

CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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106th State Conference Minutes
June 22-28, 2025
San Luis Obispo, California

- Pre-Conference CATA Executive Committee

June 22, 2025 @ Cal Poly SLO

Sunday – 9:00am

- a. Call to Order – Heather Thomas - Meeting started at 9:05am.
- b. Roll Call/Introductions – Gene Lieb- The following people were present Matt Patton, Tommy Henderson, Vernon Clark, Judy Aschwanden, Heather Thomas, Morgan Rourke, Amanda Ferguson, John Williams, and absent was Lori Marchy.
- c. Approve minutes from previous Exec Meetings (*Action*)- *John Willaimas moved to approve and Vernon Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a voice vote.*
- d. CTE / Executive Director Update – Matt Patton
 - i. Pertinent information on Conference Needs from Matt and Cari
 1. The conference has been at Cal Poly for 99 years and is run and executed by volunteers.
 2. Dues haven't been raised in 27 or 28 years and membership continues to increase.
 3. CYAE is now a sponsor of the event.
 4. Student Activities and Curriculum will open, we need to determine location.
 5. California Farm Bureau will be present to present Golden Owl
 6. Teacher of Teachers presentation will be Bronze at regional meetings and Silver (19) and Gold (4) on stage at state conference. We will create a slide for bronze recipients.
 7. Heather will add the Farm Bureau logo to the slide for Golden Owl.
 8. Make sure to have an announcement to remind CTE teachers to come back stage during that session.
 9. Voting on Wednesday we will be using a system called poll anywhere. You must be paid and in the room to be able to make this work.
 - a. Amanda will put together the ballot with her committee
 - b. We will have 1 ballot! Everything will be on that ballot.
 10. Bylaws will be shared by John on Wednesday at the session prior to the. The chair will ask for a motion to repeal the existing CATA bylaws and replace them with the bylaws recommended by the Board of Directors.
- e. Review Responsibilities - Heather
 1. Morgan needs to attend the Budget and Audit meeting in 10-220 at 4:15pm on Monday.
 2. Work to help backstage to ensure that everyone is where they need to be when they need to be.

- f. Summer Conference Needs - Matt/Heather
- g. Session Needs – Heather
 - 1. Music before session
 - 2. We are doing division reports first and after we will have bylaws.
 - 3. We will have the bylaws be voted on separately from officers, resolutions, and three new contests.
 - 4. Division slide shows need to be sent to Heather.
- h. Keynote Speaker Needs– Matt Patton
 - 1. We will confirm the number of people for the meet and greet.
 - 2. Working to confirm he is willing to be out front and able to work with us.
- i. State Staff Update
 - 1. Matt shared that state staff is on a hiring freeze.
 - 2. The state of California is listening
 - 3. The cabinet at the State Department of Education is aware of the issues and working through it.

Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned at 10:17am.

PRE-CONFERENCE CATA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Agricultural Science Building – Room 10-223 - Cal Poly State University
Sunday, June 22, 2024
AGENDA

CATA Summer Conference Objectives

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

1. Call to Order – *Thomas- The meeting was called to order at 11am.*
(Action)
2. Roll Call – *Lieb- Heather Thomas, Judy Aschwanden, Gene Lieb, Morgan Rourke, John Williams, Natalie Borba, Amanda Ferguson, Vernon Clark, Tommy Henderson, Maggie Maratsos, Maigen Scritchfield, Amanda Rodriguez, Martin Castro, Nikki Maddux, Jessica Hobbs, Julie Luxon, Hugh Mooney, Jill Sperling, JessaLee Goehring, Chris McKenna, Kaylyn Davenport, Jennifer Knight, Kristin Sheehan, Jasmine Standridge, Amanda Galan, Matt Patton, Jen Clarke, Katie Alling, Amanda Boyer, Greg Beard, and Jackie Ioimomo-Jones*
(Action)
3. Winter Governing Board Minutes- Moved by John Williams and seconded by Tommy Henderson to approve the minutes. It passed via a voice vote.
(Action)
4. **Executive Directors Report –Patton** (Action)
Changes in 2025 CATA Conference
Thank You All- We have 1,118 paid CATA members, the conference is put on by a volunteer group of people. Matt shared his gratitude.
Content of Sessions
CATA Banquets- Please share with your regions regional presidents to mention to the membership that we will move to an awards night in place of the banquet. The goal is to recognize member achievement and that could be done at an awards night. Please share it with regions on Monday and bring a recommendation on Thursday. The governing board will make a decision on Thursday during post conference governing board.
Presentation/Adoption of New By-Laws- The bylaws were originally done in 1953. The new bylaws were drafted by a lawyer and need to be voted in as is. If you like them vote yes and if you don't vote no.
Secure a Parliamentarian as needed
Award Resolution- Regional Presidents please bring a recommendation from the regions.
Special Governing Board Meeting- We will have a meeting at 12:45pm backstage to meet on this resolution.
5. **State CATA Officer Candidates – Thomas** (Action)
 - Introduction and approval- A motion was made by Judy Aschwanden and Vernon Clark seconded the motion. The motion was passed via a voice vote.
 - Nominations Bylaws and Professional Awards
 - Ballot

6. Voting for By-Laws and Committee Reports - Williams (Overview)

- Voting will be done on Wednesday via Poll Anywhere app.
- Work with Jill Sperling on items to be included.

7. Joint Division Meeting – Aschwanden (Overview)

- The Joint Division meeting will include comments from Karen Ross the Secretary of CDFA.

8. Post-Secondary Division Meeting – Henderson (Overview)

- Elections will occur in Division meeting- Elections will be held Tuesday at lunch and they can nominate at the event so yet to see who will run. Round table discussion will be had on what PD they want to have at the conference to continue to keep them engaged. John asked what CATA could do to keep Post Secondary engaged.
- Needs
- Questions

9. Secondary Division – Clark/Sperling (Overview)

- AIG- Sperling will give an update!
- Curriculum Standards- Sperling will give an update!
- Questions for presenters, is there a need to curate?- It would help be able to answer more questions if they were curated, but if easier they can just lob them at Jill from the floor.
- Students Activities will meet in
- Curriculum Meeting- 10-223
- Possible needs (table, podium, multiple microphones)?

10. Regional Meetings (Overview)

- Discussion Topic Moving away from an Award Banquet to an Award Session.
Proposed 1 ½ hour evening award session starting at 6pm with 5pm hors d'oeuvres and social.
Proposed moving Hall of Fame to Wednesday Evening Session.
Regions should make a recommendation during Thursday Regional meetings for discussion and action at Post-Conference Governing Board.
Discussion: San Joaquin is next up and a question will the regions be involved in any way. Each region would put a swing on it, but not have to find entertainment and etc. The registration cost would increase a little, maybe \$25 per person. Mr. Beard shared the financial challenges with this. The Superior Region shared that they budgeted a loss for \$20,000. They also shared that leadership may be worried to jump in and we have a lack of engagement in wanted to prepare.
- Present, discuss and act on the Award Resolution. Results will be shared at the Special Governing Board Meeting.
 - Report back at the special meeting at 12:45pm back stage.
- Remind the membership that retiring teacher presentation should be 5min with 1 presenter.
 - This was stressed to share!
- Accommodate CATA State Officer candidate introductions Monday.
 - Allow Travis to speak!
- Please distribute Bronze Teacher of Teacher Certificates and Awards.
 - Broze will have a slide up, but too many to bring on stage. Recognize on stage.
- Distribute 30 minuet club Certificates.
 - Give these out at regional meeting.

- San Joaquin Region, please distribute New Teacher Booklet at the beginning of the 1:00 pm Session on Monday June 23.
 - Please make sure to distribute!
- The following are CA FFA Adult Board Representatives that are terming out extensions or replacements are required.

San Joaquin Region Representative 1- Clay Freeman

North Coast Region Representative 1- Westly Hunt

Superior Region Representative 2 - Liz Ammon

Southern Region Representative 1- Ralph Mosqueda

Southern Region Representative 2 - Kristi Mayo

Central Region Representative 2 – Sam Meredith

Same people can serve, but open to the membership and see who is interested.

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

- Superior- New meal tickets for those that wanted the non-meat option will be able to pick it up. The door prize is a trip to a theme park in Southern California. Table reservations have closed. It is going to be a great event!
- North Coast- Welcoming YOLO section into the region. They are excited to run the farm show.
- Central- Preparing to share Jill! Merced Mariposa Section was divided and Great River Valley Section is the next section.
- South Coast- Lots of FFA success and people moving on to Nationals.
- San Joaquin- Had a PD for livestock and were able to get people across the state. You can email Shay if you would like to see something added.
- Southern- Created a Google Drive that allows for people to have information to help with the next group and leadership continuing.

12. CDE Comments – In preparation of committee and regional meetings, this section of the agenda is reserved for the dissemination of information that needs to be shared with the membership. All state staff are encouraged and welcome to share. Possible topics include.

- Vacant Regional Supervisor Update.- Both Central and Superior will be open as of July 1st. All information was submitted and April 16th everything was frozen. They have had no movement. Cited ed code and it is good it is present. Hopeful that remains and see what happens. New Division Director started June 2nd and is very supportive of Agricultural Education. Travel freeze has also been put into place and that will limit state staff's ability to be present. Jill shared the first 60 days have been awesome.
- LDE event location for 2026-27- Point of information. All speaking contests and parli pro will be in Fresno before the Fresno State Field Days. It is on the master calendar that way. They will not be held in conjunction with state conference in Ontario due to timing and space.
- Changes in policies, locations, or procedures for the 2025-26 year.
- Regional best practices that could benefit other regions or statewide membership.
 - South Coast Region- Mr. Beard shared that we need to appreciate the colleges and etc. more and send thank you cards as it relates to LDE's and CDE's.

13. Operations Division – *Aschwanden*

(Discussion)

- Process for elections and Organizational Business- We will votes three times. The first will be voice vote for the division report, second will be bylaws and finally we will conclude with officers, resolution, and etc.

14. Curricular Code - Castro

(Discussion)

- Change proposals should include 2-3 bullets outlining changes.
- Only items identified in proposed changes can be modified.
- Google Docs Only.

Curricular Code Changes – List B submitted in rotation

(Overview)

- Agricultural Mechanics
- Agricultural Mechanics Fair
- Agricultural Pest Control
- Agricultural Welding
- AET-Farm Record Book
- Job Interview
- Light Horse Judging
- Market Plan
- General Rules
- Veterinary Science

Proposed CDE's Adoption of Curricular Code

(Overview)

- Agricultural Education
- Equipment Technician
- Rabbit/Cavy Evaluation and Knowledge

Curricular Code Changes – submitted out of rotation (1:00pm)

(Possible Action to Open)

- Agricultural Communications- National Contest has changed and state is completely different. Gene Lieb moved to open and Maggie Marastos seconded the motion and passed via a voice vote.
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking- Align to nationals and language clean up. Maggie Marastos made the motion to open and seconded by Amanda Ferguson and was passed via a voice vote.
- Agriscience Fair- Moving it to state staff and run like proficiencies. Separate state the silver bowl team aspect as they is CA specific. Moved to open by John Williams and seconded by Tommy Henderson and was passed via a voice vote.
- Prepared Public Speaking- Moved by John Williams and seconded by Vernon Clark to open proposal number two. It was passed via a voice vote.
- Parliamentary Procedure- Doesn't open due to no motion.
- Poultry- Clarification/language clean up- Martin Casto moved and John Williams seconded the motion to open poultry and passed via a voice vote.
- Best Informed Greenhand- Who writes the test and language clean up. A motion to open the contest was made by Vernon Clark and seconded by Martin Castro and passed via a voice vote.
- Farm Power and Machinery- Adding another tie breaker. A motion was made by Judy Aschwaden and seconded by John Williams to open the contest and passed via a voice vote.
- Livestock Judging- Language clean up! A motion to open was made by Jessica Hobbs and seconded by Gene Lieb. The motion passed via a voice vote.

****An informational piece was shared on floral and the site contest wants less teams. That was not presented as a curricular code change, it is a discussion, but no action can be taken. Jill and Heather will work together to schedule a meeting to facilitate this discussion.

15. New Teacher and Hall of Fame Introductions Monday-Patton (Overview)

- Brochure – Distributed Monday Afternoon by SJ Region.
- Teacher Introductions – Fresno and Cal Poly SLOW.
- Hall of Fame Introductions – Gina Boster, Marlies Boyd, Mike Cambell, Jerry Dean, and George Green.
- Teacher Introductions – Chico, Davis, and CTE Credentials.
 - Please help to ensure that CTE Credentialed people get recognized. We need help ensuring those names get to Matt Patton.
- Hall of Fame Introductions – TW Jeff Jeffery, Arthur Parham, Rosco Vaughn, and Carl Wright.
- Help is needed backstage for line up and organization of candidates.

16. Retiring Teachers Participating in Wednesday Session – Patton (Overview)

4 Retiring Teachers Presentations will happen prior to CATA Organizational Business and then 4 Retiring Teacher Presentations After.

- Kristi Short – Central – ***Recognized on Stage***
- Mike Albiani – Central – ***Recognized on Stage***
- Mike Ellington – Central – ***Recognized on Stage***
- Jason Weatherby – Central
- James Selgrath – San Joaquin
- Denise Morales – San Joaquin – ***Recognized on Stage***
- Dan Crookham – San Joaquin – ***Recognized on Stage***
- Sam Swanson – South Coast
- Katherine White – Southern – ***Recognized on Stage***
- Joel Richartz - Southern
- Mike Pahl – Superior
- Dan Johnson – Superior
- Jim Shanks – Superior
- Don Clark – San Joaquin
- Matt Pritchard – Superior – ***Recognized on Stage***
- Charles Parker – ***Recognized on Stage***
 - ***Please remember to remind everyone that we have a 5-minute time limit!!***

17. Other items from the floor – Thomas

- a. **Softball- Rules have changed to the following. Please create the rosters during regional meeting. Every member will get a wristband! Prevent having a team walk off the field during a championship team. Softball will be on the chopping block if we have people walk off. They have until 5:30pm to get a wristband.**

18. Adjourn –Thomas

- a. **The meeting was adjourned at 1:49pm**

POST-CONFERENCE CATA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2025 – 12:00 PM

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo – Building 10, Room 226

A. Call to Order – Judy Aschwenden

Meeting called to order at **11:51 AM**

Judy thanked all members for their hard work and dedication in making the conference a success.

B. Roll Call / Introductions – Gene Lieb

Members introduced themselves; attendance was noted.

