

CATA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FFA Center – Galt, California

September 2, 2024

10:00 a.m. - Executive Committee

Goals and Objectives

- Executive Director Evaluation
 - CATA Operating Procedure Update
 - Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - Agriscience Curricular Code Update
 - Honorary American Degree Recognition
 - 2025 NAAE Professional State Association Award Application
- A. Call to Order – Thomas (Action)

The meeting was called to order at 10:18am.

B. Roll Call/Introductions – Lieb (Action)

Heather Thomas- President

Judy Aschwanden- President Elect

Gene Lieb- Secretary

Morgan Rourke- Treasurer

Amanda Ferguson- Chair- Operations Division

Vernon Clark- Chair- Secondary Division

Tommy Henderson- Chair- Post-Secondary Division

Lori Marchy- Chair Elect- Post-Secondary Division

Other Present

Charles Parker- State Supervisor Agricultural Education

Matt Patton- Executive Director CATA

Absent

John Williams- Past State President

C. Agriscience Curricular Code Update – Thomas (Report)

- a. Review the actions that were taken at the meeting from last week that was held during zoom.

D. Review MOU– Thomas/Williams/Aschwanden (Report)

- a. Review and ask questions about the MOU and ask questions to Mr. Patton by September.

Business Session

E. Operating Awards Policies - Patton (Action)

- a. Gene Lieb asked for Matt Patton to find out how many programs in the state fall under each category. How many teachers are at each program in the state?
- b. Judy Aschwanden moved and Gene Lieb seconded to approve the changes to the award changes presented and the vote passed unanimously.

F. Idea Show Award Consideration

- a. Ideas Unlimited Award CATA- This would allow for state winners to go to NAAE Region.
- b. At the meeting at Summer Conference the people seemed agreeable, but just wanted to understand the difference between Idea Show.
- c. All application pieces were pulled from the 2025 Ideas Unlimited.
- d. A video is required for nationals but doesn't have to be present for the state if we don't want to.
- e. Morgan Rourke moved to approve the addition of the Ideas Unitimed to the CATA award from with no video requirement at the state level, the motion was seconded by Vernon Clark. The motion passed via voice vote.

See attached

H. Honorary American Degree Recognition – Patton (Action)

- a. The cost for the dinner is about \$2,500. A change to use the suite and have a reception at Lucas Oil Stadium.
- b. Morgan Rourke moved to change the Honorary Degree Recognition at the for the state to a reception in the suite that CA FFA has at Lucas Oil Stadium during the Honorary American Session at National Convention. The motion was seconded by Tommy Henderson and passed via voice vote.

I. 2025 NAAE Professional State Association Award Application - Thomas (Action)

- a. Heather would like to see this through next year as the past state president for next year. The application has four areas advocacy in agricultural education, member experience, professional development, and Teacher Recruitment, Retention and...
- b. Please be willing to help Heather if she needs help.

J. State Supervisor Update

- a. Channels of communication have been opened.
- b. Things have been going well and the Division Director is leaving. With him leaving and see where things go. The department has a hard hiring freeze in the department. Everything must go upstairs to be approved. With the change we will see when AIG moves along. It could take up to a few months. How are we moving forward, and CATA needs to be involved in discussions. Continue to talk about pathways and sub pathways. Figure out what goes where. Maybe agricultural mechanics needs a sub-pathway. Where does food science, drones and etc. fit. We have to engage teachers and CATA to determine where those things go. Shay is working on having meetings with teachers about the agriculture incentive grant. It has been great to hear teachers and see what is and is not surprising. The funding is just under 85% per school for AIG this year. JessaLee including teachers in determining the changes for Agriscience Fair and she will have some zoom calls/information sessions. Jill will have calls for the National Convention and help new teachers as we have a lot more attending. It has not been a fun summer/fall, and the last year hasn't been all fun, but will continue to do what is best for students. Mr. Parker will not be traveling this fall and will not attend regional meetings in Fall and may not in spring. The travel will be focused on state staff (regional supervisors) going out to programs with young teachers/teachers who may need support such as qualifying for AIG.

K. State Officer/National Officer (COPY AND PASTE IN)

- a. Conduct more thorough background checks on candidates, including a social media review, potentially utilizing the same company used by National FFA.
- b. Collect updated transcripts from all candidates in February to ensure fall semester transcripts are obtained for students in their first semester of college.

- c. For State Officers leaving office who may become National Officer Candidates, serve as delegates at the National Convention, or as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at the State Convention, provide and articulate clear guidelines and have them sign a code of conduct outlining expected behavior leading up to these roles.
- d. In the event of incidents, conduct a comprehensive investigation involving all parties to ensure fair and unbiased outcomes.

L. Evaluations- Summer Conference

- a. Move everything to the registration platform for sign ups.
 - i. 30 minute Club
 - ii. Years of Service
- b. Matt shared that we will be moving uniform checkers and etc to the fall regional meeting and 30-minute club and etc. will be moved to spring or sometime in late spring early June. The goal being to have certificates printed ahead of time.

M. Executive Director Evaluation – Thomas (Action)

- a. We worked to complete the evaluation, and Heather will take additional insight from other groups, and she will review with Matt at a later date.

N. Adjourn – Thomas (Action)

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm.