

**CDE Ag Education Unit Staff Meeting  
Sacramento, Calif.  
January 6 – 8, 2004**

Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am at the California Farm Bureau in Sacramento. In attendance was: Greg Beard, Chuck Parker, Jean Landeen, Jack Havens, Ken Harris, Bob Heuvel, Lloyd McCabe, Jeanette Sturzen, Brad Dodson, Rosco Vaughn, Jim Aschwanden, Mike Speiss, Cary Trexler, Bob Flores, and Rich Engel.

Minutes were approved as emailed.

Agenda was reviewed and revised.

Chairperson refused to consider replacing Secretary.

Booster Club samples handed out. It was decided not to put them on the web or develop them any further.

**Dept of Education Report – Bob Heuvel**

- Funding – AIG, AB 8 funds, and Perkins are the three funding sources.
- Our share is \$250,000. (+10,000) plus \$50,000 for Standards development.
- Perkins leadership for FFA – \$15,000 last year, this year \$40,000. AB 8 fund \$220,000 for FFA this year.
- Submitting contract proposals similar to previous years.

**CATA Executive Director Report – Jim Aschwanden**

- Ag Fellowship applications are online. Will change to 7-day event.
- UC has erected a firewall to prevent floral courses from being approved. Memo went to evaluators to stop approving floral courses.
- Commission looking at funding of schools. Scary of what commission will do, in light of make up of commission.
- Federal level – NCLB – Jim sees no state leadership. CATA will work Calif. Congressional delegation. ACTE maybe folding. Who will carry the ball on federal lobbying? Idea to get western state leaders together to lobby their federal legislators.
- Legislative proposal for CTE graduation requirement. Need definition or language of what CTE is.
- Another potential legislation - to amend "School Accountability Report Card" to include measurement of CTE in the report card.
- Ag Tag bill still in Rules committee.
- Discussion of how do we put together a national coalition to work Perkins reauthorization.

- Contact Bernie for time slot to discuss Perkins and NCLB at February Natl Ag. Ed In-service.

Lunch 12:45.

Reconvened 1:30

#### FFA Center – Jim Aschwanen

- List of donors distributed.
- Boswell will be donating anywhere from \$100,000 or more. May be a matching of student donations.
- CA FFA Foundation website will be up and running Jan. 15

#### UC Report – Lloyd McCabe

- All CSUs will approve an Ag course on a case by case basis as a “G” elective
- After 06/07 only 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade courses will be accepted as “G” elective.
- Env. Science, Physical Science, and Integrated Science will no longer meet “D” requirement, only “G” elective.
- New science courses will need to submit lab activities.
- Floral – Jim was right all along, UC will not approve Floral.
- BOARS – approved AG Ed as a “Program Area”. This will allow us to post Ag. courses on the UC website and then those courses submitted with same title will get automatic approval.

#### NCLB – Lloyd McCabe

- State Board has approved NCLB plan. Now goes to federal level.
- New teachers still is a major problem.
- Three handouts. New is Form 2 and 3 “California HOUSSE – Part I and Part II.”

#### **Teacher Placement and Professional Development Reports** - Distributed

MSP add a page to our AIG Expenditure report that reports items that were purchased that year costing over \$500 and had a life of over one year. This report can be completed by the Agriculture program manager.

MSP to add an equipment inventory be added to the items to be submitted by Dec. 15. This item will be added to the AIG checklist list.

#### Electronics Reports – Mike Spiess

- Reviewed R2 report

- Ag Directory – Need District Support Database for labels, etc.
- E Record book was reviewed
- Website menu will be updated by Summer Conference.
- Field Day Registration online.
- Tabulations Programs moving forward.
- Linking State Degree app with E- Record Book will be forthcoming.

Adjourned 5:10 pm

Reconvened 9:05 am

Joined by Jerry Clark, Bob Cummings, Don Borges, Lynn Martindale, Glen Casey

#### Natl. Ag Ed In-service - Heuvel

- Heuvel contacted Bernie Staller. There will be a session on Perkins. Bernie is also exploring adding a panel discussion.

#### Transfers SB 1754 - Parker

- Districts can transfer up to 50% of holdover money. Confusion whether it was 01-02 money or 02-03.

#### Specialized Grants – Parker

- 10 or more available depending upon adjustments.

#### University Reports

Chico – Brad Dodson

- 3 more faculty
- 3 new contests – Ag Sales, FBM, Forestry
- Applications way up

CPSLO – Flores

- Budget cuts coming
- Teachers in Residence - Cummings and Clark have been great addition
- Applications are strong

UC Davis – Martindale

- Field Day is Feb. 27-28
- Student Teachers are in their schools for the year.

**Fresno – Vaughn**

- Enrollments continue to grow
- Winter Field Day, Convention, State Finals committees are in place
- Ag. Mechanics position was not filled, will reopen as lecturer position
- Will have 16 new teachers for next year, slight reduction next year, then will grow again.
- Worried about budget and losing lecturer position

**Pomona – Havens**

- Five student teachers
- Kim Miller teaching a couple of courses.

**Student Teacher count:**

Fresno -	16	
Davis	-	7
Pomona	-	5
Chico -	11	
SLO	-	20
Total	-	59

**Tech Prep – Borges**

- Being located at Modesto JC has helped with networking with CC.
- Tech Prep State Conference will be at Anaheim Marriott
- Alan Cover is retiring, will be looking for Dean replacement, other possible retirements will not be replaced.
- Tech Prep brochure available in Spanish. Schools can request.

