

**State Staff Meeting
FFA Center, Galt
January 5-6, 2015**

January 5, 2015 (State Staff)

<p>Call to Order (McCabe)</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am. Individuals present: Lloyd McCabe, Jim Aschwanden, Jack Havens, Hugh Mooney, Jeanette Lowe, Charles Parker, Greg Beard, Josiah Mayfield, Zane Sheehan, Jill Sperling, Katie Otto, Kerry Stockton, Jennifer Stockton, Trisha Chapman, Maria Maberto, Ben Meyer</p>
<p>Welcome & Update (McCabe)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel: our unit is on target • New Branch Deputy – Dr. Tom Adams • CDE Employee Self-Evaluation: we will all be evaluated by end of February this year using new forms (distributed) – get Lloyd our completed self-evaluation on or before Feb. 10 • Branch Meeting: Feb. 10 @ CDE • Division Updates: it looks like Perkins will be reauthorized • R-2 Data: Mike Spiess put together updated report (distributed) • 2030 Survey Priorities: Fall Action Plan Priorities Survey has been sent out to field • AIG Checklist: needs to be revised; committee was formed (Hugh will chair, Jill & Chuck will assist) • ESEA Reauthorization (Every Student Succeeds Act): no “highly qualified” criteria so now it is the state’s responsibility; AYP is now replaced with state-designed accountability system • CTSO Policy: Do’s and Don’ts Dealing with Fiscal Issues of CTSO’s (handout distributed) • Mandatory Online Information Security & Privacy Training: all CDE employees must have this done by Feb. 15; email with link was sent out • New CTE Incentive Grant Update: Lloyd distributed a handout with a statistical overview of the CTEIG program; Jim questioned the funding formula used; Lloyd will try to get info from Carolyn Zachary • Aiming High 2.0: Blue Print was distributed for our reading enjoyment; CTE was mentioned briefly in 2 sections • Proposed Contract Funds: there may be additional funds available for 2016-17; potential funding opportunities list was distributed and discussed • Industry-Based Certification: We need to have a state-wide effort/focus on certification; Greg suggested that we have the 3 regions with CCPT Grant funding coordinate a committee that consists of 2 teachers from each region to come together to come up with a plan

<p>CATA & FFA Executive Director Update (Aschwanden)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition to FFA Executive Director position has been interesting <p>Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Otto will be transitioning full-time to FFA Foundation • Maria Maberto is the new Assistant Director of FFA Financial Services; also working part-time for Central Region Consortium • Jennifer Stockton will be handling State Conference registration • CA FFA will be getting \$212,000 this year from CDFA from license plate program <p>FFA Center Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • display will be put in lobby that highlights the FFA story and ag industry • mortgage needs to be paid off (Foundation Board wants to have a gala event in Feb 2017 to celebrate 10th anniversary of Center and burn the mortgage) • fundraising event is being planned in Tulare for March <p>CATA Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 1070 will not be renewed in its current state, but there will be support for professional development and CTSO's moving forward • CTE Incentive Grant is a work in progress • teacher prep programs need to be changed dramatically and quickly to begin fixing our drastic teacher shortage
<p>CALPADS Course Code Cleanup (Mooney)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDE Course Code Definitions by Sector & Pathways (handout distributed) – Perkins unit is using this info to make decisions on what courses fit into which pathways; Perkins staff has been telling districts that they don't have approved pathways if they include courses from multiple pathways on this sheet
<p>State FFA Degree – AET Record Book (Mayfield)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AET has put together a state degree application option for us. Once student enters data, they hit the “generate app” button. It will produce an Excel version of our state application. It will also give a version # and access code which the verifier can enter on www.theaet.com to verify the information
<p>National FFA Convention Review (Sheehan)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zane discussed the details related to this year's trip. • 490 participants for convention; 216 participants for DC trip; 49 chapters • We have a 200 room block in Indianapolis for next 3 years
<p>State FFA Leadership Conference (Mayfield)</p>	<p>Format & Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No major changes in schedule except for Sunday's delegate process • Looking at giving delegates a bar code ID which they can scan in at the polling booths for attendance purposes • Candidate Meet & Greet event will still happen but Mayfield is going to shore up some of the language to clean up the activity <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Bureau website will open on January 15, along with conference registration • 1,900 rooms have been blocked for us

