



# National FFA Organization

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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  
Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette, State FFA Advisor

DATE: September 28, 2010

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, October 4, 2010 – 4:00 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. Mr. 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 OCTOBER STATE MEETING**

#### **I. Opening Ceremonies**

#### **II. Minutes from the September 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 McAlarnen
- 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 CDE Advisory Committee Report** – Eric Nelson
- X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report** – Eric Nelson
- XI. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Eastern States Exposition (September 16-18, 2010) - Eric Nelson
  - B. Fall Ag Ed Conference (September 24, 2010) – Alec McAlarnen
  - C. Leadership Experience and Development (October 1-2, 2010)
    - a. COLT Report - Jimmie Ferguson
    - b. SGC Report - Brianne Scholl
  - D. National Convention (October 20-23, 2010)
    - a. Flag Bearer - Alec McAlarnen
    - b. Delegates - Keely Weinberger
      - 1. At Large Elections Committee - Eric Nelson
      - 2. FFA Degree Committee - Keely Weinberger
      - 3. SAE Standards Committee - Alec McAlarnen
    - c. State Booth - Jimmie Ferguson
    - d. State Suite - Rachel Layton
    - e. Recognition Program - Julianne Robinson
    - f. Delegate Process- Written/Oral Testimony - Jessica McCosker
  - E. Team goal action Plan - Keely Weinberger
  - F. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers – Julianne Robinson
  - G. Program Affiliation - Alec McAlarnen
  - H. Fall Career Development Events (November 18, 2010) - Rachel Layton
  - I. Chapter Visits - Julianne Robinson
- XII. New Business**
  - A. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention - Eric Nelson
  - B. 2010 Calendars - Jessica McCosker
  - C. Teach Ag CDE - Alec McAlarnen
  - D. Public Relations Event - Rachel Layton
  - E. Chapter Reports - Keely Weinberger
  - F. Agricultural Issues Discussion - Jimmie Ferguson
  - G. Member of the Month - Hanna Toft
  - H. State Officer Mileage
- XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, November 1, 2010  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom  
4:00 p.m.*

**NJ FFA Association**  
**Minutes of September 13, 2010**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 4: 08 pm. Voting members in attendance were Eric Nelson, Keely Weinberger, Alec McAlarnen, Rachel Layton, Jimmie Ferguson, Julianne Robinson, Hanna Toft, Allison Karr, and Brianne Scholl. Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Trivette and Ms. Butch were also in attendance.

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

**Motion by Alec McAlarnen** to accept the August minutes as read.  
**Seconded by Rachel Layton. 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 Keely Weinberger** to excuse Mrs. Moschera Chernigovets and Jessica McCosker from the September State Meeting

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

*Keely assumes the duties of the chair*

**V. Committee Assignments**

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

No Report

**D. State Applications – Keely Weinberger**

No Report

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

Meeting was held September 2, 2010. See attached Committee Report for full details.

**Motion by Rachel Layton** to accept Career Development Evaluation and Review  
**Committee Reports carry an Implied Second. Motion Passes.**

**Motion by Rachel Layton** to install a minimum score of a certain percentage of the awarded points in an event to move on to Eastern States Exposition and National FFA Convention.

**Second by Eric Nelson.**

Eric discussed the possibility of having the minimum score set between 60-70%.

**Motion to refer this motion to a committee** that will review whether or not to set a minimum score for mastery of a CDE.

**Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion to refer to a committee passes.**

Rachel Jimmie, Eric, and Alison will serve on the CDE Mastery Qualifications Committee.

**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**

Executive committee offered help with planning L.E.A.D. and offered to answer any questions with L.E.A.D.

**VII. Foundation Report – Keely Weinberger**

The foundation meeting was held on August 10, 2010. They discussed their officer slate, and appointed a new treasurer, Natalie Huebler. Several Foundation members attended the Ag Ed Leadership Symposium on Saturday August 21, 2010 where they created new goals for the year, including finding new donors.

