Development Events**

Congratulations to the Newton FFA Chapter for placing first in the Meat Evaluation, Farm Business Management, Forestry, and Agronomy CDEs!

**Motion by Kyle Clement** to move the topic of minimum CDE scores to qualify for National Convention to the Career Development Event Evaluation and Review Committee.

**Seconded by Sam Rubenstein. Motion passes.**

### **C. Livestock Evaluation CDE**

Livestock Evaluation will be held on Saturday, April 20 at Delaware Valley College. Anne Poinsett will be representing the state association.

### **D. Dairy Cattle Evaluation CDE**

Dairy Cattle Evaluation will be held on Saturday, April 27 at Cedar Lane Farm in Hunterdon County. Mrs. Noble, Lauren Fillebrown and Kyle Clement will be attending.

### **E. Eastern PA FFA Day**

The Food Science and Poultry Judging CDEs will be held at the Eastern PA FFA day at the Manheim Fairgrounds on April, 30. Anne Poinsett and Kyle Clement have volunteered to attend.

### **F. Spring CDEs**

The Floriculture, Environmental and Natural Recourses, Nursery and Landscape, Veterinary Science, Agricultural Sales, and Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems CDEs will take place at Rutgers University's Cook Douglass Campus on April 18. Events start promptly at 10:00 am.

## **G. State Convention Planning**

### **a) Timeline**

State Officers are encouraged to refer to the pink sheet for all convention planning due dates.

### **b) Video Shoot**

On March 23 the State Officers started filming session videos and the rules skit for this year's State Convention! Thank you to the members who participated!

### **c) Statewide Community Service Project**

The gift cards that will be collected are going to be donated to the New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NJVOAD) for hurricane Sandy Victims. State Officers, Executive Committee members, and FFA members in NJ are encouraged to keep promoting the Gift Card Drive!

### **d) Potential SOCs**

The board reviewed a list of potential State Officer Candidates

## **H. State Applications**

Gaspar, Ernie, and Jimmie will join the committee to evaluate the State Applications at the Department of Agriculture on April 11.

## **I. Agriscience Fair**

The Agriscience Fair will be held on April 24 at the Rutgers Eco Complex in Bordentown. Joe Goodenough, Kyle Clement, Ernie Arians, and Sam Rubinstein will be attending.

## **J. Ceremony Practice Schedule**

State Officers are encouraged to continue to memorize their parts in different ceremonies. All ceremonies will be practiced at the April Work Session.

## **K. Retiring Address**

State Officers are encouraged to continue editing their Retiring Addresses and to reach out to the Executive Committee if they need advice. The Retiring Address Workshop will be on April 10.

## **L. Horticultural Exposition / Floral Design CDE**

Congratulations to all FFA members who placed first in the Hort Expo and to the Allentown FFA Chapter for placing first in the Floral Design CDE! They will provide the floral arrangements for the stage at state convention.

## **M. Chapter Visits**

All visits have been scheduled!

## **N. Delaware State Convention**

On March 19, Mrs. Noble, Sam, and Joe attended the Delaware State FFA Convention. Sam facilitated a workshop as well.

## **O. Team Goal Action Plan**

The team has completed their action plan!

## **XI. New Business**

### **A. Nominating Committee Candidates**

Ernie and Jimmie will select nom com candidates after today's meeting. The nom com consists of six members, two from each region (north, central, south).

### **B. New Jersey Ag Society Social Gala**

Lauren, Delaney, and Sam will be attending the Ag Society Gala on April 5 at represent the NJ FFA Association.

### **C. Agriculture / Education Issues Discussion**

Kyle brought numerous Ag issues to our attention such as spending cuts, the EPA leaking farmer's disclosed information, new FDA food safety regulations, the Keystone XL Pipeline, and new lettuce gene discoveries.

### **D. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Jimmie Ferguson** to make Hope Cahill from the Monmouth County FFA Chapter as March's member of the month!

**Seconded by Anne Poinsett. Motion passes.**

### **E. State Officer Mileage**

April's mileage will be due on Wednesday, May 1.

