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104th State Conference Minutes  
June 25-29, 2023  
San Luis Obispo, California

PRE-CONFERENCE CATA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
Erhart Ag Building – Room 10-223 - Cal Poly State University  
Sunday, June 25, 2023

MINUTES

Summer Conference Objectives

- Recognize member achievement
- Conduct the business of the organization
- Promote fellowship among the membership
- Increase understanding of the organization

1. Call to Order at 11:00 am by Kevin Woodard.
2. Roll Call – Heather Thomas reminded everyone to sign in and use AET QR Code.
3. Winter Governing Board Minutes Approval  
Lieb moved to approve as distributed, Christine Ready seconded, approved voice vote.
4. Executive Directors Welcome by Matt Patton
5. State CATA Officer Candidates presented by Kevin Woodard
  - Introduction and approval  
Gene Lieb applied. Amber Carter moved, Desi Molyneux seconded to move forward with the nomination to nominations and bylaws, which passed by voice vote.
  - Bylaws Resolutions
  - Operating Policies Resolution
6. CATA Website Auto Renew Notification presented by Cari Brown
7. Conference Schedule New in 2023 presented by Matt Patton  
~~Invocation~~ = Moment of Silence for those we lost (Southern Region)  
Wednesday will have two sessions
  - Session 1 (8 am to 10 am) Attended by all
  - Session 2 – (10:30 am to noon) Southern Region excusedSpecial Governing Board Meeting 12:50 pm behind PAC stage before Joint Div Mtg  
Festivus for the Rest of Us – Vista Grande on 3<sup>rd</sup>-floor patio  
Parliamentarians needed
8. Things that need to happen in Regional Meetings presented by Kevin Woodard  
Resolutions  
Notification of Auto-renewal on the CATA website  
Regional Report Form – New regional/sectional officers, Service Awards, 30-Minute Awards  
Election of Adult Board Members with expiring terms in 2023
  - Rosemary Cummings – South Coast Region Rep
  - Jason Bretz – Central Region Rep
  - John Moffatt – Past State Officer Rep
  - Vacant – Industry Rep

Troy Van Bavel – Southern Region Rep  
Election of FFA Advisory Board expiring terms in 2023  
Wesley Hunt – North Coast Region Rep  
Sherry Johns – Central Region Rep  
Vernon Clark – San Joaquin Region Rep  
Lauren Peterson – South Coast Region Rep  
Stephen Daly – Southern Region Rep

**9. Operations Division Overview – John Williams (Discussion)**

Nominations for operations and secondary secretary on Monday. Nominees meet 10 minutes before the Joint Division Meeting

They must be a CATA member for at least 2 years.

Shay to make Jot Form for nominees.

A majority vote is required.

Minutes must be submitted on Tuesday afternoon to your chair

**10. Joint Division Meeting – presented by John Williams**

SWOT Analysis/Information to be collected via Google forms

Keeping small group discussions

- Last name A-C = Mustang Station
- Last name D-G = UU 220
- Last name H-P = MAC
- Last name Q-Z = PAC Pavilion

**11. Post-Secondary Division Meeting – Desi Molyneux**

- Overview
- Needs

**12. Secondary Division – Gene Lieb (Discussion)**

- Overview
- Needs

**13. Open Committees presented by John Williams**

- Budget Audit (Carter)
- Professional Ethics (Faria) - Clarified by Matt Patton that the discussion on ethics of applications will be in general, not about one individual.
- Curricular Code (Castro) – no action to take
- Nominations/Ballot/Awards (Ferguson)
- Student Activities (Clark)

**14. CDE Comments – Report of best practices or information applicable to the state**

- Superior
- North Coast - JessaLee Goehring  
Openings available, worked with JC's and is happy to be established working relationships, regional officer retreat held last week. Celebrating 4 person department!
- Central - Jill Sperling

Openings at secondary and post-secondary, met with regional officers yesterday, appreciate all the teachers, but specifically, the newer teachers becoming active and asking good questions. Happy to post when she gets information for open positions, needs all info to post a good description.

- South Coast- Greg Beard

Appreciated the teachers taking care of each other, the JC college in his area, and his regional president

- San Joaquin – Shay Hooper-Williams

Openings at all levels, thank you to governing board and her regional officers

- Southern – Jackie Jones

Positions still open, hosting banquet – 900 people, outdoors, grass, binder being made for a new venue

- Assistant State FFA Advisor – Hugh Mooney

The new team has moved in, has been planning, and attended Base Camp. National delegates- 177 applied, 31 to be chosen by next week.

- State FFA Advisor Charles Parker gave comments. Please see the attached report.

15. Regional President's Comments – Report of best practices or information applicable to the state

- Superior
- North Coast – Hannah Lovfald, general thank you
- Central
- South Coast
- San Joaquin
- Southern – Banquet update

16. Curricular Code – Castro

- General Rules meeting, if opened, will occur before individual contest meetings.
- Change proposals should include 2-3 bullets outlining changes CDEs on probation without 5 participating teams in 2023 (Possible Action to Eliminate)
- State Staff recommendation to eliminate Ag Computer and Food Science Curricular Code Changes – Amber O'Conner discussed the elimination of Ag Computer, 7 registered only 4 showed. Microsoft Access was the rotation that was challenging to generate participation. She has 5 teams that are committed to participating next year. The curricular code must be addressed, and Fresno State will host either way. IT Certification is part of the contest. Monique Reid moved to allow extending probation for Ag Computers for one more year, seconded by Amber Carter, discussion followed. Desi Molyneux moved the previous question and passed a standing vote. The main motion fails a standing vote. Both contests were suspended.

Curricular Code Changes - List A submitted in rotation (Informational)

- Best Informed Greenhand
- Farm Power & Machinery
- Forestry (Pending host site signatures)
- Impromptu Public Speaking (submitted by a non-CATA member. Sponsor needed) Moved to add JessaLee Goehring by John Williams as the sponsor of the proposed changes, seconded, passed voice vote
- Livestock Judging (Verified via e-mail with Committee Chair Dr. Rocca)
- Parliamentary Procedure & Debate
- Poultry Judging
- Agricultural Mechanics Fair (Trail Contest)
- California Water Issues (Trail Contest)

- El Credo de FFA (Trail Contest) Curricular

**Code Changes – submitted out of rotation (Possible Action to Open)**

- Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET)  
Moved by Gene Lieb to open, John Williams seconded, passed a voice vote
- Agriculture Issues  
Moved by Gene Lieb to open, seconded, passed a voice vote
- Agricultural Mechanics  
Moved by Jordana Faria to open, seconded, passed a voice vote
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking  
Moved by Gene Lieb to open, seconded, passed a voice vote
- Floriculture  
Moved by Amber Carter to open, seconded, passed a voice vote
- General Rules  
Moved by Christine Ready to open, seconded, passed a voice vote
- Light Horse Judging  
Moved by Jordana Faria to open, seconded, passed a voice vote
- Soil and Land Evaluation  
Moved by Christine Ready to open, seconded, passed a voice vote
- Veterinary Science (Verified via e-mail with Dr. Staniec)  
Moved by Gene Lieb to open, seconded, passed a voice vote

