

California Association FFA

State Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Mr. Parker. The State Advisor report included that everyone is working hard, the Department of Education is working on a new state plan for CTE, and regional meetings will have more of a report about staffing, CTEIG, and funding for middle school programs.

State Officer Morgan provided an update about the State Officer Team. Industry tours and conferences have kept them busy, as well as MFE and ALA. Star tours are next, as well as getting ready for State Leadership Conference.

Just a reminder to represent your region, not yourself as an Advisory Committee member.

Jasmine reported that she will be revising GLC curriculum in June and to put revisions on a 3 year cycle. MFE and ALA conferences are full of details and Jasmine finally has a better understanding of the needs of the conference. Survey results were emailed out about MFE and ALA registration and limiting numbers. Judging Card had a meeting with CA FFA about hosting conference registrations and is willing to pursue this further. The cost to host registration is 9%. It can also create a waitlist automatically. The question in discussion is should all registrations move? Options are being researched. It was moved by Westly Hunt to recommend Judging Card for all conference registrations within their capabilities. Second by Vernon Clark. Recommendation passed voice vote. It was also moved by Lauren Peterson that a workshop is hosted during a Secondary Division discussion at CATA about how to use Judging Card. Seconded and passed with a voice vote. Monterey conference behavior was bad. A conversation will have a conversation before another contract is signed. Respect and expectations need to be revisited with teachers and students. Conference fees will most likely have a different cost based on conference location. A thought came up about using high school facilities for MFE and ALA. Chapters are registering ALA, but then wanting MFE when they show up or even selling a lot of spots. Please register only for what you need. SLE communications will go to both the advisor and the student. SLE will be at the Holiday Inn. Still working to get into the chambers for SLE. If SLE cannot get in, décor will be set up in Holiday Inn to make it look like the chambers. Change Makers Summit preliminary budget is \$150 per student. Based on Fresno State location for a 3 day conference for 150 student attendees for

July 19th-21st pilot. Registration will be in May. It was also suggested to allow Jasmine to attend professional development if she wishes.

Lindsey Cox brought up the livestock insurance policy to see if values of livestock coverage could be changed. 5.5% sheep and goats, hogs 6.5%. Sherrie Johns moved to recommend the max limit at \$600 for sheep, goats, and swine. Second by Lindsey. Friendly amendment by Janice Lohse and Lindsey Cox to include \$3,000 max for steers and replacement heifers and baby beef \$700 max. Recommendation approved by voice vote.

State Leadership Conference registration at 5,782 registered. About 12% of schools still need to register. Should be close to the 6,500 that conference was budgeted for. Numbers are above what it was last year at this time. Award recipients that were not previously registered will be able to get the pre-registration price. Just need to communicate award recipient registrations. Tours are still available. It was brought up that tours should not overlap sessions in the future. Friday night entertainment at Convention Center. Please stress that we need good student behavior. Bobby Erwin, from Texas and past National Talent and Dylon Carmicheal are the main entertainment. There will also be a silent D.J. activity. Be sure your school is aware of the driving between locations. Estimate 25 minutes between venues that are just a few miles apart. Free parking at convention center and arena. Housing bureau has not communicated with hotels with information. Schools are having difficulty paying their bill. Mr. Parker will follow up with hotel process. 2024 hotel convention list will be out early, and booking should be around July 1. 2024 conference dates March 21-24 Sacramento, 2025 dates April 3-6 Sacramento. 2026 and 2027 out to bid. 2028 and 2029 Sacramento.

Amendment failed at Executive Committee to increase State Officer Team to 8.

Committees:

Middle School

Conduct Standards

Awards and Recognition

Courtesy Corps

Membership Experience Improvement

Membership Representation

LDE Finals will be at the convention center in Fresno. Registration will start at 9:00 AM.

Thursday speaking, Friday and Saturday Parli-Pro. Awards Thursday night for speaking, Parli-Pro awards Fresno Field Day. Speaking awards will be re-announced during Fresno Field Day awards. It was reported out that some teachers would like to see LDE Finals during State Leadership Conference instead of Fresno Field Day.

Things to talk about with chaperoning:

- Door dash after curfew

- When is curfew
- Crop tops
- Tape for doors
- Running in hotels
- Elevator use
- Teachers – no pajamas and sweatshirts, dress professional
- Official Dress – not proper shoes

Possibly do a workshop at New Professionals and CATA Summer Conference. Research a shoe, skirt, and slack company for official dress.

National Convention had the largest group this year and the trip had a deficit. State Staff is getting out of the National FFA Convention trip business. Hotels will be available to reserve, just no flights. Delegate flights will still be booked with a State Staff member on each flight. Most likely out of Sacramento and Ontario. No longer planning Washington D.C. trip. California is back to the JW Marriott and SpringHill Suites in Indianapolis. The question came up of what would it take for State Staff to change their mind about the National Convention Trip? Decision was based off of economy, group flights, and rude teachers. Convention trip has lost \$20-\$30 K depending upon year.

Monthly Advisory Zoom meetings will be held if there is an agenda.

Ag Welding State Finals has move to Merced on May 13th.

Future Topics:

San Juaquin Region would like the due dates of applications to be looked at. January has been a busy month.

Suggestions included Star Counselor, Star Admin, Star Supporting Staff, and Star Reporter to a December deadline and extending Agriscience to later. Agriscience is a curricular code thing so it will need to come from that. Proficiency scoring is also during FFA Week. Change that date.

Middle School – where do middle schools fit in topic for discussion.

Chapter Suspension List – pay your bill.

Meeting adjourned 2:02PM.