

State Staff Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 29, 2021

Present:

- Charles Parker
- Jill Sperling
- Shay Williams-Hopper
- Dane White
- Greg Beard
- Hugh Mooney
- JessaLee Goehring
- Jackie Jones
- Matt Patton
- Hannah Garrett
- FFA State Officers
- Matt Patton
- Ben Meyers
- Bonnie Baxter

Called to Order: 10:02 am

Agenda:

- State FFA Officer Update (State Officers)
- Teach Ag (Bonnie)
- National FFA Update (Ben)
- Web Site Training (April 6, 2:30pm)
- Live Light Update (Matt)
- Graduate Follow-Up Data
- AIG AO-400's
- Travel Update
- State FFA Conference Update
- Other Items?

Teach Ag Ed – Bonnie

- Shared a pathways document with the universities last week
- Created a document that helps students know what the steps are in to becoming an agriculture instructor
- In the past, if people came to Bonnie saying they want to be an ag teacher, she would connect them with someone
- The pathway document that was created has a few concerns:
 - Every institution is different – really need to finesse it
 - Hoping the document will help them in the process and make it seamless for the students that are interested
 - Bonnie is looking for feedback – is this valuable and if, so how do you see that looking.
- Is a document that has lots of information on it be a good idea? Is it worth our time?
- Discussion:
 - Lots of variables – feel it would be too much information on one document

- Worried that teachers and students will not look at it
- Could this be used as a companion piece – with a career lesson, a video, a website – making it more useful and easy for a teacher to use in their classroom
- Create a lesson frame so teachers can utilize it in a lesson – and using the existing pieces (like the TeachAg videos)
- Who is the audience? High School Students or “other” – coming from out of state/industry. Flow chart that Grant Ermis has put together, Matt sends out weekly to people. Is this document going to be for High School or “other”
 - It is for both – HS Student / “other”
 - Grant’s information is very detailed
 - Technically, it should be one all inclusive document
 - If it is a document for both groups – it needs to be high level.
- Worried that it might be too much information for a HS student
- Feedback that was given from the universities had discrepancies of GPA, hours, etc.
- If this is a marketing document – it needs to hook them.
- Need to go back to the committee – we’re not a “one size fits all”.
- Texas marketing approach – know about the institutions and then have the human connection go from there in a poster format (they have 11 colleges). Other states only have 1 institution that students go to
- If you have any other feedback, please reach out to Bonnie
- Other than that – everything else is going well with TeachAg

State Officer Update – State Officers

- Chapter Visits – have enjoyed going to programs and see what their culture and programs run. Have been able to do at least 10 chapter visits and 2 day visits. Last chapter visits are going to end around April after their home break.
- MFE/ALA conferences online during the weekends in between chapter visits. Extremely grateful for Ms. Garrett’s help and leadership with helping the conferences. Events were extremely successful.
- STAR Tours – wrapped up tours last week. Were able to see all the finalists in each week and what makes their projects unique. Traveled in pairs and traveled up and down the state being able to meet and see other student’s projects. HUGE thank you to Mr. Mooney and Mr. White for all of the their help!
- State Conference – held at a recording studio in Sacramento. Pairing with Intuitive to make it as interactive as possible. Sessions are already outlined and posted on CalAgEd – so take a look!
- Thank you again for everyone has been supporting us – regional supervisors, Mr. White, Mr. Parker – they are extremely grateful!

National FFA Update – Ben Meyer

- National FFA Convention – want to host an in-person convention, but not too sure it will be able to happen. Hoping to have an answer before school ends (early May).
 - Hopefully to make an announcement of hybrid, smaller convention, virtual, etc
- CDE/LDE – made a list of what they would look like. Every single one will be in a hybrid/virtual method. It is possible that the early rounds might have students go to in person convention – but might be necessary. Not committed to it yet – but it might be coming.
- Not allowing late certified teams this year.
- American Degrees – June 15th deadline (will get either approval or denial)
 - Please make sure that student's contact information is correct and current (old school emails, etc – were issues that they saw last year)
- Proficiencies and STARS will be all virtual
- State Officer Summit – hoping to have an in person with 2 officers instead of the full 6
- Please send the 3rd page information out to your teachers
 - Please make sure Agriscience winners are in the right category before submitting them
 - National Chapter Award – they can qualify this year by providing 9 activities instead of 15. Still fill out the normal form and still accepting virtual.
 - Grants and money for chapters
 - Zoetis Industry Support Program – it's been open for awhile, due April 30th.
 - Harbor Freight for Teaching Excellence - \$100,000 - \$50,000 in prize money!
- CEO Search – committee has been created – hopefully to start interviewing in April/May. Many applicants, possible over a 100.

