

January State Staff Meeting

CA FFA Center

Date: January 4, 2022

Attendance:

- Greg Beard
- Shay Williams-Hopper
- JessaLee Goehring
- Hugh Mooney
- Sharon Freeman
- Ben Swan
- Steven Rocha
- Maureen Funk
- Roger Hanagriff – AET
- Charles Parker
- Hannah Chavez
- Nick Anicich - CDFA
- Jackie Ioimo-Jones
- Toosje Koll
- Jill Sperling
- Roscoe Vaughn
- Matt Patton
- Cari Brown
- Kerry Stockton
- Maria Maberto
- Jen Van Conett
- Trisha Chapman

Start Time: 10 am

CDE Update – Charles Parker

- No longer have a branch deputy
- Many changes and movement of people – leaving positions, changing positions, etc
- We have resubmitted our AIG funding amount – we have been allowed to push it through and have changed some language for it to match up with the numbers
 - Hopefully it will get to the department of finance
 - Funding middle school and increasing opportunities for all students throughout the state (urban schools, etc)
- Writing contracts for FFA
- Writing a contract for all CTSO's in Sacramento for a conference
 - Need to see if FFA office staff would be interested in managing that contract
- Positions are being filled- we interviewed and chose someone
 - Waiting for the paperwork to get through the department
 - Still waiting for the department to write the contract and offer the position
 - Job position will start in June
 - Went through 2 interview processes and all 5 were very competent

CATA Update – Matt Patton

- 31 Billion Dollar surplus

- Projecting Prop 98 (education)
- Maximize infrastructure
- Pay debt
- Asking for 10 million dollars for AIG
 - Hopefully get it done through PCP – not the legislator
- Planning in person CATA Summer Conference 2022
 - Governing Board is going to meet next week
 - John Paul Gonzalez is going to be our speaker
 - Governing Board and Exec will be looking at the budget (state and regional)
- Roll out of the CA DELTA conference 2022 (July 30th – August 4th)
 - BIG thanks to Sandy Dale and Mark Rigman (spelling)
- Looking forward to see what the state is going to do for vaccinations, etc.

FFA Foundation –

Toosje Koll

- Excited to collaborate and partner
- Looking into bringing in the industry and business partners and making them engaged with the FFA members
- The companies that have been donating are looking for future employees and want to make sure that students are getting exposure of real world jobs
- Wants to make sure that the Foundation Board is helping with the connection of industry and FFA (whether it be scholarships, donations, tours, etc)
- What can this committee do to make the FFA State Conference to be an amazing experience of the kids and make a difference/impression
- Partnering with Visit Sacramento – making sure that people know that FFA is in town
- Ag License Plate – have a marketing firm helping us with the Ag Licenses Plate

Maureen

- 5K for FFA registration has opened
- Blue Corduroy Classic – looking for large auction items, etc

CDFA – Nick Anicich – Farm to School Program

- First Partner being interested in hosting a President’s Dinner / leadership activity – would be a great opportunity
 - It is on the First Partner’s agenda to review and analyze
- Office received 10 million dollars and 8.5 million dollars for a Farm to School Program
 - Multiple FFA programs and districts have been given the Farm to School grant
 - FFA programs receive the grant and

- Second allocation of 30 million dollars in the revise – for the upcoming program, they have 60 million that will be available.
- CDFA is looking to connect with Ag Education and make sure that they are on the right track in helping programs – getting a lot of money and wants to make sure that it is going to the right places
- RFA coming out in January for review
 - 4 grant tracks
 - 1st for schools to buy local food and engage students (1 million)
 - 2nd Partnerships track (regional or statewide)
 - Each region could apply to support farm to school
 - 3rd Farm to early childhood
 - 4th Farm to School producers (up to 50, 000 to grow and sell to schools)
 - End of January it will be up for public comment (live for 6 – 8 weeks)
 - First week of February to have a teaching webinar
 - Can come to Regional CATA meetings to talk about the grant

Livestock Judging Committee (Costs)

- Do you place the cost of the animals being brought in for the contests in the hands of the host sites?
- Do we provide money to assist with the cost of the judging contest?
- Rocha – Do we have funding through a grant that can help with the funding. Remembers that Al DeRose would pass out paperwork – didn't know if that was just
- Discussion:
 - Are we then going to do this with other judging contests? There are other contests that are just as expensive
 - Committee is asking if there are extra funds to assist with the travel of the livestock and the judges (example: Clay Carlson bringing high quality cattle down and have to pay for a hotel on his own.
 - How much money are we talking about? \$200?
 - There is a team at Cal Poly, community colleges, and other universities are a part of this committee and are willing to help provide quality livestock for state finals.
 - Conversation was discussed about having it at Modesto (location might be better)
 - Can we just charge a team fee? To cover the cost of the contest
 - Example: \$40 per chapter – plenty of money to cover the costs
 - If teachers want the changes, they need to be willing to pay for the changes
 - Livestock contest far exceeds what the registration has been in the past. Other contests like the BIG, etc. It used to be the Animal Science department covered the costs – that is no the case anymore.
 - Ben Swan – there is a discussion of getting sponsor donations to help with the cost of the contests
 - Asking to postpone team option in the livestock judging contest for 2022 - need to train the teachers/coaches more (Summer Conference, Road Show, etc)