**VIII. Alumni Report – Julianne Robinson**

The Alumni meeting was held on August 11, 2010. They discussed their officer slate, and the need to increase membership, they encouraged the state officer team to join the alumni as soon as possible. The Alumni also discussed the Farm Credit East Golf Tournament which will be held on September 15, 2010 in Buena. Mrs. Trivette also discussed an idea for a Chapter Fundraiser where all donations go back to the chapter in the form of “free” registration. The alumni also requested the help of the State Officers in stressing the importance to the members of saying “Thank You.” October 13 is the next meeting.

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

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the NJ Farm Bureau.

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

The next CTE meeting is Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the NJ Department of Education.

**XI. Unfinished Business**

**A. National Convention –October 20-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

- a. *Flag Bearer* -Alec will present New Jerseys State Flag at all official events.
- b. *Delegates* - Eric and Keely will serve as “leadership delegates” at National Convention, and Alec will serve as the third delegate.
  1. At Large Elections Committee- Eric Nelson
  2. FFA Degree Committee- Keely Weinberger
  3. SAE Standards Committee- Alec McAlarnen
- c. *State Booth* - Jimmie has started to compile his materials for the State Booth. He intends to have a map with the commodities planned out around where they are most prevalent. Jimmie will bring all these materials to the next state meeting to show the board these materials, and will start looking for chapters to assist with bringing the materials out to National Convention.

- d. *State Suite* - There will be a special reception on Friday of Convention for the Honorary American FFA Degree Recipients and Mrs. Trivette. Guests at the State Suite will include chapter members and advisors, award recipients and other guests that may also be invited.
- e. *Recognition Program* - Mrs. Noble and Julianne are going to assign topics for each officer to speak about. All NJ national convention participants are invited to attend. Mrs. Noble and Ms. Butch will look into the menu to ensure we are providing food within the budgeted means. A donation of \$1000 has come through from Rutgers.

\*\*There are contracts in our meeting folders, that have our flight schedules, and that we are financially responsible for National Convention should we back out of our responsibilities that must be signed by the October State Meeting. At the October Meeting we will talk about National Convention in more detail.

**B. State Theme T-Shirt and thank you gift**

The thank you gift is a pad folio with the state theme logo on it, and the State Theme t-shirt is Irish Green with the State Theme Logo on the back, with the emblem on the front.

**C. Team goal action Plan**

We had our First team day on August 17<sup>th</sup>; our second team day was scheduled for Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> but was cancelled because Eric is going to be working the Eastern States Exposition. Eric noted that everyone else's Team Goal is coming along nicely.

**D. Eastern States Exposition**

Eric Nelson will be attending the Eastern States Exposition from Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>. He will be helping with the running of events, as his role as one of the State President Interns. Attendance at Eastern States Exposition from New Jersey is still low. The board discussed ideas for increasing New Jersey's participation at the Big E, including sending second place teams, or first place teams as a stepping stone to National Convention.

**E. Leadership Experience and Development, Oct. 1 & 2**

- a. *Chapter Officer Leadership Training* - The theme for this years C.O.L.T. is Investigation: Blue and Gold, and we had our Video shoot for L.E.A.D. on September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- b. *State Greenhand Conference* - S.G.C. will cover basic FFA information; Executive Committee is talking about the possibility of holding mock Career Development Events as well.
- c. *Timeline* - Make sure we continue to get our L.E.A.D. materials in on time to help the conference go smoothly.

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

ILSSO applications are due September 15<sup>th</sup>. Those interested in attending can find a tentative schedule posted on the national website. The event will take those in attendance to a small local farm, and all the way to a national forest. Tentative dates are set as January 4- 14, 2011. Mrs. Trivette encouraged us all to attend, stating that global agriculture is more important than ever, and the importance of making connections that can stick with you for a lifetime. Mrs. Trivette also reminded us that international travel becomes a very important part of your life, and most employers look for globally aware employees.

## **G. Chapter Visits**

Since most schools are already in session and we all have an idea of our school/work schedules, it is a good time to reach out to teachers regarding chapter visits. Emails should go out no later than Friday, September 17. Remember to copy Mrs. Noble on all correspondences and check the dates with the calendar of events. Also note that one chapter visit must be completed before attending National Convention.