Website Training – April 6th @ 2:30 pm

- Will be video taped – just in case you cannot make it.

Live Light – Matt

- Filed a petition – Live Light asked for oral argument and judged dismissed it. We are not required to go into negotiations with them and are not required to pay them. Live Light still has the opportunity to sue us.
- DVM Flyers for license plates – Ag plates will not be on those flyers

Graduate Follow Up Data – JessaLee

- CTE Directors reached out asking about Graduate Follow Up Data – currently do not have a way to get that information
- Roger recommended to add it to their

- Roger said there is a way we can full data – year 3 or year 4, program completers, etc.
- Working with Roger to help us gather this data
- AET offers us an opportunity of what we need
- AIG Revision – one of the items that came up was to create an exit survey that would answer the Graduate Follow Up questions (similar to the Parli Pro test).

AIG – A0-400's – Parker

- Sent out to districts and are due within the next week.
- Please make sure to inform your teachers

Travel Update

- Still waiting to hear back – Stephanie should be back by this week
- Possibly getting a letter from the health department to say that we can meet

State Conference Update – Dane

- Registration is due May 1 – right now we are looking about 23% coming in above the minimum
- Workshops – not too sure what is going to happen. We could be anywhere between 18-20,000 students at this event. But what do the workshops look like? Might be hiring people to help with the workshops. Ask colleges to send their workshops in early – so far crickets
- Tshirt sales – that will happen within a one week process - \$10 each
- Chapter contest/ challenge – if your chapter is going to do a really cool thing – then their chapter will receive a webcam
- Guest codes – going out to special guests
- Do our proficiency kids need to be registered for state conference? – yes (anyone who is getting an award)
- Regional winner awards – can we just mail them out to the regions?
 - Yes – please do. We would love to have those kids with their awards
- Recommendation for workshops – similar to Road Show? But with students.
 - Like the idea – will talk with the State Officers about it

ROLC – Dane

- Davis cancelled – they cannot host
- Working on something different
- Will be including a pre-ROLC piece and a post-ROLC piece
- If regional officers cannot come to the event – we'll try to see about recording

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- 7:30 March 30th will be the announcement of the first cut
- Email will go out with the link

Schedule for CDE/LDE's

- All the dates should be on the Judging Card calendar
- All state finals – last week of April / first week of May
- Parker will send Ben information

CDE:

- Registration closing dates
- April 2nd 5 events will close
 - Milks, Ag Mech, Farm Power, Small Engines, Ag Sales
- Everything else April 16th
- Floriculture is the only one unitizing the Judging Card source
- Received a letter from the FFA Center – concerns about cheating within the CDE's
 - Letters – anonymous and specific to livestock
 - Did they provide a solution in their letter? They did not
- Suggestion – another letter to go out to teachers reminding them about cheating
- Suggestion – Letting the CDE host or the State Staff host to provide comments with the coaches and students (pre contest zoom meeting)

State Degree Certificates:

- When do you need them? Mail?
- Please let Dane know – the folders are intense to send
- State officers are going home for Easter – could easily send the state degrees with them and they can distribute

Proficiencies:

- Emailing judges with videos and links
- You can check out the videos on JotForm

STAR Awards:

- Moving forward, we need to rank them by judges and not by scores
- In the case of the four stars – each judge had the same person first

NAAE Region 1 – 2022

- CATA question
- We will be hosting in 2024
- Washington is 22, Montana 23, California 24

Election Runner –

- Let Jill know if you want to use it

No Meeting next Monday, since we have the website training on Tuesday next week.

Meeting End Time: 11:41 am

Next Meeting: Monday, April 12 @ 10 am