- Summary: Rocha will be sending the information from this meeting to the committee. Per team \$75 2019- \$2,160 (total expenses - \$3,333)

Judging Card:

- Worried about students showing up to State Finals and have it being the first time them using Judging Card
- We cannot tell host sites to use Judging Card – they have to make that decision on their own
- Issue with Judging Card Scantron – if the students do not know how to fill out the card, then it's going to be a long process. Rocha spent 30 minutes showing the students how to use the scantron. There is no pre-registration part – it's all on the card.
- Logistics of using the card is different – they keep their cards all day instead of turning it in as you go.
- Could we get Alyssa out to California for State Finals? Gorter and the crew have been in contact.
- Important to make sure that the student and the official knows where to put everything on the scorecard
- We need to make the decision if we are going to change the contest to fit the scantron or generate a new scantron to fit the contest
- Fresno, Cal Poly, & Chico have purchased scanners – who else? MJC has access to one
 - Might only need 4 at most – scanner transports well (Superior, San Joaquin, South Coast, Southern)
 - Would probably only need 2 scanners for State Finals
 - Scantrons scan extremely fast and you are not scanning multiple scantrons per contest
- 5 – 6 schools and universities will be using Judging Card in California.
- Master list of Field Day – yes
 - Greg passed out the list of what has been given so far
 - If you have any other host sites, please have them contact Greg so he can add them to the list
 - Hoping to get the list out by January 14th
- Messages being sent out
 - Can we distribute it once and be done instead of sending it out multiple times?
 - Yes – AET message board
 - We can also add a link to our website in the message board
 - Lost of emails being bounced back – how can we stop that?
 - Issues are not so much with email addresses, it is more with the districts blocking emails
 - For field days – teacher prep do not have administration rights like state staff.
 - Can we give access to teachers, teacher educators, students?
 - Yes – it is possible. Regional people can give access to certain people and allow them to have access to only certain items.

National FFA Convention

- Convention year for 2022 (like normal) – no DC Trip

- We will do a survey (needs to go to the Advisory Committee) to go out to teachers for recommendations.
 - Reinstating the DC trip
 - Continue the trip for delegates only
- When do we need to connect with travel agency? February / March
- Comments regarding travel agency – issues this year with cancelled flights and the response was “figure it out with the ticketing counter”
 - Not like our travel agent – we paid her for a service and didn’t get the service like usual.
 - Her response that she couldn’t get a hold of anyone until 8 am
- Suggestion: Share the issue with Kim and ask her what that process would be like if it happens again.
- Suggestion: Provide a timeline on when things are being sent out / registration so teachers have a ‘heads up’

National Stars:

- Ag Science: Hedsburg/St Helena?
- Placement: Spencer Stevens vs. Devet Carvahale (Shay & Jill to look at and make the call – who are we holding and which one is going this year)
- Farmer:
- Ag Business: Rachel Mancebo
- Regional Supervisors: Keep eyes open as American Degrees come in – who stands out for Ag Science, Farmer and Ag Business (one for this year and one for next year)
- Look at State Star winners last year

Team Ag Ed Inservice

- Charles Parker, Jill Sperling, Kevin Woodward, Matt Patton
- Dave Gossman might be there as well

Leadership Continuum:

- Passed out breakdowns of each conference
- Less conference, but 31 more students enrolled, but did have 300 less attend
- Want to look at providing three year contracts for MFE/ALA’s

GLC

- Pre COVID – lower staffing – 5 teams
- Conferences were masked
- Feedback was positive – holding later conferences
 - Compliant about sports (since it was later in the year)

- Couldn't use MJC this year due to the later shift and moved to the Merced County Fairgrounds
- Lemoore (Westhills College) – they had a few COVID restrictions happen
- Nevade GLC – contracted for one day in Fallon, NV
- Changed timing (starting at 9 am instead of 8 am) – worked out for teachers and students
- Future planning, tightening the conference all together (9 am – 2 pm)
 - New law starting next year about school not starting before 8:30 am – which will push them to get out later, etc