## **XI. New Business**

### **A. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony**

Oral testimonies can only come from delegates, it was decided that we will write a testimony for each committee, and apply to do oral testimony at every committee. Written Testimony was assigned as follows:

Veterinary Science CDE: Alison Karr

Use American Suppliers for FFA Unlimited Items: Hanna Toft

SAE Standards for National FFA Award Process: Jimmie Ferguson

Increase Student Voice on the National Level: Jessica McCosker

At-Large Election of National Officers: Rachel Layton

FFA Degree Expansion: Julianne Robinson

### **B. Fall Career Development Events**

Annual New Jersey FFA Fall Career Development Events will be held Thursday, November 18, 2010 at The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers University. Career Development Events include: Land Judging, Fruits and Vegetables, Turf Management, and Dairy Foods. Pre-registration and payment for all chapters participating in Fall CDEs is Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Alec and Eric will assist with Dairy Foods. Jimmie, Keely, and Brianne will assist with Fruits and Vegetables. Rachel, Julianne and Jess will assist with Turf Management. Hanna and Allison will assist with Land Judging. We will discuss Fall CDEs more in depth at the November State Meeting.

### **C. Program Affiliation**

Program Affiliation will be discussed at the next meeting so as to give the executive board time to read up on the topic, and develop an informed opinion.

### **D. Fall Ag Ed Conference**

The Fall Agricultural Education Teacher's Conference will be held at the Rutgers Eco-Complex in Columbus/Florence from 8:30am-4:00pm on Friday, September 24, 2010. Eric and Alec will attend.

### **E. Calendar of Events**

The Calendar of Events can be accessed through the state website, users can see upcoming dates/due dates all the way up to December 2010. Users can also access some applications such as Member of the Month, Star State Award Applications, and Registration for L.E.A.D., CDEs, etc. A printable version that outlines the entire year is also available on the web.

## **F. Agricultural Issues Discussion**

The DEP put the entire state under a drought watch this week, citing that Burlington County would be hit the hardest. DEP Commissioner has appointed a science based board that will deal with ecological processes, water quality and quantity, and public health. Dr. Mark Robson of Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Studies was also appointed to this board.

## **G. Other**

### *a. Farm Credit East Golf Tournament.*

Keely will attend the Farm Credit East Golf Tournament Banquet on September 15, 2010.

### *b. FFA Jackets*

The board decided to set a concrete policy on appropriate offices that can be put on chapter FFA jackets.

**Motion by Keely** to allow Fundraising Chair on a chapter FFA jacket.

**Second by Brianne. Motion Passes**

**Motion by Alec** for the New Jersey FFA Association to allow offices on chapter FFA jackets that are submitted on the chapter's officer list and that are outlined in the chapter's Constitution.

**Motion to amend the main motion by Keely Weinberger** to add "at the state's discretion" to the main motion.

**Seconded by Allison. Amendment Passes.**

**Motion as Amended Passes.**

The final policy reads, "*The New Jersey FFA Association allows offices on chapter FFA jackets that are submitted on the chapter's officer list and that are outlined in the chapter's Constitution at the state's discretion.*"

## **H. Member of the Month**

The member of the month for the month of September is Stephanie Tarlowe from the Warren Hills FFA Chapter.

**Motion by Hanna Toft** to make Stephanie Tarlowe of the Warren Hills FFA Chapter the member of the month.

**Seconded by Allison Karr. Motion Passes.**

## **I. State Officer Mileage**

Get it in on Time!