**17. New Teacher Introductions Tuesday and Wednesday Session -Matt Patton (Discussion)**

- Brochure – Monday
- Tuesday - Chico, Cal-Poly SLO, Cal-Poly Pomona on Stage
- Wednesday – Fresno, Davis, Others on Stage

**18. Retiring Teachers Participating in Wednesday Session presented by John Williams**

- Central – Steve Amador
- Central - Don Borges
- Central – John Mendes
- Central – Mike Morales
- Central – Dick Piersma
- Central – Cary Trexler (not registered)
- North Coast – Patsy Pachie
- San Joaquin – Cheryl Bennett (not registered)
- San Joaquin – Roy Browne
- San Joaquin – Chuck Carson (not registered)
- South Coast – Margaret Lau (not registered)
- Southern – Ken Fletcher
- Southern – Mark Mullion
- Southern – Kelly Tulloch
- Superior – Stacy Dutra

**19. Division Elections presented by John Williams (Informational)**

- Nominations for Secondary Secretary, Operations Secretary, and Post-Secondary Secretary happen during Regional Meetings and then announced during committee meetings and voted on via digital ballot

20. Voting will be Digital – Jill Sperling (Informational)

- Ballots will be e-mailed to paid members
- Work with Jill Sperling on items to be included
- Jill needs paid member list

21. Other items from the floor – Woodard

22. Adjourned by Kevin Woodard at 1:45 pm.

CATA Pre-Conference Governing Board Meeting  
June 25, 2023  
California Department of Education/State FFA Report

1. Superior Region Supervisor
  - Conducted Interviews and Hope to Announce Name Soon

2. State FFA Membership

	Membership	Percentage	Chapters	Percentage
Central Region	30,148	29.2%	83	23.3%
North Coast Region	7,045	6.8%	35	9.8%
San Joaquin Region	24,578	23.8%	80	22.5%
South Coast Region	13,392	13.0%	41	11.5%
Southern Region	14,973	14.5%	59	16.6%
Superior Region	13,078	12.7%	58	16.3%
STATE	103,214		356	

3. Agricultural Education Strategic Plan

- State Agricultural Advisory Committee is the lead.
- Hired a third party, McIntyre-St. Clair, to help with putting the plan together.
- Sandy Dale is helping with the management of the project.
- Interviewed teachers, CATA leaders, state staff, and industry partners.
- Presenting a draft at the State Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting this week.

4. Agricultural Education Incentive Grant

- New application will be due August 1.
- Since the application is based on the previous year, all funds will be distributed in one allocation in October.
- Will provide an update as part of the Secondary Division Meeting and provide time for questions.

5. Projects for the coming year

- Identifying highest need pathways to begin updating standards.
- Working with the National Council in updating AFNR standards.
- Developing strategies to implement the Strategic Plan.
- Creating plan to address potential staffing help through CTEIG.

6. CDE/LDE Recommendations as per Curricular Code

- Drop Food Science as a state final until such time as the numbers increase.
- Drop Computers in Agriculture as a state final until such time as the numbers increase.

Sincerely,



Charles Parker, State Supervisor

- Monique Reed -

**CATA Summer Conference  
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
Minutes**

**MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY** called to order at 8:00 am by Kevin Woodard

Opening Remarks made by Kevin Woodard

Moment of Silence provided by Southern Region to honor those that passed during the past year

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome from Dr. Andrew Thulin, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Welcome from iCEV President, Dusty Moore

Introduction of State Officer Applicant Gene Lieb made by John Williams

Hall of Fame Presentations made by Kevin Woodard. 2022 recipient recognized, Frank Tebeau. 2023 Hall of Fame recipients were Marc Coleman, Ken Dias, Darol Fishman, Dr. Lloyd McCabe, and Dr. Mike Speiss.

Keynote Speaker presentation made by Will Bowen

Session adjourned 10:31 by Kevin Woodard

**SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING** called to order at 12:50 pm by Kevin Woodard

Jordana Faria moved to send all 3 resolutions to the Awards/By-Laws/Nominations Committee to be placed on the ballot, seconded. No Discussion, motion passed voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm

**JOINT DIVISION MEETING** called to order at 1:02 by chair Kevin Woodard

Gene Lieb announced nominees for Secondary Secretary- Bailey Riedel and Kaily Davenport

Amber Carter announced nominees for Operations Secretary- Travis Wynck, Michael Leishman, and Amanda Galon

Discussion of SWOT directed by Jacob Vazquez - broke into groups

- 1 Discuss summary findings
- 2 Develop action items based on findings measurable and obtainable
- 3 One person records.

Membership broke into three locations to complete discussion and submission of goals to follow up on the SWOT analysis. Activity completed by 3 pm.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY** called to order at 10:02 am by Kevin Woodard

Introductions of New Teachers by CSU, Chico and Cal Poly teacher educators

Greetings from California State FFA Officer Team

Greetings from California FFA Foundation, Katie Otto

Greetings from the California Foundation for Ag in the Classroom, Rick Phillips



State Supervisor's Report, Chuck Parker

Executive Director Report, Matt Patton

Reviewed current legislative actions

Reviewed strengths and weaknesses of CATA based on SWOT Analysis

Reviewed actions taken due to SWOT Analysis

Gratitude

Session adjourned by Kevin Woodard at 11:10 am

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY** called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair John Williams

Retiring Teachers (A-M) were recognized John Williams

State Officer Candidates Nomination by Amber O'Connor

State Officer Speech given by Gene Lieb

Division Reports

Secondary Division

*The Secondary Division as a whole met Monday June 26th, 2023 at 3:01pm, led by Secondary Division Chair Gene Lieb.*

*Everyone was welcomed and it was shared to keep an open mind and partake in a robust conversation relating to the panel discussion on the Agriculture Incentive Grant.*

*The panel was led by Mr. Charles Parker to share an overview and history of the grant. This included...*

- *Starting point of criteria and there should be reviews of the application often.*
- *All future payments will come in the fall in one payment.*
- *All future applications will be based on prior year data.*
- *The new application is not to do more, it's developed to meet the needs of your local community/program where you should want to grow and improve.*
- *In quotes, "Simplest thing is to get the kids to enter data correctly."*
- *Among other things.*

*The panel after moved to JessaLee Goehring - She reviewed the process for accessing the application by showing on the screen the steps in AET. This included...*

- *Where to locate the application.*
- *How to use data to drive a school's growth.*
- *How the funding is now separated into different areas*
- *Among other things.*

*Questions from the floor included...*

1. *Do inactive students count against you?*
2. *What do you do about the data when a teacher leaves?*
3. *What do you do about kids who transfer in but don't have data?*
4. *Parody data from the state is old, can we use current data?*

*All of these questions and more were answered by Shay Williams-Hopper, JessaLee Goehring, and Charles Parker.*

*We ended with Gene Lieb announcing the Agriculture Incentive Grant Application must be submitted to regional supervisors by the 1st of August.*

*No action was taken at the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 3:39pm.*