MFE/ALA

- Have issues with contracts being signed in time
- Working with Mosaic to get solid contracts and working with them
- Luckily, was able to get the 7 conferences in, but are not a part of the 3 year contract
- Future – need to get three year contracts (better rate for future years)
- 200 registration for 1st Sacramento, all others 240
- Suggestion for future years: Ontario is packed and has a large waiting list – is it possible to get a second MFE/ALA for Southern Region?
 - Depends on the need
 - Depends on State Officer Schedule
 - Especially if we are moving it to the fall
- Masks are being mandated
- Dance? Do we still do it?
 - Do we need to be aware of districts that do not allow dances?
 - Motion – Jill Sperling: We continue to offer dances with masks being worn
 - Second: Greg Beard
 - Motion Passes
 - Suggestion for Future activities – Future ideas instead of a dance – do a community service outreach. Have students boxing materials for the community. Packing boxes of food, etc
 - WLC does Meals for Hope – they help with that process
 - Might reach out to the regional supervisors to see what that community specifically needs
- Increase of Expenses – Meals increase and \$75 is just paying for their meals.
 - Suggestion: Increase registration costs. Be aware that expenses are going to increase. Right now, we are only budgeted for 175 and not 240.
 - Need to be aware that prices are up.
 - GLC was good – but MFE/ALAs are going to be tight as well as SLE
 - Suggestion from Foundation - - This a great opportunity for the FFA Foundation to collaborate and see where donations can go. (example: can pay for dinners or parts of the conference paid for).
- Calendar for MFE/ALA
 - Get three year contracts with the hotels

SLE

- Dates are Feb 22 – Feb 25 at the Holiday Inn
- \$169 for rooms, no continental breakfast – so there is a food cost now
- Overnight parking is \$20 – students should not be driving to this activity
 - Ubering to the airport – that’s fine
- Currently, four per room – if districts are only allowing 2 students per room, then they need to pay the difference.
- Capitol is not allowing outside groups – FFA Foundation is helping us find a location

CMS 2022

- In the planning stages
- Looking at July 2022 (registration open in May)
- Lots of districts have their last board meeting in May – get information out before April
- Needs to check with Pomona and UC Davis regarding hosting in person events.

Calendar:

- Moving Leadership Conferences
 - Reasons:
 - State Officers Schedules
 - GLC’s – allowing teachers to get to know their students before they register them for conference
 - MFE/ALA – fall time instead of Spring
 - GLC’s – winter or later
 - Issues that we might face moving MFE/ALA to the fall:
 - Harvest
 - Football games
 - Might not be able to use the weekends anymore – might need to do the weekdays instead
 - Asking teachers what they think so we can make a decision
 - Timing – really need to deciding it today so Taline can book the three year contracts
 - Motion: Shay Williams - Hopper– To continue MFE/ALA for the 2022-2023 as we have in the past, gather input from the Ag Advisory Committee and then making a decision for 2023-2024. Thus, asking Taline for another one year contract and hold on a three year contract.
 - Second – Greg Beard
 - Discussion:
 - Freshmen are not ready for the GLC in the fall and the State Officer schedule is packed in the spring
 - Do we still allow the State Officers to be the presenters still for MFE/ALA? Or do we hire out?
 - Move MFE/ALA’s into April

- Motion Passes
- Suggestion: Have a sheet with the pros and cons for the Ag Advisory Committee (or a FAQs) so the Ag Advisory Committee can make a decision.
 - Parker will put together the list and send out to the State Staff before sharing with the Advisory Committee
- 2023 MFE/ALA tentative dates:
 - Sacramento – Jan 13-14
 - Redding – Jan 20 – 21
 - Monterrey – Jan 27 &28, 29 &30
 - Ontario – Feb 3 & 4, Feb 5 & 6
 - Modesto – Feb 10 -11
 - Visalia – Feb 17 – 18
- 2023 SLE Date – Feb 28 – March 3rd
- 2022 CMS
 - 1 : July 13 – 14
 - 2: July 20-21

State Conference

Awards List:

- Star Farmer – Hall of Chapters, Scholarships – Shay
- Proficiency, Agriscience & LDEs – Cari
- Honorary, Distinguished, Parent Rec, Teacher Rec, Officer Rec, Charter – Hugh

Administrator's Experience

- See tentative schedule – Peter Callas will be speaking

Delegate Operations:

- Room numbers may change, but the tentative schedule is there
- Regional Caucasus on Sunday @ 2 pm
- Delegate Business Session to Monday morning in Golden 1 following the morning session
- Delegate Committees – comes from the State Officers
 - Topics – State Officers
 - Assignments – Hannah
- Voting being used through a different system

Leadership Workshops

- 18 set at this time
- Willing to allow sponsors host student workshops
- Need to make sure that workshops are loud, exciting and hands on – want to make sure that the sponsors
 - Worried that sponsor's workshops wouldn't have anyone there and then it looks bad for FFA
- Can ask community colleges

- Consumes, Reedley, etc
- Fresno and Poly might increase their numbers

Hotels – paperwork passed out

Proposed Constitution & By Laws Amendment:

- Remove conference committee for Finance & Audit since the Adult Board takes care of this
- Remove standing Conference Review – this is done via survey following the Annual State Leadership Conference
- Motion: To send the proposed committee amendments to the delegates with a “do pass”.
- Motion Passed

Code of Conduct

- Do the teachers “sign” the Code of Conduct – no
- There is an emergency contact form on AET – we can utilize that
- Suggestion – Code of Conduct on the website under the State Leadership Conference
- Add COVID to the website for State Conference as well

