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105th State Conference Minutes  
June 23-27, 2024  
San Luis Obispo, California

# PRE-CONFERENCE CATA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo  
9:00am - June 23, 2024

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## Goals & Objectives

Conference Schedule, Responsibilities, and Guidelines Review

- a. **Call to Order** – John Williams - 9:01 am
- b. **Roll Call/Introductions** – Judy Aschwanden
  - i. *Tommy Henderson, Jacob Vazquez, Matt Patton, Heather Thomas, John Williams, Kevin Woodard, Judy Aschwanden, Gene Lieb, Jordana Faria, Stephanie Goeb*
- c. **Approve minutes from previous Exec Meetings (Action)**
  - i. *Moved to approve the minutes Gene Lieb, seconded John Williams. Motion passed.*
- d. **CTE / Executive Director Update** – Matt Patton
  - i. Membership 1111 - 1
  - ii. SWOT Analysis Recap and Actions Taken:
    1. Website - Automatic Renewal
    2. Infographics
    3. Respectful discourse among the membership
    4. Ag Incentive Grant - State staff has adapted to feedback, which they will address at a session and they are bringing back an Advisory Committee.
    5. Teacher Inclusion - Festivus for the Rest of Us
    6. Member Recognition - Expanded Award Categories
    7. Still Needed: Mentorship, CATA Structure and Function
  - iii. Introduction of State Officer Candidates - 4, with a slide for each with a headshot + top 5
  - iv. A quick recap of the rest of the conference
  - v. Talk about gratitude
  - vi. Pertinent information on conference needs from Matt and Cari
- e. **Review Responsibilities** - John Williams
  - i. Read officer responsibilities in the Leadership Handbook
- f. **Summer Conference Needs** - Matt/John
  - i. Review [HERE](#)
- g. **Session Needs** – John Williams
  - i. Hall of Fame direct families and award recipients
  - ii. Make sure that new teachers are lined up and ready to go
  - iii. Attend Budget and Audit if possible
  - iv. Wednesday - Heather Thomas
  - v. State Officer Candidate Speeches (4 Candidates - Dave Gossman, Sherri Johns, Theresa Noga, Morgan Rourke)
- h. **Keynote Speaker Needs**– Matt Patton
  - i. Usually the Past President - this year they will take care of their own
- i. **Festivus for the Rest of Us Luncheon** – Matt Patton
  - i. Help in distributing swag and come up with ideas to encourage conversation - Kevin Woodard
- j. **CDE Discussion** (9:45am-11:00am)


*Present: Anthony Drummonde, Jill Sperling, Jessalee Goerhing, Jackie Jones, Charles Parker*

- i. CATA Representative on Adult Board - Amend FFA Constitution to strike out Executive Director to CATA Representative, language by February.
- ii. AIG Committee with Ag Teachers
  1. How will it be compiled? Shay will take the lead.
  2. Recommendation for 3 per region, 1 person from a small, medium, and large department. To be discussed at Regional Meetings.
  3. Ultimately will be a state staff decision with input from teachers.
- iii. CATA Access to AET – Reports/Accounts
- iv. Ag Ed Leadership Roles
  1. CATA -
  2. CDE -
- v. How can we build upon our relationship between CATA and CDE?
  1. Have an Executive Committee Member at State Staff Meetings
  2. Have a State Staff at an Executive Committee Meetings
  3. State Staff at New Teachers Meeting (Introductions, Job Openings)
  4. Limit Social Media, increase transparency and inclusion, change State Staff membership from “at large” to their assigned region.
  5. Regional Meeting responsibilities has fallen on state staff, it needs to be transferred to CATA Regional Officers and fiscal responsibilities as well.
- vi. Conference PD Credit Flexibility - For AIG (as Regional Supervisor discretion)
  1. Regional Meetings (2), 2 Professional Development Sessions, 1 Committee Meeting
  2. Exceptions: Banquet Set Up, Farm Show Clean Up, Curricular Code Minutes/Secretary

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Judy Aschwanden*

*CATA State Secretary*

# PRE-CONFERENCE CATA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Agricultural Science Building – Room 10-223 - Cal Poly State University

11:00am - June 23, 2024

11 am

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## CATA Summer Conference Objectives