	<p>Nominating Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of Service portion added to Nominating Committee application • Apps must be postmarked on or before February 1 • March 1 – State Officer Candidate Exams (given in both Galt & Bakersfield.... Mayfield & Sheehan will oversee) • March 7 – State Officer Screening (nom comm will show up at FFA Center) <p>Amendment Proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugh moved “to recommend a DUE PASS” on amendment proposal # 2 (removing CATA Executive Director language from Board of Directors part of constitution and replacing with “State Representative”. Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
Leadership Conference Update (Sheehan & Mayfield)	<p>GLC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 conferences this year + 2 in Nevada (3 new) • 276 schools; 5,554 participants • Schedule is very difficult for the facilitators (too many days missed from college) • Discussion occurred regarding moving conferences earlier in the fall (last 2 weeks August & first 2 weeks of September) • Investigate the feasibility of hiring an intern to help Sheehan with conference planning <p>MFE & ALA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge growth; 8th conference has been added (Visalia) • Looking at talking to FFA Advisory Committee and recommending that a task force be formed to evaluate the conference structure and provide some other options for handling the increased growth
Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations (Mayfield)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 nominees were discussed
Distinguished Service Citation Nominations (Mayfield)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 nominees were discussed
Wonder Valley Conference Report (Aschwanden)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of conference • Evaluation results were distributed and discussed • Conference will be held again next year as long as there is Perkins funding
Middle School FFA Program Update & Proposed Amendment (Mooney)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hugh went through FFA Constitution and changed wording to remove references that would prevent middle school chapters • Addition – to add the Discovery FFA Degree information • Chuck Parker moved “to recommend a DUE PASS on the amendment.” The motion was seconded. Voice vote failed. Greg Beard moved “that state staff will be on record as being neutral on the topic. The motion was seconded by Jack. Motion passed by voice vote.
Historical AgEd Teacher Update (Parker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History has been updated • Please send Parker info on new teachers (where they went to school, student taught, etc.) * see email he sent out this fall

National FFA Programs Report (Ben Meyer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National FFA Convention – roll out will be changed so that teachers have info before summer (lots more details will be provided earlier on); convention website will be redone; registration date will be very clear; moving towards electronically badging for all participants for convention • Website issues – dial general number and then option “5” to get direct assistance • Agriscience – split into 3 divisions (1) grades of 7 & 8, (2) grades 9 & 10, (3) grades 11 & 12 • National Chapter Award – National Chapter Quality Standards Guide will be developed; categories will be changed (Growing Leaders, Building Communities, Strengthening Agriculture) • Teacher Roster – before adding new teachers, please do a name search and see if they have an existing student account. If so, click on bottom “maintain roles” to add the instructor role. Then, click on their member number and create a username and password for them. Please deactivate those teachers who leave a district so they don’t have access to that school info.
Acceptable SAE’s (Beard)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current list of acceptable SAE’s was distributed and discussed • Greg will update list and send revised document through email
R-2 Report & Membership Rosters (Jennifer Stockton)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliation updates were distributed to regional supervisors
Regional & State Budget Update (Katie Otto)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFE & ALA – added an 8th conference • Affiliation membership will increase • GLC – 31 conferences + 2 in Nevada; 5,448 students/546 adults • National Convention – roughly \$80,000 profit from state trip
Adjourn (McCabe)	The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm. We will reconvene at 9:00 am tomorrow morning and be joined by our larger AgEd family members.

