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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: August 30, 2011

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2011 – 4:00 pm
3rd Floor NJDA Division Director’s Conference Room, 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 2010-2011.

AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER STATE MEETING

I. Opening Ceremonies

II. Minutes from the August 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 Ariens
- C. State Leadership Activities – Jimmie Ferguson
- D. State Applications – Stephanie Tarlowe
- E. Career Development Evaluation and Review – Sam Rubinstein
- 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 – Rachel Layton**
- VII. Foundation Report – Jimmie Ferguson**
- VIII. Alumni Report – Sam Rubinstein**
- IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report – Alec McAlarnen**
- X. Unfinished Business**
 - A. National Convention – October 19-22, 2011
 - a. Flag Bearer – Jimmie Ferguson
 - b. Delegates – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - c. State Booth – Sam Rubinstein
 - d. State Suite – Gillian Armstrong
 - e. Recognition Program – Anna Lubas
 - B. Team Goal Action Plan – Jimmie Ferguson
 - C. Eastern States Exposition – Gillian Armstrong
 - D. Leadership Experience and Development (Oct. 7-8, 2011)
 - a. Chapter Officer Leadership Training – Sam Rubinstein
 - b. State Greenhand Conference – Rachel Layton
 - c. Timeline – Ernie Arians
 - E. ILSSO (January 4-16, 2012) – Gillian Armstrong
 - F. Chapter Visits – Ernie Arians
- XI. New Business**
 - A. Calendar of Events – Anna Lubas
 - B. Delegate Process Written/Oral Testimony – Stephanie Tarlowe
 - C. Fall Ag Ed Conference (September 30, 2011) – Anna Lubas
 - D. Fall Career Development Events (November 17, 2011) – Sam Rubinstein
 - E. Agriculture/ Education Issues Discussion – Anna Lubas
 - F. Member of the Month – Rachel Layton
 - G. State Officer Mileage
- XII. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting - Monday, October 3, 2011
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Boardroom
4:00 p.m.*

NJ FFA Association
Minutes of the August 15, 2011 State Meeting

I. Opening Ceremonies

Alec McAlarnen called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Voting members in attendance were Jimmie Ferguson, Stephanie Tarlowe, Anna Lubas, Ernest Arians, Samuel Rubinstein, Gillian Armstrong, Rachel Layton, Jessica McCosker, Julianne Robinson, and Mrs. Moschera-Chernigovets, teacher representative. State Staff in attendance was Mrs. Noble. Tara Daly, Nick Lavan, and Lindsey McNeill were also in attendance as guests.

II. Minutes from the July State Meeting

Motion by Stephanie Tarlowe to accept the July 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.

Motion by James Ferguson to accept the 2011-2012 budget as presented.

Second by Jessica McCosker. Motion passes.

IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance

Members Tara Daly from Allentown and Nick Lavan and Lindsey McNeill from Middlesex-East Brunswick were present.

Motion by Jessica McCosker to be excused from the next four state meetings for class.

Second by Ernest Arians. Motion passes.

Motion by James Ferguson to give Eric Nelson an excused absence for the August State meeting for family reasons.

Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

Jimmie assumed the duties of the chair.

V. Committee Assignments

Reports from the July 11, 2011 meetings were given detailing recommendations made by committees at State Convention. See attached committee reports for full details.

A. Constitution, Bylaws, and Program of Activities

Suggestions included updating items H and J on the POA to be more current.

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

Implied second. Motion passes.

B. Membership and Chapter Relations

Motion by Ernest Arians to accept the Membership and Chapter Relations Committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

C. State Leadership Activities

Suggestions included having more team-building activities at COLT, adding a scavenger hunt at the beginning of COLT, and considering the 212 conference.

Motion by Alec McAlarnen to accept the State Leadership Activities Committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

D. State Applications

Suggestions included revisions for the Blue Jackets Bright Futures, WLC Scholarship, National Convention Scholarship, and Outstanding Community Service Project applications.

Motion by Stephanie Tarlowe to accept the State Applications Committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

E. Career Development Evaluation and Review

Suggestions included improving the Teach Ag CDE, adding a Veterinary Science CDE, and discussing preliminary rounds for the Team Demonstration CDE.

Motion by Samuel Rubinstein to accept the Career Development Evaluation and Review Committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Suggestions included maintaining the European Dish Garden description, checking industry standards of pot sizes, replacing “Dried Delights” with a “Living Wreath” category, adding a perennial plant category, and combining all adult categories other than “Advisor’s Folly” into a single class.