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

### 1. **Call to Order** – *Williams 11:07 am*

### 2. **Roll Call** – *Williams*

Present: *Tommy Henderson, Jacob Vazquez, Matt Patton, Heather Thomas, John Williams, Kevin Woodard, Judy Aschwanden, Gene Lieb, Jordana Faria, Stephanie Goeb, Anthony Drummonde, Jill Sperling, Jessalee Goerhing, Jackie Jones, Charles Parker, Jessica Hobbs, Jill Sperling, Natalie Borba, Kaylyn Davenport, Jasmine Standridge, Hugh Mooney, Julie Luxon, Greg Beard, Meagan Scritchfield, Maggie Santos, Amanda Rodriguez, Maggie Maratsos, Brandi Bogunda, Travis Cardoso, Heidi Mickelson, Amanda Ferguson, Vernon Clark, Lori Marchy, Laura LaFayette, Amanda Ferguson, Martin Castro, Nikki Maddux, James Corbett*

### 3. **Winter Governing Board Minutes** (Action)

- *Jordana Faria moved to approve the minutes, Gene Lieb Seconded. Motion passed.*

### 4. **Executive Directors Report** –*Patton*

Changes in 2024 CATA Conference

Number and Order of Sessions

Candidate voting time

Location of Awards Banquet - Madonna Inn

NAAE Region I Meeting

Curricular Code will all be Online

Secure a Parliamentarian as needed

Absence of Kerry Stockton

### 5. **State CATA Officer Candidates** – *Williams* (Discussion)

- Introduction of (4 Candidates - Dave Gossman, Sherri Johns, Theresa Noga, Morgan Rourke)
- Find out who is introducing them. Make sure they end with saying "I nominate \_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_."
- 4 minutes to introduce, 4 minutes to speak
- Nominations Bylaws and Professional Awards
- Ballot Voting Thursday at final session
- State Office, Division Office, Resolution

### 6. **Voting for CATA Officers will be Digital during Thursday's Session** (Overview)

- CATA State Officer Speeches will happen at the beginning of the Thursday morning session. Voting will immediately follow.
- Division Elections will also occur on the Thursday Ballot.
- Division Offices - 3 for Secondary, 2 for Operations

- Ballots will be e-mailed to paid members. The Ballot will include the candidate's headshots and top five qualifications.
- The program on Thursday will be interrupted to announce run-offs.
- Post-secondary will conduct elections at the division meeting.
- Work with Jill Sperling on items to be included.

7. **Resolution Update and Process – Williams/Thomas** (Action)

- Review the two amended resolutions
- A final vote on the recommendation of resolutions
- **Part 1 - It was moved by James Corbett and seconded by Tommy Henderson to recommend a do pass on the presented resolution. Discussion occurred. Motion passed.**
- **Part 2 - It was moved by James Corbett and seconded by Gene Lieb to recommend a do not pass on the presented resolution. Motion passed.**

8. **Joint Division Meeting – Thomas** (Overview)

● The Joint Division meeting will include comments from Karen Ross the Secretary of CDFA and a Ag Industry Leader Panel speaking about skill gaps in ag, how to connect with community industry partners, and dealing with adversity in production agriculture.

- This session will occur on Monday, June 24, at first session.
- [Informational Flier](#)

9. **Post-Secondary Division Meeting – Vazquez** (Discussion)

- Elections will occur in the Division meeting
- Needs?
- Questions

10. **Secondary Division – Goeb** (Discussion)

- Topics for Presentation include **AIG, Professional Ethics, FFA Conference Survey**
- **Goals: To inform membership, gather questions**
- Questions at the end to be answered
- Questions for presenters need to be curated - There will be a survey sent via email to provide Ag Teacher input
- Needs
- Committees to Open
- Inservice
- Student Affairs

11. **Operations Division Committees – Faria** (Discussion)

- What Committees will open - Budget & Audit, Awards & ByLaws, Curricular Code
- Matt Patton - Jack Havens was hired to review CC. Request that General Rules be addressed as an action item first. Rationale - avoid back work done on the general rules. No more flash drives. Reports by 3 pm.
- Central Region Request for Professional Ethics Committee to open. (Action)
- **It was moved by Travis Cardoso seconded by Nikki Maddux to open the Professional Ethics Committee. Discussion occurred. The goal is to evaluate an accountability piece when breaking the Code of Ethics. Motion passed.**
- Needs
- Questions

12. **Regional Meetings** (Overview)

- Monday Regional Meetings will be 15 minutes longer
- Please, accommodate CATA State Officer candidate introductions on Monday or Thursday

● The following are CA FFA Adult Board Representatives that are terming out extensions or replacements are required.