## **XIII. Closing Ceremonies**

## **XIV. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.



New Jersey FFA Association  
Treasurer's Report for  
August 2010

**BEGINNING BALANCE: August 1, 2010**

**\$73,950.49**

<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		\$ 209.00
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00		\$ 252.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		\$ 500.00
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,575.00		\$ 7,844.65
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00		\$ 550.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,275.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,375.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 97,665.00	\$ -	\$ 9,355.65
<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	\$ 69.00	\$ 69.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,220.00		\$ 826.19
	4	State Officers	\$ 10,603.00		
	5	LEAD	\$ 11,146.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 42,479.00		
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,411.00		\$ 2,365.00
	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	\$ 69.00	\$ 5,325.19

**Ending Balance: August 31, 2010**

**\$73,881.49**



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>July</b>					
	1	Cumberland Regional	4988	\$ 77.00	
		Sussex Tech	19103	\$ 132.00	
					\$ 209.00
	2	Woodstown Regional	4369	\$ 45.00	
		Warren Hills	15598	\$ 18.00	
		Cumberland regional	4967	\$ 45.00	
		Cumberland regional	4987	\$ 72.00	
		BCIT - Westampton Campus	1290	\$ 72.00	
					\$ 252.00
	4	Woodstown - R.Layton Application fee	4340	\$ 100.00	
		Cape may - J.Ferguson & A.McAlarnen app	391	\$ 200.00	
		Trudy Layton - J.Layton application fee	6098	\$ 100.00	
		Andrew McCosker- J. McCosker app fee	3352	\$ 100.00	
					\$ 500.00
	6	Penns Grove - lost key	0749	\$ 70.00	
		Delsea	9521	\$ 288.00	
		Woodstown	4441	\$ 3,168.00	
		N. Burlington	6149	\$ 2,420.75	
		Camden Penn	3695	\$ 1,224.00	
		Erin Noble	2369	\$ 307.90	
		Susan Butch	3718	\$ 173.00	
		Nancy Trivette	3929	\$ 193.00	
					\$ 7,844.65
	7	Monmouth Co Career Center	72093	\$ 150.00	
		Hackettstown	7227	\$ 200.00	
		Warren Hills	15570	\$ 150.00	
		Catherine Gancarz	1039	\$ 50.00	
					\$ 550.00
				\$ 9,355.65	

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2011				
<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Note*</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Total</i>
	Dues/Memberships			
				\$ -
	Contests			
08/17/10	Scantron cards		\$ 69.00	
				\$ 69.00
	General Supplies			
07/10/10	Selective Insurance - Liability		\$ 485.00	
07/10/10	Day Timers - Covey's		\$ 341.19	
				\$ 826.19
	State Officers			
				\$ -
	Leadership Experience and Development			
	State Convention			\$ -
	State Convention Awards			\$ -
	National Convention			
07/27/10	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 665.00	
07/06/10	National FFA - Lodging Room deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
				\$ 2,365.00
	Hort Expo			
				\$ -
	Leadership Event			
				\$ -
	National Leadership Conference			
08/03/10	Virginia FFA - Registration for State Officers		\$ 2,065.00	
				\$ 2,065.00
	Grand Total		\$ 5,325.19	\$ 5,325.19

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

Date: September 2, 2010

Committee: CDE Evaluation and Review

Committee Members Present: Rachel Layton (Chair), Jimmie Ferguson, Allison Karr

Absent: Hannah Toft, Advisor (undetermined)

Purpose of Meeting: The purpose of this meeting was to review and evaluate career development events through suggestions made by delegates at the 81st New Jersey FFA State Convention.

- Recommended Action(s):
- 1.) Plan ways to increase participation in summer CDEs at the Delaware State Fair.
  - 2.) Install a minimum score of 20% of the awarded points in an event to move on to Eastern States Exposition and Nationals.
  - 3.) Install a three team minimum for out of state competitions.
  - 4.) Put in place a fine and/or with hold registration fees for teams cancelling within one week of competition date.

Comments: Discuss with Executive Board what a proper minimum percentage should be for CDE scores in order to advance to Eastern States and Nationals.  
Discuss with Executive Board possible fines or punishments for cancellations  
Contact Matt Ditizio to discuss improvements for Meat Evaluation CDE  
Next meeting will be prior to the October Meeting

Rachel Layton  
Chairperson

Alec McAlarnen  
Secretary