Motion by Gillian Armstrong to accept the Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review Committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

G. State Convention Evaluation

Suggestions included limiting speaker times and selling rubber bracelets as a fundraiser. Comments were that registration cannot be made earlier, recreation will remain the same, and sessions will be kept at the same length.

Motion by Anna Lubas to accept the State Convention Evaluation Committee report as read.

Implied second. Motion passes.

Alec reassumed the duties of the chair.

VI. Executive Committee Report

Motion by Rachel Layton to excuse Eric from the next four meetings for school.
Second by Jessica McCosker. Motion passes.

This month's key is a quote from Og Mandino: "Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later."

VII. Foundation Report

The last meeting was July 19. Due to the transition to a new investment adviser, the trustees will be able to get suggestions on the allotment of future funds. Their last meeting was the first chance to "see how the numbers fall" and hear suggestions from the Ameriprise representative.

VIII. Alumni Report

An open house was held at the EcoComplex in Bordentown on August 10th. A new feature was discussed that would allow Associate membership for college students to be partial members for five years at no cost. Brianne Scholl was installed as Secretary and Mrs. Lambert was selected as the delegate to National Convention. The 1st annual Turkey Trot 5K will be held November 19th at 9:30 am at Veteran's Park in Hamilton. The cost of pre-registration is \$15 for members and \$20 for alumni/others, and registration at the event is \$25.

IX. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report

The next meeting will be held in November.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Summer CDE Results

The CDEs held at the Delaware State Fair went well; Ernie and Jess helped facilitate the Horse Judging event on July 27. Dairy Handlers' was won by Kaitlin Eachus of Cumberland and Horse Judging was won by the team from Woodstown.

B. State Presidents' Conference

Alec and Jimmie learned many leadership skills and much about the delegate process during their time in DC. They met with legislators such as Senator Lautenberg, who took them into the Capitol's family gallery to watch a vote. On Thursday, they met with Thomas Vilsack, US Secretary of Agriculture, and were challenged to help with the next Farm Bill by creating an FFA version analyzing how USDA can help the organization and hear FFA opinions about incorporating agricultural education help the public better understand the industry.

C. National Leadership Conference for State Officers

NLC SO was held from July 31st to August 4th at the Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, West Virginia. Along with 5 other states' officers, we learned from the two presenting national officers how to effectively facilitate workshops and grow into a cohesive team and listened to summits on agricultural issues and other states. New Jersey presented a flag-raising ceremony and led opening ceremonies one morning. The team also participated in a scenic chairlift ride and visited the nearby waterfalls.

D. National Convention

a. Flag Bearer

Jimmie will be our flag bearer in the parade and at other times during the week.

b. Delegates

An overview of the delegate process and six committees was given. At SPC, it was determined that Alec will be serving as Sentinel of the Alternative Delivery Models for Leadership Development Committee and Jimmie is Vice-Chair of the Continuation of the Floriculture CDE Committee. Stephanie is the third delegate. All available state officers who are not delegates will deliver oral testimony at public hearings, and New Jersey will submit written testimony for all committees.

Motion by Rachel Layton to recommend Stephanie for the Reconstruction of the Delegate Process Committee

Second by Gillian Armstrong. Motion passes.

c. State Booth

A 10x10 booth will be decorated to represent New Jersey's agriculture and FFA. One idea was to have a history of NJ agriculture on display. It was suggested to focus on present agricultural issues or highlights of our production while including some kind of activity or giveaway to draw people in. A visual mockup will be brought to the September meeting.

d. State Suite

Gillian will be hosting the state suite in Conesco Fieldhouse. She will greet all guests and assist them as needed during sessions. An Honorary American FFA Degree reception will be held there for the four recipients from our state: Mr. Rudderow, Mr. Walker, Mr. Sciarappa, and Dr. Hudanich. It was also noted that Dr. Mark Robson will be attending National Convention since Rutgers will have a booth in the Career Show; he will be working with Gillian to re-start the collegiate FFA chapter at the university this year. They may ask for advisors attending the convention to help spend time at the booth.

e. Recognition Program

A breakfast is held on the Wednesday of National Convention, during which each state officer will deliver an address with topics coordinated by Anna.

E. State Theme T-Shirt and Thank You Gift

At the work session it was determined that the mug would be black with the logo from Facebook on it. It was suggested that shirts be royal blue with the same logo.

F. Team Goal Action Plan

Goals were not set at NLCSO so each officer will be responsible for bringing 3-4 association goal and 3-4 team goal ideas to the next work sessions. Each officer will then develop one goal's action plan.