- Steve Rocca/Vacant – Teacher Educator Representative
- Marc Debernardi – South Coast Rep
- Theresa Noga – North Coast Region Representative
- Brian Donovan – San Joaquin Region Representative

13. **Regional President's Comments/Reports** – Report of best practices or information applicable to the state

- Superior - Hosting banquet next year, exploring options, Fall region meeting in Reno
- North Coast - Hosting banquet, reserve table on Judging Card
- Central - 12-15 job openings, excited for conference
- South Coast - Templeton FFA helped sell raffle tickets for the tractor giveaway and need help.
- San Joaquin - All good
- Southern - Fall regional meeting at Lake Arrowhead, been working on a working list of responsibilities for next up-and-coming regional officers.

14. **CDE Comments** – Parker

- Selection of State Conference Site 2026-2027 - The Committee, chaired by Jill Sperling, will be reviewing the next month. Selection to be made then.
- LDE event location for 2025 - Sacramento prior to State Convention, might look different. Preliminaries on Tuesday.
- Changes in policies, locations, or procedures for the 2024-25 year
- Looking at curriculum updates/edits - Agriscience + Ag Mechanics, then Food Science, Ag Engineering & Technology, Middle School Grades
- Proficiency changes for 2025 - 70 proficiency areas, like National FFA.
- Re-establish the AIG Committee. Representation of up to 3 from each region (small, medium, large schools). Get names to Shay Williams Hopper.
- 147 job changes, 50+ still open - still growing 1138 currently (Secondary)
- Strategic Vision will be shared on Tuesday.

15. **Curricular Code** - Castro

*(Discussion)*

- Deal with re-organization of General Rule changes separately and before any other proposed General rule changes
- Change proposals should include 2-3 bullets outlining changes
- Google Docs Only - HERE

Curricular Code Changes – List B submitted in rotation

*(Overview)*

- General Rules
- Agricultural Sales
- Grapevine Judging
- Milk Quality & Dairy Foods
- Natural Resource Management
- Nursery/Landscape
- Prepared Public Speaking
- Small Engines
- Veterinary Science

Curricular Code Changes for newly established CDE's

*(Overview)*

- Agricultural Mechanics Fair
- El Credo de la FFA

Curricular Code Changes – submitted out of rotation (1:00 pm) (Possible Action to Open)

- Agriscience Fair
- Travis Cardoso moved to open out of rotation, Heidi Mickelson seconded - passed and will open
- Agricultural Pest Control
- Travis Cardoso moved to open out of rotation, Maggie Maratsos seconded - passed and will open
- Agronomy
- Tommy Henderson moved to open out of rotation, Gene Lieb seconded - passed and will open
- Agricultural Welding
- Will not open, no motion
- Best Informed Greenhand
- Travis Cardoso moved to open out of rotation, Gene Lieb seconded - passed and will open
- Citrus
- Heather Thomas moved to open out of rotation, Gene Lieb seconded - passed and will open
- Floriculture
- Travis Cardoso moved to open out of rotation, Gene Lieb seconded - passed and will open
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Travis Cardoso moved to open out of rotation, Gene Lieb seconded - passed and will open

CDEs without 5 participating teams in 2023-24 (Action)

- Fruit Tree Pruning - only had 4 team
- Kevin Woodward moved, and Heather Thomas seconded to put Fruit Tree Pruning on probation. Motion passed.

Food Science CDE (Discussion)

- Five Schools have submitted letters of intent to participate in a Food Science CDE in the 2024-25 year.
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo has submitted a letter requesting to host a Food Science contest in 2025.

Additional Discussion - Parker

Ways to engage industry partners in state finals contests. Ex: Forestry, not judging the same tree each year, move it up north.

