

**California Ag Education Meeting**  
**FFA Center Conference Room**  
**Galt, CA**  
**Sept. 3 - 5, 2013**

Meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. In attendance was: Greg Beard, Jack Havens, Charles Parker, Bob Heuvel, Jeanette Sturzen, Jean Landeen, Josiah Mayfield, and Zane Zeehan.

**I. Leadership Conferences - Zeehan**

- Greenhand - Facilitators hired, curriculum revised, training done. Registration is strong, many are full already. 23 GLC this year. Discussion of feasibility of adding more conferences.
- COLC - letter distributed with State officer role
- MFE/ALA - registration will open soon
- SLE - will work on coordinators after National Convention.
- Other handouts - Chapter visits, 2012-13 membership, chapter list with potential adds and drops.

**II. National Award Winners - Mayfield**

- Handout of summary of winners and finalists.
- National Chapter - Discussion of getting more applications from California
- Zane willing to work with us on National Chapter

**III. Proficiency Award List - Havens**

- Same list as last year
- Updated on new award applications progress

**IV. National FFA Convention trip - Zeehan**

- Numbers are up (290 plus)
- Seemed to be able to accommodate everyone

**V. National Convention - McCabe**

- Delegate selected, delegate training end of month

**VI. State Conference and Hotels - Mayfield**

- Just beginning to work on it.
- Reviewed some of the advisory committee suggestions

**VII. Password**

- Is there an option to sync passwords

**VIII. FFA Insert - Beard**

- Fall version - Flip version online soon.
- Hard copies can be ordered/purchased
- Twisted Twig is the provider
- Jackie Garcia is the student assistant

IX. ACN – Spiess via email

- Issue with 400 students from 12-13 not on ACN, from 105 chapters
- Moving forward

X. FFA Center Earth Day – Jennifer Stockton

- \$8-9000 to improve landscape of FFA Center if done professionally
- Tuesday April 22 is Earth Day
- Looking to get donations of materials and labor from local chapters, local businesses, etc

XI. FFA Foundation - Madison

- 2 region events; Oct. 15 in Modesto and one in Fresno at Sunday of Conference
- Six vacancies on board, 2 spots filled, 3-4 spots available
- Applied for a couple grants
- Presence at Concours d ' Elegance at Ironstone Winery and Fresno/Cal Poly Football game

XII. Region Offices - Heuvel

- Office Contract should be approved soon.
- Student assistant supervision is being questioned

XIII. Travel - Heuvel

- Appears we may be taking another 25% cut

Adjourned for day

Joined by Bob Cummings, Kim Miller, Jim Aschwanden, Bill Kellogg, Ann Delay, Ben Swan, Brad Dodson, Lynn Martindale, Lloyd McCabe, Roscoe Vaughn, Don Borges

XIV. CDE Report - Heuvel

- Russ Weikle has been appointed Division Director
- Dept. of Finance is conducting a review of AIG for Governor office
- CTE Trust Grants - \$250 million, competitive grant
- Two contracts - \$250,000 for professional development
- Managers meeting tomorrow (Friday)
- Sequester will cut out budget 9.1%, anticipate next year will be 13%, and salary increase will take another chunk of federal dollars.
- Travel will be cut - appears to be 25% more and travel per diem going up approx 8%

XV. CATA - Aschwanden

- Governor budget message to put AIG on the chopping block for next year.
- ROP placed in flex a few years ago. Put into LCF although given two year maintenance of effort
- CTE Trust grants - appears to be targeted for Link Learning
- Common Core will not include Career Prep
- SB 323 - will remove tax exempt status if youth groups discriminate against LGBT, etc
- Need to harvest how much support is out there. Auctions, Booster clubs, industry support, etc.

- Need to access PGE audit program
- Appears some teachers believe we are always crying "wolf".
- Ag Ed needs to invite legislators to their events, get students to write letters telling their story.

XVI. Ag Ed 2030 - Aschwanden

- 2030 is a process for CATA
- Lead group is meeting Sept. 12

XVII. Section COOP Quiz - McCabe

- Distributed Section Test, also sent electronically

XVIII. UC Report - McCabe

- Distributed Analysis of UC approved Ag Courses
- More Ag courses being approved
- New reviewers hired
- If turned down, contact Lloyd

XIV. Teacher Placement Report - McCabe

- 118 placements, 35 additions 79 replacements, 7 still open (most since filled)

XV. Teacher Placement Sites - Heuvel

- Reviewed sites and made changes

XVI. Roadshow Credit/Budget - Kellogg

- \$1000 for Region - can only spent on honorarium or substitutes

XVII. AgCN - Heuvel

- Issues of transferring of data from calaged to AgCN
- AgCN training will happen at Road shows provided LPS

XVIII. Community Colleges - Borges

- Deliver model changed - 5 regions. State Lead Navigators and Asst. Region Navigators

XIX. Directory Update - Landeen

- Update the directory info by the end of September

XX. AIG Reviews Local Reviews - Heuvel

- Region Supervisor will have flexibility to use their travel allotment

XXI. AIG - Mooney

MSP (4-2) to allow to use the Retention Number posted on the website for this year to apply for Criteria 12

MSP - In the future the Retention number posted NOT be a rounded number.

Charles Parker (Chair), Jean Landeen, and Jeanette Lowe appointed to review and revise FFA activity list in the AIG checklist.