G. Eastern States Exposition

FFA activities at the Big E are held from September 16 to September 18 in Springfield, Massachusetts. None of the state officers will be attending, but some FFA members will be attending to compete in CDEs and for regional star awards.

XI. New Business

A. Leadership Experience and Development (LEAD)

a. Cost Analysis

Motion by Rachel Layton to keep the registration fee at last year's price of \$123.
Second by Samuel Rubinstein. Motion passes.

b. Chapter Officer Leadership Training

A schedule was presented to the committee detailing times for sessions and other activities for the conference that will be held October 7 and 8 at Camp Bernie.

c. State Greenhand Conference

A schedule was also provided for SGC. Eric will be overseeing the conference as preparation for his National Officer candidacy. The executive committee and Mrs. Lambert will be facilitating this portion of LEAD.

d. Timeline

At the August 29 work session, the officers will:

- Facilitate one 360 activity without the book, providing all necessary materials
- Present the fishbone diagram of their session
- Have workbook pages completed for their session and ready to be explained to the rest of the team
- Have ideas for a possible theme for decorations or the dance as well as if a video shoot will be needed

e. 360 Training

Following NLC SO, the team received training from Denise Mills at the Mercer County Soil Conservation District. We picked the sessions we will be presenting at COLT and practiced facilitating activities from the curriculum.

B. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (ILSSO)

ILSSO will be held in China from January 4 to 16. Gillian will definitely be applying and several other officers are considering, but a decision must be made by the next work session. Scholarships are available to help with the \$4,400 cost, but sponsorship can be obtained from local businesses and organizations. Mrs. Noble must proofread any essays on the application, which is due September 15th.

C. Chapter Visits

A chart was distributed outlining which chapters each officer will visit. All emails to advisors will be sent by September 15th after being checked by Mrs. Noble, and all visits will be completed by February.

D. Agriculture/Education Issues Discussion

Changes have been proposed to the Clean Water Act that would require permits for the application of some pesticides and extend jurisdiction to all “navigable waters.” The EPA approved limited use of two insecticides to control the stink bug invasion, and research is being conducted on the use of a parasitic wasp. Southern Pine Beetles threaten the Pinelands, so weekly aerial surveys are conducted, and seminars have been hosted by the NJAES and DEP to provide information on management methods. There is still no bill to reform the No Child Left Behind law. Obama signed the final funding bill for the 2011 fiscal year cutting \$140.2 million (11%) from Perkins, cutting Basic State Grants by \$37.3 million.

E. State Officer Mileage

The next mileage sheet is due Monday, September 12th by 2 pm.

Motion by Gillian Armstrong to accept her late mileage.

Second by Anna Lubas. Motion passes.

XII. Closing Ceremonies

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

New Jersey FFA Association
Treasurer's Report for
July 2011

BEGINNING BALANCE: July 1, 2011

\$20,748.36

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		
	2	Contests	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00
	3	General Supplies			
	4	State Officers	\$ 925.00		
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,200.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 8,414.00	\$ 8,414.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 2,735.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,675.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.			
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,750.00		
		Total Deposits	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 8,699.00	\$ 8,699.00

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		
	2	Contests	\$ 1,378.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
	3	General Supplies	\$ 3,388.00		
	4	State Officers	\$ 11,143.00	\$ 3,909.74	\$ 3,909.74
	5	LEAD	\$ 12,904.00		
	6	State Convention - Regis.	\$ 46,956.00	\$ 1,476.00	\$ 1,476.00
	7	National Convention	\$ 7,711.00	\$ 2,330.00	\$ 2,330.00
	8	Hort Expo	\$ 4,041.00		
	9	National Leadership Conf.	\$ 1,854.00		
	10	State Leadership Event	\$ 3,140.00		
		Total Expenses	\$ 107,835.00	\$ 9,015.74	\$ 9,015.74

Ending Balance: July 31, 2011

\$20,431.62

FY12
FFA Deposits

<i>Proj #</i>	<i>Payor</i>	<i>CK#</i>	<i>Amount Deposit</i>	<i>Yearly Total</i>
	July			
2	Salem Co. Bd Voc. Education	1167	\$ 135.00	
				\$ 135.00
6	Union Co. Voc/Tech Schools	318367	\$ 1,215.00	
	Ocean Co Voc Schools	18243	\$ 945.00	
	Woodstown Pilesgrove School	4862	\$ 2,070.00	
	Somerset Co Voc Tech	1893	\$ 280.00	
	Cape May Co. Tech School	6492	\$ 3,204.00	
	Camden Co. Tech School	3814	\$ 675.00	
	New Jersey Farm Bureau	3936	\$ 25.00	
				\$ 8,414.00
7	Freehold Twp High School	12501	\$ 150.00	
				\$ 150.00
			\$ 8,699.00	