C. Executive Director Report – Matt Patton

- Acknowledged the successful adoption of new bylaws—made possible through active member engagement.
 - Recognized individuals stepping up to fill vacant positions in support of Summer Conference operations.
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D. State FFA Advisor Update – Jill Sperling

- Working on the replacement process for Regional Supervisors.
 - Continued alignment with Career Development Events (CDEs) moving forward.
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E. Conference Debrief – Heather Thomas

Things That Went Well:

- Strong professional development in Ag Mechanics
- Centralized registration location
- Positive conference energy
- Approval and communication of new bylaws
- Online session registration
- Curricular code website updates

- Industry-led workshops
- Sufficient time allotted for workshops and Hall of Fame
- Regional Presidents successfully relaying information to members

Areas for Improvement:

- Low attendance at Hall of Fame session
 - Disruptions due to phone usage during sessions
 - Need clearer notification of session fees
 - Improve clarity around Curricular Code opening/info
 - Update and improve the guidebook
 - More workshops geared toward mid-career teachers
 - Better coordination with post-secondary schedules
 - Clarity around General Session requirement for credit
 - Workshop presenter info centralized in a shared Google Drive
 - Opening session traffic control
 - Seek a larger venue for the Prayer Breakfast
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F. Regional Reports – Substituting Awards Night for the Awards Banquet

Led by Judy Aschwanden

San Joaquin: Keep banquet; consider sponsorships, alternate venues, hired planner; no teacher set-up

Superior: Open to awards night but value the formal banquet experience

South Coast: Keep banquet; propose committee from each region; CATA increase contribution via registration

North Coast: Support an awards session with formal dress

Central: Favor awards session

Southern: Maintain banquet with changes—new venue, central stage, statewide volunteers, improved food

Post-Secondary: Will explore options

G. Governing Board Action – Awards Night vs. Awards Banquet

Motion: Chris McKenna moved to refer the matter to a **committee of regional presidents** to investigate the banquet vs. awards session and report back at Winter Governing Board.

Second: Lori Marchy

Discussion: Consider regional flexibility, banquet format definition, required elements.

Amendment: Clarify the committee’s charge to define “What is a banquet and what is required of the region.”

Second: Sara Aralljo

Vote on Amendment: Passed – Yes: 9 | No: 6

Amended Motion: Refer to a committee of regional presidents to investigate banquet vs. awards session and report back at Winter Governing Board, with a focus on “What is a banquet and what is required of the region.”

Vote: Passed – Yes: 9 | No: 5

H. Predecessor Training – Heather Thomas

Breakout sessions between outgoing and incoming officers:

- Develop guidebooks of responsibilities
 - Create calendars in collaboration with predecessors
 - Clarify officer roles and expectations
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I. Past Officer Dismissal and Thank You

Outgoing officers were recognized for their service and commitment.

J. Role of Governing Board – Matt Patton

Presented the organizational structure and clarified roles/responsibilities within CATA governance.

K. Planning for 2025–2026 – Judy Aschwanden

Discussion topics included:

- Officer and regional responsibilities
 - Region meeting logistics
 - Objectives for the coming year
 - Emphasized the importance of communication with CDE and instructional staff
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L. Governing Board Member Goals – Morgan Rourke

Board members were asked to submit:

- One **personal** goal
 - One **professional** goal
 - One **other** goal for the 2025–2026 year
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M. Calendar – Judy Aschwanden

Outlined:

- **CATA Activities Calendar**
- **Golden Slate Responsibilities**
 - Monthly articles
 - Book reports
 - Region and chapter updates
 - Member-focused content

Monthly Assignments (to be filled):

- August –
 - September –
 - October –
 - November –
 - December –
 - January –
 - February –
 - March –
 - April –
 - May –
 - June –
 - July –
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N. Membership Goals

Each region was asked to identify and submit membership goals for the upcoming year.

O. Thank You Notes

Gerry Brooks

Cal Poly, SLO: Dr. Jeffrey Armstrong, Dean Thulin, Ben Swan, Erin Gorter, Nicole Ray, Kari

Roose

Chico State: Dean Hssenzahle

Fresno State: Dean Hilaire

Modesto JC: Troy Gravatt

Merced College: Dean Tasse

UC Davis: Dean Dillard

Reedley College: Dean Clark

Consumnes River College: Dean Hubbard

Shasta College: Dean Klever

CATA Staff: Cari Brown, Heather Casjens

P. Meeting Wrap-Up & Additional Motions

Motion: Morgan Rourke moved to change **student teacher Summer Conference fees to \$25, with no late fees.**

Second: Heather Thomas

Vote: Passed by voice vote

Additional Discussion Items:

- Teachers receiving credit without payment—options for billing or formal letter
 - Consider adjusting schedule for more family/personal time between sessions
 - Begin planning for **2026 keynote speaker**
 - **North Coast Region** recommended investigating a **dues increase to support a co-executive director**
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Adjournment – Judy Aschwanden

Meeting adjourned at **2:38 PM**

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Monday, June 23rd- Session 1- Laying the Cornerstone: Leadership, Vision, and the Voice of Agriculture

- Theme for the event Laying the Cornerstone- Leadership, Vision, and the Voice of Agriculture
- Pledge of Allegiance- Superior Region
- Heather Thomas President shared her opening remarks to replace the next generation of agricultural leader's workshops and speakers. We also will have the opportunity to thank mentors for the commitments they made.
- Dr. Jeffrey Armstrong- He shared that CATA has been coming for decades. He has been at Cal Poly for 15 years and he wouldn't be here with us today if it wasn't for his agricultural teacher in Kentucky.
- iCEV was the sponsor of the session and they shared about iCEV and why it is a great company for agricultural education. They're in the 9th year of sponsoring the CATA Summer Conference and they finally shared the theme for iCEV "The World Needs CTE". They will be at the farm show tomorrow.
- The 2025-2026 California FFA State Officer Team introduced themselves and each shared meaningful advise from advisors.
- Karen Ross- Secretary of CDFA shared about needs in agriculture. Including the fact that soft skills are so important to employers today. Karen Ross really gave outstanding detail and information for teachers to take with them. We also had an individual from Western Growers also share grant information relating to Ag Tech Modules- Internship Program, College Student Internship Program, LinkedAg App.
- We finished the session with a Keynote Speaker Mr. Gerry Brooks, who inspired us to be better teachers and educators.

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******12:45pm at the PAC behind stage a special Governing Board meeting was held with 12 of 18 members. A motion was made by Natalie Borba and second by Julie Luxon to recommend the award resolution to the awards and bylaws committee. The motion passed with a voice vote. ******

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Monday, June 23rd- Session 2: Roots and Rising Stars: Honoring the Builders of Ag Education

- CYAE is sponsoring the conference this year. They have added agricultural mechanics and now fabrication. They have given out 1.8 million in scholarships and the student have until 25 to use it, but must be used at a California College/University. They want to keep the great students we have in California to continue this work. They're very willing to listen and learn! They want to support the agricultural teachers. It is the 1st weekend in August every year in Tulare, come check it out!
- Introducing New Teachers Part 1- Fresno State/Cal Poly SLO
- Hall of Fame Part 1- Gina Boster, Marlies Boyd, Mike Campbell, Jerry Dean, George Green
- Introducing New Teachers Part 2- UC Davis/Chico State/CTE
- Hall of Fame Part 2- T.W. Jeff Jeffrey, Arthur Parham, Rosco Vaughn, and Carl Wright

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Tuesday, June 24th- Session 3: Honoring the Builders: Celebrating Excellence, Leadership, and Legacy

- Recognized the 2024 Honorary American FFA Degree Recipients
- CA FFA Foundation- Kristi Mattes- Foundation has been very busy. Restructured the Foundation board. The total for this year is 1.6 million. Seeds of Impact has continued and Boswell donated \$1 million and wanted \$1 million match. They made 3.5 million off of Seeds of Impact. Giving Tuesday continues and donations of FFA jackets is how that money is being used. Boswell Urban chapter grants will be opening in fall. (Information pending) Wilco will continue to have grants. The foundation provides gift cards to LDE's, CDE's proficiencies, agriscience, and star awards. Scholarships are provided to seniors and graduates. Seeds of Impact is moving to the Centennial Celebration. It will be a year long celebration and will be big and fun! The board is changing and still looking for agricultural teachers to serve in an advisory role.
- Golden Owl Awards- California Farm Bureau/Nationwide- They hope to continue the award for years to come! Regional Finalists receive \$500. Regional finalists were given one year of membership in the Farm Bureau in the home counties of each teacher.
- Teacher of Teachers- Bronze teachers will be recognized at regional meetings and stood in the audience. The silver and gold were recognized on stage. Silver two nominations and gold three nominations or more.
- National FFA- Kimberly Bellah- With two new hires to the State Relations Team they reimagined the team and changed service areas. Affiliation (100% membership) will be on the ballot for October. It would be live if it passes for the 2027-2028 year for the 100th anniversary. 2027 Agriscience and SAE awards will change titles. Finals hall will be changed to allow for all 45 finalists to present at Nationals. Only virtual for CDE/LDE will be employment piece. Online submissions still required for contests that have prior documents needed, such as public speaking, etc. Make 48- Students have 48 hours to make, build, and etc a plan a solution to a real would agricultural problem. Lots of resources on National FFA! Give the Gift of Blue is the free jacket program and a need can look different beyond financially. Each chapter gets six free jackets per year. All types of grants and etc. available for chapters and students available for them.
- Membership goals- 31 sections and regions met the membership goals that ad set.

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- State Supervisor's Report- Jill Sperling- The new division director Dr. Mindy Parsons. She is a friend to Agricultural Education. This is great news from the California Department of Education. Unfortunately, the CA Department of Education is on a hiring freeze. Mr. Parker and Mrs. Sperling worked hard to have a plan in place. The world didn't work that way. April 16th had a hard hiring freeze and nothing has moved. Jill is still sporting the Central Region. If the jobs were posted today because of the timing and etc. Staff would be lucky to have two people get hired by September and it would be a challenge to get teachers out of contracts. Hope that things get better and they have people by the end of the year. Travel freeze is also in place. They got state staff to be present at Summer Conference four days ago. Make sure that we provide grace to state staff during these challenging times. Jill will continue to work on one item at a time. Work through that one item at a time. We will make it better and get through it together! Please remember how much work and time state staff puts into the work they do. Understand they're working hard everyday for students and staff. State Conference lodging opens on July 8th.
- CA Delta!- Sandy Dale and Mark- Delta was created over 20 years ago at the National Level and five years ago we made a commitment to bring the conference here. 2022 was when it was created. This is the third Delta Class to give 10 months to the program.
- Executive Directors' Report- Matt Patton- For 99 years the conference has been at Cal Poly out of 106 years. Matt reviewed the mission of CATA. Matt is an advocate in Sacramento. AIG should be in the budget. AB401 would be a four year grant and automatically go up with COLA. SB612 have a statewide CTE requirement. AB 258 Increase in state taxes for fairs. SB 88 four hours of student transport. The two positions for Ag Ed on state staff are funded by perkins. In Ed code it states all regions will have a supervisor. A trailer bill states that cteig will get an additional \$200,000 plus if all regional supervisor positions are filled. CDE isn't working as fast as we would like, but it is coming. The lack of full state staff has been brought all the way up to the cabinet level of State Superintendent's office. It is not yet time to push for supervisors, but that may come. 1110 CATA members currently. 1952 bylaws were created. In the 70s, 90s, and 2010s new rules came out. We have new bylaws that will be voted on, please talk to an executive committee member. We will vote on Wednesday. Matt shared about soft skills! The importance of skills, such as 19% bringing parents to the interview. Matt finished with ensuring that we leave a positive impact on students.
- CATIP Finishers- Jessi Cardoso- We had about 32 people complete the induction program through agricultural education. This work came out of Vision 2030 and

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continues to today. We have six facilitators one in each region that do the work to support teachers. They were celebrated on stage. The mentors that worked for four or more years were celebrated and recognized.

- State Officer Speech- Amanda Ferguson- John Williams speaking on behalf of Travis Cardoso. Travis is on his 14th year teaching and has served on both Operations Division Committee and Regional President.

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Wednesday, June 25th, 2025- Master Builders: Honoring A Lifetime of Crafting Success

- We started off with hearing from Part 1 of retiring teachers.
 - Mike Albiani- Shared how it has been a family affair to teach agriculture, over 20 alumni of the program teach agriculture, served as a CATA state officer and recommends others give it a try also.
 - Dan Crockham- He gave his retiring address Herdbook style! He finished with giving \$36 which is a \$1 for every year he has been teaching.
 - Mike Elington/Brett Baker- Shared lessons about life, 30 years at Hughson High School, shared that you need to include wife/spouse and family in agricultural education.
 - Denise Morales- Didn't plan to be an ag teacher. Gratitude for her kids, she taught both of her kids and they both received the American FFA Degree, and her son is taking over her teaching spot.
- Division Reports
 - [Secondary Division](#)- Vernon Clark made a motion to accept the report as present. The motion has an implied second and passed via a voice vote.
 - [Student Activities](#)
 - [Curriculum](#)
 - Post Secondary Division Report ([Monday, June 23rd](#) / [Tuesday, June 24th](#))- Dr. Tommy Henderson made a motion to accept the report as present. The motion has an implied second and passed via a voice vote.
 - [Curriculum](#)
 - [Inservice](#)
 - [Student Activities](#)
 - [Affairs and Visioning](#)
 - [Operations Division Report](#)- Dr. Tommy Henderson made a motion to accept the report as present. The motion has an implied second and passed via a voice vote.
 - [Bylaws and Nominations](#)
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- Bylaws- Judy had John share that the we have shared bylaws that legally needed to be changed and could not be amended at this time. An example of what we needed to do was moving the dues structure to operating policy and out of bylaws.
 - A motion was made by Dr. John Williams and seconded by Amber Carter to repeal the existing bylaws and adopt the new bylaws as presented. The bylaws passed via a digital voting system.
 - This passed with 100% approval
- Voting (Officers/Resolution/CDE)
 - CATA members voted digitally for officers. Elected for CATA State Treasurer was Travis Cardoso, elected for Secondary Division Secretary was Amber O'Connor, and elected for Operations Division Secretary was Tanya Love. These individuals ran unopposed and were elected via a voice vote of the membership present.
 - The amended award resolution was voted on via digital voting and passed with 87% approval.
 - The Agricultural Education CDE was voted on via digital voting and passed with 91% approval.
 - The Equipment Tech CDE was voted on via digital voting and passed with 94% approval.
 - The Rabbit and Cavy CDE was voted on via digital voting and passed with 79% approval.
- After the above, we moved into round 2 of retiring teachers.
 - Charles Parker- never thought he was going to work, always going to school. Bob Heuvel was a great mentor, his advice to others was to slow down and find mentors.
 - Matt Pritchard (Reed Pritchard)- Taught over 30 years and helped to modernize the forestry curriculum.
 - Jim Shanks- Started in 1989 and shared that some in the room weren't even alive. Need to make sure you have a Roth IRA. You will get a seven-year itch find things to keep you engaged. Silent auction for scholarships and 5K Run are being handled by Jim and he needs a replacement, please come talk to him.
 - Kristi Short (Kelly German)- Her sister is the one that spoke on her behalf. She learned and support her students restore a tractor. She has had over 300 students pass the tier 1 floral exam.

2025 State CATA Summer Conference

San Luis Obispo, CA

Sunday, June 22nd- Thursday, June 26th, 2025

- Katherine White- Taught agriculture, left for a while to teach elementary and has now returned for the last eight years of her career.
- CATA Service Awards- CATA Recognized teachers who have spent 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years in CATA. The members were presented with a certificate and recognized on stage.