*The Secondary Division, Student Activities Committee met Monday June 26th at 3:50 pm, led by Secondary Division Vice-Chair, Vernon Clark.*

*During the meeting, Jasmine Flores fielded comments about how we could improve the Change Makers Conference. The fact is that the people that started that conference are no longer in the positions they held when the conference was piloted, because of that Jasmine wanted to collect insight into what teachers were looking for.*

*This included...*

- Possible change of date, from July to fall.*
- Ensuring panels include people from trades, example given was the San Joaquin County Building Trades Council.*
- Using the senior exit survey data to help be a driver in the conference's long term development and implementation.*
- Among other things.*

*The Discovery Leadership Conference was also discussed. It was found through conversations that the group believes it would be beneficial for a curriculum to be developed, but to leave facilitation with regional officers and maybe even something chapter officers could facilitate for middle school members. Considering that state officers help facilitate regional officers, regional officers facilitate sectional officers, sectional officers facilitate chapter officers, and maybe in the long run chapter officers can facilitate middle school members.*

*Finally the GLC/MFE/ALA Conference cap/limitation was asked about. It was discussed by both Hugh Mooney and Jasmine Flores that the ability to figure out and realize that calendars dictate where school goes it was hard to determine who would have what home location, also some locations geographically are hard to fit nicely into each conference. Finally, it was discussed that cost by location didn't work, because Monterey isn't the most expense due to breakfast being included when staying at an Embassy Suites. It was noted that Visalia is the cheapest of the locations we use for MFE/ALA.*

*No actions were taken during the committee meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted, Gene Lieb, Secondary Division Chair*

*Motion made by Olson, Littlerock to accept the secondary report, seconded. Motion passed voice vote.*

#### Post-Secondary Division

*Desi Molyneux, Committee Chair*

*Greetings from Post Secondary, Vice-Chair Jacob Vasquez and Secretary Tommy Henderson. Meeting was held on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 3 pm. All committee reports were read and approved. The meeting included guest speakers from California Farm Bureau, Ag Council of California and Western Growers.*

*Broke in 4 Sub committees. Student Leadership, In-Service, Curriculum and Visioning.*

*Action Items:*

*Nomination of Pathway Leads*

*Curriculum: Committee Chair Richard Chapman, Hartnell*

*Student Leadership: Committee Chair Lori Marchey, MJC*

*Visioning: Committee Chair Andrew Ornales, Merced*

*In-Service: Tom Williams, Butte College*

*Elections*

*New Secretary Nicki Maddox, Merced*

*\*Vice Chair Elect Lory Marchey - elected with anticipation of new by-laws passing*

Motion made by Brian Mortenson to accept the post- secondary report, seconded. Motion passed voice vote.

### Operations Division

Report given by Amber Carter

*The Operations Division oversees committees that deal with issues that affect all instructors, regardless of teaching assignment or location. The Division report being presented summarizes discussions and actions taken within the various committees. Committee meetings for Budget and Audit, Nominations & Bylaws, Professional Ethics, and Curricular Code took place over the last two days of conference.*

*The Budget & Audit committee was called to order at 3:55pm by Amber Carter. A motion was made by Kristy Hill to approve the CATA Relief Fund application, seconded by Meagan Dunlap. Motion passed. A motion was made by Maghan England to approve the 2023-2024 CATA Proposed Budget, seconded by Michael Leishman. Motion passed. A motion was made to have the executive committee explore the option of pursuing a new staffing model consisting of one CEO of agriculture education with three representatives to cover FFA Foundation, CATA, and the FFA Association. This exploration will include salary sources. Motion was seconded by Cali Griffin. Motion passed. A final motion was made by Raven Castro for the Executive committee to research an income source for raises for the three current CATA employees, seconded by Karlen Ruth. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.*

*The Professional Ethics committee was called to order at 3:59 PM by Jordana Faria. Shelby Fishman was appointed as parliamentarian, and Amanda Galan was appointed as Secretary for the meeting. Jordana reviewed the rationale for the Ethics committee opening, which included a letter received by CDE regarding falsified applications. Questions were addressed regarding the committee and the letter was discussed. After discussing the current CATA Code of Conduct, the committee approved the motion to refer the matter to a committee composed of paid CATA members appointed by the executive committee with representation from all regions to report back at the Fall Regional Meeting. This committee will review the CATA Code of Conduct, and make edits to present to the governing board. The motion was made by Megan Tunzi, and was seconded and passed with a majority vote. Katie Alling moved that we recommend to state staff that an ethical acknowledgement will be added to the AET profile for Ag Teachers, and the recommendation was passed by a majority vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.*

*The By-Laws & Nominations Committee was called to order at 3:56 pm by Amanda Ferguson. Kayla Erath moved to approve Gene Lieb as the candidate for State CATA Office. Motion was seconded by Lindsay Stiff. Motion was passed by voice vote. The committee reviewed the three resolutions that have been presented to the membership. Committee members were tasked with reviewing the resolutions for accuracy. Joe Affleck moved to approve the resolutions to be placed on the State CATA Ballot. Motion was seconded by Tanya Love. There was no discussion. Motion passed with a voice vote. Discussion was opened regarding the current CATA award applications available to members. Amanda reviewed the new pathway awards, and noted that we had 15 candidates apply for different pathway awards this year, which was an increase from when only the agriscience award was offered previously. The committee discussed the potential review of current applications for relevancy, however it was noted that the majority of our applications match NAAE for nationals submissions. Altering the current applications, while lengthy, is not possible. The committee discussed the possibility of adding an additional large department category. Kevy Mendez moved that the committee make a recommendation to add an additional large department award, breaking the category into 4-6 teachers and then 7+. Shanna Abatti seconded. Motion passed with a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.*

*The General Rules Curricular code meeting was called to order on June 27, 2023 at 8:02am by Martin Castro. John Williams moved to approve the change and was seconded by Heather Thomas to approve the change relating to registration. Registration will close on a date set by the host site and once closed you will no longer be able to register, but you can change/cancel registration up until the closing of registration. Your school is financially responsible for anyone registered from your school after the closing of registration. A voice vote was taken and it passed. Emily Farone made a motion and seconded by Martha Marin to remove letter J from the curricular code for General Rules. A voice vote was taken and it failed unanimously*

*Greg Ravy, made the motion to approve the addition "A state staff member or approved member with no connections to a competing team, shall review the contest prior to students competing, and or proctor the contest". and was seconded by Trevor Autry. A voice vote was taken and it failed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:44am*

*The Farm Power curricular code committee meeting was called to order at 8:59 AM by Frank Orique. 1 proposed change was discussed, Dr. Williams introduced the proposed change to the equipment list. Dr. Williams discussed the rationale behind proposed changes. Amendment was made and seconded to leave all equipment the same with addition of new equipment. This equipment is a nut sweeper, tree shaker, shuttle cart and nut pickup machine. Amendment and Main motion passed. Meeting Adjourned 9:09 AM.*