16. **New Teacher Introductions Tuesday** (Patton) (Overview)

- Brochure – Monday
- A-M Tuesday recognized on stage at the beginning of the session
- N-Z Tuesday recognized on stage at the end of the session
- Help is needed back stage for line up and organization of candidates
- Regional Presidents to be behind the stage at 9:45 am to be recognized. Be sure to get individuals who are coming from the industry.

17. **Retiring Teachers Participating in Wednesday Session** – Patton (Report)

- David Lopes – Reedley College
- Ron Sa – Reedley HS
- Carlos Lopez – Reedley HS
- Paul Magill – Fowler
- Sandy Lovfald – Eureka
- Tracy Putnam – Riverside – Norte Vista HS – (Tim Hivey)
- Eric Dyer – Woodland
- Jerry Delsol – Woodland
- Don Dyer – El Capitan HS
- Chris Maddalena – Heritage HS

- Don Patrick – Mt Whitney
- Chris Hildebrand – Templeton
- Deborah Wroblewski – Citrus Hill


Announce at regional meetings to make sure we don't miss anyone. Let Matt know if there are addition individuals that need to be recognized on stage.

18. **Other items from the floor – Williams**

- NAAE Fiscal Hit on Hotel Contracts
- [CATA State Minutes Google Folder](#)

19. **Adjourn –Williams at 1:27 pm**

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_



*Judy Aschwanden*  
*CATA State Secretary*



POST-CONFERENCE CATA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
June 27, 2024 @ Cal Poly SLO

Thursday – 12:00 noon

- A. Call to Order – Heather Thomas- Called the meeting to order at 12:35pm.
  
- B. Roll Call/Introductions – Judy Aschwanden
  - a. Everyone to share favorite fruit.
    - i.
  
- C. CTE / Executive Director Update – Matt Patton
  - a. Mr. Paker- No Report
  - b. Mr. Patton- Thanks everyone for time they have given to the organization. The 105th is done and we look forward to 106th.
  
- D. Gallery Activity- Heather Thomas
  - a. Individuals present will place positives and negatives on the conference via a gallery walk activity.
  
- E. Region/Division/State Guidebooks-Heather Thomas- During this time the individuals that held the roles prior to them worked together to create information to ensure that future groups have the needed information.
  - a. Design and write a guidebook of responsibilities
  - b. Work with predecessor to come up with a calendar
  - c. List responsibilities
  
- F. Planning for 2024-2025
  - a. Officer Responsibilities – Heather Thomas
  - b. Region Responsibilities
  - c. Region Meetings
  - d. Meeting objectives
    - i. Reach out to sections and see what they may need.
    - ii. Include industry partners!
  
- G. Governing Board Member Goals- Judy Aschwanden
  - a. Individuals present completed personal/professional goals for 2024-2025 year and sealed them to be checked again in 2025 at the post governing board meeting.
  
- H. Future meeting- Heather Thomas
  - a. Select Date- The Executive Committee will hold a meeting at 9am in Galt on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.
  - b. CATA Calendar of Activities- See attached
  - c. Golden Slate Responsibilities- Please have them by the first week of the month to be published the second week of the month.
    - August-   September- Southern Region

Amanda Boyer  
October- John Williams  
November- Superior President  
December- NC President  
January- Kristin Sheehan  
February- Joshua Muscat  
March- Vernon Clark  
April- Martin Castro  
May- Heather Thomas  
June- Kristin Sheehan

d. Membership Goals- ticket out the door for membership goals.

- I. A motion was made by Johnny Williams and seconded by Laurie Marchy to move the accounting from cash to accrual system. The motion passed via a voice vote.

Rational for change

Accrual accounting is an accounting method in which payments and expenses are credited and debited when earned or incurred. Accrual accounting differs from cash basis accounting, where expenses are recorded when payment is made and revenues are recorded when cash is received.

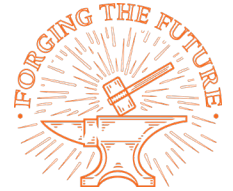
Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm.