2025 State CATA Summer Conference
San Luis Obispo, CA
Sunday, June 22nd- Thursday, June 26th, 2025

Thursday, June 26th, 2025- Fasteners of the Future: Connecting Ideas, Industry, and Leadership

- Industry Panel- Western Growers received a block grant from CDFA. Reimbursed 150 student internships over the last two and a half summers.
- Dr. Bill Kellogg moderated the panel of five agriculturists.
- Kyle Stapleton- NAAE Update- Over 10,000 members. Dues currently \$65, dues base \$120. If you currently pay base dues you don't get the 1,000,000 in coverage. NAAE are on the National FFA Board of Director. If interested get in touch with NAAE. Interested in region 1 service please get in contact. Region 1 meeting will be in Hawaii for 2026. NAAE is in Nashville this year.
- Idea Show Awards- North Coast Region gave out awards for Idea Show. They won cash prizes for 1st-3rd places and overall for the ideas they submitted.
- Farm Show Report- North Coast Region supported the farm show and cleaned up in 46 minutes. They supported
- State CATA President Recognition- We recognized the state CATA president Heather Thomas was a plaque and other gifts for her service.
- Officer Installation- We installed the 2025-2026 CATA State Officers and Division Chairs.

Secondary Division Meeting Minutes

Secondary Division Meeting

Date: June 23, 2025

Time: 2:40 PM – 3:39 PM

Location: PAC Miossi Hall

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM by Vernon Clark. Secondary Division introduced themselves.

II. Ag Incentive Grant (AIG) Update – Jill Sperling

Important Dates:

- - AIG application due: July 15
- - Budget submission due: October 15
- - All data closes: June 30

AIG Overview:

- - Budget has been separated into its own document and serves as a spending plan.
- - The current AIG format will be phased out; a new version is under development.
- - Feedback from middle school meetings is being reviewed by state staff.
- - A retreat in September will be held to incorporate teacher input into the new AIG format.
- - Emphasis on meaningful use of AIG, not just compliance or paperwork.

Assurances:

- - AIG remains funded in the state budget.
- - Program changes and growth may be considered in future iterations.
- - Teachers are encouraged to share feedback with regional supervisors or state staff.

III. Agricultural Education Standards

Status:

- - Current standards last updated ~15 years ago.
- - State staff permitted to draft revisions focusing on Agriscience and Ag Mechanics pathways first.

Committee Updates:

- - Representatives from each region selected for Agriscience and Ag Mechanics committees.
- - Ornamental Horticulture/Floriculture and Animal Science meetings scheduled for Wednesday.
- - Committees are tasked with proposing changes by March 2027, divided into three phases.

Changes to CTE Clusters:

- - California is aligning with 14 national CTE career clusters.
- - Agriculture will now fall under a unified "Agriculture" cluster.
- - Forestry moves to the "Energy" cluster.
- - Further guidance and clarification pending.

IV. Important Meeting Information

Tuesday Sessions at 3:00 PM:

- - Ag Mechanics: Building 22, Room 212
- - Agriscience: Building 22, Room 211

Wednesday Sessions at 2:00 PM:

- - Ornamental Horticulture/Floriculture: Building 8, Room 123
- - Animal & Vet Science: Building 10, Room 220
- - Ag Mechanics & Agriscience: Building 22

Other Notes:

- - State staff only received clearance to attend 3 days prior to the conference.
- - Appreciation extended to CATA staff for guidebook preparation.

V. Open Forum

A 10-minute open mic session allowed attendees to ask questions.

PD credit QR code was distributed on request.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM.

Submitted by: Joshua Muscat

PD credit needed for the following:

Student Activities Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 PM by chair Vernon Clark. Vernon introduced Jasmin Stanbridge who gave an update and answered questions about leadership conferences.

1. Price Increases

- Price increases on food have caused general cost adjustments.

2. GLC (Greenhand Leadership Conference):

- Price increase of \$5 per student.
- Consider adding a component for students to take something back to their chapter.
- Suggestions included making a TikTok or similar content to showcase the event.
 - This could also be used for 8th-grade recruitment efforts.
- Gridley will host 3 sessions, expanding the total to 29 sessions.

3. MFE/ALA (Made for Excellence/Advanced Leadership Academy)

- Dress Code:
 - Students wear official dress on the first day and conference t-shirts on the second day.
 - Difficulty identifying chapters during the t-shirt day.
 - Possible solutions: name badges or writing chapter names on t-shirts.
- Supervision:
 - Suggested that teachers rotate shifts to supervise students in hotel rooms and assist with discipline issues.
- Dress Code Discussion:
 - Students prefer t-shirts.
- Judging Card:
 - Student names are not required on Judging Cards.
- Potential changes may be implemented following the State Staff meeting in September.

4. Change Makers Summit

- The most impactful component: tours and student interaction with counselors and industry professionals.
 - Clarification needed on the timing and use of this interaction.
- Possibility of expanding to two events in different parts of the state.
- The social aspect needs improvement to enhance student experience.

5. SLE (Sacramento Leadership Experience)

- Requested that it no longer be held during FFA Week.

- Challenge to reschedule due to State Conference timing.
- Application process includes a rubric—students should use it.
- Classroom curriculum component is a possibility, but it requires development.
- Price increased by \$25 to \$375 per student (actual cost is \$1,000 per student).

6. Media & Promotion

- Questions raised about the availability of refreshed promotional videos for conferences.
- No updated videos are currently in the contract with the media company.
- Promotional efforts are using event photos on social media.
- Vimeo was chosen over YouTube due to school district restrictions, but it has compatibility issues with some districts.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon Clark

Student Activities Chair

Secondary Division - Curriculum Meeting
Monday, June 23, 2025
4:15pm – Room 10-223

1. Standards Revisions

- ☐. Create a list of suggested course sequence that would fall within a pathway- specifically addressing CalPads – this will be addressed after the new standards are approved
- ☐. Create new course outlines that incorporate the new standards that we can steal from to update the courses at our school that incorporate the new standards

2. What support is needed to deliver high quality curriculum?

- ☐. State sponsored curriculum project?
 - ☐. There is a need for curated lessons that can be used by teachers because a lot of people are starting to use AI and that information may not be the best fit/knowledge for our students
 - ☐. Standards aligned collection of resources but need to coach teachers to make them their own, not just plug and play
 - ☐. Pacing guides for each class/ pathway with notes about timing or troubleshooting
 - ☐. Course sequences for each pathway
 - ☐. California educators together website is the new cteonline. Grant is ending June 30th and cde is working on another route.
 - ☐. Pathways to address first- ag mech and agriscience, follow the curriculum map and roll out at the same time as cde
 - ☐. Where would it be housed? Calaged website with new vendor? Google files with links shared
- ☐. Collect resources by subject?
 - ☐. Or by topic of the subject.
 - ☐. Make sure credit goes to the creator, have a curator
 - ☐. What are incentives for teachers to contribute resources? PD credit? Grant stipend? Paying for sub days.
 - ☐. Projects resources for ag mech, floral, food science
 - ☐. Have a standard template
 - ☐. Contest resources/ lessons
- ☐. Create a Mentoring list by specialty?
 - ☐. Who has good course outlines for uc doorways

- ☐. Can we use AET to create a database that people self identify in their profile.
 - ☐. Maybe use a google form for people to self identify or nominate others.
 - ☐. Some districts are moving to grading by proficiency, we may need to look into pathways by proficiency skills
 - ☐. Start identifying teachers to collaborate, find resources that already exist and reorganize, especially retiring teachers before they leave
 - ☐. Use skills sessions, roadshows, summer conference PD for “focus” groups to work on curating resources up to 2027 and the new standards come out
3. Professional Sessions focusing on Curriculum:
- ☐. Tuesday 3:00pm
 - ☐. Agriscience Standards Update – limited to invitees only
 - ☐. Ag Mechanics Standards Update – limited to invitees only
 - ☐. Connecting the Woodworking Side of Ag Mechanics
 - ☐. ArcLight Dynamics Educational Curriculum
 - ☐. Farm Biosecurity Teaching Materials and Learning Activities
 - ☐. Introduction of the new California Based Project: Development of Teaching Modules to Support California’s Vegetable Crop Industry
 - ☐. Wednesday 10:30am
 - ☐. ArcLight Dynamica Educational Curriculum
 - ☐. Building Middle School Farm-to-Table Curriculum and SAE Projects
 - ☐. Green Thumb: Horticulture Unit Planning and Curriculum Guide
 - ☐. Wednesday 2:00pm
 - ☐. Animal Science Standards Update
 - ☐. ArcLight Dynamics Educational Curriculum
 - ☐. Breathe Easy and Snip Smart: Budget Friendly Animal Science Demos
 - ☐. Electrifying Agriculture: Mastering Circuitry and Multimeter Magic
 - ☐. Farmers as Scientists, Engineers, and Entrepreneurs: Teaching Critical Thinking for Real-World Ag Careers
 - ☐. Ornamental Horticulture/ Floral Standards Update
4. Open Floor
5. Adjourned – 5:06pm

2025 Operations Division Report

Jun 25, 2025

Division Chair - Amanda Ferguson

Operations Overview

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 Reports

Nominations, By-Laws and Professional Awards

The committee met on Monday June 23rd, and was chair by Operations Division Chair Amanda Ferguson.

The committee reviewed the applicants for both State Office as well as CATA divisional offices. All candidates were deemed qualified and forwarded to the state voting ballot. Next, the committee discussed the three new proposed CDE contests. A motion was presented to place all three contests on Wednesday's voting ballot, motion passed. Discussion was opened regarding CATA awards application due dates. This topic was brought to the committee from the Southern Region. A request was made to discuss and consider the possibility of adjusting the deadline for CATA awards applications from February 15th. Clarification was provided from Cari regarding the process that follows after applications are submitted and a potential new due date of March 1st was presented as a viable possibility. Discussion was opened. A motion was made to keep the CATA award application due date at February 15th, motion was passed unanimously by the committee. The last item brought to the committee was the final review of the State Awards Resolution. Concern was presented regarding the clarification of whether or not Middle School Program meant middle school programs as stand-alone programs. An amendment was presented to provide clarification that for a middle school program to apply for that award category, they must be a

stand-alone program. The amendment passed and the amended awards resolution was approved by the committee to be placed on the CATA voting ballot.

Budget and Audit

The Budget and Audit committee met on Monday June 23rd, and was chaired by Operations Vice-Chair, Amanda Galan.

The committee reviewed the 2024-2025 budget with Executive Director, Matt Patton. A motion was made to recommend that the governing board look into lifetime dues and its effect on the CATA organization. The motion passed with a majority voice vote. The committee reviewed two proposed budgets for 2025-2026. The first budget included the traditional banquet while the second included the proposed new awards ceremony. It was moved and seconded to accept both versions of the 2025-2026 proposed budget. The motion passed with a majority voice vote.

Curricular Code

The Curricular Code Committee met on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, in the morning. The meeting was chaired by Operations Chair-Elect Martin Castro. Committee members were given direction on how to conduct their respective contest meetings and were provided access to the necessary documents required for submission at the conclusion of those sessions. The following is a summary of the actions taken during each of the individual contest meetings. In addition, you can scan the QR code on any of the following slides to access the full proposal changes and detailed contest meeting minutes.

*We will allow 5-10 seconds for you to evaluate each slide. Again, if you have further questions regarding a specific contest, please scan the QR code.

Chairs Meeting

No formal action was taken. Committee members received guidance on conducting their contest meetings and were provided links to required documentation.

General Rules

A motion by John Williams, seconded by Frank Orique, passed by voice vote to remove the “State CDE CATA Approved Event Advisor” role from the general rules. The position was deemed obsolete and confusing.

AET Farm Records

The committee approved a proposal by Hugh Mooney to combine the scenario and budget sections into a single 160-minute session. The motion was made by Amber O’Conner and seconded by Ernesto Marcio, passing via voice vote.

Agricultural Communications

The committee approved several changes aligning the contest more closely with the national format, including the addition of a writing and mechanics sub-contest and the removal of individual awards. Shanna Abbati Fitzurka moved, and Kaylen Davenport seconded.

Agricultural Mechanics

Victor Evans moved and Jacob Arod seconded a proposal (details not specified in the minutes), which passed by voice vote following discussion.

Agricultural Mechanics Fair

Multiple motions passed updating tie-breaker procedures, participant limits, and scoring systems. Brian Donovan, John Coons, Victor Evans, and Dan Crookham were among those who made motions. A recommendation was made to mirror tie-breaking procedures used in the Agriscience Fair. Timing of future proposals was discussed, suggesting a deadline after State Finals.

Agricultural Pest Control

Two major proposals were passed. The first adopted standardized spelling and nomenclature formatting; references to Destructive Stages and Mouthparts were removed due to a lack of submitted lists. The second approved updates to specimens, added color photos, removed ScanTron references, and updated oral presentation selections.

Agricultural Welding

Several contest revisions were approved:

- Addition of Identification to the qualifying round.
- Inclusion of a third tie-breaker.
- Replacement of Job Portfolio with an Applied Skills sub-event.
- PPE language clarified.
- Written test point values adjusted.
- Flexibility added to qualifying round scheduling. All motions passed via voice vote.

Agriscience Fair

Jason Ferreira introduced a proposal to transition the Agriscience Fair to an SAE Award Program modeled after the National Proficiency format. The proposal was moved by Shanna Abatti-Fitzurka, seconded by Jocelyne Juarez, and passed by voice vote.

Agronomy

Multiple motions passed to expand and align the contest with national standards:

- Added two judging and reasons classes.
- Introduced Agronomic Knowledge Test as a new rule.
- Modified handling rules and scoring sections.
- Adopted changes from the National FFA Agronomy CDE Handbook.
- Updated the Identification List with exclusions. All proposals passed by voice vote.

Best Informed Greenhand (BIG)

Chair Cameron Standridge presented proposed changes. There was no discussion. Kate Smith moved to approve the changes, seconded by Ryan Deaver. The motion passed unanimously at 12:04 PM.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Two proposals were adopted. One streamlined the curricular code language for clarity. The other aligned state contest rules with national guidelines, including AI usage

policies. Motions passed via voice vote with no discussion. Moved by Kim Mesa and Jeff Clark.

Farm Power & Machinery

Tie-breaking procedures were added, clarifying the hierarchy of how ties would be resolved across different sections of the contest. Alex Hess moved the proposal with a friendly amendment from Frank Orique. Motion passed unanimously.

Job Interview

Extensive revisions were made to improve alignment with industry expectations:

- Greater emphasis on the interview portion.
- Resume and cover letter rubric clarified and weighted.
- Language revised for clarity and accuracy.

Several motions, friendly amendments, and rubric point assignments were approved. Motions by Adam Bullard, Chris Williams, and Jodie Evans passed mostly by voice vote.

Light Horse Judging

Scorecards were approved for publication and rubric language was refined. A new reasons scoresheet was adopted. Attempts to strike out the "placing of class" language failed. An amendment passed to revise the points breakdown between class placing and presentation/organization.

Livestock Judging

The committee approved a proposal from Matt Patton to streamline language in the Curricular Code by removing repetition and unnecessary procedures. The motion was made by Chris Williams, seconded by Anna Bianchi, and passed by voice vote.

Marketing Plan

The committee approved an update to clarify the planning timeframe language in Section C. Further discussion emphasized contest compliance with curricular code and expectations for judge conduct and feedback. The updated proposal was approved with a motion by Jordan Albiani, seconded by Leslie Garcia.