**Motion by Jimmie Ferguson** to accept Delaney's late mileage.

**Seconded by Sam Rubinstein. Motion passes.**

## **XII. Closing**

## **XIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50

New Jersey FFA Treasurer's Report  
March 2013

BEGINNING BALANCE: | March 1, 2013

\$37,978.68

<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	\$ 47,017.00		\$ 22,000.00
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,050.00		\$ 1,134.00
	3	General Supplies			\$ 270.00
	4	State Officers	\$ 1,015.00		\$ 1,083.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 15,625.00		\$ 11,474.90
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 60,850.00		\$ 7,709.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00		\$ 650.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,800.00		\$ 488.00
	9	National Leadership Conf.			\$ 4,006.13
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 5,000.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 141,092.00	\$ -	\$ 48,815.03
<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	\$ 14,845.00		\$ 13,729.10
	2	CDE's	\$ 4,179.00		\$ 305.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,208.00	\$ 1,962.58	\$ 5,373.32
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,749.91		\$ 4,883.74
	5	LEAD	\$ 18,031.00		\$ 18,611.70
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 66,317.73	\$ 132.00	\$ 382.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,511.00		\$ 4,056.61
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 7,314.00	\$ 1,381.42	\$ 1,381.42
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 2,920.36		\$ 16,719.95
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 6,016.00	\$ 4,880.60	\$ 6,105.60
		Total Expenses	\$ 141,092.00	\$ 8,356.60	\$ 71,548.44

Ending Balance: March 31, 2012

\$29,622.08

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2013				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
<b>Dues/Memberships</b>				
01/23/13	Nat. FFA - 2012-2013 Official Manuals		\$ 799.10	
01/27/13	Nat. FFA Program Affiliation Fees		\$ 12,930.00	
				\$ 13,729.10
<b>Contests</b>				
02/14/13	Rutgers-Cook College room rental		\$ 305.00	
				\$ 305.00
<b>General Supplies</b>				
09/27/12	American Income Life - SO insurance		\$ 90.00	
08/10/12	Selective Insurance - Liability Ins		\$ 641.00	
12/17/12	Vista Print - wall calendars		\$ 1,501.32	
01/10/13	Drawing Board - FFA Invoices		\$ 198.19	
01/10/13	Ewell Education Service - scantron cards		\$ 347.50	
01/18/13	First Coast Promo- Mugs		\$ 410.65	
02/27/13	National FFA - FFA week supplies		\$ 143.58	
02/27/13	National FFA - Mugs/placemates		\$ 78.50	
03/19/13	National FFA- Plaques		\$ 1,436.50	
03/01/13	National FFA-J. Goodenough Jacket, mugs		\$ 157.50	
03/01/13	National FFA - FFA Week stuff		\$ 368.58	
				\$ 5,373.32
<b>State Officers</b>				
08/23/12	Trenton Marriott - Lodging for SO's BLAST OFF		\$ 1,071.00	
10/15/12	AAA - State Officers		\$ 317.00	
12/07/12	Joe Goodenough mileage July-Nov		\$ 93.56	
12/07/12	S. Tarlowe- july-nov mileage		\$ 123.57	
12/07/12	J. Ferguson- july-nov mileage		\$ 104.78	
12/07/12	L. Fillebrown- july-nov mileage		\$ 550.56	
12/07/12	K. Clement - July-nov mileage		\$ 647.22	
12/07/12	G. Hernandez-July-nov mileage		\$ 255.63	
12/07/12	D. Gray july-nov mileage		\$ 125.05	
12/07/12	E. Arians - july-nov mileage		\$ 688.88	
12/07/12	A. Poinsett July-nov mileage		\$ 47.49	
01/23/13	Nat. FFA - SPC regis E. Arians, A. Poinsett		\$ 600.00	
02/20/13	Veg Growers/Ag Conv. Non Delegate meals for L. Fillebrown, J. Ferguson and S. Rubinstein		\$ 180.00	
02/27/13	J. Goodenough jacket		\$ 79.00	
				\$ 4,883.74
<b>Leadership Experience and Development</b>				
09/20/12	Partycrashers - DJ		\$ 300.00	
10/17/12	Crowne Plaza		\$ 17,182.97	
10/17/12	First Coast - T Shirts		\$ 1,128.73	\$ 18,611.70
<b>State Convention</b>				
02/20/13	Partycrashers - DJ Dance		\$ 250.00	
02/27/13	National FFA - Plaques		\$ 132.00	
				\$ 382.00
<b>National Convention</b>				
11/28/12	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 784.00	
10/23/12	Hyatt Regency- Breakfast		\$ 1,549.61	
09/21/12	Citibank -Airfare for SO's		\$ 1,543.00	
02/27/13	National FFA - Delegate Regis		\$ 180.00	
				\$ 4,056.61
<b>Hort Expo</b>				
02/20/13	Staats MFG Co - Ribbons		\$ 140.92	
02/27/13	National FFA - Plaques		\$ 1,240.50	
				\$ 1,381.42
<b>Leadership Event</b>				
11/28/12	Twin Oaks catering for 212 conference		\$ 1,225.00	
02/28/13	College of NJ		\$ 4,880.60	
				\$ 6,105.60
<b>National Leadership Conference</b>				
08/08/12	S.R. Butch reimbursement for Extra Spirit of NJ tickets and discount		\$ 382.54	
08/23/12	Crowne Plaza Hotel		\$ 16,337.41	
				\$ 16,719.95
	<b>Grand Total</b>		\$ 71,548.44	\$ 71,548.44



NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION

2012-2013 FFA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DATA

CHAP TERS	REGION	COUNTY	CHAPTER	CHAPT #	OFFLST 10/1/12	POA 12/1/12	Affiliation Contract 9/30/12	13 FFA/Enrollment	12 FFA/Enrollment	FFA CHG
1	Central	Burlington	BCIT - Westampton	NJ0044	9/20/12	11/28/12	X	14	20	-6
1	Central	Burlington	BCIT West Vet	NJ0069	9/30/12	11/30/12	X	66	66	0
1	Central	Burlington	BCIT -Medford	NJ0046	9/19/12	11/29/12	X	44	41	3
1	Central	Burlington	Northern Burlington	NJ0006	7/26/12	12/2/12	X	253	227	26
1	Central	Burlington	Northern Burlington Middle	NJ1006	12/17/12	12/17/12	n/a	24	16	8
1	Central	Hunterdon	South Hunterdon	NJ0060	12/13/12	12/10/12	X	44	42	2
1	Central	Hunterdon	South Hunterdon Middle	NJ1060	12/13/12	2/12/13	n/a		87	-87
1	Central	Middlesex	Middlesex-East Brunswick	NJ0033	12/3/12	3/5/13	X	40	41	-1
1	Central	Middlesex	Middlesex-Piscataway	NJ0045	1/18/13	1/18/13	X	23	23	0
1	Central	Monmouth	Allentown	NJ0001	9/12/12	12/4/12	X	141	168	-27
1	Central	Monmouth	BTHS	NJ0068	12/10/12	12/14/12	X	80	84	-4
1	Central	Monmouth	Freehold	NJ0014	9/25/12	12/1/12	X	115	106	9
1	Central	Monmouth	Monmouth County	NJ0030	9/20/12	1/2/13	X	45	52	-7
1	Central	Ocean	Ocean County	NJ0040	10/3/12	1/2/13	X	36	24	12
1	Central	Somerset	Somerset Co. Voc.	NJ0034	12/6/12	12/21/12	X	13	11	2
15	Central Region total									
1	Northern	Essex	Essex County	NJ0004	9/25/12	11/19/12	X	21	17	4
1	Northern	Morris	Calais	NJ0070	10/9/12	11/29/12	X	10	3	7
1	Northern	Sussex	Newton	NJ0016	10/2/12	11/29/12	X	164	186	-22
1	Northern	Sussex	Sussex County	NJ0018	9/12/12		X	22	19	3
1	Northern	Union	Union County	NJ0042	10/2/12	12/4/12	X	32	47	-15
1	Northern	Warren	Belvidere	NJ0003	10/16/12	11/30/12	X	92	103	-11
1	Northern	Warren	Hackettstown	NJ0009	9/17/12	12/3/12	X	58	73	-15
1	Northern	Warren	North Warren	NJ0041	6/13/12	12/4/12	X	91	95	-4
1	Northern	Warren	Phillipsburg	NJ0029	6/12/12	11/30/12	X	146	167	-21
1	Northern	Warren	Warren Hills	NJ0022	10/1/12	12/12/12	X	131	98	33
10	Northern Region total									
1	Southern	Atlantic	Buena	NJ0039	9/25/12	11/30/12	X	40	29	11
1	Southern	Camden	Camden Pennsauken	NJ0028	10/5/12	2/21/13	X	32	38	-6
1	Southern	Camden	Camden Tech East	NJ0012	10/1/12	11/28/12	X	31	32	-1
1	Southern	Cape May	Cape May CVTS	NJ0063	10/1/12	3/8/13	X	58	68	-10
1	Southern	Cumberland	Cumberland Regional	NJ0008	7/3/12	11/29/12	X	278	219	59
1	Southern	Gloucester	Bankbridge Regional	NJ0067	10/1/12	12/3/12	X	13	16	-3
1	Southern	Gloucester	Delsea Regional	NJ0065	1/16/13	1/7/13	X	85	80	5
1	Southern	Salem	Penns Grove	NJ0054	6/28/12	11/28/12	X	111	116	-5
1	Southern	Salem	Salem Co. V.T.	NJ0019	11/28/12	1/11/13	X	99	49	50
1	Southern	Salem	Woodstown	NJ0023	10/3/12	1/8/13	X	108	71	37
10	Southern Region total									
35	Chapters									
Totals								2560	2534	26
missing information										
1-Year Probation										
Revoke Charter										