XXII. Teacher Educator Break Report

- Minutes of breakout follow at the end of these minutes

XXIII. College Reports

- Chico - \$2 million endowment given to College of Ag
- UC Davis - new Ag Dean search and College of Ed
- CPSLO - Interim Dean is Andy Thulin for 18 months, new Science Building opening, Tatiana Prestininzi is Chairman of the ASB Board. Possible 2 retirements in the department
- Pomona - 20 masters programs cut campus-wide, Ag Science master is only one left in College of Ag.
- Fresno - New President, Ag Ed enrollment level

XXIV. Toyota Fundraiser - Heuvel

- Email going out next week and on website

XXV. Conference Registration - Otto

- Access to password - Katie or Jen can help with password for department heads

XXVI. Budgets - Otto

- Reviewed State Budget
- Audit went through last week

Adjourned for evening

XXVII. Custom Ag Solutions

- Risk management in agriculture - no new info, waiting for grant award

XXVIII. Teach Ag Day

- Handout from Jerry Clark, make teachers aware of the event

XXIX. National Ag Ed In-services - February - Heuvel

- SAE is the focus
- Can view online

XXX. Record Book Evaluation – Heuvel

- iBook - can it even be scored
- Need State FFA Constitutional amendment to make record book scoring less prescriptive.
- Jeanette and Hugh will work with a task force to develop a state degree verification. Two teachers per Region
- Josiah will develop a constitutional amendment
- Hugh will write an overview of the project

XXXI. Ag Literacy - Landeen

- Farm to Fork Sept. 28 in Sacramento
- Nutrients for Life applications are available on their website
- Ag in the Classroom - Literacy for Life Grant \$500 - available on their website
- Jean can provide curriculum to those schools working with their elementary/middle schools.

XXXII. Private School Ag Ed Programs – Heuvel

- 2 private schools on board. Several others have expressed interest.

Discussion of Division Xmas Basket. Jeanette has agreed to put the basket together.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

Jack Havens

## **Agricultural Teacher Education Meeting**

Wednesday September 3, 2013

12:50 pm – 3:00 pm

Bill Kellogg called the meeting to order at 12:50 in the State Officer house

Members present: Bob Cummings, Brad Dodson, Kim Miller, Lynn Martindale, Ann Delay, Ben Swan, & Rosco Vaughn.

Agenda-Approved unanimously

Minutes were approve unanimously

Election of Chair and Secretary unanimously

- Bill Kellogg continued as chair
- Lynn Martindale continued as secretary

***Student Teacher Conclave, January 16-17, 2014, Modesto JC, lodging Holiday Inn Express*** (Bob Cummings/Don Borges)

- Ben Swan will be assisting with the Student Teacher Conclave
- MJC has continued to help us out with rooms and meals
- Give goodie back the 2<sup>nd</sup> day for snack inter between interviews
- Debrief at the Pavilion and provide a lunch
- Dave Gossman wanted to be part of the Student Teacher Conclave
- New Professional Conclave
  - Fall student teacher / Spring student teacher mtg.
    - First year teachers
      - Cal Poly-SLO - Julie Laughen-Salinas High / Christine Woodman Nipomo / Katie Titus-Galt / Richard Chatman Livingston
      - Fresno – Cody Jacobson-Merced
      - UC Davis – Krista Frelinger – Firebaugh / Amanda Larson - Stratford
      - Chico – Missy Ruble- Liberty Ranch / Colleen Bartlett – Lodi / Shelby West - Atwater
      - Cal Poly-Pomona - NA
    - Second year teachers
      - Cal Poly-SLO – Ana Ewing – Turlock Christian / Sam Gilbert – Patterson / Jennie Potterton – Bakersfield / Amanda Bevier – Pittman
      - Chico – Daniel Fishman – Le Grande
      - UC Davis – Brittany Whyler – Elk Grove
      - Fresno State – Daniel Barrett – Pioneer - Woodland
      - Cal Poly-Pomona - NA
  - Earth Science – Incorporating Ag into the Earth Science curriculum
- ***New Professionals Conclave, November 21 & 22, Piccadilly Inn Airport, Fresno***
  - Change the format of the way it has been done in the past
  - Like to have the University Supervisor present
  - Keep the individuals in 7-15 involved in
  - Laptop for all teachers
  - Presenting information to 1<sup>st</sup> year teachers about resources in lesson development

- Great ideas
  - Budget for Speaker \$1000 – I Y Generation Speaker was suggested by Brad Dodson
  - Ag mechanics small projects – what are we teaching? How is that related to larger projects
  - Do an animal science, plant science, agricultural mechanics, agricultural business, OH, ...
  - OH Kruse to put on an animal workshop which includes (Sheep, beef, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry)
  - Training of new employees for traveling
- ***Teacher Recruitments Plans***
    - Teach Ag Workshop
    - Ag Show Case – Teach Ag Booth
    - Recruitment at JC's
    - Visited undergraduate students
    - Spoke at orientation classes
    - Spoke to clubs
    - Post placement – in halls (includes information about the job)
    - Community College Competitions – Hartnell College
    - Page in the planner with all the statics
    - Two bulletin boards
    - AgEd classes at the JC – COS, MJC, Orientation to Ag. Education
    - Visit community college orientation classes
- ***Budget***
    - Bill and Donnetta still figuring out the budget
    - Stickler for details
      - \$41.00 / day for meals
      - \$90 / day for lodging / Conference rate for lodging \$110 / lodging
      - Lowest cost transportation
      - Mileage is 55.5
      - Banquet ticket can not submitted
    - One person may attend CATA conference or another conference for up to \$250 registration fee
    - Ag Educators pay CATA due
    - No indirect costs from the universities other than Cal Poly-SLO
    - Make sure to charge for new professionals
- ***Loan forgiveness***
    - Federal Teach Grant
    - Loan Forgives Grants
    - Partners in Education

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Martindale