Poultry Judging

The committee approved a proposal from Matt Patton to streamline language in the

Curricular Code by removing repetition and unnecessary procedures. The motion was made by Dan Flat, seconded by Joshua Meng, and passed by voice vote.

Prepared Public Speaking

A motion by Jody Evans, seconded by Christine Ready, was passed to streamline curricular code language by eliminating redundancy and enhancing clarity. No changes were made to contest content or structure.

This concludes the Operations Division Report. Madam Chair, I move to approve the Operations Report as read. Is there any discussion?

Operations Division
Budget & Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 23, 2025

1. Meeting called to order by Amanda Galan at 4:16pm
2. Overview of Committee
 - a. The purpose of the Budget & Audit Committee is to review the proposed annual budget, make appropriate changes as needed, and send recommendations regarding the annual budget to the Operations Division meeting.
3. Review of 2024-2025 CATA Budget-Matt Patton
 - a. Executive Director Matt Patton reviewed the 2024-2025 CATA Budget. He shared that as an organization we are in the black with a net income of \$110,594.91. He also shared that we have switched from "cash accounting" to "accrual based accounting" to record everything in the same fiscal year. Questions from members included conference registration, items covered in conference fees, and levels of membership and dues.
 - b. Motion to recommend that the governing board look into lifetime dues and its effect on the CATA Organization was made by Robin Grundmeyer.
 - i. 2nd by Grace Redford
 - ii. Discussion on this issue included individuals who opt for lifetime dues are not contributing annually to the organization. Dues and conference registrations are our forms of income for CATA. John Corbett suggested that the governing board should consider extending lifetime membership from 10 to 20 year period. Matt Patton also shared info regarding the new bylaws that addresses lifetime membership and retiring members. If new bylaws are approved it would allow the governing board to make decisions moving forward.
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote
4. 2025-2026 CATA Proposed Budget
 - a. Matt Patton reviewed two proposed budgets for 2025-2026 with the committee. The first budget accounted for a traditional banquet while the second budget included the new proposed awards ceremony. Matt recommended that the committee give approval of both budgets to account for the decision made by regions and the governing board.
 - b. Travis Cardoso moved to approve both proposed budgets for 2025-2026.
 - i. Kristi Hill seconded the motion.

- ii. Discussion included the \$25 dollar increase in conference registration to cover the cost of the awards program including usage of the PAC, hors d'oeuvres, wine bar, stage decorations, etc. Members shared the inclusion of the new awards program into registration cost will be a savings to members and help those with district offices that are unwilling to pay for banquet. Members asked about how the budgeted \$22,000 for the proposed awards program was determined. Matt shared this figure was based off of the price of the alumni lunch cost and included all CATA members. Other discussion items included the increase in fiscal and legal services for outsourcing of taxes as well as legal services to iron out bylaws and contracts
 - iii. Motion passed by majority voice vote
- 5. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Travis Cardoso
 - a. Second by Corey Mesa
 - b. Meeting Adjourned at 4:56 PM

Operations Division
By-Laws/ Nominations Committee Meeting
Monday June 23rd, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM by chair Amanda Ferguson

1. Review Committee Goals:

- a. The mission of this committee is to review the qualifications of candidates running for State CATA Office and approve the submitted application, discuss and recommend proposed changes to the CATA Bylaws, prepare the ballot at Summer Conference, and review the criteria and qualifications for Professional Awards within the CATA organization.

2. **Presentation of Officer Candidates (*action item*)**

- a. One candidate was presented to the committee: Travis Cordoso
- b. The requirements for the state office were presented to the committee, and all applicants have met the minimum qualifications.

Action Taken:

Martin Castro moved to approve Candidate for State CATA Office
Victor Evans seconded the motion
motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- c. The divisional candidates were presented to the committee: Tanya Bidabe Love and Amber O'Conner.
- d. The requirements for divisional office were presented to the committee, and all applicants met the minimum qualifications

Action Taken:

Arial Covey moved to approve both candidates for their respective divisional offices
Jennifer Knight seconded the motion
motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. **Operating Policy Resolution (*action*)**

- a. All Regions approved the placement of the presented amendment. The governing board recommends a DO PASS. A motion is needed from this committee to place the resolution on Wednesday's state ballot.

b. Action Taken:

Martin Castro moved to approve the awards resolution as presented and place it on Wednesday's CATA ballot.

Marianne Maxfield seconded the motion

Discussion on the proposed awards resolution included concerns regarding the placement of the 5-6 and 7+ awards programs. Questions were raised on why those couldn't be combined. Clarification was given as to the original intent of the proposal. Additional discussion began regarding the middle school award category and whether it was stand-alone middle school programs or not.

An Amendment was presented:

Kayla Moore moved to amend the Resolution by inserting Stand alone middle school program application in the name.

Amber Grable seconded the amendment.

Vote on Amendment - Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion was reopened regarding the newly amended motion, including the clarification for stand-alone middle school programs. There was no further discussion.

The motion passed unanimously, and the amended resolution will appear on Wednesday's ballot.

4. Proposed CDE Contests (*action item*)

- a. Motion needed to place the three new contests on Wednesday's state ballot
- b. There are three proposed CDE contests to be added in California. Curricular codes were provided. The three new contests are Equipment Technician, Rabbit and Cavy Evaluation, and Ag Education.

c. Action Taken:

Martin Castro moved to approve all three CDE Contests and place them on Wednesday's CATA ballot

Victor Evans seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Awards Due Dates (*Discussion item - Recommendation from Committee needed*)

- a. Possibly movement of awards due dates from February 15th - Cari has confirmed March 1st would be feasible

b. Discussion/ Recommendation:

Discussion was brought forward to the committee regarding the due dates of applications. Currently, CATA award apps are due February 15th. It was suggested to push the date out and away from the FFA application season. Cari was consulted on the process following CATA award applications being submitted, and a viable option of March 1st was presented.

Discussion was opened:

Teachers present felt that two additional weeks wouldn't make a large difference and that February 15th is completely doable. Teachers presented that schools that are interested in completing award apps can always fill them out in the fall and do not need to wait until the last day.

Action Taken:

Amber O'Conner moved that the committee go on record recommending to keep the awards due date on Feb 15th

Daniel Murry seconded

No further discussion

Motion passed unanimously.

6. New By-Laws Q&A (*no action*)

Time was opened for committee members to ask questions regarding the new CATA by-laws. There were no questions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm

Post Secondary Division Meeting

Monday 6/23/25

Attendance: Refer to the post-secondary sign-in sheet

Minutes:

Called to order at 3:11

Introductions of new teachers from Delta, Reedley, Bakersfield College, Fresno State, Merced, Porterville, University of Nevada, Reno, Chico State,

-Rachelle Antinetti – Regional Director – Next Generation Ag

She is currently overseeing an Ag Workforce Development Grant, which wraps up at the end of August. There is hope for an extension, with updates expected in the next few months. If you are interested in participating in the grant by hosting an intern, please reach out to her.

-Cindy Daley - Center for Regenerative Agriculture and Resilient Systems – CSU, Chico

Started a development program in 2019 focused on carbon farming and nutrient density. Transitioning farm operations takes time, and they have identified a gap in technical support during the transition. Participants can become certified to write plans for growers as consultants. The program includes 60 acres of row crops and a regenerative dairy—from soil to cheese. Currently, five farms are involved in the program. Dr. Daley will be at the Farm Show if you'd like more information.

-Eric Dyer/Kelly Scott – Farm Robotics Team

The design contest runs throughout the academic year and centers on AI, robotics, and automation to solve problems faced by growers. Teams work by consulting with a farmer, identifying a problem, and developing a solution for any crop or plant. Awards, recognition, and cash prizes are available.

Divisions include:

- FRC Division 1: Universities
- FRC Division 2: Community Colleges
- Farm Robotics Academy: High Schools and Middle Schools

-Ryan Amaral and Corrin Armstrong – CA Farm Bureau

They presented the “Expanded Our Roots” program, which has faced challenges in building long-term relationships. Supported by USDA and CDFA grants—one focused on specialty crops (CDFA) and the other on animal agriculture (USDA).

Mentors can be from production agriculture or agricultural education. Mentors should have 10+ years of experience, and mentees 1–10 years. Compensation is available.

Upcoming events:

- Mentorship Workshop: July 10th, 10–11 AM
- Discussion Meeting: November 15 at Modesto Junior College (MJC)
- YF&R Annual Meeting: December 6–9
Stop by the Farm Bureau booth at the Farm Show to get a ticket for Happy Hour. YF&R will also be giving a presentation—let them know if you'd like to attend.

-PRE2P (Puerto Rico professional development) - Tommy

This is a professional development opportunity for agricultural educators at all levels, not just high school. It includes a 7-day immersion in tropical agriculture, music, food, and culture. Everything is planned and handled for participants.

Participants can earn 3 continuing education units through Utah State University. The 2025 cost was \$2,650 (not including airfare).

University reports

-Fresno State

Fresno State is doing really well, with application numbers up by 19%. This includes 15 applications for Agricultural Communication and 43 for Agricultural Education.

-UC Davis

UC Davis now offers a combined Agricultural Specialization and Science Credential program. They have also launched a small-batch wine label.

-Chico State

Chico State has 34 student teachers this year. At least one faculty member from each department is attending the CATA Conference. The University is also opening a Farm Store to market products from the University Farm.

Action items:

1) Motion: Approval of minutes from Midwinter Institute.

made by: Nick Deftereos second: Kevin Woodard Pass_x__ Fail____

2) Motion: Approval of Treasurers report. Currently the bank account has \$35,309.36

made by: Katy Teixeira second: Lori Marchy Pass_x__ Fail____

3) Motion: CATA By-laws moved for Post-Secondary to be in favor of adopting the changes made.

made by: Lori Marchy second: Kate Gaede Pass_x__ Fail____

4) Motion: Support of moving the banquet to an awards program.

made by: Howard Lewis second: Nick Deftereos Pass_x__ Fail____

There is a proposal to move the banquet to an awards program format. While some are concerned about losing the tradition, the change may be necessary due to current attendance numbers and feasibility.

Notes:

State Livestock Fall Show – Porterville

Participation numbers are declining, and organizers are seeking feedback on why this is happening and what changes could help increase engagement.

State Livestock Spring Show – Modesto

The Spring Show will continue to be held in Modesto.

California Agricultural Competition

To be discussed under the Student Activities section.

State Ag Ambassador Conference

This event was discussed by Sherri Freeman.

Midwinter Preview

The event is planned to be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in Modesto, hosted by MJC. Confirmation is still pending.

Tuesday Preview

The Tuesday Preview will include information on room locations and an overview of what each committee does.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:47

Inservice Committee:

Date: June 24, 2025 Time: 8:05AM Adjourned: 9:23AM

Attendance: Lindsay Ono, Heather Johnson, David Goldenberg, Audra Lopez, Desi Molyneux, Nick Deftereos, Howard Lewis, Tim Brown, Todd Conrado, Chris McKinna, Rick Whitsell, Kim Pitigliano, Jennifer Sousa, Larry Dinis

Minutes:

Mid-winter recap and planning.

- The event went well at Bakersfield College.
- We lacked participation at the Saturday luncheon. Lacking 20 participants. Which could have saved on expenses.
- Should the date be changed due to finals conflicts? All dates may have drawbacks.
- Judging Card was a problem with registration for some participants. Try to get Judging Card to create a guest log in.
- Lindsay Ono will create a Mid-winter event planning folder for detail planning.

The next Mid-Winter locations:

- 2025 Modesto Junior College (They are in the preliminary planning stages.)
- 2026 College of the Sequoias
- 2027 ~~Victor Valley College~~ (This was changed to Mt SAC. Due to uncertainty of participation from Victor Valley. Mt. SAC needs approval from their staff, before acceptance.)
- 2028 Hartnell College
- 2029 Bakersfield College
- 2030 Butte College
- Heather Johnson and David Goldenberg from UC Davis spoke about presenting a Biosecurity presentation at Mid-Winter. It was greeted with approval.
- It is recommended to create event sponsorships to keep costs down.

Roundtable Discussion to improve engagement.

This will be discussed at the Post Secondary Luncheon.

Other comments on engagement:

- Link our tours to CEU's for those getting educational credits.
- Have some tours and workshops on Wednesday. Professional Sessions on Tuesday.
- Bring in professional organizations to network with.
- Other topics: FBI Guest speaker; CDFA - USDA NIFA grant funding sources; Textbook publishers for textbook sources.

Chair elections (summer conference only):

Action items: Chair Succession

1) Motion: Nomination of Tim Brown as incoming Inservice chair and Kim Pitigliano as Inservice chair elect.

Motion made by: Howard Lewis Second: Chris McKenna

Vote: Motion Passed.

Email to Post-Secondary officer team & cata@calagteachers.org

CATA Post-Secondary Curriculum Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/24/2025

Location: 3-112 CATA Conference – San Luis Obispo

Chair: Richard Chapman (Outgoing)

Secretary: Anthony M. Farao (Lemoore College)

Incoming Chair: Chris Chaney (Coalinga College)

Attendance

- Jennifer Hinostroza (Mt. SAC)
- Erin Krier (Allan Hancock College)
- Richard Chapman (Hartnell College)
- Anthony M. Farao (Lemoore College)
- Brandi Asmus (Woodland CC)
- Xochitl Hernandez (San Joaquin Delta College)
- Chris Chaney (Coalinga College)
- Shannon Cooper (College of the Sequoias)
- Kevin Woodard (Reedley College)
- Stephen Hawkins (Reedley College)
- Katy Gaede (San Joaquin Delta College)
- Kim Donaher (Merced College)
- Michelle Williams (Lassen College)

Discussion Items

1. C-ID Descriptor Review

- Brandi Asmus shared updates from **C-ID.net**.
- The committee is reviewing descriptors for Animal Science, Soils, Plant Science, and Agricultural Economics to align with **CalGETC** requirements.
- Concerns were raised about course denials and the impact of **Common Course Numbering** (CCN).
- Faculty Discipline Review Group (FDRG) is short one **community college Animal Science representative** and one **CSU partner**.

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- Zoom meetings will be scheduled once FDRG is complete.

2. California Course Transfer Challenges

- Members discussed **course approval barriers**, particularly for vocational/agriculture prefixes being denied transfer credit.
- Solutions include revising course descriptions and engaging proactively with articulation officers.
- Emphasis was placed on aligning courses with **UC/CSU requirements** and addressing inconsistencies in the template review process.

3. Agriculture Qualifications in Community Colleges


- Discussion on the **Minimum Qualifications Handbook** and differences between **master's and non-master's disciplines**.
- Group consensus: many Ag Tech instructors do not hold traditional Master's degrees but have industry experience.
- Identified need for a new listing for **Agriculture Technology** under **Agriculture Production**.

Action Items

Motion 1: Proposal to Add Agriculture Technology to Minimum Qualifications

Motion:

The Post-Secondary Division Curriculum Committee of CATA moves to complete and submit a proposal application on behalf of CATA Community Colleges to add *Agriculture Technology* to the *Agriculture Production* discipline area in the **Minimum Qualifications Handbook**.