New Jersey FFA Expenditures for FY 2012				
Date	Description	Note*	Amount	Total
	Dues/Memberships			
				\$ -
	Contests			
07/07/11	NJ FFA Foundation-to increase awards for CDE's at Convention		\$ 1,300.00	
				\$ 1,300.00
	General Supplies			
				\$ -
	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	
07/08/11	NJ FFA Foundation - pledge to FFA Cares program		\$ 1,755.77	
				\$ 3,909.74
	Leadership Experience and Development			
	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	
	National Convention			\$ 1,476.00
07/06/11	National FFA - NJ Housing Lodging Deposit		\$ 1,700.00	
07/06/11	National FFA - CDE's		\$ 630.00	
				\$ 2,330.00
	Hort Expo			
				\$ -
	Leadership Event			
				\$ -
	National Leadership Conference			
				\$ -
				\$ -
	Grand Total		\$ 9,015.74	\$ 9,015.74

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: July 11, 2011

Committee: Constitution & Bylaws/ POA

Committee Members Present: Alec McAlarnen, Ernie Arians

Absent: Stephanie Tarlowe, Rachel Layton, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting: To review recommendations made at State Convention

Recommended Action(s): Update Activities H and J on POA to be more current

Comments: The Committee Reccomends accepting all recommendations.

Alec McAlarnen
Chairperson

Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: July 11, 2011

Committee: State FFA Applications

Committee Members Present: Alec McAlarnen, Julianne Robinson, Anna Lubas

Absent: Stephanie Tarlowe, Advisor

Purpose of Meeting: To review recommendations made at State Convention

Recommended Action(s):
 1. Blue Jackets Bright Futures: There will be at least one paragraph and a maximum of words that will be determined by the board.
 2. WLC: Only students in their junior year and below may apply.
 3. National Convention Scholarship: Students applying should be in their junior year or below.
 4. Outstanding Community Service Project: Winners may not submit the same project for two consecutive years, and show the winning powerpoint to encourage future participation.

Comments: The Committee Recommends accepting all recommendations

Alec McAlarnen
Chairperson

Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: 7-11-11 2:30 pm NJDA Board Room

Committee: Chapter Relations.

Committee Members Present: Ernie Arians, Jess McCosker, Rachel Layton and Sam Rubinstein

Absent: All Present.

Purpose of Meeting: Review State Convention suggestions from the delegate body.

Recommended Action(s): The committee as reviewed all suggestions from state convention. The committee will take action on the suggestions that are presented as reasonable, all others will be dismissed.

Comments:

Ernest C Arians
Chairperson

Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: July 11, 2011

Committee: State Leadership Activities

Committee Members Present: Eric Nelson, Gill Armstrong, James Ferguson(Chairman), Brianne Scholl(Special Guest)

Absent: Samuel Rubenstein, Ernest Arians

Purpose of Meeting: To review the State Convention suggestions and make recommendations

Recommended Action(s): 1. hold team building activities between workshops at COLT 2. scavenger hunt could be dangerous at night, possibly could be held at beginning of conference 3. look into two 212 Conferences, one in the north and one in the South

Comments: 360 curriculum will be implemented at COLT

James Ferguson
Chairperson

Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: 7/11/11 2:00 P.M.

Committee: CDE Review and Evaluation

Committee Members Present: Sam Rubinstein Rachel Layton

Absent: Stephanie Tarlowe

Purpose of Meeting: Review and suggest changes to CDEs and see what can be improved upon for next year

Recommended Action(s): Look into the Teach Ag CDE for possible improvement. Look into Vet Sci CDE for national rules. discuss possible preliminary options for Team Demonstration CDE

Comments: Refine the GPS system for the Land Judging CDE

Chairperson

Secretary

Committee Report
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: July 11, 2011

Committee: Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Committee Members Present:	Gillian Armstrong Ferguson Robinson	Jimmie Julianne
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Absent: Anna Lubas

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss and review the Horticultural Exposition.

Recommended Action(s):
 Keep the European Dish Garden description the same.
 Check Industry standars of all pot size limits.
 Eliminate "Dried Delights" and replace with "Living Wreath" category.
 Create Perennial plant category (up to 10" pot)
 Keep advisor Folly and combine all remaining adults categories to a single class.

Comments:

Chairperson

Secretary