January 6, 2015 (Joint Meeting)

Call to Order (McCabe)	The joint meeting was called to order at 9:15 am. We were joined by: Rosco Vaughn, Bob Flores, Ann DeLay, Lynn Martindale, Brad Dodson, Kristi Mattes, Dave Gossman, Mike Spiess, Kimberly Miller, Bonnie Baxter, Ralph Mendes
Approval of Minutes (McCabe)	Chuck Parker moved to approve the minutes as printed. Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
CDE Report (McCabe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor will release his budget tomorrow. <p>Dr. Tom Adams is our new Branch Deputy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of openings in the department during the year; difficulty trying to find people to fill spots • Dept of General Services has negotiated a 40% indirect cost rate with the UC & CSU system for contracts. If we can’t find a way to work around that, we will have to move the contracts to the community college system

<p>CATA & FFA Executive Director Report (Aschwanden)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions of FFA Center Staff • Space at center is limited; desperately need to look at building some breakout rooms for conference presenter training • Lobby will soon highlight FFA history & agriculture industry • SB 1070 – bill that produces \$50 million for community colleges and some comes to CDE for CTE; used for professional development and CTSO’s; sounds like SB 1070 won’t be renewed; Dept of Finance won’t confirm anything about state budget but did say that funding would be taken care of • Boswell funds (\$250,000 annually) is secured for another 2 years • CTE Incentive Grant – funding formula seems obscure based on what we are hearing from districts regarding the funds applied for and the funds received • Teacher shortage continues to be a huge issue
<p>National FFA Programs Report (Ben Meyer)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings from National FFA • Western Region LPS Update (distributed)
<p>FFA Foundation Report (Otto)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation is gearing up for a busy second half of fiscal year • Becoming more aggressive about bringing in funds and moving forward • Goal is to burn the mortgage on the 10th anniversary of the opening of the FFA Center (February 2017) and start Phase 2 • Fundraiser in Tulare area during the week of March 14; goal is to meet with new people and try to raise \$75-100,000 at a luncheon
<p>State CATA President Remarks (Ralph Mendes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATA is going strong and happy to have Jim and Kerry working out of the FFA Center
<p>FFA Adult Board of Directors (Kristi Mattes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy about the consolidation of the 3 organizations (CATA, FFA, Foundation) together and bringing Jim and Kerry to the center • Adult Board will be having discussion about how to move forward with some new facilities the center
<p>Vision 2030 Report (Gossman)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Plan Update was distributed • Priority survey is out; we need to encourage people to complete the survey so that more voices are heard; if regional supervisors could encourage their teachers, that would help • 35 action items; looking for volunteers to be the point person for each action item • Vision 2030 committee meeting will be scheduled for Monday afternoon during State FFA Conference
<p>State AgEd Recruitment & Retention Report (Bonnie Baxter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website improvements are being made • Representation at Tulare Farm Show, State FFA Conference, State FFA Judging Finals and University/College Ag Career Fairs • Promotional videos are being worked on • CHS has committed \$8,000 per state for State Teach Ag Results (STAR) Program – Team meeting will be held Wed, Jan. 20 from 1-2:30 pm (conference call) to find out more information
<p>2015 R-2 Report & Analysis (Mike Spiess)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report was distributed and discussed

2016 CATA Summer Conference Review & Agenda (Aschwanden)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative agenda was distributed; no major changes • 2 days of professional development • Increased emphasis on certification • Floral Association wants to get more ag teachers certified as florists; this would allow teachers to certify their students
Center for Land Based Learning (Aschwanden)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim enlightened our group on some comments that were made by Mary Kimball (Executive Director, Center of Land Based Learning) which cast a very negative light on agriculture teachers in a public meeting with industry partners.
2015 UC “a-g” Report (McCabe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handout was distributed and reviewed
2015-16 Master Calendar (Mayfield)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rough draft was distributed • Send Josiah dates to add as we know them
University Updates	<p>CSU, Chico</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking for a new dean; hiring new ag instructors; numbers are good <p>CSU, Fresno</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also looking for a new dean; Ag Leadership, Poultry & Dairy positions will be hired this spring • Teacher education candidate numbers look good <p>UC Davis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School of Education is looking for a new dean • Taking a hard look at new credentialing requirements; TPE’s and TPA’s have changed <p>CPSU, SLO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of construction going on (new residence halls being put in on parking area across from Vista Grande) • Parking fees will now be charged for Saturdays and Sundays • Town Hall meeting was held for students to voice their concerns about programmatic things; new Student Advisory Committee has been formed <p>CPSU, Pomona</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All is well