- **Made by:** Kevin Woodard
- **Seconded by:** Brandi Asmus
- **Result:**  Passed

Amendments:

CATA Post-Secondary Curriculum Committee

- Referred to a **committee of four**, chaired by Kevin Woodard, with the **power to act**.
- **Internal deadline:** September 1, 2025, to review and provide feedback via email.
- **Final submission deadline:** September 30, 2025 (per ASCCC discipline list update calendar).

Committee Charge:

To write the narrative and application, gather support from professional organizations (e.g., CATA), and submit the application on behalf of CATA's community college members.

Curriculum Development Updates

- Anthony M. Farao introduced a **Canvas Shell Project** for shared course resources, starting with **Intro to Ag Business**.
 - Goal: Create a baseline of materials for **dual enrollment** and new instructors.
 - Members interested in contributing should contact Tony, especially for **Introduction to Agriculture Business** and **Environmental Horticulture** materials.
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Leadership Transition

- **Chris Chaney (Coalinga College)** elected as the new **Post-Secondary Curriculum Committee Chair**.
 - **Richard Chapman** recognized for his service as outgoing chair.
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Summary / Next Steps

1. **Kevin Woodard** will lead a four-member committee to write and submit the Agriculture Technology proposal.
2. The committee will send a draft for internal review by **September 1, 2025**, and finalize submission by **September 30, 2025**.

CATA Post-Secondary Curriculum Committee

3. **Tony Farao** will continue developing the **Canvas course shells**, beginning with **Intro to Ag Business**.
4. Interested faculty are encouraged to contribute to the **Canvas Shell Project**, especially for dual enrollment consistency.
5. **Chris Chaney** will assume committee leadership and facilitate ongoing work on C-ID and curriculum projects.

Email to Post-Secondary officer team & cata@calagteachers.org

Student Activities Committee

Summer Conference 2025

Minutes from Post -Secondary Student activities committee:

Called to order at 8:02am by Lori Marchy

Introduction of all members: Lori Marchy, Tim Truax, Rebecca Mendonza - MJC, Celia Casso - Merced College, Tina Candelo-Mize- Delta, Brian Wolf - Lassen, Michael Leishman -Porterville, Jennifer Souza and Trevor Autry, Tahler Caldera- Reedley College, Jacob Vazuez- Butte College, Natalie Schuessler- Bakersfield College.

Approval of Minutes from Mid-Winter - Minutes approved by Jennifer and 2nd by Trevor

Assign a note taker-Rebecca Mendonza took minutes

Discussion followed on Electing a President for this committee – Jennifer Souza was elected

- Old Business/New

Business CAL Conference

- Discussion of CAL being held in conjunction with the Collegiate Jackpot show
 - o Pros/ Cons
 - o Dates for 2026 Collegiate Jackpot February 27-28, 2026
 - o Contests that were offered will be mailed out and open for discussion.
 - o Discussed new contests – Ag ed (max 4), quiz bowl & new team-style contest.
 - o It was brought up to shorten the preliminary rounds of quiz to speed up the process.
 - o Information to be posted by October (tentative)
- Why are some colleges no longer coming?
 - o Barriers for entry – cost, location, etc. – Santa Rosa might be back in, Lassen said he just didn't know. Maybe set up a room block. The shavings being delivered was great. Awards are important to the kids. Shorten up Quiz bowl rounds to 6 and 6.
 - o Defining outcome for student contests - what is the purpose?

Motion made by Jennifer Souza to leave it as is and 2nd by Jacob Vasquez

Jennifer discussed that she thought it went really well. Motion Passed

Ag Ambassador Conference

- CSU Fresno to host Fall of 2025 -Dr. Freeman will give information on the event
- Incorporate impromptu contest into ag ambassador, in addition to job interview discussion on this idea – October 17-19th

CA Farm Bureau Discussion Meet -Dates and questions provided by Ryan Amaral

*November 15th hosted by MJC

Fall Livestock show comments – Porterville November 22 – Porterville college does not have livestock but they are willing to help set up. Bakersfield will see about livestock. Delta is working on a show team. Lassen is going to come.

Adjourned at 8:44 am

Questions or concerns Regarding this committee please reach out to Lori Marchy

209-678-1265 Cell Phone Marchyl@yosemite.edu email

Affairs and Visioning Committee

Attendance: Genevieve Bishop, Kattie Sanchez, Arthur Faria , Lindsay Hefsteer

Minutes:

Action items:

1. State agriculture advisory board
 1. Recommend the Development of the board discussion Conversation included informing members of the history of the previous board, talking about benefits and challenges. Benefits are that they provide industry updates, provide resources, give support to departments with administration. Challenges: financial investment to support travel and incidentals, bylaws for terms and responsibilities. Other discussion was impact and need of a state board when each college have local boards.
 2. Motion was made to develop a state advisory board.
 1. Main - Katie Sanchez, Second - Art Faria
 1. Motion passed -3 affirmative 1 negative
 3. Also recommended was a their system of development to support transparency and limit financial challenges.
 1. Year 1: Identification of potential members
 1. Each region submits candidates from each pathway (ag bus, an sci, ag Tec, mech ag, manufacturing, env. Hort, plant science, natural resources)
 2. Vote from membership
 2. Year 2: invitation to midwinter with discussion panel session
 3. Year 3: Determine responsibilities and bylaws modifications
 4. Year 4: implementation

Post Secondary Division Meeting

Tuesday 6/24/25

Attendance: Refer to the post-secondary sign-in sheet

Minutes:

Called to order at 12:17

Community College Farm Resource Survey

- 50% of colleges have a wildlands refuge.
- 17% of farms are used solely for course-related instruction.
- 41% operate with a business model to run the farm.
- 42% reported that their district fully funds the farm.

Matt Patton Update

- CSU and UC systems experienced a 3% budget cut in the May revise (down from 8% proposed in January).
- Overall Community College (CC) funding has been reduced, though there are **no targeted cuts to agriculture programs**.
- Workforce grants remain **intact**.
- **Climate Resiliency Research Farm Grants (AB 1486)**: \$15 million allocated to build or expand climate-focused research farms.
- **SB 619** introduces **universal coding for the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)**.

Action items:

Vision Committee Report

- **Motion to approve the committee report by Nikki Madux; motion passed by implied second and voice vote.**
 - The Ag Advisory Board Committee recommends a phased approach:
 - **Year 1:** Identify participants
 - **Year 2:** Host a discussion panel (summer or winter conference)
 - **Year 3:** Determine responsibilities and establish term limits
 - **Year 4:** Implement the finalized plan
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Curriculum Committee Report

- **Cal-GETC** discussed.
 - A **Canvas shell for dual-enrolled courses** is being developed, starting with Ag Business (led by Tony Farao).
 - **Chris Chaney** elected as new chair.
 - **Richard Chapman** moved to approve the report; motion passed by implied second and voice vote.
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Vision Committee Additional Notes

- A **“How-To” guide for Midwinter** will be posted on the website.
- Upcoming Midwinter Conferences:
 - **2025** – Modesto Junior College (MJC)
 - **2026** – College of the Sequoias (COS)
 - **2027** – Victor Valley College (potentially Mount SAC)
- **Tim Brown** elected as Chair and **Kim Pitigliano** as Chair-Elect.

- **Lindsay Ono moved to accept the report; motion passed by implied second and voice vote.**
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Student Activities Committee

- **Quiz Bowl** scheduled for **February 27–28**.
- **Discussion Meet** will be held in Modesto.
- **Jennifer Sousa elected as new chair.**
- **Motion to approve report passed by implied second and voice vote.**

Round Table Discussion- Three topics were discussed:

- Innovate- What new ideas should be explored?
- Engage- How can the conference be more interactive and meaningful?
- Support- What resources or opportunities are missing?
- Lindsay Ono will compile the notes taken at all tables.

Chair elections (summer conference only):

Post Secondary- Trevor Autry nominated and Natalie Baumgartner. Natalie was elected by hand count.

Motion: Adjourned 1:49

Central Region CATA 2025 Summer Regional Meeting Agenda

Central Region CATA 2025 Summer Monday, June 23rd Minutes

PAC MIOSSI HALL

I. Meeting Called to Order 10:23 AM by President Natalie Borba

A. Introduction of Student Teachers

1. By section Julia Ford (Lodi), Amy Saurez Enochs, Steven Cervantes Hughson, Celeste Castillio Turlock, Kim Jordan Bradshaw Christian, Kylie Green (Looking for a position), Megan Yoder (Looking for a position), John Rowe Riverbank, Thomas Flores, Kelsey Kamesch.

B. Current Job Openings: Tracy High School, Rio Linda 2 positions, Ripon, Merced El Capitan, Merced College 2 Positions. Union Mine. San Joaquin Delta College.

C. Staff Changes / Job Openings

D. State CATA Officer Candidate(s) - Introduction Tavis Cardoso

II. Informational Items: Derek Silva

- ##### A. Approval of Minutes from Spring 2025: Motion moved by Courtney Dayhoff, seconded by Jessi Cardoso. Motion passed by voice vote.

III. Treasurer's Report: Shelby Fishman

- ##### A. All sections have met membership goals for 2024-2025. Motion to approve by Cory Mesa and 2nd Brian Mortinson.

- ##### B. Parker's Retirement Gift: Ceclia Casso moved to donate \$1,000 dollars. Seconded by Sherry Johns. No discussion. Motion passed by voice vote.

IV. Announcements Natalie Borba

A. Pre-Conference Governing Board

B. Curricular Code Updates/Mtgs - Tuesday @9AM and 12 pm

C. Section Presidents Meeting - Tuesday 3-3:50PM

- ##### D. CATA Banquet Awards Program Brian Mortinson moved to support the new CATA awards session idea. 2nd by Dave Gossman. Discussion followed whether or not the region should sponsor / host an event. Concern about attendance. Motion passed by majority voice vote.

E. By-Laws Vote - Voting during Wednesday

- ##### F. Awards Resolution Motion for Summer CATA Banquet: Central Region to DO PASS Jeff Clark, seconded by Austin Paddock. Discussion followed. Motion passed by hand vote.

G. Softball Changes

V. Conference Committee Representative Assignment(s): Heather Nolan

A. Budget & Audit

Reporter: Kim Mesa

Delegate: Cory Mesa

B. Curriculum:

Delegate: Jessi Cardoso

C. Nominations, Bylaws & Awards

Delegate: Dillion Bee?

D. Post-Secondary In-Service: Tim Brown

Curriculum: Katie Delta College

Visioning: Niki Maddox

VI. Conference Sign Ups: Derek Silva

- A. Sports
- B. 30 Minute Awards See Google Form
- C. Credit for Conference and Skills
- D. Retiring Teachers See Google Form
- E. Years of Service (15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40+) See Google Form
- F. Door Prize Reminder:
- G. General Meeting - Wednesday Session 4- Thank you those who signed up
- H. Regional Meeting Thursday 6/26 AM meeting - Door prizes
- I. CATA Scholarship Auction Items: Deliver to the Farm Shop 6/24/25 starting at 7:30 AM.

VII. New Business

- A. Future Fall Regional Meeting Dates- Discussion. It has been extremely difficult in securing a venue that can accommodate the vast size of the Central Region CATA members. What has made it even more difficult, is that our Fall Regional Meeting has to be held on the Friday & Saturday before Thanksgiving. It was proposed that members consider voting to approve moving the meeting to sometime in October or the first two weeks of November. Paid members will vote on Thursday morning's regional meeting.

VIII. Reports: Heather Nolan

- A. Fall 2025 Regional Mtg. Modesto DoubleTree November 21st through 22nd 2025.

IX. College Reports- First Call

- A. Molly Aschenbrener Chico State: Shared new construction and program updates.

Motion to fix time to which to adjourn until Thursday morning to Danielle Hyatt. Seconded by Darrian Codog.
Motion passed voice vote.

Central Region CATA 2024 Summer Regional Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 26th - 8:15am - 9:45am
PAC MOSSI HALL

Meeting called to order by Central Region President Natalie Borba at 8:17 AM.

I. Informational Items

Natalie Borba

- Operations Division Candidate Introductions
- State Officer Candidate Introductions
- Conference Voting
- Conference Evaluations

II. Reports:

CATIP: If you have 5 Years of teaching experience you are qualified to become a mentor. Questions come see Sarah Ronayne

- A. **FFA Advisory Committee:** Matthew Bongiovanni/ Kim Mesa

Development of chapter opportunities for all chapters. Concern regarding FFA members not attending sessions, as well as retirement addresses that were not within time constraints. FFA Advisory board working on improving communication regarding proficiency awards. Delta Hotel for Ontario will be used for State Officer Candidates. There will potentially be a reduction in State Conference workshops as a result of the reduction in state staffing. FFA Advisory Committee looking into upgrading Top 5 State Finalist awards in the form of banners / rosettes. No LDE / CDE's are on probation. Star Chapter Publicity award. A combination of Star Reporter / Website awards in one. Chapter officers are eligible to apply for this award. The rubric will be posted to the website soon. Livestock insurance rates for market animals will be updated. Proficiency State Finalists interviews will be virtual rather than in person two to three weeks prior to state convention. Scholarship interviews will still be held in person at the state conference. SLE costs will increase by \$25 per person.

B. Adult FFA Board: Sam Meredith / Jason Bretz

Ontario does not have enough facilities to facilitate State Finals LDE. The Adult Board is in the black with a surplus of money. Review of budgets, everything looks good. Losing money on Ag Plates which will result in higher conference registration costs; even with investing money in marketing. Sam Meredith's term is ending this year, Jason Bretz will term out next year. Mike Albiani nominated Cameron Stanridge, Cameron accepted. Amy Erman moved to close nominations, seconded Brian Mortensen. Motion passed to approve Cameron as the Central Region Adult FFA Adult Board member.

C. Regional Supervisor Report: Jill Sperling

Jill is wearing many "hats" as she transitions into State FFA Advisor. The state is in a hiring freeze, the Central Region Supervisor and Superior Region Supervisor position has not been approved to be posted. There is no certainty of when this will happen. Matt Bongiovanni has agreed to facilitate ROLC this summer. Natalie Borba, Jessi and Travis Cardoso have volunteered to facilitate the 2025 Fall Regional Meeting Roadshow in Jill's absence. There will be workshops in the morning, with a regional awards lunch on site. New this year is that 4 hour pathway specific trainings will be provided in the afternoon that will take place off-site at local programs; this is replacing industry tours for this year. A survey regarding member input into setting up professional development opportunities will go out sometime in August-September. Members are encouraged to provide their input into desirable professional development workshops.

D. CATA Committee Reports: Heather Nolan

Budget & Audit, Curriculum, Nominations & Bylaws, Post-Secondary. Nothing to report

- E. D. Silva brought up discussion for further exploring the option to have a larger timeline to have the fall region meeting. Hoping to have a motion from the floor, he explained the benefits and more options available for the fall meeting. Derek moved the motion to have the fall regional meeting from October to mid-November. The motion was seconded by Courtney Dayhoff. Derek discussed how there would be more availability for industry tours and open up new venues. It was stated that the regional officer team announces the following year's meeting date by the fall regional meeting prior. The motion was approved.

III. Central Region Awards: Natalie Borba

Teacher of Teachers and 30 Minute Club recipients were presented with awards and prizes.

IV. College Reports-Second Call

Cosumnes River College: Howard Lewis.

Modesto Junior College: Todd Conrado.