List of Responsibilities for State Conference

- Take a look at the list – is there anything that needs to be fixed /missing
- Kevin Lewis is doing the Voting – not Sperling
- Lightning Needs – remove
- If you have dates to add, please let Parker know
- Remove – Shay does not receive the awards, they are sent to the FFA center
- Are workshop presenters on their own for food or do we have food truck vouchers?
- Amendment Proposals – only share with delegates – remove Hannah from that job
- If you see anything else, let Parker know
- Helpers for LDE contests – each state staff is in charge of getting their own helpers
 - Timers, moving students from one location to the next, checking binders, etc
 - Foundation – have people that might be interested in helping out with contests
 - Put together a list of needs for Toosje/Foundation

Tours

- List provided – additional tours for Flora Fresh
- Not adding anything more
- Numbers might change after Jan 15th (deadline)

Rooms

- Ag Sales on the rooms list? - No
 - Only having it there if CRC is not having a field day
 - Need 16 rooms for Saturday morning
- Delegate Orientation on Sunday Morning – would be nice for the 800 delegates (room of the Administrator’s room)

- Find it hard to move students to three different places – having the A1 room for orientation and having them all in the convention center would be ideal
- Hannah is providing a list of rooms that she needs for the delegates and the layout of where they would be

Emergency Plan

- Taline is putting something together for us

Meals

- Do we need food trucks for LDEs?
- We do not have it set up for a person to be making our meals for us
- We will need to provide meals within the Golden 1
- Can we provide food vouchers?
- Golden 1 has a snack bar, therefore we are going to get a Food Truck
 - There will probably be a fee for each one of the food trucks
 - Location where the food trucks would be is still TBD
- Leadership workshops – food trucks would be there – so we should probably provide food vouchers for them (Sunday & Monday)
- Arena does not take cash – they only take cards or vouchers (feel free to let teachers know)
 - Need to find someone to handle money
- If you see anything else that is missing, let Parker know

Security

- Still need to have the conversation regarding the security for our event
 - Cleaning the streets, police being in the area, etc

FAQs

- Document to give to teachers
- Please send the question and answer to Parker

Career Show Layout

- Round tables near the storage area – there will be a stage for Talent Show
- Talent Show will be going on during the Career Show

Sandwich signs

- If you need banners or other signs, please let Parker know
- What about guests that do not have a pass?
 - Sign for them outside of the arena by the door– Trisha will be set up for each session

COVID Protocols

- Put on website for State Conference page
- Do not need to test students during the conference

- 72 hours before the conference starts, they need to be tested (do not need every 72 hours)
- OR proof of vaccination
- Do we have an uploaded document to show that they have these qualifications?

Career Show

- 29 booths sold – 3-5 that still need to register

FFA Conference App

- Conference book is on the app

Honorary State Degree

- 4 nominations (submitted online)
 - We can forward the list to the Executive Committee
 - Or we can have representatives to fill out the applications
- Bobbin Movain & Tony Littleleaf to be added to the list.
- Motion: So moved to forward all 6 names.
- Second: Greg Beard
- Discussion – none
- Motion Passes
- Names will be forwarded to Executive Committee (February 21st)

Distinguished Service

- No applications turned in

Scholarships

- Applications were due at the end of December
- 232 apps submitted, 32 were disqualified
 - Disqualified – did not hold a state degree and/or 5-7 students that applied that were juniors and/or not majoring in agriculture and/or GPA forms were not done appropriately
- Applications are early (because of conference moving up) but a lot of them do not know what they are going to be majoring in
- Need to have the discussion about majoring in agriculture --- what does that mean?
 - Example: major falls under the Agriculture pathway at the college
 - Example: majoring in microbiology to go into food science after college
- 136 applications were approved and made it to the finals list
- Jill reached out to numerous people (industry partners) and 20 people reached out saying they would read the applications.
- Applications to be scored by Feb 2nd and will be scored by three people
- Scholarship application will not be done through JotForm after this year
 - Looking into AET possibility
- End of the year, Jill will be sending out a list of common issues that she was finding with the applications

- Final list will go out Feb. 15th
- UTI – only had 4 applications
 - 1 wasn't going to UTI
 - 1 didn't have a state degree
 - 2 students were only eligible

Question – do we re-open the UTI scholarship for more students or just have the 2 students? Decision – forwarding the 2 that qualified

Career Show

- Originally: Agriculture Career Show and College Expo
 - No fundraisers
- This year – Blooms (sock company)
 - SMUD, PG&E, Raley's, UTI (not really ag related – but career related)
- Don't want to have an issue with saying "yes" to one group and "no" to another
- Should have the group that share our qualities, core values and mission as an organization
- We also have a lot of out of state colleges coming
- You could make a case for everyone --- have them showcase how they are connected to the Agriculture Industry
- If we sell items at the Career Show (minus the FFA store), it changes the idea of the show and have to pay a fee per square foot
 - Don't know if it is for the whole facility or just the retail space
- Not kicking anyone out this year, but this is for the future
- Motion: A committee be developed of three people to create a criteria should be developed specifically for the Career Show
- Second: .Sharon Freeman
- Discussion: None
- Motion Passes
 - Chairman: Jackie, JessaLee, &
- Criteria:
 - No fundraising (belongs at CATA conference)
 - Making a connection to Agriculture