*The Impromptu Curricular Code meeting was called to order on Tuesday, June 27th at 9:00 AM by Jason Ferreira. The committee discussed 6 curricular code amendments brought forward to the committee. Proposals that were adopted pertained to who generates the topics for the speeches as well as the minimum and maximum number of judges for the competition. Failed proposals included adding follow up questions after the conclusion of each of the speeches as well as additional timing warnings. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM*

*The El Credo De FFA Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 27, 2023 at 8:00 AM by Ed Hartzell. The proposed changes included aligning El Credo De FFA with other LDE contests by following the CATA Curricular Code- State Championship Contest requirements regarding contestants and participation, adding the word "three" before questions on rules # 2 so that it reads, "The FFA Creed recitation and the response to three questions must be delivered in proper Spanish", striking out "a maximum of", replacing "regional" with "contest" on rule # 7, striking out rule #11, and adding rule #13 "Violations of any of the rules will result in the disqualification of the contestant by the contest supervisor", adding a tie breaker, and making grammatical changes to the El Credo De FFA. The failed proposals included making grammatical changes to the script, all other proposals were passed.*

*The Poultry Judging Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 27 at 9:01 AM by Amanda Rodriguez. The committee discussed three proposed changes. A motion was made to have Class 14 (the Team Activity) be the first rotation of the contest and that all other classes would follow. The motion passed. Failed proposals included the top three coaches from the previous year's state contest meet with the contest advisor prior to completion for a contest review, and and removing Class 14 (Team Activity) from the State Level contest or adding a section on the Poultry Judging Card Scantron to fit the needs of the contest. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.*

*The Parliamentary Procedure and Debate Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 27 at 8:59 AM by Brittney Thompson. The committee discussed four proposed changes. The motion was adopted to delete the rule relating to the notification of teams able to compete at the Conduct of Chapter Meetings national contest. Motions were adopted relating to clarification of wording and deleting repetitive statements in the code. The committee adopted to change language in the curricular code and score cards to 11 minutes. The motion was adopted to include Point of Information into the chart of permissible motions. Motions were adopted that all individual oral questions and test questions must come from Dunbar's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure Test questions and Dunbar's Parliamentary Procedures Oral Questions Challenge questions bank. Another motion was adopted to limit the number of debatable subsidiary motions on the card to two for the novice portion of the contest. Another motion was adopted relating to 7th and 8th grade students competing several years in a row- if a 7th or 8th grader competes at the state finals contest, they forfeit their eligibility to compete on a novice team the subsequent year. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 AM.*

*The Forestry Curricular Code meeting was called to order by Megan Tunzi at 9:01 AM on June 27. The committee discussed the three proposed changes to the curricular code. The proposals related to increasing the length of time for Area 7 and not allowing half points to be awarded for timber measurement failed. The committee passed the proposals pertaining to using board foot volume as the measurement for table interpretation, measuring to the top of the tree and removing merchantable terminology, using a bearing compass for team event, replacing the form class with a more accurate representation of trees measured, adding language to plant identification about the use of rulers and what should be done if contestants cannot touch plant samples and updating the plant list to match current industry terms. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM*

*The Livestock Judging committee meeting was called to order on June 27 at 9:00 A.M. by chairman Brendan Close. The committee moved and approved the proposed change that updated the contest to more closely mirror the national contest. This included removing the written test and team activity, as well as adding new EPD categories for performance data and specifying the proper scantron for use with JudgingCard. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 A.M.*

*The California Water Issues curricular code meeting was called to order by James Looper at 9:01 am. Bill Barcellos provided some background on the proposed changes that he submitted. Motion was made by Marin Susan to approve all proposed changes, seconded by Matt Bongiovani. Proposed changes would change the name to California Water, clean up the list of references for the test by adding two additional references and removing one that is too complicated for the contest, clarify how ties will be broken as well as changing the test format to 50 true/false and then 50 multiple choice questions; 100 questions total. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:14am*

*The Agricultural Mechanics Fair Curricular Code meeting was called to order by Dan Crookham at 9 am. James Corbett moved to approve all changes as submitted which includes no longer requiring team members to be identified prior to judging, including an electronic showbook being emailed to the state finals host the Monday prior to State Finals and removing the requirement from Measured drawings or sketches that they must be the students own work. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously with a voice vote.*

*The Best Informed Greenhand Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 27th at 9:01 AM by Matthew Marshall. This curricular code meeting addressed two proposals. A motion was made by Beth Noel and seconded by Josh Aguilar on proposal 1, which is to extend the time of the fill-in portion of the test from 30 minutes to 45 minutes, thus having a grand total time of two hours and 15 minutes to complete the state finals B.I.G contest. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Proposal 2 was motioned by Beth Noel and seconded by Brianna Ellis. This proposal was to release the state finals test within a month after the conclusion of state finals. Proposal 2 failed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:46AM.*

*The Ag Issues Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 27 at 12:00 PM by Dakota Romans. The committee approved to change the portfolio submission process to include paper hard copy AND an electronic copy. The proposed change was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.*

*The AET Farm Record Book Curricular Code meeting was called to order by Tara Meade at 12 noon. A motion was made and seconded to replace the farm business management test with a budget scenario. Students would get 40 minutes to formulate a budget based on information provided and would then answer multiple choice, true/false, or matching questions based on the completed budget. The total score for this component would be 50 points. All proposed changes were passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm.*

*The Light Horse Curricular code committee meeting was called to order on June 27th at 12pm by Keeley Hall. A motion was made and approved to release state finals class names to coaches by 6pm the night prior to the contest. Motion was made by Amber Carter, and was approved unanimously. A second motion was made and approved to remove tracking from judging halter horses and to add no close inspection. Motion was made by Shannon Lemons and was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13pm*

*The Soil and Land Evaluation Curricular code committee was called to order at 12pm by Tyler Dickinson. The committee approved the following items for the Soil and Land Evaluation CDE to increase participating schools and provide more field day opportunities for students: Move to a singular state finals instead of a split-contest with combined scores. Removal of semantics of combined State Finals in curricular code and the official Soil and Land Evaluation Manual. Correcting semantics and aligning Judging Card point values in the official manual for Soil and Land Evaluation.*

*The Veterinary Science Curricular code change meeting was held on June 27th 2023 called to order at 11:59 am by Martin Castro. Motion was made by Elizabeth Ammon to make 14 additions from the nation list and to make 7 corrections on the state list and seconded by Jennifer Knight to accept the motion as presented. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote. Motion made to usage of general form G, total number of identification items, and leading zero and Breed ID*

*added. Motion was made by Elizabeth Ammon and seconded by Ralph Mosqueda. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote. Motion was made by Shannon Abatti and seconded by Amanda Ehnat to expend the time from 45 to 90 minutes for the general knowledge test. Elizabeth Ammon amended the motion to change to 60 minutes instead of 90 minutes and was seconded by Kristen Sheehan Amendment passed unanimously with a voice vote. The amended motion passed unanimously with a voice vote. Elizabeth Ammon made a motion to provide a copy of the test to all teams per what is in general rules, the motion was seconded by Jessie Chazes. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 12:47pm*