# CONFERENCE CATA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

PAC Miossi Hall - Cal Poly State University



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## Opening Session

**Monday, June 24, 2024**

**7:50am**

**Chair:** John Williams

**Secretary:** Judy Aschwanden

**Host:** North Coast Region

1. Called to order by John Williams at 8:00 am.
2. Opening remarks by John Williams
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Judy Aschwanden
4. Moment of silence - Kevin Woodard
5. Welcome - Dr. Jeffrey Armstrong, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
6. Welcome - iCEV - Steve DeRose & Maggie Magill
7. State FFA Officer Address
8. [Executive Director Report](#) Legislation & [Slide Deck](#)- Matt Patton
  - a. Logos in common - over 100 years old! CATA is 105 years old.
  - b. Mission and Vision
  - c. SWOT Analysis Recap + Action Items
  - d. Division Candidates Introductions: Amanda Boyer, Joshua Muscat, Michael Leishman, Taylor Wilke, Kristen Sheehan
  - e. Introduction of State Officer Candidates: Dave Gossman, Sherry Johns, Theresa Noga, Morgan Rourke
  - f. Conference Schedule Review
9. Speaker Panel - Scott Vernon, Karen Ross - [Opening Session Flyer](#)
10. [North Coast Region Banquet Presentation](#)
11. Adjourned at 11am
12. Raffle - North Coast Region

# Second General Session

Monday, June 24, 2024

1:00 pm

**Chair:** John Williams

**Secretary:** Judy Aschwanden

**Consultant:** Matt Patton

**Host:** Superior Region

1. Called to order by John Williams at 1:05 pm
2. Hall of Fame Presentation - John Williams presented and Heather Thomas passed awards out.  
Joe Digrazia, Cindy Rohde, Jeanette (Lowe) Guertin, John Scheuber, Laurie Goss, Ralph Mendes, Dr. Robert Flores, Steve Olson
3. Keynote Speaker - [Dr. Adolph Brown](#)
4. Raffle - Superior Region
5. Adjourned at 4:05pm

# Third General Session

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

10:00am

**Chair:** John Williams

**Secretary:** Judy Aschwanden

**Consultant:** Matt Patton

**Host:** South Coast Region

1. Called to order by John Williams at 10:03am
2. Announcement: Justin Tagawa from H2I/Paton Door prize is a Plasma Cutter worth \$25,000
3. Honorary American Degrees - John Williams
  - a. Teri Bontrager
  - b. Lindsay Cox
  - c. Caroline Griffin
  - d. Guillermo Guerra
  - e. Jeana Hultquist
  - f. Stuart McCullough
  - g. John Mendes
  - h. Aimee Veldhuizen
4. Introduction of New Teachers A-M
5. Greetings from CA FFA Foundation - Katie Otto
6. Golden Owl Awards - Katie Otto
  - a. Daniel Crookham – Exeter FFA
  - b. Rebecca Freeman – Lodi-Tokay FFA
  - c. Randy Mendes – St. Helena FFA
  - d. Deanna Morton – Shandon FFA
  - e. Marlisa Nordstrom – Buena Park FFA
7. [National FFA Speaker](#) - Ben Meyer
8. Introductions of New Teachers N-Z
9. [State Supervisors Report](#) - Charles Parker
  - a. Ag Advisory Committee for Agriculture Education Strategic Plan & Vision Report 2025-2030 - Jacob O'Dell  
Will be placed on CalAgEd.org
10. Raffle by South Coast Region
11. Adjourned at 11:30am