Fresno State University: Jessi Brouwer

VI. Installation of 2025-2026 Central Region CATA Officers

Heather Nolan moved to update the Regional Chairs for 2025-2026 by installing Clarissa Farinelli as the Treasurer, Shelby Fishman as the Secretary, Derek Silva as the Vice President and Heather Nolan as the President with the removal of Natalie Borba from the Regional Officer team. Seconded by Cory Mesa. Motion approved by majority voice vote.

VII. Items from the Floor

Travis Cardoso moved to approve a gift to Jill Sperling as much as \$1,000 dollars. Motion seconded by Sarah Ronayne. Motion passed by voice vote.

VIII. Raffle

Motion to adjourn by Sam Meredith. Seconded by Mike Albiani. Motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

North Coast CATA Regional Meeting
Monday, June 23, 2025
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo - Building 52, Room E27

A.

B. Call the Meeting to Order- Called to order 10:24am

- a. President Jessica Hobbs
 - i. Special welcome to Yolo!

C. Regional Officer Reports

- a. Vice President Jen Murphy
 - i. Introduction of new teachers, student teachers, special guests
- b. Secretary- Jen Murphy
 - i. Approval of minutes & correspondence- [Spring Meeting](#)
 - 1. Amanda Ehnat moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Amber Grable-
APPROVED
- c. Treasurer Alexa Alexandre
 - i. Account Balance- ???
 - ii. Switch to US Bank- it is in all sections of our region- All officers would be a signer for the account
 - 1. Motion to move bank account from BMO to US Bank by Tereasa Noga, 2nd by Jake Dunn- Motion PASSED
 - iii. Reimbursements- NONE
 - iv. Paid Membership as of 6/22
 - v. Membership Goals?
 - 1. Alameda-Solano: 14 goal- 17 paid- Met!
 - 2. Humboldt: 14 goal- 17 paid- Met!
 - 3. Mendo-Lake: 17 goal- 21 paid- Met!
 - 4. Sonoma: 20 goal- 21 paid- Met!
 - 5. Yolo: 22 goal- 22 paid- Met!
 - 6. At Large: 1 goal- 1 paid- Met!
 - 7. NC Region: 88 goal- 99 paid- Met!
 - vi. Reminder about membership renewal- Auto renewal will take place on June 30th
- d. Reporter Jake Dunn
 - i. Section Updates
 - 1. Emailed Google Doc - Use QR Code to report back what is happening in your chapter/section.
- e. Sign Up Sheets- Conference Activities
 - i. Reviewed new softball rules.

**** We need 2 representatives to attend each meeting and report back on Thursday
Monday @ 4:15 pm**

- ii. Budget & Audit (10-220)- Chris Decker & Sandy Dale
 - 1. Report 6/26- Difference accounting process. Expenses being accounted for in the same year now instead of rolling over. Lifetime dues structure being reviewed for changes. Discussion of addition of Co- Executive Director by increasing dues.
 - a. Motion to recommend to the governing board to investigate the cost of adding a co-executive director by increasing annual dues by Sandy Dale, 2nd by Jake Dunn- Motion PASSES
 - iii. Nominations/Bylaws/Awards (10-200)- Maillie and Donelle McCallister
 - 1. Approved Travis Cordoso as state officer candidate. Updated the award structure. Approved rabbit & cavy.
 - iv. Curriculum (10-223)- Dani B (Fairfield) & Crystal (Napa)
 - 1. How can we develop resources for new standards for teachers? Watch emails for PD opportunities to collaborate to create resources for each standard. CTE online will be expiring at the end of the month, looking at what will replace that. A resource linked on calaged?
 - v. Student Activities (10-225)- Wesley Hunt & Amanda Ehnatt
 - 1. Conference cost increases. Email Jasmin for conference suggestions.
- Tuesday @ 7:45 am
- vi. Curricular Code - General Rules (10-220)- Alex (Davis)
- f. Retiring Teachers- There are no NCR teachers retiring or in Hall of Fame this year.
- g. Sectional Presidents' Meeting (current & past)- (10-200)
- i. Tuesday at 3:00pm
- h. New Teacher Recognition
- i. All new teachers report behind the stage at 9:45am on Tuesday to meet with Matt Patton for recognition.
- i. CATA Voting
- i. Introduce State Officer Candidate- Travis Cardoso
 - ii. Bylaw Changes- ALL voting will happen at the Thursday Session. There will be a QR code that will allow you to vote on the spot during the session. You must be present and a paid member to vote!
- j. Curricular Code Meetings
- i. General Rules Meeting - Tuesday at 8:00am
 - ii. Rotation #1 - Tuesday at 9:00am
 - 1. AET Farm Records
 - 2. Ag Mechanics
 - 3. Ag Pest Control
 - 4. Ag Welding
 - 5. Agriscience Fair
 - 6. Agronomy
 - 7. Job Interview
 - 8. Light Horse Judging

9. Marketing Plan

- iii. Rotation #2 - Tuesday at 12:00pm
 - 1. Ag Communications
 - 2. Ag Mech Fair
 - 3. Best Informed Greenhand
 - 4. Extemporaneous Public Speaking
 - 5. Farm Power
 - 6. Livestock Judging
 - 7. Poultry Judging
 - 8. Prepared Public Speaking

D. New Business

- a. Farm Show 2025 Bridgette Eldridge & Kelly Case-Brackett
 - i. Set up tomorrow morning at 7:30am and 3pm is clean up, all hands on deck! Conference credit will still be given if you miss the 3pm session for clean up. Each section needs to contribute 2 raffle prizes, please contact Kelly or Bridgette to give them your item.
- b. Bylaws changes Jessica Hobbs
 - i. Bylaws have been updated by a non-profit lawyer to meet non-profit compliance. Emailed to membership for review. Majority of changes are wording, not how the organization is run! No amendments will be entertained. You will vote yes (pass as is) or no (do not pass) on Thursday.
- c. Awards Proposal- Action Needed Jessica Hobbs
 - i. Suggestions for changes can be at the Nominations/Bylaws/Awards Operations meeting.
 - ii. Motion made to approve awards proposal by Beth Swhela, 2nd by Karen Jones- Motion PASSED
- d. Burrito Orders for Thursday's Meeting Theresa Noga
 - i. QR code shared- orders must be submitted by 12:30pm TODAY
- e. Future of CATA Banquet
 - i. Shared that regions are feeling burdened by hosting Banquet. Open to discussion of new ideas on awards recognition.
 - ii. Motion made that North Coast Region stands to investigate ticketed Awards Night/Reception event in place of Banquet. 2nd by Maillie McCallister- Motion PASSED
- f. Road Show Update
 - i. Will be hosted by Humboldt Del-Norte in Crescent City. Road Show will begin Thursday, tours at 2:30pm and awards dinner and NCR meeting will be hosted at the Rancheria. Workshops will be hosted at CR campus in Crescent City.
 - ii. Suggested that NCR Meeting be moved to Friday so that departments do not miss two days of school.
- g. College Reports
 - i. CSU, Chico Tommy Henderson
 - 1. Largest representation of staff at CATA conference. New lecturer hired at CSU Chico in Ag Ed. Mollie Ashenbrener is new lead ag ed faculty. Grown 400% in last 4 years in Ag Communications. Univeristy Farm construction to be

completed in July- new meeting space, classrooms, and farm store. Meats lab being remodeled as well.

Adjourned 11:28am

6/26 Called to Order at 8:15am

E. State Reports & Updates

- a. CATA Executive Report Matt Patton
- b. CDE Report Charles Parker
- c. Regional Supervisor Report JessaLee Goering
 - i. [Regional Events](#)
 - ii. Don't feel pressured to attend ALL events- pick what works for you!
 - iii. Road Show Nov. 20 & 21- Tours and Awards will be Thursday, Friday will be sessions and NCR CATA Meeting
- d. State CATA Officer Judy Aschwanden
 - i. No report
- e. NCAP Grant Update Sandy Dale & Heidi Mickelson
 - i. Redwood Region Resource Rally- Sept. 11th
 - ii. CR Field Day- Jan. 31st
 - iii. Admin Experience- takes place at State Conference
 - iv. Heidi will email update for Bay Area Region
- f. FFA Adult Board Wesley Hunt & Theresa Noga
 - i. Most conferences have increased in price this year- \$5-25 depending on conference. Sell plates! Proposed registration for State conference is \$200 each, unsure if Boswell will be involved in registration for discount.
- g. FFA Advisory Committee Kim Arntz & Lindsey Kleiner (Hannah Lofald giving report)
 - i. 2025 State Conference fabric wristband issue- recommended lanyards. Pins could be traded like at Disneyland- Pins be made by chapter, section or region (we think Region)? Design challenge? Method of trade?
 - ii. State Conference hotel block opens July 9th. State Officer hotel is Delta Hotel. No LDE's at State Conference this year. Leadership workshops will be limited this year due to construction at Convention Center. No state organized tour.
 - iii. 2026 CDE and LDE's team events only receive one roset per team, not per person on team. Give each team member a roset on team.
 - iv. GH and Chapter certificates on calaged to print your own.
 - v. Star Reporter & Website award being combined to Star Chapter Publicity award. More info coming August 1st.
 - vi. Livestock insurance increasing maximums.
 - vii. IIO National proficiency categories next year. CA needs to adjust. Creates challenges in securing judges and interviewing. Discussing ways to accomplish this over multiple days instead of one day. Scholarship interviews will remain the same.
 - viii. MFE/ALA conferences meeting max capacity, but still having issues with kids not taking conference seriously.

- h. CATIP Update Kelley Case Brackett
 - i. **New year, if you're new please contact Kelly so she can set you up with a Mentor.**
- i. College Reports Katie Texierra
 - i. UC Davis
 - 1. **Welcoming a new Dean. Innovation Center in being built right now. Now bottling UC Davis wine. Horse barn sold 10 yearlings for \$100,000 last weekend, don't forget about UC Davis' equine program. Ad Ed masters program will be being cut, will be requesting letters of support to keep program. New opportunity to earn science and ag ed specialist credentials as masters of science in ag ed.**

F. Conference Sign Ups, Updates, & Action Items (Continued)

- a. NC FFA Advisory Committee Nominations & Elections- **No vacancies**
- b. Adult Board Nominations & Election- **One vacancy**
 - i. **Wesley Hunt & Alex Hess nominated**
 - ii. **Katie Teixeira moved to close nominations, 2nd by Teresa Noga**
 - iii. **By majority vote, Wesley was elected.**
- c. NC Regional Officer Nominations & Elections
 - i. Reporter Position
 - ii. Treasurer Position
 - iii. **Alex Hess and Amber Grable nominated**
 - iv. **Marcus Tanaca moved to close nominations, 2nd by Amanda Roy**
 - v. **By majority vote, Alex Hess and Amber Grable were elected to Regional Officer Team**

G. Other

- a. Awards
 - i. 30 Minute Club- **Passed out by Jake**
- b. Upcoming Dates
 - i. Ag Incentive Grant Due July 15
 - ii. Delta Conference- July 27- 31- Fortuna
 - iii. Redwood Region Resource Rally- September 11
 - iv. COLC- September 19-20
 - v. Sectional Leadership Night- (North- 10/21) (South- 10/22)
 - vi. National Convention- October 29- November 1
 - vii. NCR Roadshow- November 20-21

Adjourn at 9:38am

**San Joaquin Region CATA
Summer Regional Meeting
June 23, 2025 & June 26, 2025**

The summer regional CATA meeting was called to order at 10:18 AM by President Julie Luxon.

Minutes from the spring regional meeting were read and approved on the motion from Victor Evans and second from Erica Correia.

The financial report was presented by Amber Carter. Report approved on the motion from Victor Evans and seconded by Tanya Love.

A motion to approve purchasing a drink for all San Joaquin region award recipients was made by Clay Freeman and seconded by Sam Rodriguez. Motion approved, voice vote.

Julie Luxon went over sign ups for Sporting events during Summer Conference. All sporting events this year will be free to register. The new rules for Softball were covered including every team must develop a roster and submit. Roster will be verified making sure all players are CATA dues paying members. Must register the day of the event from 4:45-5:15pm, with team roster in hand. No late arrivals allowed. Each player will be given a colored wristband to mark your team, no switching or moving players across teams. New teachers (Finished Student teaching Spring or Fall) must play on the New Teacher Team, no exceptions. Have good sportsmanship- Dr. Swan says if people don't follow rules and act like jerks softball will be cut for next year.

Julie then introduced our candidates for the Operations and Secondary divisions this year. Tanya Love is running for Operations Division Secretary and Amber O'Connor is running for Secondary Division Secretary. Each candidate spoke on their own behalf.

There will be an opening on the FFA Adult Advisory Board as Clay Freeman's term is ending. We will be voting for a representative at our Thursday meeting.

The new sectional presidents were introduced to the region; Kern-Inyo: Patrick Wilke, South Valley: Jennifer Downs, East-Fresno Madera: Emily Faraone, West-Fresno Madera: Christopher Sharp, Tulare Kings: Lakeisha Martin, and Sequoia: Robert Hanger. The former sectional advisors, sectional presidents and Golden Owl recipients were then thanked for their year of service.

Directions for herdbook were given. Please send all herdbook items to Natalie Schuessler.

Amber Carter then presented about Door Prizes. She needs 4-6 more volunteers to help pass out tickets and New Teacher Programs before the Monday afternoon session. Volunteers were asked to see her at the end of the meeting to sign up.

The following curricular code's will open for potential changes; Ag Mechanics, Agricultural Mechanics Fair, Agricultural Pest Control, Agricultural Welding, AET- Farm Record Books, Job Interview, Light Horse Judging, Marketing Plan, General Rules, Ag Communications, Extemporaneous, Agriscience Fair, Prepared, Poultry, BIG, Farm Power and Livestock. Ag Ed, Equipment Tech, and Rabbit/Cavy Eval & Knowledge are new contests and will be voted on at the Wednesday general session. We will also be voting on the new By-Laws that were written by a Non-Profit lawyer. No amendments will be accepted at this time so we will just be voting either yes or no on adopting them.

Jennifer Knight presented the new Banquet vs. Awards Night proposal. 3 of the regions submitted the proposal with the following logic behind the request to change; membership growing the cost and responsibility has become massive, especially for smaller Regions. Costs for this year are approx \$112,000. Extremely Limited on Venues in this area that can accommodate the size of the event. Madonna Charges a lot of hidden "fees". Meal cost is about \$80 per person, so little left for other expenses, most falling on a Region in the amount of about \$25,000. Insane amount of work and not as many willing volunteers. School Districts also concerned with Paying \$90 for a Banquet Ticket. Purpose is to Recognize Members with Class and Dignity. In a Banquet Setting it is very loud and people are not giving due respect to the award winners. If more people attended and truly highlighted our winners it could help members strive to set goals of being recognized themselves

If we move to change regions can still "Host" and could still do a "Theme". Regions would be responsible for: stage decor, photo backdrops and other decorations and maybe other things like including videos and helping with the program. State CATA would reserve the facility and work with Cal Poly Catering for heavy appetizers and possible wine Bar in the reception area out front. They charge an additional \$25 to conference registration to cover the costs for the "extras". Additional tickets could also be sold for \$25. Posted an Initial Feedback Google form for people to submit their suggestions with official discussion happening on Thursday. Some questions and discussion took place about how long the banquet has been going on and how it was done before. Shay shared her thoughts on size and how much we have grown and the impact that has had on planning a banquet and the stress it puts on regions.

Julie presented the Outstanding Department Award Resolution that was submitted by Gene Leib. Vernon Clark made a motion to recommend a do pass from the region, seconded by John Williams. Voice vote was taken and division was called. Digital vote was taken using a Google Form. Motion passed with 86.5% in the favor and 13.5% against.

Travis Cardoso introduced himself to the region and his reasons for running for State CATA office.

Shay Williams-Hopper followed with the Regional Supervisor Report. Discussion points included:

- **Introduction of new teachers to the region:** CVC- Danae Westra, Chowchilla- Katie Linderholm, Chowchilla- Anthony Cruz, Garces- Jaima Cook, Exeter- Nick Lara, Orosi- Jeremy Watts, Orosi- Hannah Benkosky, Orosi- Kelsie Mederios, Fowler- Giulia

Ghimenti, Wasco- Andrew Morales, North- Daniel Murray, Highland- Brittany Whitesell, Kern Valley- Caleb Freeman, West- Stacy VanScoy, Madera- Maddie Fernandes, Sanger- Aaron Jaramillo, Seq. Union- Ciara Machado, Hanford- Joseph Pinheiro, Fresno Sunnyside- Becca and Minarets- Cheyenne Mattes.

- **Retirements:** Dan Crookham, Denise Morales, James Selgrath, and Don Clark.
- **Open Positions:** Dinuba and Mendota
- **New Programs:** Bakersfield-Centennial and Bakersfield-Liberty
- **Professional Development Credit:** In order to receive PD credit you must attend both regional meetings, 1 Tuesday PD, 1 Wednesday PD, and either Secondary meeting OR an Operations Division meeting. Make sure you check your AET to ensure that it worked when you scanned the QR code.
- **AIG:** All funds need to be spent by June 30th and Report of Expenditures need to be submitted by October 15th. 25-26 AIG Applications are due July 15th to Shay. Documentation that needs to be submitted with application is AIG Budget & app, 6 FFA minutes, 2 Advisory Minutes, Printed PD records for each teacher, Any changes to documents- new teachers credentials, ect. All profiles need to be 100% and new teachers will be added to AET after July 1st, Plan is to continue working on AIG in September at their State Staff retreat.
- **AIG compliance reviews:** On site reviews have been notified. Everyone else will do a review either with their advisory, department, or administration.
- **Graduate FFA Jacket :** Have a conversation with your graduates about what to do with their FFA jackets after they graduate. If they aren't going to keep it, encourage them to donate to your chapter and if they do keep it, they should be removing the emblem and all stitching before wearing.
- **Updates:** Landing Page is <https://sites.google.com/view/sjr-landing-page/>. Star reporter has been changed to Premier Chapter Publicity Award. DLC registration opens 8/1. AET Training on August 27th and 28th. Registration is open now- designed more for beginners that are learning AET- not an advanced training.
- **Member Recognition:** Recognized members who hosted an FFA or CATA event, or served as a CATA officer or sectional advisor. Thanked those individuals for their efforts and work on behalf of our region and state.

Monday's meeting was adjourned at 11:15am by Julie Luxon.

Summer regional meeting was reconvened at 8:16am by President, Julie Luxon. Invocation was presented by Caleb Freeman and Flag Salute led by Jorge Salas.

The FFA Advisory Committee Report was presented by Juile Luxon and Vernon Clark. Doing the pins again for the kids to collect and to include maybe a contest or chapter trade. Livestock insurance is not actually covering the cost of the animal so they are looking at increasing the amounts but there will need to be documentation when an animal dies. CDE/LDE teams only get one ribbon and would like to increase so each team member gets a ribbon. Took a hand count on whether we would prefer a ribbon versus a small banner. The room preferred a banner. All of the leadership conferences will be increasing in cost due to the increase in the cost of food.

The FFA Adult Board Report was presented by Brian Donovan and Clay Freeman. FFCLA contract was renewed brings in \$75000 and is a two year contract. State budget looks good and all regional budgets look good. Cost for conferences in Ontario is going to go up a little bit. LDE finals are moving to Fresno this year so that will be an increase due to room rentals. FFA store made \$47,000 due to the increase in merchandise. Ag Plates are down \$75,000 due to a loss from the Ag Plates and that includes the \$25,000 the state committed to promotional activities to increase plates. We need to do a better job of selling Ag Plates and welcome new ideas to sell them. State is set at \$200 next year but we have not confirmed the Boswell donation that has helped lower that registration cost in the past. Increased the State Officer allowance to \$100 per month.

The FFA Foundation Report was presented by Kristi Mattes. Seeds of Impact brought in 3.5 million, a million and a half over their target. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please contact Matt or Katie Otto. There are teachers retiring or not renewing their terms so they are looking for advisors to serve on that board. Have started planning the 100th Anniversary.

Election of Adult Board Representative: Vernon Clark nominated Clay Freeman, seconded by Amber O'Connor. Anne Dykstra nominated Toby Sheehan, seconded by Adam Bullard. Brian Donovan moved to close nominations. Vernon spoke on Clay's behalf and Anne spoke on Tobys behalf. Clay Freeman was elected to serve on the Adult Board.

CATA Awards Banquet vs Awards: Jennifer Knight presented the feedback from the Banquet vs. Awards presentation google form. 20% initially said no, 42% said maybe, and 37% said yes. Pros and cons from the membership feedback was shared. Discussion was opened and shared by Dan Crookham and Clay Freeman in favor of continuing to explore options for banquet without just cutting it out. Shay is concerned about the expense and responsibilities being put on the backs of teachers. She believes we shouldn't be pulling teachers out of conference for an entire day just so they can set up for banquet. Mike Mederos clarified that the \$3500 at the new location includes seating for 300 people but we will still have additional costs. Would like to see us do one more banquet with a trial run of the Awards Ceremony. Beatrice shared that in other states the focus is put more on professional development and there is no banquet, instead awards are presented during sessions. A vote was taken using a google form and over 80% of the membership preferred to keep the banquet.

CATA Awards Program was presented by Julie Luxon. Award areas are; Outstanding Program, Secondary & Post Secondary, Outstanding Young Teacher, Outstanding Teacher, Teacher of Excellence, Teacher Mentor Award, and Pathway Teacher Awards. Nominations are due on September 1st. Need to submit the Slide with Accomplishments to the google form. Will be send out next week.

Community College reports shared from COS, Porterville college, Reedley College, Lemoore College, Coalinga College, and Fresno State and reports were linked in the agenda.

Award Announcements: the following award recipients were recognized for their wins this week including Reedley Middle- Outstanding Single Person Program & Overall State Winner, Kingsburg- Outstanding 2-3 Person Program, Reedley College- Outstanding Post Secondary

Program, Kristin Sheehan- Outstanding Animal Science teacher, Tim Deniz-Outstanding Plant & Soil Science teacher, and Kristi Mattes- Outstanding Teacher. Congratulations to our Teacher of Excellence Recipients; Emily Farone, Amber O'Connor, Jordana Faria, and Kevy Mendes. Congratulations to our bowling team for their 25th Straight win for SJR Bowling. Lastly our 30 minute club recipients and Teacher of Teacher Bronze recipients were recognized.

25-26 Regional Team Introduction: new team was introduced by Julie Luxon and Julie was presented a thank you gift from the 24-25 team along with her retiring plaque.

Herd Book was presented by Michael Leishman and Dan Crookham followed by door prizes and the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am by Amber Carter.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Carter

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South Coast Region Meeting Agenda

June 23rd, 2025 at 10:15 AM & June 26th, 2025 at 8:15 AM

The meeting was called to Order by Amanda Rodriguez – Regional President at 10:34am at Cal Poly on June 23rd.

Mr. Travis Cardoso came to introduce himself as a CATA State Officer Candidate.

There was a moment of Silence for the late Jerry Clark.

Introductions for guest and we welcomed new teachers to the region by Sara Araujo.

The Secretary Minutes was presented by Lauren Peterson – Regional Secretary. Bailey Riedel moved to approve the secretary minute, Second by Christine Ready.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Yvonne Sudberry – Regional Treasurer. The current balance is \$13042. Jessica Sweet moved to approve the secretary minute, Second by Trevor Hendershott.

Russell moved to have the CATA banquet on a yearly bases. Seconded by Christine Ready. Discussion occurred which included why are we discussing this if the next 2 years are ready to host a banquet. People will not attend an awards ceremony. Banquet is a great way to collaborate and increase moral. It was recommended to move this to a committee to further investigate. **Vote Passed to keep CATA banquet on a yearly bases.**

South Coast Region Members gave a brief update from the committee meeting. For the Budget & Audit committee key points from their report included changing their accounting system from Cash to Accrue, looking into Lifetime membership dues, financially CATA is looking good. The Nominations/ByLaws/Awards committee reported there was discussed on the wording for the Middle school. Student Activities reiterated the changes to conferences as reported by FFA Advisory Committee. For the Curriculum meeting, members expressed to start gathering resources because they are looking into building a resource page.

Shannon Powell gave the FFA Advisory report. She reviewed State Conference, noted that next year students will have lanyards instead of wrist bands. She asked if chapters would be interest in trading pins – majority of region occurred. Next question Shannon needed input on was if the state should offer individual ribbons for CDEs and LDE events for everyone on the teams. The majority of the region said – yes that would be a great idea.

Russell Zimmerman and Landon Sudberry spoke on behalf of the FFA Adult board. It was stated that there is 180,000 over budget this year and have stopped asking the Foundation for money. There is a signed contract to Fresno for LDE finals for the next two years at a cost of \$150,000 for the two years. Need to get Ag Plates on the road! This past year only 284 new plates hit the road. This is a direct revenue funding source that we don't want to go away.

A variety of colleges gave their reports which included Cal Poly, Hartnell, and Cuesta College, and Allen Hancock.

Mr. Beards notified the Region of a couple changes to the Regional Calendar, those dates change consisted of Santa Clara and Monterey Bay Section State Conference will be 4/13 in Salinas, and the Allen Hancock Field day will be 2/14/26. Mr. Beard also informed us that this year's Road Show will be an industry tour probably located in the Santa Barbara area. He noted that SCR had 101 American Degrees submitted, mentioned looking into hosting an livestock informational clinic – if you like to help let him know. The remainder of his time was spent celebrating members in the region.

Nominations for Public Relations was opened, Clayton Carlson was nominated. Nominations closed and Landon Sudberry moved to approve Clayton Carlson as Regional Public Relations, it was seconded by Matt Viera. Motion Passed.

Mr. Patrick Smith presented the Herd Book celebrations.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am by Amanda Rodriguez.

Southern Region CATA
2025 Summer Conference Regional Meeting
Monday, June 23rd

1. Welcome (10:25am) Maggie Maratsos
2. Minutes from Spring Regional Meeting Mary Ann Maxfield
Shanna Abatti Moved to approve
Lindsay Stiff Seconded
Motion Passed
3. Treasurer's Report Lindsay Cox
Report was sent out via email. Southern Region met our goals
Lindsay Stiff Moved to approve
Jill Scott Seconded
Motion Passed
4. Cell Phone Directory, Home Directory Jackie Jones
Please make sure to fill out and review our digital and paper version of our directory
5. Introductions
 - a. New Teachers: several new teachers were introduced as well as teachers still looking for positions.
 - b. Student Teachers: none as of now
 - c. Travis Cordoso: currently running for a State CATA office.
6. Committee Meeting Sign-Ups: to give reports at next Region Meeting
 - a. Budget and Audit: Ernesto Maciel
 - b. Articulation / Certification / Tech Prep: Robin Olsen
 - c. Nominations, Bylaws, and Professional Awards: Mary Ann Maxfield
 - d. Student Activities: Shanna Abatti
 - e. Curriculum: Lindsay Cox
7. Curricular Code Meetings - Who can attend?

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ag. Communications: Shanna A● Agricultural Mechanics: Brian K● Ag. Mechanics Fair● Ag. Pest Control: Maggie M● Ag. Welding: Joe A● Agronomy: Kristi M● Agriscience Fair: Kim S● California Water● Cotton Judging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● El Credo de la FFA● Extemporaneous Public Speaking: Maggie M● Farm Business Management● AET Farm Record Book: Mary Ann● Floriculture (meet with Jill)● Food Science & Technology● Fruit Tree Pruning● Grapevine Pruning
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- Job Interview: Briana L
- Light Horse Judging: Ashley C
- Marketing Plan
- **Parliamentary Procedure**
- Prepared Public Speaking: Brian K
- Ag. Education: Lindsay C
- Equipment Technician: Ernesto M
- Rabbit/Cavy Evaluation & Knowledge: Josh M

Proposals can be found here: <https://www.calagteachers.org/curricular-code-changes>

8. FFA Advisory Committee Report

Stephen Daly & Lindsay Cox

Sent out via email

Brief Summary:

-State conference overview: lanyards, no wristbands, chapter pin trade, reduce student movement, shorten parent and teacher recognition portions, increase communication for students being on stages and their passes, better facility for agriscience fair. Next year in Ontario state officers will be staying at the Delta hotel, no LDE's before conference, and remember that workshops may be a challenge due to space.

-Also discussed was: getting individual ribbons for teams for LDE's and CDE's and our region would prefer banners, they will be condensing awards to be the star chapter publicity award, they are looking at increasing insurance coverage for animals, there will be 110 proficiency categories and are looking at virtual interviews, there will be an increase in cost for conferences, they are also looking at curriculum for officer retreats, and SLE curriculum, and conference behavior has gotten better over the past couple of years.

9. FFA Board of Directors Report

Ralph Mosqueda & Kristi Mayo

Brief Summary: For the 2024/2025 year we stayed on budget, there are 3600 paid CATA members, continue to push ag plates, they were on target for the state conference budget, but will need to increase the budget for 25/26, leadership conference prices will increase and most likely be \$200 for next year for state conference, the monthly expense for state officers has increased to \$100, and we have contracted out certain things to alleviate Cari's duties.

a. Nomination/Election/Re-election for Ralph's and Kristi's position

Lindsay Stiffed motioned to re-elect Ralph Mosqueda

Joe Affleck seconded

Motion passed

Danielle Gheen motioned to re-elect Kristi Mayo

Mary Ann Maxfield seconded.

Motion passed

10. Governing Board Report

Maggie Maratsos

Brief Summary: we will be having new bylaws for CATA where our resolution process will only be 30 days, they must be adopted or rejected as a whole. All voting for the conference will be done via phone, Jill will give an update for AIG and share a Google doc for questions. Banquet updates: expenditures are too expensive and regions are wanting to move to an awards reception. The cost for reception would be \$25 apiece and would be at 6 PM (southern region recommends to not adopt that transition). New teachers will be announced on stage, etc.

11. Award Resolution Voting

Maggie Maratsos

Resolution was reviewed
Robin Olson motion to approve
Kristi Mayo seconded
Motion Passed

12. College Reports

Maggie Maratsos

- a. Chico State: Discussed new staff and programs. Left reading material.
- b. Mt Sac: discussed new hires as well and if anyone has questions to please reach out to Audra.