*The Ag Mechanics curricular code meeting was called to order at 12pm on June 27th 2023 by Andy Barhydt. The committee discussed 4 changes to curricular code, two of which failed to have a main motion. Of the two motions discussed the proposed change of adding a GFCI duplex receptacle to the electrical section of the contest was approved with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1pm.*

*The Extemporaneous Public Speaking Curricular code meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Shay Williams-Hopper. Sherry Johns moved to strike out "State FFA Assistant Advisor" and replace it with "State Contest Supervisor." Amanda Bailey seconded. Motion passed voice vote. Sherry Johns moved to under Rules, Subject, Letter D1- to add in "Items printed from the internet must be printed in their original form and include a web address on the page, copied/pasted, and reformatted internet items will not be allowed." Amanda Bailey seconded. Motion passed voice vote. Amanda Bailey moved to add Under Rules, Subject Letter E - "Participants may have up to 10 minutes to conduct online research. Computer and internet access will be provided by the contestant. Access to email, cloud storage or any prepared materials is prohibited. A room monitor will be the official timekeeper for each contestant's technology time. The use of prepared notes or speeches, even if accessed with technology time, is prohibited and will be grounds for disqualification." Becca Duran seconded. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 PM*

*The Floriculture Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 27 at 12:07 PM by Sarah Herdell. A motion was made to update the judging rubrics for the construction portion of the contest to match the Floral Ag Align Tier 2 Certification score cards. After productive debate and discussion, it was moved to refer the task of updating scorecards/rubrics to a committee for resubmission in 2024. The motion passes. No changes will be made to the Floriculture Curricular Code at this time. Meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted, Amber Carter, Operations Division Chair.*

Since this is a committee report, there is an applied second. Discussion followed.

Motion made to amend the Parliamentary Procedure contest by striking out "Another motion was adopted relating to 7th and 8th grade students competing several years in a row: if a 7th or 8th grader competes at the state finals contest, they forfeit their eligibility to compete on a novice team the subsequent year." Discussion followed. Amendment passed by standing vote.

Acceptance of Operations report passed voice vote.

Retiring Teachers (N-Z) presented by John Williams

Introduction of New Teachers by teacher educators for Fresno State, Davis, Pomona and Non-traditional Credentialed

REFRESHMENT BREAK 10:24 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. in front of PAC

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY** called to order at 10:30 a.m. by John Williams

New Professionals recognized

Teacher of Teachers Silver and Gold Certificates presented by John Williams

CATA Service Certificates presented by Judy Aschwanden

Cal Delta Class of 2022 presented Mark Reardon

Golden Owl Awards presented by Kevin Woodard

Celeste Morino  
Brian Kim

Lauren Peterson  
Emily Brown

Beth Swehla  
Jason Ferrira (State Winner)

Speaker Julie Ripley

Assembly adjourned 11:45 am.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY** called to order at 10:15 am by Chair Kevin Woodard

Speaker Hailey Traini

Honorary American Degree recipients recognized by Kevin Woodard

Aerial Covey

Mandy Garner

David Gossman

Bill Hendrix

Chris Hildebrand

Janice Lohse

Mary Martineau

Brad Neuman

Carrie Phillips

Steve Rocca

Alissa Sarvinski

Membership Awards presented by Judy Aschwanden

30 sections/regions met their membership goals, they were called to the front and drew for gift card awards.

Total membership 1039

Idea Show Awards presented by Amanda Martinez

Farm Show Report given by Miranda Pawling

Thank Central Region members, Dusty Dyer, Monique Reed, Dr. Kellogg. Reminded everyone prizes were in the lobby.

Election Results announced

State Officer- Gene Lieb

Secondary Division Secretary- Kaylyn Davenport

Operations Division Secretary- Amanda Galan

All three resolutions passed

Officer Installation

Conference adjourned at 11:02 am by John Williams

**CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION  
2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET**

CATEGORY	RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
<b>DUES</b>				
Regular Members (850 @ \$140)	119,000.00			
Life Members (10 @ 1,400)	14,000.00			
New Teacher Members (85 @ \$70)	5,950.00			
Student Teacher Members (80 @ \$2)	160.00			
Associate Members (90 @ \$15)	1,350.00			
Corporate Members (35 @ \$140)	4,900.00			
Get REAL			8,000.00	
<b>HONORARY AMERICAN DEGREE DINNER</b>			800.00	
<b>Conference - In &amp; Out (Meals etc)</b>	75,000.00		75,000.00	
<b>Conference Registration - (950 x \$350 &amp; 50 x \$50)</b>	335,000.00		160,000.00	
<b>Conference - Farm Show (35 x \$175; 15 x \$200)</b>	9,125.00		7,000.00	
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>			2,000.00	
<b>CAL DELTA CONFERENCE EXP.</b>			5,000.00	
<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' TRAVEL EXP.</b>			10,000.00	
<b>GOLDEN SLATE NEWSLETTER</b>			7,000.00	
<b>GOV BOARD TRAVEL/RETREAT EXP.</b>			3,500.00	
<b>OFFICE RECEIPTS/EXPENSES</b>				
Bank Interest/Service Charge	200.00		4,000.00	
Insurance			4,500.00	
Maintenance/Equipment Lease			4,500.00	
Miscellaneous	100.00		500.00	
Postage/Printing			3,000.00	
Regional Inservice Fees	17,000.00			
Supplies/Subscriptions			3,500.00	
Technology (Membership/Financial Management/Website)			6,000.00	
Telephone			2,000.00	
<b>NAAE - Region I Conference (150 X \$300)</b>	45,000.00		40,000.00	
<b>OFFICERS-OUT OF STATE TRAVEL EXPENSES</b>				
NAAE - National Convention			4,000.00	
NAAE - Region I Conference			2,000.00	
<b>PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>				
Exec Director(CATA-Salary \$138,388/Benefits \$29,436) (FFA Reimb-\$32,294)	32,294.00		165,822.00	
Senior Exec Assistant (Salary \$52,503/Benefits \$15,751)			68,254.00	
Junior Exec Assistant (Salary \$25,937/Benefits \$15,881) (FFA-\$25,117)	25,117.00		68,818.00	
Clerical Assistant				
Payroll Taxes (Employer Taxes)			23,171.00	
<b>SCHOLARSHIP FUND/RELIEF FUND AWARD</b>				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	1,000.00		3,000.00	
<b>TO RESERVES</b>			3,831.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 685,196.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 685,196.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\$ -
Net Income: \$ -



## **Regional Meeting CATA Resolution**

- WHEREAS,** CATA is an organization focused on promoting and improving the teaching of agriculture in California and fostering the well-being of those engaged in that work.
- WHEREAS,** CATA is a fiscally conservative organization focused on continuous service to its members. Its only revenue source is membership dues and the annual CATA conference.
- WHEREAS,** current events, specifically the COVID pandemic, have highlighted that outside forces can dramatically reduce or eliminate CATA revenue for extended periods; therefor, be it
- RESOLVED** that the CATA Governing Board go on record as strongly recommending the following amendment to the CATA Operating Policies under Fiscal Policies under VII. Savings;
- A.** For the purpose of insuring the financial stability of the organization in the event of economic constraints, and to engage in special projects, the Governing Board shall maintain a savings account equal to 25% of the prior year's operating expenses. If savings exceed ~~75% of this amount~~, three years of operating expenses the Governing Board will refer with recommendations to the Budget and Audit Committee at Summer Conference how to reduce the savings.

