

Ag Ed Department Special Meeting –January 3-4, 2023 @ 10:04am

Attendance:

- Charles Parker
- Jill Sperling
- JessaLee Goehring
- Shay Williams Hopper
- Jasmine Flores
- Greg Beard
- Tim Brown
- Matt Patton
- Hugh Mooney
- Jackie Jones
- Alyssa Ewell
- Trisha Chapman
- Cari Brown
- Maria Freitas
- Lynn Martindale
- Steve Rocca
- Sam Rodriguez
- Sandy Dale
- Nicole Ray
- Ben Swan
- Sherri Freeman
- Katie Otto

General Update/Other Discussion Items:

Alyssa Ewell with AET is here to provide update and training for judging card and AET on Tuesday afternoon.

American Stars - May 1st – All nominations for all American STARS due to Regional Supervisors.

Ag Ed Inservice in January-CDE denied trip request and currently having hard time getting people to attend. Charles Parker will be attending.

National Convention Trip Update:

Jill provided an overview of the National Convention trip, pros and cons. The trip was a deficit of \$24,000. Upon reflection, it is recommended that the National Convention trip be reconfigured to the following: Jill Sperling moved that California FFA provide a delegate only National FFA Convention Trip (hotel, flight etc.) with a departure date of Sunday before convention., Greg Beard seconded the motion. Discussion on the following occurred:

1. CA FFA will continue with room block and recommend that schools reserve their own rooms through our block (similar to state) and the link would be available to all programs in CA.
2. No flights- teachers will book on their own. Delegates would be the exception.

3. There will be no orientation as flights come in or programs arrive.

Motion passed by majority voice vote.

Hugh moved that a priority list be developed for ag programs with hotel rooms for National Convention. This list would provide priority for those competing at National Convention. The motion was seconded by Tim Brown. No Discussion. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

Charles will work on a rotation for National Convention trip moving forward in terms of supervision that the Assistant State Advisor, State Advisor and one Regional Supervisor attend annually. The rotation would be the following:

2023- Shay

2024-Jill

2025- JessaLee

2026-Jackie

2027-Greg

2028-Hugh

Washington DC Trip Discussion:

Hugh moved to discontinue the Washington DC Trip. Jill Sperling seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

Leadership Coordinator Report- Jasmine Flores:

Jasmine provided an update on Greenhand Conferences and MFE/ALA. She discussed locations and working on establishing direct contacts with the sites for the coming years, this will help eliminate the middle man. Some discussion items from Advisory committee: teachers request there be limits of student registration, adding MFE/ALA to North Coast in 2024 and moving MFE/ALA to Sunday/Monday conferences instead of Friday/Saturday. There was also discussion on the future facilitators and what that looks like with SO and their responsibilities and the time commitment that goes into the conferences.

SLE conference will accept 75 students. Jamsine is just working to finalize location – Capitol Plaza wanted to charge a lot more.

2023-2024 Master Calendar:

Charles passed out the current 23-24 master calendar. He asked that we get him the region dates soon so he can keep one master list.

State Finals LDE and CDE Contest Assignments:

Charles passed out handout with assignments. Discussion occurred with Spanish Creed Contest.

Greg moved that the Spanish creed be delivered “as is” with the exception that judges do not penalize students with masculine/feminine nouns when reciting the creed. Hugh Mooney seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

There is still no contract with Fresno for LDE Finals, and the expense of LDE Finals in Fresno has not been budgeted. Taline will have some more information with Fresno on the next call.

Field Day Communication- We need a place to go to hold on this information. Alyssa believes that Judging Card Hugh moved that CA FFA use Judging card as a landing page for events (field days, sales, other events). Shay Williams Hopper seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

State Leadership Conference:

Charles distributed a packet of information related to State FFA Conference for our review and to discuss. First item was discussion of the schedule.

Hugh will take lead on the Friday night entertainment with Katie. The tentative schedule:

- 6:00pm -DJ playing music for ambiance, food trucks, career expo booths

- 7:30pm Bobbi Irwin will perform

- 8:30pm Dylan Carmichael perform

- Other areas to consider- potential DJ in ballrooms, silent DJ, cornhole tournament, mechanical bull, blow ups

Greg Beard moved to delete busses for transportation from the State Conference schedule, not for tours. Hugh seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

Continued discussion on State Conference going over budgets, staff responsibilities, wifi access, workshop rooms, nominating committee.