# Fourth General Session

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

8:00 am

**Chair:** Heather Thomas

**Secretary:** Judy Aschwanden

**Consultant:** Matt Patton

**Host:** Central Region

1. Call to order by Heather Thomas - 8:04am
2. Retiring Teachers Group A - Heather Thomas
  - David Lopes – Reedley College
  - Carlos Lopez – Reedley HS
  - Eric Dyer – Woodland
  - Jerry Delsol – Woodland
  - Don Dyer – El Capitan HS
3. Division Reports
  - a. [Secondary Division Meeting Report](#) - Stephanie Goeb
    - i. [Moved by Stephanie Goeb, applied second to approve the report as presented. Motion passed.](#)
  - b. [Post-Secondary Committee Report](#) - Jacob Vasquez
    - i. [Moved by Jacob Vasquez, applied second to approve the report as presented. Motion passed.](#)
  - c. [Operations Division Report](#) - Jordana Faria
    - i. [Curricular Code Website](#)
    - ii. [Curricular Code Approved Minutes](#)
    - iii. [Moved by Jordana Faria, applied second to approve the report as presented. Discussion ensued. Motion passed.](#)
4. Retiring Teacher Group B - Heather Thomas
  5. Sandy Lovfald – Eureka
  6. Paul Magill – Fowler
  7. Don Patrick – Mt Whitney
  8. Ron Sa – Reedley HS
  9. Tracy Putnam – Riverside – Norte Vista HS – (Tim Hivey)
10. CAL Delta Class of 2024 - Mark Reardon
11. Raffle - Central Region
12. Adjournment 10:30 am

# Fifth and Final General Session

Thursday, June 27, 2024

10:00 am

**Chair:** John Williams

**Secretary:** Judy Aschwanden

**Consultant:** Matt Patton

**Host:** Southern Region

1. Call to Order - John Williams 10 am
2. Announcement of Resolutions
3. Announcements of Division Candidates (Operations & Secondary)
4. State Officer Candidate Speeches
  - a. Instructions, announcements of voting procedures, speeches
  - b. Dave Gossman (Robin Grundmeyer), Sherri Johns (Celeste Morino), Theresa Noga (Sandy Dale), and Morgan Rourke (Jake Dunn).
5. Years of Service (15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40+)
6. Membership Goals - 32 entities met their membership goals - Winners were
7. CATIP Finishers (35) and Mentor Recognition - Jessi Cardoso
8. Runoff of State CATA Officer Candidates Announced - Theresa Noga and Morgan Rourke
9. Teachers of Teachers - Gene Lieb
  - a. Silver and Gold Award Recipients (8)
10. New Professionals - Sandy Dale
11. Idea Show & Farm Show Reports - Lindsay Cox and Mary Ann Maxfield
12. "Its a meaningful life" Mandy Garner
13. Election Results - Morgan Rourke announced as the State CATA Treasurer
14. Officer Installation
15. Adjournment at 11:46am  
Raffle - Southern Region

## Secondary Division General Meeting

The California Agriculture Teachers Association Secondary Committee meeting was called to order by Stephanie Goeb on Tuesday June 25th at 9:01 am. Committee overview and purpose was reviewed. Following the overview Mr. Mooney reviewed the State Conference survey. Major issues overviewed included; homeless population and police safety, keynote speakers and their ratings, Parking and the concern for next year, with the A's coming to Sacramento parking will be worse, the possibility of adding more workshops, food concerns, and tours issues

Following Mr. Mooney, Mrs. Hopper spoke about AIG funding and application. Topics covered included changes in AIG from last year, how baseline funding scores are set, why scores are released at the end of the year, and the purpose and goals of the upcoming AIG committee. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 am.

1. How did we get to this point on AIG application
  - a. 2016 discussion started that said money should be awarded based on actual evidence and not just checking a box. The goal is to incentivize.
  - b. They want teacher input, BUT it is controlled by State Staff, not CATA
2. What are the changes between last years application and last years application
  - a. Classroom- Graduation survey credit is only in one place now
  - b. Removed addition area that is not being used
  - c. Leadership- Local level activities set to 2 (was 1 but increased)
  - d. SAE- Assessments- Must have an overall assessment, grade and leave comments. Shared with students and parents via email on AET.
  - e. Program- Removal of Graduate surveys. Parity- students are making a joke out of it, having trouble matching up to the schools data system. Working on finding a way to make it better
    - i. Parity of involvement in the chapter events was kept.
    - ii. Program area has to have additional paperwork submitted to qualify.
    - iii. If students are at least 50% involved in 3 circles you do not qualify for that addition funding
  - f. Removing Pathway completers-can not have an intro class count as an intro class for multiple pathways.
3. How were the scores determined?
  - a. Its a moving target. Have to wait to find the average in the State. Once cut scores are released, the points change the next day due to people putting in data.
  - b. The goal is not to have every program funding on level B
  - c. The goal is to incentivize chapters to improve
  - d. Cut scores were determined by finding the state Mean and adding 10%
4. Why are cut scores released at the end of the year?
  - a. There is not enough data to creat the scores.
  - b. The numbers did increase, but not much
5. Why dont middle schools have their own application?