Meeting Adjourned: 5:06 pm

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- Sharon Freeman
- Steven Rocha
- Roger Hanagriff. – AET
- Dr. Lynn Martindale
- Bonnie Baxter
- Sandy Dale
- Dr. Mollie Aschenbrener
- Jessica (student teacher)
- Ben Meyer – National FFA
- Charles Parker
- Jackie Ioimo-Jones
- Jill Sperling
- Roscoe Vonn
- Matt Patton
- Kerry Stockton
- Cari Brown
- Ben Swan
- Jen Can Conett

Start Time: 9:05 am

AET - Roger

- Teacher's can sign employers to do their SAE Evaluations
 - Manage Access for Employers/Supervisors
 - Employers name, address, phone number, etc
 - Employers and Supervisors can evaluate students as well
 - Can be helpful when teachers leave programs – employers/supervisor information
- Teacher's can have a "screenshot" of their student SAE progress
 - Reports > Project Grading Reports
 - Gives teachers the opportunity to see their journals, financials, hours, videos, pictures, etc
 - Click ABC, can evaluate students on skills
- Event Check In /Professional Development Tracker
 - Can use to create and scan people in
 - You can write their names in as well
 - "State Approved" – when an admin creates an event – will stamp the event as "staff" when they are inputted / scanned
 - Can we "deactivate" the QR code after a certain amount of time?
 - Issues with Excel Download – working on it
- Event Attendance/Checking Tracker
 - Manage student checking at regional/state events
 - Question: How to stop students from adding their names to an event that they did not attend (ex: Chapter meeting)

- Click on Event that is created on the “Calendar” and choose the event, click on Participants
 - Entered by & Participation Value
 - If the Validated box appears, then students can be either validated or delete them – if deleted, then it deletes it from their AET records
 - ***Request: Can we have a “select all” button for multiple un-validated students***
- Moved to Amazon – needed more speed
 - Huge change a week ago and has been 12% faster
- Email and Messaging System
 - Had to be moved to Amazon – needed to go through a validated system
- Award Applications
 - ACRES
 - AET Proficiency (their records are the application – Illinois, Colorado use this)
 - Year based now, wanting to switch it to be project specific
 - Officer Application (North Carolina, Colorado, Michigan use this)
 - Questions/ narrative for officers and then pulls all of their information from AET
 - Pulls their AET resume
 - Electronic Signature & Teacher Approval
 - Grants – Wrangler Grant
 - Allows students to choose the grant they are applying for
 - Allows them to choose the SAE project that goes with the grant
 - Gives a copy of their records
 - Can add grant questions
 - Might be a time saver!
 - School base inservice application
 - Application that is initiated by the teacher
 - So if your state has a teacher grant application, that might work
 - Foundational SAE / Adding an SAE Project to MULTIPLE students / Adding bulk SAE
 - Accounts > Student Accounts > Add Projects for your Students
 - Allows the teacher to add students that are in their specific class
 - Filter for any students that do not have their Foundational SAE
 - Click All or filter and then click, add a project
 - Can give the all the same SAE name
 - Only filters for students who don’t have a foundational SAE
 - Accessing Student information for Awards
 - Account > Student Accounts > Summary of All Student Progress and Awards
 - AET Website System
 - If teachers want a website, then you can un-pause it
 - Helps with teachers to give information to parents
 - They have a checklist that makes their website look good
 - Pulls data, shows the upcoming events (pulls from the calendar)
 - They can upload files to share
 - Can have parents sign up as subscribers
 - Calendar is the #1 use for the website
 - Teacher Helper has a full section that explains AET web

- Checklist has hyperlinks that direct you to AET information
 - Example: Click on Photos and you can approve
- Program Management Reports
 - A1. Freshmen Cohort
 - Only applies to your freshmen cohort – not your sophomores, etc
 - Class Enrollment and FFA Membership – should be the same number. If not, someone is missing a class (example 170 class, 170 FFA Membership)
 - Shows FFA and SAE engagement
 - Will highlight a “missing” gray box if they are missing a class
 - Students/Teacher can go back and add their class (if missing one)
- Parity Reports
 - Working with data right now – Census data
 - Organizing by zip code is not going to work
 - Demographics are different at each high school
 - Parker is going to see if we can school data
 - How about NCS data?
 - Downfall – they do not release it in time
 - Might be able to link with National FFA
 - A lot of the data that we are collecting is student driven – parents type in “white”, student types in “Hispanic”
 - Can we tie it to an SIS report (Aeries)
 - Can it be rolled over and uploaded into AET?
 - Just need to see if they can share that data
 - Filter Gender and Filter Race in Cohort Reporting areas is already in AET
- AIG Grant
 - Degree/Awards
 - Add New – CA AIG Grant
 - Click on the Application
 - Once we have everything in the AIG application, then it will be available for teachers to add
- BIG QUESTION: When will the application be available?
 - Once all questions are answered, they should be able to have it created within a month or so.
 - Should be in good shape for being on time.
- Teacher Journal
 - % of ag teachers that coach, % LDE, etc --- sources are from teacher journal
 - Student teachers need to not be included in pulling that data
- Communication with Teachers
 - Accounts >AET Message Center > You can send messages / emails out to everyone
 - Working on attachments
 - Accounts > Region Account/User Permissions