State Staff Breakout Session

2016 State Finals Judging & Tabulations (Beard)	<p>Cal Poly contest chairs were reviewed; minor changes were made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zane Sheehan will oversee Floriculture • Jill Sperling will oversee Nursery/Landscape • Josiah Mayfield will oversee Light Horse • Kim Miller will oversee Ag Issues • Cindy Brown will oversee Poultry • Chuck Parker will talk to Kent Kinney (Reedley College) to see if he would be willing to oversee Forestry
State Finals Contest Fees (Aschwanden)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On behalf of Katie Otto, Jim addressed the method we use to handle state finals contest fees. Currently, money comes into the FFA Center and then Katie has to pay the universities back.

	<p>Why? Can we just allow the universities to collect the money and keep that money, without involving the FFA Center as a middle man? Dr. Flores will double check to make sure that is not problematic for Cal Poly. Dr. Vaughn agreed that it would be fine with CSU, Fresno.</p>
Judging Tabulations (Spiess)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meats, poultry, land all have new forms – make sure to use correct versions on the web • Tabs program will now do all the grading
Specialized AIG Selection (Mooney)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized Apps have been given to Hugh • Hugh will have better idea how much money we will have to give out in Specialized Grants next week
Road Show Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance was up statewide • Lots of great feedback
Proficiency Judging (Havens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current rubrics, scorecards, instructions for submitting applications and envelope cover sheets were distributed • We reviewed the list of potential record book evaluators for State Proficiency Scoring
Regional Supervisor Updates	<p>Southern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added 4-5 Designated Subject teachers • Fall meeting with tours of 2 HS programs <p>South Coast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall industry tour at Taylor Farms for 25 teachers • Road Show was successful . . . AET was very interesting <p>North Coast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of schools are talking about adding new ag teachers due to CTE Incentive Grant funds becoming available • 1 new program will be added next year • All positions were filled this year <p>Superior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of training of new teachers • Great joint Road Show with North Coast! <p>San Joaquin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still need teachers • Successful Road Show & Reg Meeting <p>Central</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive changes happening • Regional officer team will expand from 6 to 8 • Regional awards dinner was a well-received addition to our Fall Meeting/Road Show event

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. McCabe at 3:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Sperling
Staff Secretary

Teacher Educator Breakout Session

Members present: B. Dodson, B. Flores, A. Delay, K. Miller, R. Vaughn, M. Spiess, B. Baxter, & L. Martindale.
Meeting was called to order by B. Flores in a restaurant and resumed at hotel on January 7 at 12:30-3:30 pm

Lynn Martindale-MENTORING & SUPERVISING TEACHER CONFERENCE

- Planned and ready for February

Ann Delay-NEW PROFESSIONALS

- On line registration worked well
- Facility, food less stellar
- Look at other venues because of size
- Went 22 teachers over --- 122 CP has to pick up the difference (it was made up through the charges from the conference)
- NO SWAG can be given so survival kits were in place of swag
- Recommendations from coordinator-keep the meeting on the Thursday & Friday before thanksgiving break (needs to find a new date)
- OVERALL NEEDS ASSESSMENT to make sure that there is not a lot of overlap ---DEVELOP A LIST OF TOPICS AND POOL AND PRESENTERS
- Copy of presentation material
- CLAIM FOR NEW PROFESSIONALS - National Conference Ambassadors - Shay Hopper & Natalie Borba
- Wants for the NP
 - curriculum exchange
 - Grant writing
 - Graduation ceremonies for 3 year completers

LLOYD --- can flash drive be purchased through CDE funds

Bob Flores - ADVANCED LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

- Reinvention of lake sequoia – well received
- Thank you to Kerry Stockton for putting on the conference

Bonnie Baxter-TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

- Concerned with the lack of oversight-members felt it was good.
- Make sure diversity is includes gender, ethnicity, and location (southern, urban)
- Value of leaders in industry that went through the AG program

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Martindale