Discussion occurred over nominating schedule and zoom interviews.

Jill will be working on the guidebook.

Amendment Proposals: Increase team to 8 (Region VPS) or (Historian/Parliamentarian)

Jill Sperling moved that state staff go on record supporting the amendment of increasing the team to an 8 person team. Greg Beard seconded. No discussion. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

Jill Sperling moved that state staff go on record supporting the amendment of increasing the team to an 8 person team by adding a Historian and Parliamentarian. Shay Williams Hopper seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

Honorary State Degree Nominees: Ken Dias, JessaLee Goehring, Jackie Jones, Shay Williams Hopper, Erin Gorter, Teri Bontrager, Dennis Mann

Distinguished Service Nominees: Intuitive, American Ag Credit

Supervision Policy: Charles presented a supervision policy for all events. Jill Sperling moved to have this document sent to be reviewed by legal. Hugh Mooney seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion Passed by majority voice vote.

CA Foundation Update-Katie Otto:

The Blue Corduroy Classic, online fundraiser set for Feb 17th, please share information to regions.

State Conference update- there are 47 booths reserved and UTI Tours are set for State Conference. FFA Foundation board worked hard on CDE/LDE/Prof sponsors to ensure the awards were secured and also additional funding to go back to students.

Corteva- Women's Inclusion Network- Will hold a webinar in February (job opportunities, career pathways)

Foundation Stakeholders Meeting on Friday, January 6th and board meeting shortly after that.

Boswell Grant money for Urban schools to grow urban programs. Katie has worked with Boswell to create a definition and list of urban schools eligible. It was approved by Boswell in December 2022. A competitive grant application will be done for the process.

CDE Report- Charles Parker

Fully staffed in CCTD (Career College Transition Division) at the Department of Education. Plan to meet in the department for staff located in Sacramento on Thursday mornings. CCTD is adding two more branches to the division.

CATA Report- Matt Patton

\$25 billion deficit heading into recession. Gave update on budgets and grants. 27 new representatives and education will need to be done in Sacramento to let them know the great things going on in Ag Ed.

AET and Judging Card-Alyssa

Greg moved that CA FFA work with Judging card on exploring registration options moving forward. Shay seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

Ag Incentive Grant Discussion-Hugh Mooney

Discussion occurred on how to utilize all AIG funds. Shay moved to allocate the remaining AIG funds to the following places

\$35,000 to Fortuna USD- Services

\$30,000 to scantron machines for 6 regions

\$60,000 to Fortuna -Delta Conf

\$10,000 to North HS for AET Instruction Materials

\$5000 to Firebaugh HS – National Chapter

\$5000 Righetti HS- ROLC

\$5000 Santa Maria- ROLC

\$5000 Pioneer Valley- ROLC

\$10,000 Galt

Balance of AIG to sites hosting final student teachers for 2022-2023.

Jill Sperling seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

Hugh moved that for the category of FFA, SAE and classroom that we use the target funds identified as the mean and also the one standard deviation above mean, and that class size be included in part A. Tim Brown seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

Jill moved to adopt Hugh's plan for the Outstanding Program category as presented. Greg seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

National FFA Report- Ben Meyer

Click [HERE](#) for report.

Professional Development Report-Sandy Dale

Click [HERE](#) for report.

Other discussion items:

Add the tentative schedule to Nominating Committee application so they know the full-time commitment.

Jill recommended that all State Officer Candidates receive an email knowing that June 1st is the official start date for state office.

AET Review- Back dating entries- if students have entries back dated it will not be used in reducing the score.

CDE/LDE Scholarship Committee Report

Greg Beard provided the committee report for the award money for CDE/LDE award winners. Foundation Jill Sperling moved to accept the CDE/LDE Scholarship Committee Report as presented. Shay Williams Hopper seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Hugh moved to amend the motion to add that the report proposed add that the funds be allocated to individual members and not chapters for the CDE award portion. Tim Brown seconded the motion. Discussion occurred. Amended motion passes by majority voice vote. Greg Beard then moved that recognition for the CDE team individual award winners from the proposal will be the following for each team member: 1st place team members \$100, 2nd place team members \$50, 3rd place team members \$25.00 and that all members of the team receive monetary awards of that value based on their placing. Jill Sperling seconded the motion. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

End Time: January 4, 2023 at 3:33pm

Next Ag Ed Staff Meeting: January 9, 2023 at 10:00am