13. Regional Supervisor Report

Jackie Jones

Jackie has emailed out our regional update as well as a paper copy was provided. Quick things that she discussed was to remember that there is a hiring freeze for the regional supervisors, but we are hopeful that they will still be able to hire and there is currently a travel freeze for regional supervisors, but we are hoping that that is to be lifted soon

14. CATIP Report

Kristi Mayo

CTI update: Please reach out to Kristi if you are interested in either being a part of the CATIP program or being a mentor for CATIP. CATIP relates more to ag teachers as we can utilize lessons, meetings, activities that we already participate in. We also had four CATIP program completors this year.

15. Closing

Maggie Maratsos

Maggie gave general reminders about conference: be present, turn off devices, pick up after ourselves, make sure to use appropriate language, if participating in Agri skills please have money ready, and don't forget to sign up for our sports competitions. Updates for sports sign up roster must be completed by 5 PM today, only registered CATA members can play, new teachers must play on the new teacher team as well as the 40+ team can only be made of members that are 40+ years old and please be respectful of the empires.

REMINDERS & NOTES:

Southern Region CATA
2025 Summer Conference Regional Meeting
Thursday, June 26th

1. Welcome (8:21am) Maggie Maratsos
 - a. Congratulations to all our Region award winners last night!
2. Committee Reports
 - a. Budget & Audit (Ernesto Maciel)
 - i. In the black and two budget proposes
 - b. Articulation / Certification / Tech Prep (Robin Olsen)
 - i. Did not meet
 - c. Nominations & Bylaws / Professional Applications (Mary ann Maxfield)
 - i. Time stamps need to stay the same as we work with multiple organizations
 - d. Student Activities (Shannon Abatti)
 - i. Jasmine discussed each conference to get input, discussed updated promotional videos, price increases
 - e. Curriculum (Lindsay Cox)
 - i. Push to make more resources available, state wide mentoring list, calpads will be realigned with new curriculum, start with pathways then pacing guides, then lessons.
3. Curricular Code Reports (see Mondays minutes for those who attended if you have questions)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ag. Communications (major changes and models national contest with onset contest)● Agricultural Mechanics● Ag. Mechanics Fair● Ag. Pest Control (updated id list and edited score sheet)● Ag. Welding (moving qualifying round to same day, add tool id)● Agronomy (2 classes to 4 classes of reasons, 25 multiple choice test, no hay samples, 50 specimes, 10 insects/disease, with 50% photos)● Agriscience Fair (CATA is no longer in charge)● California Water● Cotton Judging● El Credo de la FFA● Extemporaneous Public Speaking (contest matches national, 10 min of computer research and AI is allowed) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Farm Business Management● AET Farm Record Book (combined parts A and B)● Floriculture (safety portion seems to be overwhelming, CATA can pay for a tent?, teams will be limited to 15)● Food Science & Technology● Fruit Tree Pruning● Grapevine Pruning● Job Interview (move points from letters/resume, updated rubric)● Light Horse Judging (blank copies will be provided and new oral reasons template)● Marketing Plan● Parliamentary Procedure● Prepared Public Speaking● Ag. Education (no mtg but approved)● Equipment Technician (no mtg but approved) |
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- Rabbit/Cavy Evaluation & Knowledge (no mtg but approved, stuffed animals may be approved)

*Standards Meetings: Standards were dissected, CAKE method was used, floral needs more standards, some animal science standards need to be moved to food science, Jill is looking into how many standards we can have, keep agriscience standards broad, standards will be matched with NGSS, cleaning up terms, added tool id and use, looking into Ag tech.
Shay was animal, Jill was agriscience, Jackie was plant science, Ag mechanics Cory Mason

4. FFA Advisory Committee Report Stephen Daly & Lindsay Cox
Nothing to add

5. FFA Board of Directors Ralph Mosqueda & Kristi Mayo
Nothing to add

6. Regional Supervisor Report Jackie Jones
Congrats to Brian and Maggie for our Teacher of Excellence winners!
Congrats to Maggie for Outstanding Horticulture pathway
Congrats to Kristi for Outstanding Ag Business pathway
Congrats to Lindsay for Outstanding Agriscience Pathway and Mentor

AIG: Make sure everything is in AET by June 30th.
Please Email AND Mail your copy of your AIG
For Jackie, please no hard copies, just upload all supporting documents (8 things off your checklist) into your google drive.
Board approved copies can be submitted after July 15th but needs to be approved by August board meetings

Opening Positions in the Southern Region

Travel Freeze is still in play so In Person AIG visits may be difficult. Please check the rotation schedule and if you see issues or discrepancies, reach out to jackie.

Awards and Goat Winners Maggie Maratsos

GOAT Winners were recognized along with 30 min club, Teacher of Teachers, Years of Service, and Retirees

*Robin Grundmyer brought up the proposal of banquet and we opened discussion:

Too loud, felt rushed, doesn't feel as honorable, general decorum, regions should be able to choose, price on food/ticket, maybe do stage in the center, reservations to need to be made a year in advance. Our current stance is to have a banquet

7. Closing (9:10)

Maggie Maratsos

Conference Regional Rotation – Banquet and Farm Show

<u>Year</u>	<u>Banquet</u>	<u>Farm Show</u>
2023	Southern	Central
2024	North Coast	Southern
2025	Superior	North Coast
2026	San Joaquin	Superior
2027	South Coast	San Joaquin
2028	Central	South Coast
2029	Southern	Central
2030	North Coast	Southern

Superior Region CATA Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 23rd - 10am & Thursday, June 26th - 8:15am
Room 08-123 (Monday) @ Cal Poly San Luis Obispo// **Room 06-124 (Thurs)**

Monday Session:

Call to Order 10:24 by Maigen Scritchfield

A. State CATA Officer Candidate Introduction - Travis Cardoso*

B. Welcome - Maigen Scritchfield

- a. Introduction of New Teachers/Student Teachers *
 - i. CTE Credentialed teachers to be recognized on stage during 3:15 session
- b. Staff Changes and/or Job Openings * River Valley, Alturas/Modoc High School

C. Officer Reports:

- a. Secretary's Report - [Spring Regional Meeting Minutes](#) - Katie Alling Motion by Emilio Smith and seconded by Chloe Smith to approve minutes, seconded passed voice vote.
- b. Treasurer's Report June 2025 Treasurer's Re- port (Thursday) - Katie Alling- Report postponed to fall meeting due to lack of treasurer and the need to finalize banquet info.
 - i. Membership Update - Goals discussed.
 - ii. Unpaid Bills to the CATA Region -[Check HERE](#)
 - iii. Reminder about Proposed Bylaw Change (Thursday - vote)

D. Conference Committee Representative Assignments - Devin *

- a. Secondary Division - Email out a google form for questions prior to the meeting
- b. [Operation Division Meetings 4:15pm Today *Signed up in March](#)
 - 1. One needs to make sure you have notes to share Thursday
 - ii. Budget and Audit - Kristi Hill & Chloe Smith
 - iii. Nominations/By-Laws/Professional Awards - Amanda Calonder & ~~Eileen Desmond~~ Kyle Schaad
 - iv. Student Activities - Kelly Hargett, Bob Safford & Jacob Willhite
 - v. Curriculum - Haylee Kidd, Dusty Dyer & Tessa Farrell
 - vi. In-Service - Not open
 - vii. Professional Ethics - Not Open
- c. **Post Secondary * one for each of these meetings**
 - i. Curriculum -
 - ii. In-service - Rick Wetzel
 - iii. Student Activities - Jacob Vazquez
 - iv. Visioning Committee -

E. Curricular Code Updates/Meetings - Maigen*

8am Tues General Rules

9am Tues Curricular Code Meetings

- i. AET Farm Records
- ii. Ag Mechanics
- iii. Ag Pest
- iv. Ag Welding
- v. Agriscience Fair- moving some to a similar program to proficiencies and the team component as a CDE.
- vi. Agronomy
- vii. Job Interview

viii. Light Horse Judging

ix. Marketing Plan

12PM Curricular Code Meetings

- x. Ag Communications- to align with Nationals
- xi. Ag Mechanics Fair
- xii. BIG- Clean up language.

- xiii. Extemporaneous- to align with nationals with internet access times.
- xiv. Farm Power- to add a tie breaker
- xv. Livestock*- Clean up language.
- xvi. Poultry- Clean up language.
- xvii. Prepared Speaking- Clean up language.

F. Sports Update - Cali * (Monday)

- a. Softball Updates- reviewed rules
- b. [Sports Sign-up](#)

G. Reports

a. Pre-Conference Governing Board - Maigen* (Monday)

- i. 2025 CATA Banquet Wednesday
 - 1. Raffle Items - we need at least 20 more quality items/baskets can venmo cali or bring items.
 - 2. Only Committee Members for Set Up - 10am- after voting in the session.
 - 3. Everyone not on a committee is expected to help with clean up.
 - 4. Reimbursement - give receipts superior region CATA by Wednesday am.
- ii. Possible change to award forum moving forward (PAC w/hors d'oeuvres vs Banquet).
- iii. Updated Awards resolution regarding nine categories of outstanding program awards- do pass or do not pass. Motion made by Emilio Smith to pass recommendation seconded by Kassidy Rivera, pass voice vote.
- iv. State CATA Bylaws- a lawyer has made recommendations to clean up bylaws that will be voted on in a general session on Wednesday. No amendments will be entertained; either a do or do not pass.
- v. LDE changes 2026/2027- will be in Fresno
- vi. Thank Yous for contest hosts - only 11 sent to State Finals at CalPoly
- vii. All voting Wednesday AM session

- b. Meeting adjourned until Thursday 8:15 am.

Thursday Session:

Call to Order 8:16 by Maigen Scritchfield

Continued Reports:

- i. Regional Supervisor's Report- Anthony
 - a. PD for ag incentive- include state and individual pd- print both.
 - b. Pay outstanding balances- otherwise won't be cleared until new supervisor
 - c. Mail hard copy is recommended for ag incentive
 - d. Give grace to State Staff for reviewing incentive grant applications. Jessalee Goehrig is reviewing ours.
 - e. Anthony will be able to help with AIG.

- f. COLC facility is reserved- camping- three regional officer advisors have said they are willing to step up for help.
 - g. GLC reg July 29th
 - h. Regional Roadshow October registration will be on judging card.
 - i. Anthony encourages members to call him for any help.
- ii. College Reports - reports were given from Butte College and UNR
- iii. [Adult FFA Board](#)- Liz Ammon, Chloe Smith- Increase to leadership conference registration a small amount. Costs are going up because of inflation, license plate numbers are decreasing- down \$57,000. Below threshold. Haley Kidd volunteered to work on ag plate initiative. Registration for the state conference proposed to be \$200. State officers monthly allowance increased to \$100 per month. Liz Ammon was nominated to continue- nominations closed motion made by Rick Neugebauer, seconded and passed voice vote. Vote taken to re elect Liz Ammon to the FFA Adult Board- passed voice vote.
- iv. [FFA Advisory Board](#) -Madison Albiani, Rick Neugebauer
 - 1. Recommendation was made to move to lanyards for “entry” for state conference. The conference will take place Saturday through Tuesday for the next three years. Next year is March 21-24. Hotel block opens on July 9th. State officer candidates stay in Delta Hotel. LDEs will be held in Fresno in April. Star Chapter Publicity award will combine website and star reporter award. Livestock insurance is under reconstruction. Three new GLC conferences, one in Gridley. Effort for teacher curriculum, mini conferences etc. Feedback needed on chapter pins for exchange at the state conference. Looking for input on providing ribbons for all members of teams 1-5.
 - 2. Rick Neugebauer made a motion to nominate Janice Lohse to replace Maddison Albiani on the FFA Advisory, seconded by Liz Ammon. Motion passed voice vote.

H. Awards (Google Sheet) - Cali *

- a. 30 Minute Club
- b. Years of Service
- c. Retirement - Wednesday Session - only have 5 minutes per teacher being recognized (Thursday)
- d. Regional Award Apps - DUE September 5th

I. Committee Reports

- a. Budget and Audit
- b. Nominations/By-Laws/Professional Awards
- c. Student Activities
- ~~d. Articulation/ Certification/ Tech prep~~
- e. Curriculum
- ~~f. Ethics Professionalism~~
- ~~g. Inservice~~
- h. Post Secondary - Curriculum
- i. Post Secondary - In service
- j. Post Secondary - Student Activities
- k. Post Secondary - Visioning Committee
- l. CDE Changes anyone wants to share

Back to order at 8:16

J. Thursday:

- a. Vote on Region [Bylaw Change](#)- motion made by Jake Wheeler, seconded by Kayla- motion passed $\frac{2}{3}$ raised hands vote.
 - b. Vote in new officer- Nomination made by Haley Kidd for Kassidy Rivera, seconded by Ellen Van Noy nominations closed, vote for Kassidy Rivera to new clerk position passed voice vote.
 - c. California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program- CATIP-Elizabeth Ammon
 - i. [Relevant Forms](#)
 - ii. CATIP over BTSA look at forms.
 - d. Superior Region Shuffle and Summer Executive Meeting- Devin
 - i. Date available will be sent out soon!
 - e. College Reports- Monday:
 - i. Kevin Patton associate dean and farm director from Chico State: Highlights: New conference center/classroom and market. Curricular innovations: Pre Vet Option in Animal Science, Plant science regenerative agriculture option. Thank you for taking student teachers and working with up and coming. New faculty.
 - ii. Rick Wetsell Butte College- opening ag ed tech and heavy equipment operation, AET expanded, 2 million CAT grants for equipment. Two welding instructor positions open. Positions do not require masters. Looking for grant writer. EH Bonnie Baxter is running, smart classroom remodel, bringing floral design class. AG business accounting class added, curriculum review and program review. Dropping Ag and NR Degree. Articulating and transferring regenerative agriculture, pss, an sci and an sci pre vet for fall of 26. NR adding rangeland ecology course to articulate UNR. Looking to do Ag Advise for PCA CCA pathways, harvest festival on October 11. Butte has promise program.
 - iii. UNR Brianne Shannon has been hired to work in the position that was previously Trena Richards.
 - f. Power of 3 next conference will be 2027.
 - g. Conference Evaluations- fill them out- governing board does look at them.
 - h. Banquet- discussion regarding options for banquet discussion about opportunities- Motion made that we move to an awards ceremony Matt Chiono- motion passed voice vote.
 - i. Maigen made thank yous to people that helped with banquet- Dusty for photos, Wheeler for MC, Kristi and raffle committee and door prize, Elva for stage committee, Liz, Becky and Laura worked front table, Lacey table decorations, Anthony for support during times of stress, Cali- effort in new role, little things behind the scenes, Devin and Katie- Devin- hype girl,
- K.** Thank you for Mr. Drumonde- thank you for support,
- L.** Thank you for Maigen for her time as regional officer- gift basket and trip overnight, on behalf on region- retirees, recognition for superior by far retirees.
- a. Budget approval postponed until fall.
 - b. Recognition of award winners.
 - c. Recognition of new teachers
- M.** Herd book

Adjournment Motion made by Emilio Smith at 9:32 am

Follow UP/Update: Superior Shuffle will be July 30 @ 12 pm at Jake Wheeler's Ranch in Palermo. Preceding (9am) will be an executive team meeting.