## **Resolution Form**

### **Post-Secondary Division Amendment to the CATA Bylaws VIII**

- WHEREAS,** the Post-Secondary Division is identified within the CATA Bylaws; and
- WHEREAS,** the CATA Bylaws explicitly identifies that each division elect a Secretary, Vice Chair, Chair-Elect, and Chair; and
- WHEREAS,** the Post-Secondary Division currently only has elected a Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair, but will be adding the "Chair-Elect" at the 2023 Summer Conference; and
- WHEREAS,** the CATA Bylaws states that the three Division Chairs and Post-Secondary Chair-Elect shall serve on the Executive Committee but equitable representation is not reflected within the CATA Governing Board; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** that the CATA Bylaws Article VIII, Section A be amended as follows:
- The Governing Board shall consist of the Executive Committee, Regional Presidents, the ~~three Division Chair-Elects~~ *Operations Division Chair-Elect, the Secondary Division Chair-Elect and the Post-Secondary Division Vice Chair.***

**Date Adopted:** 12/3/2022

**Resolution Form**

**Post-Secondary Division Amendment to the CATA Bylaws Article VI**

**WHEREAS,** the Post-Secondary Division is identified within the CATA Bylaws; and

**WHEREAS,** the CATA Bylaws stated that the Post-Secondary Chair must work directly with the Agricultural Specialist within the state Community College Chancellor's office; and

**WHEREAS,** the state agriculture specialist was recently dissolved; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the CATA Bylaws Article VII, Section F, item 4 be struck out as follows:

~~To work directly with the Agriculture Specialists in the Community College Chancellor's Office as CATA Chancellor Office liaison.~~

**Date Adopted:** 12/3/2022



## **California Agricultural Teachers' Association Agricultural Educator Relief Fund**

### **Eligibility**

All CATA active members are eligible to receive a one-time assistance stipend up to \$1,000 to assist in an extreme time of need from the CATA Agricultural Educator Relief Fund. In the case of a deceased CATA active member, the surviving spouse or dependent(s) may receive the one-time assistance stipend. In extreme situations, such as the progression of a catastrophic illness, the same CATA member may receive one additional stipend up to \$1,000 from this fund, with the second stipend granted at least 12 months after the initial stipend.

### **Application Procedures**

**What to Submit:** The application must be submitted by the CATA active member's respective Regional CATA President. The application must include the following components:

1. **Application Cover Sheet** – The application cover sheet, included in this application packet, and a narrative not to exceed one page (see #2 below); the application cover sheet must be signed by the active member's respective Regional CATA President.
2. **Narrative** – A written narrative detailing why the CATA active member is in need of assistance must be submitted. The narrative must be included as a one-page attachment with the application cover sheet. Please do not submit more than a one-page attachment per application.
3. **When and Where to Submit** – Complete applications must be submitted by the CATA active member's Regional CATA officer team to the CATA office at:

CATA  
PO Box 186  
Galt, CA 95632-0186  
Phone: (209) 744-1605  
E-mail: [cata@calagteachers.org](mailto:cata@calagteachers.org)

### **Evaluation Procedures**

The executive committee of the CATA will review all applications submitted by Regional CATA officer teams. Upon approval, stipends will be sent directly to the CATA active member, with notification to the Regional CATA President.

### **Contributions to the Fund**

The CATA Agricultural Educator Relief Fund is funded by contributions from individual CATA members. To contribute to this fund, submit payments to the CATA office in Galt, California. Please direct questions/comments via e-mail to [CATA@calagteachers.org](mailto:CATA@calagteachers.org) or by telephone at (209) 744-1605.

**California Agricultural Teachers' Association  
Agricultural Educator Relief Fund Application  
Cover Sheet**

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Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
(including prefix: Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.)

CATA Region \_\_\_\_\_ CATA Section \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Home Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(including area code)

Applicant's School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's School Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(including area code)

School Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(including area code)

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**Narrative:** Please attach a detailed description, no more than one-page, why the CATA member above is in need of assistance. Please do not attach more than one page per application.

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**Regional CATA Officer Team Certification**

I certify that this nominee is: 1) in need of assistance from the CATA Agricultural Educator Relief Fund; and 2) is an active CATA member in good standing with the California Agricultural Teachers' Association.

**Regional President must check one category below.** The CATA executive committee will make every effort to grant all legitimate requests for relief, based on: 1) the recommendation from the Regional CATA leadership; and 2) the availability of funds.

\_\_\_\_\_ Extreme Hardship Situation – \$1000 requested

\_\_\_\_\_ Severe Hardship Situation – \$700 to \$900 requested

\_\_\_\_\_ Moderate Hardship Situation – \$500 to \$700 requested

Regional President \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(printed or typed)

Regional President \_\_\_\_\_  
(pen and ink signature)

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(including area code) (including area code) (including area code)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

# Minutes

## Post-Secondary Division Meeting

6/26/2023

CATA Summer Conference

In Attendance: Refer to post-secondary sign in sheet

- Meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Desiree Molyneux.
- Introductions of new post-secondary members from membership was announced.
- Carrie Peterson spoke about CDFA Specialty Crop Block Grant and offered ways for the membership to get involved. Discussed internship possibilities and curriculum opportunities to enhance existing programs.
- Stephanie Younger and Lia Groves spoke about the CA Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers. Shared creative ways to engage new student members to provide career clarity and possibilities.
- Tommy Henderson addressed updates for the State-wide Ag Ambassador conference and shared dates and discussion on how to become more involved
- Ag Council of CA came forward to share information on Specialty Crop Agricultural Workforce Development Program and how our students can become more involved with this grant program and what they are working towards in terms of connecting with community colleges.
- Dr. Jessie Tallerup from Butte College shared a survey for Community College teacher to participate in to better understand farm facilities, demographics, resources, etc.
- Dr. Jacob Vazquez discussed the updated CATA website and how to navigate the new post-secondary tab. He walked members through the various sub links and where to find specific content. We need to add CAL content to the website, link to the Ag Ambassador conf, and curriculum content.
- Desiree closed the meeting by talking about sub committee work, leadership roles, election process
- Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

# Curriculum Committee

**2023 CATA Summer Conference  
Post-Secondary Division  
minutes**



California Community Colleges

CHAIR: Jessi Cardoso

SECRETARY: Brandi Asmus

## I. Designation of secretary to take minutes

## II. Conversations CC & CSU Partners

Suggestion to work on establishing pathway discussion

In past, group would break out by discipline, and put on a review cycle every three years. Usually Tuesday morning, early.

Plan: Set time at Mid-Winter on Thursday before Registration, to meet up and break out by discipline

\*Invite CSUs – specifically

Google Survey for dates for MidWinter in 2024 (for Leadership team to send out)

## IV. FDRG Chair Report – Leimone Waite

CCCO Appointed group. Reviews curriculum in C-ID transfer pathways (Plant Science, Animal Science, Ag Business).