- Can add people to the list that can have access to message people and collect information
 - Can click on permissions and allow them to have access to certain things
 - You can allow people such as their CATA presidents/ Sectional presidents, etc.
- Question: Can we have an additional email / personal email?
 - Possibly – it just depends on if they fill it out
 - We do have a second email already in the profile
- Question: Can we apply this to student teachers to help with seeing their progress and retention?
 - Yes

National FFA – Ben Meyer

- See Winter National FFA update
- FFA Value Statements – take a look and see what you have been doing that showcases our values
 - We need to have states (like CA) to take the leadership to show the notion that we are actually demonstrating these values
 - Do we really have these values? How do we show them?
 - What success stories do we have?
 - Or what are we missing / need to continue to work on
- 100% Membership – thank you for helping out with that
 - Fee structure might change after 100% membership is in place
 - If we get rid of the 24 steps – what does that look like?
 - Small, middle, large programs
 - FTE teacher numbers
 - Currently, we receive a flat bill --- do we want to relook at what we get as CA?
 - Dues might come down due to the fact that there will be more membership across the nation.
- Inservice – will be discussing more about the FFA Value Statements and 100% membership
- Invoices and Billing
 - New system for billing – chapters can now see their outstanding bills
- Hall of States changed to a virtual experience
 - Video submission and videos would play at national convention
- Scholarships
 - Are seeing a decrease in scholarship numbers
 - Ford is a huge donor – want to be giving the scholarship to chapters that deserve it
 - Number of scholarship in CA – very low – best thing an Ag Teacher / Regional Supervisor can do is to look at the rubric
 - SAE projects – taking a maximum of 5 SAEs. Early evaluations are done by a computer – so fill in the boxes
 - Example: Took a lamb to the fair for 4 years (4 SAEs) and worked in the greenhouse for the spring (1 SAE).

- Can we see what the percentages of which states submitted scholarship applications?
Yes
- Reach out to your Ford dealers – you are only competing against your neighboring chapters, not the nation.
- New Century Farmer Conference (going live this year!)
 - Industry and Ag Production focus conference for high school graduates (20-24) that are in ag production or heading to ag production
 - Past FFA membership needs to be included
 - Hard group to communicate with – please continue to reach out to students

Professional Development – Sandy Dale

- New Professionals
 - Very positive, 200 people, 18 presenters, 15 different workshops, great to work with Dr. Delay & had a social event
- Student Teacher Conclave
 - 74 students enrolled, 71 coming (COVID)
 - Mock interview and social activity added back to the conference
- Cooperating Teacher Conference
 - 86 participants at this point – registration closes next Monday
 - Dr. Schager will be presenting her research on retention
 - Moved to Sunday – Monday (hoping to work better with subbing issues)
 - 6 planned workshops
- CA Delta Update
 - Dates: August 1 – 5th (possibly 2 – 4)
 - Huge project and really exciting!
 - Lead by Mark Rynearson. Committee: Matt Patton, Angela Mayfield, Natalie Scheussler, Mandy Garner, Dr. Alyssa Schager, Judy Aschwandun, Dane White, Sandy Dale
 - Lots of brainstorming
 - Re-imagining with conference with a blank slate
 - Target audience, conference goals
 - Design Session
 - Content design, flow, and activities
 - Location – Fortuna
 - Approx 24 people for the first class
 - Pulling in an industry component within the conference
 - Job shadowing – NOT a tour
 - Work Planned
 - Design work for each session, activities, content writing session, and marketing
 - Timeline:
 - Summer session – 3 day of training, mentor leaders, etc
 - Road Show – 2 days of work to be done at a Road Show
 - CATA Conference – 203 days of final work – celebration of completion!
 - Questions: What years of experience are we targeting?
 - We are assuming they went through the other PD events
 - We do not want to specify it to a year range / target range