**Breakout meetings****Itinerary – Ken Harris**

- Submitted draft of form to combine itinerary and travel requests.
- Lloyd, Debra, and Bob will look at the form.

**Reimbursements – Havens**

- Discussion of using CALEATERS.

**Unit Plan –Heuvel**

- All staff needs to report progress on unit plan. No paper documentation needed.

**FFA Center Commitment – Heuvel**

- George Gomes – Reported he had a report that Region FFA officers have been told not to raise money as a Region team.

**Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service– Parker**

- Discussed list of potential Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service nominees.

**Projected State Membership**

- 57,000 – 59,000 potential membership

**Handouts - Parker**

- Greenhand Conference Summary
- State Officer Chapter Visit Evaluation from
- Proposed Integrated Leadership Development Plan
- Proposed Amendments from State Officers and Board of Directors.  
Recommended from Staff to remove proposal #1 re: score on record book for State Degree

**State Leadership Conference- Parker**

- Speech contest schedule discussed. Decided that the top two Prepared Public Speaking contestants compete on stage and the winning Parli Pro team do a demonstration during a conference stage.

Lunch break 12:45

**SLE** - Staff reviewed applications

**State Record Booking** – Parker

- Proposing that we do not score e-record book, but verify.

MSP that any e-record book submitted for state degree would not be scored for 70 point requirement and verified only.

Heuvel appointed Parker, Havens, Beard, and Cummings to draft a verification form.

**Teacher Educator Breakout Report** –

- Handout of New Professionals Conference evaluation
- Reviewed agenda of Cooperating Teacher/Student Teacher Conclave

- Credentialing – and NCLB. Need to have a summit with university science and education people in the room. Need to include someone from CTC and Chancellors office.

#### Region Road Show Report – McCabe

- Handout distributed of evaluations

#### Summer Conference – Aschwanen

- Distributed Proposed Agenda
- In-service topics are needed by Winter Governing Board
- Assume you will be at conference, so if not, let Jim know ASAP.

#### State Finals - Beard

- Same assignments as last year.
- Discussion of paying for tabulation program

MSP to go to the Adult Board to pay \$10,000 for computerized tabulation development and testing with funds to be paid back from State Finals Registration excess fees.

#### Master Calendar – Parker

- Developed State Master Calendar for 04/05

#### Discussion Meet – Parker

- Presented idea of having State Discussion Meet at Farm Bureau state convention
- Need to explore Ag. Issues contest.

#### Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer Award - Harris

- Have six Region Star Greenhand and Chapter Farmers in the areas production, placement, and agribusiness and select State winner.
- No consensus

#### FFA Region and State Budgets

- Discussion of transfer money within the budget and how to access reserve money.

Adjourned at 5:20 pm

Reconvened 9:15 Joined by Karen Dalton-Wemp

**Ag. Literacy – Landeen**

- Ag. Literacy Guide is final edit.
- Looking for a home for the future of Ag. Literacy. Once determined will apply for Kellogg funding.

**Greenhand Conferences, SLE, MFE**

- Reports handed out earlier.

**Specialized AIG Grants**

MSF to make an exception for Superior Region school for Specialized AIG Grant.

**Leadership Life Skills – Heuvel**

- National program - need trainer.
- Greg will go if doesn't conflict with Region meeting, Chuck as back up.

**ACE Exam**

- There is hope for future assessment that will be web based. Do not want to release the secure questions now, so they may be used in the future.

**State Degree Scoring – Heuvel**

- Concern that TA's is their only Ag class and applying for degrees.

**Parli Pro Judging Guide – Heuvel**

- Bob will negotiate with Dunbar for reduced rate for Parli Pro judges guide
- Discussion of appropriateness of Dunbar info on our website.

**Ag Ed State Standards Project – Heuvel**

- Karen Dalton-Wemp has been asked assist with the project
- Developed list of team leader, teacher, and industry reps for each pathway.

Adjourned 1:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Havens

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**Action Items**

**Bob Heuvel**

1. Check on 1754 interpretation
2. Review itinerary form proposed by Harris
3. Check on use of CALEATERS
4. Talk to Dan Pentony about Power points available at cost.
5. Negotiate with Dunbar a reduced rate for 250 Parli Pro Judges guide book.

**Chuck Parker**

1. Send State Officer Chapter visit form to RS

**Regional Supervisors**

1. Follow up with chapters regarding fundraising for FFA Center
2. Update progress of Unit plan.
3. Encourage chapters to return State Officer Chapter Visit Evaluation form
4. Bring 5 sets of Record Books to Student Teacher conference
5. Remind students at first State Conference Region meeting that Public Speaking contest will be held on stage and appropriate behavior is expected.
6. Region Budgets 04/05 due to Chuck March 1.
7. Discuss with teachers the issue of TAs are not enrolled in Ag. Class.

**Greg Beard**

1. Be prepared to propose Creed Curricular Code changes in regards to Section and Region questions, when it is up for review.

**Jack Havens**

1. Develop inventory for AIG report

**Mike Spiess**

1. Follow up on suggested improvements

**Ag. Educators**

1. Arrange summit for NCLB credentialing requirements and new teachers.