CCCO appoints group from CSUs and CC's, and industry, to review. Want cross state representation.

Last review in 2012; members have mostly retired and/or moved to admin

List of interested people, then CID vet/appoint people (Action) by discipline

- CSU Animal Science: Celina Phillips (to contact Betsy Boyd to work with CSU Academic Senate to agendize faculty CID reviewers)

Also, need new FDRG lead

## V. Nomination of Pathway Leads (Action) - Motion (Lindsay Ono) Second (Chris Chaney) – Motion Passes

- Plant/ Hort - Lindsay Ono (Bakersfield) & Candice Stafford Banks (Woodland)
- Animal Science - Nikki Maddux (Merced)
- Ag Mech - Chris Chaney (West Hills) & Ryan Patterson (MJC)
- Natural Resources -
- Agriculture Business - Lori Marchy (MJC), Jacob Vazquez (Butte)

## VI. Nominations for 23/24 Curriculum Chair (Action)

Richard Chapman (Hartnell) -

Motion (Chris Chaney) Second (Sofia Brizuela Obando) - Motion Passes

# Curriculum Committee

## VII. Nominations for C-ID Lead/ FDRG Lead (Action)

Brandi Asmus (Woodland)

Motion (Lindsay Ono) Second (Jennifer Hinostroza) - Motion Passes

### FDRG Committee Interest

MtSac - Jennifer Hinostroza (Horticulture)

Butte - Jacob Vazquez (Ag Business)

Bakersfield - Lindsay Ono (Horticulture)

West Hills - Tim Ellsworth (Plant Science)

CSU Chico - Tommy Henderson

Hartnell - Richard Chapman (Ag Mech / Animal Science)

Woodland - Candice Stafford Banks (Plant Science / Hort)



## Minutes:

### Inservice Committee

#### Attendance:

Howard Lewis CRC, Jose Perez, Merced College, Kattie Schmidig MJC, Nicole Morris MJC, Kim Pitigliano COS, Nick Deftereos Reedley, Jennifer Charles-Tollerup Butte, Larry Dinis Reedley, Desi Molyneux, Reedley

#### Action Items:

##### 1. Motion:

1. Moved to approve Midwinter 2022 Minutes

made by: Nicole Morris second: Larry Dinnis Pass\_\_X\_ Fail\_\_

2. Motion made by Nicole Morris, seconded by Nick Deftereos, to recognize Tom Williams of Butte College as the Chair of the In-service Committee for 2023 - 2024. Pass\_\_X\_ Fail\_\_\_\_\_

## Notes:

### III.2022 Midwinter Evaluation

- A. Need 4-year University involvement
- B. Move Curriculum meeting to Thursday to bring in 4-year University
- C. Push out Agenda Early
- D. Be clear about meals included in registration fees
- E. Speakers on Friday were congested due to rescheduling of speaker
- F. Ag Bus should not be "too" production orientated
- G. Provide ample time between tours and dinner

### IV.2023 Midwinter Butte College

- A. First weekend in December: Thursday-November 30 Saturday December 2nd
- B. Based in Chico, CA in the Meriam Park Neighborhood
- C. Thursday night reception at the Handle Bar
- D. Friday industry talks, tours, and dinner at the Barn
  - i. For example, Ag Science tour to include mandarin grower/packer/shipper, Rice Experiment Station, and Olivarez Honey Bees with stops at Farmer's Brewing Company and the Hive.
- E. Saturday CATA business meetings

### V.Preliminary Plans for Summer Conference 2024

- A. Inservice Guest Speakers
  - i. Idea - during Tuesday lunch
- B. Inservice Tours
  - ii. When and where?

C. Many suggestions on how to gain more time for Post-Secondary work were discussed but difficult to balance with other constraints at the conference. One example brought forth was... Monday would be the day for post-secondary work and Tuesday would be for committee meetings and Wednesday wrap up breakfast to avoid conflict with Retiree lunch but doesn't work because of general session conflict

D. Recommendation – look at the conference schedule to carve out more time for Post-Secondary work during CATA Summer Conference

#### VI. Other Activities

A. Industry Tours regionally offered. Could rotate through regions, could happen at all regions on the same weekend.

#### VII. Future Sites and Dates for Midwinter

A. 2023 – Butte College

B. 2024 – Bakersfield College

C. 2025 – Modesto College

D. 2026 – COS

E. 2027 – Looking for a volunteer school

Chair elections (summer conference meeting only)

*Email to Post-Secondary officer team & [cata@calagteachers.org](mailto:cata@calagteachers.org)*

June 26, 2023

## Student Activities Meeting

### Minutes:

- No corrections to the minutes
- 1<sup>st</sup>- Kim D
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jennifer Sousa

### Ag ambassador merging with Cal?

Kim D –

- Original intention of Ag Cal, geared toward personal leadership development.
  - Ag Ambassadors geared toward carrying high school experiences + industry/job discovery.
- Need to determine focus/intention of each conference before deciding to merge.
- In favor of staying separate

Tommy H. –

- Community college representatives expressed desire to merge in previous discussion.
- Need to put forward an action item for group to decide on

### Defining CAL & Ag Ambassador Conference

- Spring CAL – Contests
- Ag Ambassador Conf. – Professional workshops, keynote speaker, industry workshops, industry tours

Other notes:

- Ag Ambassador Host Sites:
  - o 2023 - Chico
  - o 2024 – Cal Poly
- Rewording CAL & Ag Ambassadors

### Farm Bureau Presentation

- Discussion on services provided by YF&R (networking, professional development, advocacy, etc.)
- December YF&R & CFBF Conference
- Discussion Meet (November 18, 2023) – Modesto Jr. College
- Opportunities to collaborate with community colleges:
  - o Participate in CAL Conference in Chico, 2023
  - o 2024 CAL Conference hosted in conjunction with YF&R (December 6-8, 2024, Monterey)
  - o Discussion meet involvement & help
  - o 2023 YF&R Conference – invite students to attend with collegiate membership rate (December 1-3, 2023, Reno).

**Next Meeting Date: July 10<sup>th</sup> via Zoom**

**Possible 2024 CAL Competition (2/2 or 2/9) hosted by Merced College**

### Student Activities Committee

Attendance:

1. Kyle Thompson
2. Lori Marchy
3. Kim D

4. Tony Farao
5. Tim Truax
6. Stephanie Farm Bureau
7. Leah Farm Bureau
8. Jennifer Sousa
9. Nicole Land
10. Heather Varallo
11. Audra Harl

**Action Items:**

- 1) Motion: Fall Cal Conference to attend California Agriculture Ambassador State Conference, hosted by Chico State, October 6-8, 2023.  
made by: Tommy Henderson second: Kim D. Pass\_x\_Fail\_\_\_
- 2) Motion: Nomination of Lori Marchy to be 2023-2024 Student activities chair.  
made by: Tim Truax second: Jennifer Sousa. Pass\_x\_Fail\_\_\_

**Notes:**

Chair elections (summer conference meeting only)

Lori Marchy will stay on and serve another year, through 2024.