- It would take the place of the Advanced Leadership Conference
 - We'll give a year that they have to be over
- Question: Could other teachers come in from other states to see what you do with this conference? Make some extra money?
 - Might be a possibility, at this time, just focusing on us
 - After our first trial – then yes, those conversations can happen
 - Ben Meyer would like to help out with that in the future/down the road
- Administration Conference
 - Pete Callas – Keynote
 - Grant Ermis – Teacher Supporters
 - Teachers need to register their principal / superintendent
 - Dustin Sperling is going to talk about the certification project
 - Shay will be talking about AET data reports
 - Jill & Shay for Judging Orientation
- Supervising Teachers – site visits – doing great
- Teach Ag – Bonnie is doing a great job!
- Mentoring Mini Sessions – will happen after the Road Show is completed
- AET Tutorials – will have access to AET tutorial and access the people on that committee to do some of those Mini Sessions
- Landing Page – Rylie Dale is working on putting everything from conferences and sharable social media. We are going to put Rylie on the road as well (how do I find the resource and utilize the page – CATA Summer Conference, Road Shows, etc).
- Skills Based Bootcamp – Some teachers have asked for having a day of building skills
 - Example: having one day of doing a hands on skills based class – floral design
 - Example: teaching basic chemistry / biology concepts
 - These are NOT curriculum sharing workshops – they are hands on skill based workshops
- Future Conference Dates:
 - New Professionals – Nov 3-4, 2022
 - Student Teacher Conclave – January 5 – 6, 2023
 - Can we change the date? Hard for Student Teachers who just started and then leave for a conference within their first week of Student Teaching
 - Cooperating Teacher Conference – January 29-30, 2022
 - CA Delta – TBA, Summer 2023
- Contract Draft – due February
- Presenters and Contractors
- Special Projects to be Funded
- Do we have extra funding for projects?
 - AET task force (possibly 20 – will talk with Jill)
 - Agriscience (pay 3)
 - Proficiencies (paid two last year, can we pay 3?)
 - Coordinator for National Chapter program – could we have a stipend?
 - Dr. Aschenbrener has a few things as well – will talk with Sandy later
- Chico State – need to do 6 evaluations instead of 4. Will that change for the stipends?

- Fresno has been doing 6
- Travel Reimbursement – need by May 15th

State Finals

- UC Davis - Food Science – Good to go
- Fresno State – received an email regarding events in February and COVID protocols. Rocha is waiting to see if anything is going to change for mid-winter finals.
 - Able to use the Judging Card for November, Winter Finals and the Pruning Contest
 - For April – pretty sure that we will be using Judging Cards (ex: Ag Pest might not use it)
 - Can we still use Judging Card to do the tabulations for all contests (even the ones that are hand scored)
 - Jessica from Chico --- feel free to come up and see what we do at Chico on Feb. 12th
 - Feel we need to match the contest with a scantron that works OR create a scantron to match the contest --- we have some contests that are different and do not work with the system
 - Can we get a committee together to collaborate and look at the contest vs the scantron / tabulations?
- Cal Poly
 - Already met with Judging Card – registration, logistics, tabulations
- CRC
 - Right now – they are good
 - Setting aside room at the convention center (just in case)
- Passed out paperwork for items that had to be changed/determined – see list
 - Only thing that is not there is the qualifying events
 - Ag Mech – 9
 - Vet Science – 10
 - Worried about qualifications – issue – I cannot travel to all of these contests (districts are limiting them)
 - Currently – qualifiers are there to help with large numbers at finals
 - Motion from Shay: To forward the list of contests and the list of qualifiers to governing board
 - Second: Jill
 - Discussion: none
 - Motion Passes
 - Question: BIG & COOP – chapter needs to participate section level in order to participate at the state level
 - Who verifies that? No one
 - Why do we have that rule?
 - We use to have the industry partake in COOP
 - Not too sure why we had BIG
 - If we feel this is obsolete – do was adhere to it or asking governing board to clean up the language in the curricular code.
 - OR submit a curricular code change
 - Parker will forward a recommendation to governing board to wave those rules.

Master Calendar:

- Parker passed out 2022-2023 draft calendar

CATA Summer Conference

- Schedule / Workshops:
 - Noe Gomez - Chemistry
 - Cameron – NGSS
 - Alyssa coming out from Judging Card
 - AIG
 - AET (need 5 sessions and Jill will give out names for presenters)
 - AET Task Force is 20 people who are going to be creating content for teachers and will be on a website / module for teachers to go through. They can download the videos and help sheets.
 - Floral – Shay has teachers
 - Sperling's for Certifications
 - One for Floral
 - One for Ag Mech
 - Middle School programs – Amber Carter is in charge of that committee
- Gonzalez is the speaker "All In"
- Summer Conference will be in person
- Banquet
 - Central Region would like to have the 2020 & 2021 people to highlight the people who won for the past two virtual years
- Ben Meyer will pass along the information to Scott Stump from National FFA to speak at the conference

College Updates:

Chico State

- 2 new hires and a new dean – extremely supportive
- Student Teachers – having challenges and have stepped aside
 - Down a little for next fall
 - 20 out this spring – 30 total for the whole year
 - Many have chosen to take a break and deciding if they want to complete their program
- Excited for field day – pack a raincoat!