*Email to Post-Secondary officer team & [cata@calagteachers.org](mailto:cata@calagteachers.org)*

Summer Conference  
Post Secondary Vision Committee Meeting  
Minutes

Attendees: Greg Potter, Kris Costa, Shanon, Troy Gravatt, Kyle Beeman, Andrew Ornelas, Todd Conrado, Taylor Doo, Audra Lopez

Approval of Agenda

1. Shannon
2. Troy

Approval of Minutes

1. Troy
2. Taylor

Meeting Information

1. Commenced at 4:11 pm
2. Adjourned at 4:58 pm

**Discussion Items:**

1. CATA Website Update from Midwinter
  - a. Current Information that has been added to CATA website
    - i. Post secondary (information page)
    - ii. Meeting Minutes
    - iii. Resources
    - iv. Events

1.A Discussion Response

How do we get Nancy's data transferred into the CATA website, more specifically the following area of interest are:

- i. Class curriculum through grant programs
- ii. Upcoming events
- iii. Best practices and teaching

2. Student Leadership Funding
  - a. How has funding changed?
  - b. Updates on new sources

2A Discussion Response

- i. This is a Leadership Question
- ii. There should be a tax ID line account, either a 503 B or 503 C (*Troy Gravatt*)
- iii. We will need to work with Matt Patton, essentially like Adult Board

\*The Goal would be for all Ag Ambassadors to raise funds and those funds be transferred to whom ever hosts that site for the events

3. Officer Structure

- a. Changes/Updates

3A Discussion Response

Developed in Midwinter and being approved in Summer 2023 CATA Conference

**New Business**

1. Golden Slate Updates

1.A New Business Response

Encourage new community college faculty to write an article. Topics include but are not limited too:

- I. What's it like being a Community College or Junior College Instructor
- II. How's it been
- III. What is your perspective

Summer Conference  
Post Secondary Vision Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
Notes Continued:

## New Business

### 1. Golden Slate Updates

#### 1.A New Business Response

Encourage Seasoned Professionals with Committee Experience write what each committee does

- Writer suggestion Dezy
  - Suggested topic write an article about bylaws and guidelines (*Kris Costa*)
- 2. What is the future of Vision Committee
  - a. Real Problems
  - b. What is current future of Post-Secondary

#### 2. A. New Business Response (*In no particular order*)

Is there a way to restructure for post secondary Ag Ed. (*Greg Potter*)

This is the time to make changes, clear, concise broadcast (*Todd Conrado*)

#### *Real Problem:*

We have had a lot of years with the same Statewide Advisory Committee

- John Scheuber is looking for someone to replace him
- Kenny Tucker?
- Grow: The last state wide review was conducted by Nevell
- Glow: The Statewide Advisory Committee was instrumental in keeping the Delta program open
- Question: Do you want to see a statewide committee?
- Question: A rep from each region?
- Question: A committee that develops a subcommittee to develop said team?
- Remark: We need to know what is going on throughout the state and how its affecting the state as a whole (Suggested Associations whom should sit on the board
  - Farm Bureau
  - Grape Growers
  - Nurseryman Association
- Goal: Keep up to date with industry trends, have an advocacy group, and evaluate programs

#### Committee Recommendation:

The Vision Committee makes the recommendation that we select a committee and a charge to evaluate **the purpose** and **the structure** of the Statewide Advisory Committee

#### Leading Questions:

- a. How does the State Ag Ed Advisory Postsecondary get appointed ?
- b. What is the scope of the committee and legislation for post secondary ?( Quest for transparency )
  - i. Important Players: Charles "Chuck" Parker, John Scheuber,

#### Action item:

New Vision committee Chair nomination: Motion: nomination for Andrew Ornales to be the 2023-2024 vision committee chairman made by Troy Gravatt and Send by Kris Costa. Motion passed by a voice vote.

# Minutes

## Post-Secondary Division Lunch Meeting Lunch

6/27/2023

CATA Summer Conference

**In Attendance:** Refer to post-secondary sign in sheet

- Meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by Desiree Molyneux.
- New attendees were announced
- CTE Director from Porterville College provided staffing updates
- Universities provided updates on the state of their Colleges of Ag
- Sherri Freeman provided updates on ACERS 21 program and how post-secondary can get more involved and how it benefits student participants in workforce ready skills.
- Matt Patton provided an update from his position. Touched on increased participation among post-secondary, enrollments within our schools, financial updaters, and current state bills.
- AET was touched on by Shay Williams Hopper and how this can play into the post-secondary division. Went through log-in details and strategic ways to incorporate AET into classrooms. She encouraged all members to update their accounts.
- Committee Reports were called upon
  - In Service- Mid Winter will be held at Butte College, and 2024 will be in Bakersfield, Modesto – 2025. Minutes were approved. Tom Williams became new chair. They called for further University involvement. Registration was only \$250 due to Western Growers donation. Reviewed evaluations from last year's Mid-Winter. Suggested that we may consider professional development on Wednesday of CATA. There was a question brought up about alternating dates for mid-winter to help with attendance. Discussion about differing associate fees for mid-winter, possibly for administrators. Suggested to have further conversation about this topic. A request has been put in for \$70,000 to help fund a portion of post-secondary functions. Lastly, there was a request to Matt Patton to find \$500K to help support post-secondary structure and events. Shannon Cooper moved to approve In-service report. I was seconded and approved by majority.
  - Curriculum – Shared their report from the previous day. They will send out of a Google Survey. Brandi Athsmas was approved as the new FDRG representative.



There were numerous individuals that fulfilled FDRG approval roles. Curriculum committee appointed pathway curriculum leads. It was suggested that more time is provided for curriculum collaborations. Richard Chapman was elected as new chair. Dave Lopes moved to approve the report. It was seconded and passed by majority vote.

- Vision – Chair shared that the web-site needs to be updated and continued to be discussed. Discussed how Ag Advisory can play a role for the post-secondary. Shannon Cooper moved to approve the minutes, it was seconded and approved by majority.
- Student Leadership – Lori Marchy discussed that we are moving forward with the state Ag Ambassador conference on Oct. 6, 7, 8. Lori Marchy was elected chair for 2024. Kim Doniher moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded and approved by majority vote.
- Desi provided updates to the group in moving forward with two bi-laws changes. Shared that the vote will occur on Thursday. A hold has been placed on developing an Advisory committee. Website still needs to be updated. 403B conversation still needs to move forward for a non-profit status. In new business, the light horse association wants to partner with our group. Discussion was held on the pros and cons in allowing this to occur.
- Jacob Vazquez highlighted the recent retirees among the post-secondary ranks.
- Tommy Henderson conducted the election process for Vice Chair Elect and Secretary. Lori Marchy and Nikki Maddux were both nominated for vice-chair elect. Motion was made to close election by Mike Morales. Lori received the officer position. Nikki Maddux and Chris Mckenna were both nominated for Secretary. Larry Deniese moved to close elections. Nikki Maddux was voted in as secretary.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.