Fresno

- New football coach and hired one of the Animal Science teachers to be the special team's coach

- Change – new department chair – Dr. Steve Rocha
- Next Generation Ag Science Project – a few graduate students applied for a grant and received it.
 - Cameron Standridge and Jon Moules are working on the project
 - Planning on bringing in a group of teachers on Jan 26-28
 - Might be asking Regional Supervisors for a list of people who would be interested
- Student Teachers – lost a few this year – 25 total this year
- Dean is retiring at the end of the year and there is a search being established
 - If you have recommendations, please let Dr. Rocha know
- Ag Ed – Animal Science – looking for an assistant associated position
- 300 ag ed students
- Field days
 - Cotton numbers were down
- Dr. Freeman is still working extremely hard with the ACRS
- Ag Ambassador program- statewide committee, Conference on April 24-26
 - All students have been meeting virtually – excited to get everyone together
- Thank you for all of the support of the ACRS program
- Congrats Dr. Voughn on your retirement!

Cal Poly

- Cal Poly Winery is open – hoping to host an event during summer conference
- Building behind Bld 10 is complete – more classrooms
- New Animal Science position – removing the student animal housing duties
 - Creating a new associate dean
- New department head – Dr. Brian Lomar – moved here from China
- Student Teachers – 20 , 14 are going to be housed in South Coast region
- 26 for next year
- Cal Poly is going to semester starting 2024-25
 - Will cost some faculty to retire early because they do not want to change

State Convention

- Location at Ontario
- Informing teaches once we get the contracts

New Charters

Gorman – virtual program

- Applied for a charter- getting on onsite teacher, allowing
- We need to create a policy that goes over what we are allowing for virtual programs - what do we accept and what do we not accept
- Need to have the curriculum sequence and a properly credentialed ag teacher before applying for a charter

- Not allowing the to apply for a charter until all other areas are met and until we have a policy created for virtual programs.

STAR Awards :

- Proposed to spread the funding out to other areas – breaking up into other award areas, Agriscience, other Star awards, regional winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd). Take the funds and support the four students (in a lower value) and then 1st – 3rd places – supporting over 300 students. Thus helping boost SAE programs and projects.

- Toni came back – here was her proposal

The following is a recap of the specifics we discussed yesterday:

○ Star Farmer Award	\$10,000 (to honor her dad)
○ Other 3 Category Awards	\$4,500/\$1500 per student
○ 24 Regional Top Award	\$12,000/\$500 per student
○ Overhead Plaques	\$2,800/\$100 each
○ Overhead FFA Foundation Acct.	\$3,000
○ Statewide SAE Coordinator	\$25,000/per year
○ Total	\$57,000

- Doesn't include the Agriscience Awards – instead includes the SAE coordinator position
- Issues: Students/teachers see the STAR Farmer getting \$10,000 and then the other STAR recipients receiving \$1500.
- Suggestion: (doesn't give money to 2nd or 3rd place winners)
 - \$5000 per state Star winner x 4
 - 18 Regional Winner STAR – 5000
 - Prof – 300
 - Agriscience - 300
 - Total : \$58,000 (over)
- Question: Why is she the person we are negotiating with?
 - Received the approval from Josiah and Katie
 - Toni went out and found money for the foundation specifically for Awards
 - Working with her because she has found the donors / her money
- Award distribution should be dictated by State Staff THEN the foundation should come in to help support that
 - Currently there are pledges for 5 years where there are strings attached/obligations
- Having those conversations with the entire executive committee could help with this conversation
- Question: What are we locked into?
 - The donations states “10,000 for State STAR Farmer”
 - Matt will talk with Kerry and pull that information together for the Friday meeting
 - If we made a promise to Smit-Camp, then we need to honor that

- On Friday – we will be bringing a proposal to the Executive Committee regarding the
- Could we go back to the Smit-Camp family and ask them to support the STAR Award program, not necessarily the STAR Farmer
- We made a proposal and presented it, Foundation knows what we want.
- Stick with the proposal that we gave
- Going forward – State Staff provides a list of items that they would like funded and give to the Foundation Board
 - We have provided them a list, but this is something that needs to be addressed to the Foundation and known to everyone
- Funding
 - State Level – STAR, Agriscience, Proficiencies
 - 1st places first, then 2nd and 3rd.
 - Regional
 - 1st places first, then 2nd and 3rd

Middle School, Charter and Private School Requirements

- Issues when we collect materials – getting nothing from charter, private and/or middle school
- How are we holding them accountable? Just allowing them to have a charter because they bring 2 delegates to state conference?
 - There are schools out there that do not communicate, do not participate, do not go to professional development
 - How do we value them as a “chapter in good standing”
- Should we have other requirements for a “chapter in good standing”?

#1: We should have minimum requirements in the State FFA Constitution where there needs to be 3 – 5 things that identify a “chapter in good standing”.

#2: Have a list of qualifications for charters, middle, and private schools

Shay – put together a draft, after state conference, we can discuss the criteria moving forward.

Specialized Grants:

- When do we need to send out 2nd apportionment to Diane? **January 15th**

AIG Expenditure Report Auditing:

- Pulling back \$40,000 from one region
- Want to drill down on teachers/districts on how to spend their funding
- Do we fund them at a reduce level? Or no funding them?
- Jill is having a meeting in January with her teachers and CBO’s and explain to them that they need to get their funds spent
- Suggestion – Have a 30 minute zoom – how to use the AIG funding

End of Meeting: 4:40 pm