- a. The state will not allow two different applications for one funding source
- 6. Should multipliers even out?
  - a. Was set by areas of perceived weakness in the industry
  - b. This will be discussed and suggestions will be taken by the new AIG committee next year.
- 7. Why do SAE assessments multiplier so high?
  - a. To encourage more SAE assessments done
- 8. Why are we valuing SAE participation higher than FFA participation?
  - a. 50 for SAE, 2 events for FFA?
    - i. 50 hours adopted in 2017 by state staff to be considered an official SAE.
- 9. CATA committee for AIG can have 4 members- Middle School, Small Department, Medium Department, and Large Department.

Following Mrs. Williams update the meeting was adjourned at 9:44.

## In Service Committee Meeting:

Meeting Called to Order at 4:15 pm by Kaylyn Davenport

The overview of the committee and goals were reviewed.

The current PD Flowchart was reviewed. We went over how this committee's goal is to add more recommendations to the flow chart for more professional development ideas.

We split into groups per pathways to collaborate and come up with more PD opportunities.

Sandy Dale presented new ideas about new PD opportunities

- One Day PD Opportunities
- Travel PD's to various locations to make it easier for teachers
  - Other Ideas from the group
    - More Industry PD- training from industry partners
    - Trained to Trainers
    - "Pick a Pathway" Roadshows
    - Encouragement for teachers to receive their PD by taking single courses at local community colleges.
    - Encourage communication to see what other PD people would love to see or be offered through AgEd.
    - More Virtual PD/ Record live presenters at conferences.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57

## Student Affairs Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by committee chair Vernon Clark. Vernon introduced the CA FFA Leadership Development Coordinator- Jasmine Standridg. Jasmine gave an update on the FFA leadership conference continuum. Jasmine then opened the floor for suggestions and discussions to improve conferences. Discussion followed and Jasmine concluded the meeting by asking members to sign up for further discussion and suggestions on specific conferences. With no further discussion the committee adjourned at 4:56pm.



# Secondary Committee Report

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Submitted by Secondary Chair,  
Stephanie Goeb



# Secondary Division Meeting

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- Reviewed the purpose of the secondary division
- Mr. Mooney shared information on State FFA Convention in Sacramento and items to be aware of.
- Shay Williams-Hopper reviewed Ag Incentive Grant changes that were made this year, items that are on the list to be reviewed for the upcoming year, and that the AIG committee will be reconvening throughout this year to provide suggestions/recommendations to CA department of education. Each region will determine representatives, ideally in a small, medium and large department.

# In-Service Subcommittee- Kaylyn Davenport

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- Reviewed proposed professional development flow chart
- Created a list of pathway specific professional developments
- Sandy Dale presented alternative ideas to consider for professional development such as pick a pathway, virtual or recorded options, PD put on by industry partners, and even an option to earn PD by taking a class at a local community college.

# Student Affairs- Vernon Clark

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- Jasmine Standridge the CA FFA Leadership Development Coordinator was introduced.
- Jasmine gave an update on conference continuum. Discussion occurred on ways to improve conferences.
- Sign-ups went around for those interested in continuing to provide thoughts on improving specific conferences



# Operations Committee Report

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Submitted by Operations Chair,  
Jordana Faria





# Awards and Bylaws Committee

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- Pathway application was adjusted to include a minimum number of pages in order to encourage teachers to apply and not be intimidated by the 8 page maximum.
- Pathway and Program Awards should not reflect or include more than the past 5 years worth of data/information (added to align with NAAE)
- Resolution will be presented at Fall Regional Meetings to bring the Ideas Unlimited award from NAAE to California

# Professional Ethics Committee

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- Brainstorm session around 10 “best practices” or tips and tricks to increase professionalism within CATA
- Overall idea was to make reminders/an infographic to make it more visible to the profession
- No action was taken

# Budget and Audit Committee

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- 2023-2024 CATA Budget reviewed by committee members
- 2024-2025 CATA Budget reviewed and approved by committee
- Proposed CATA Executive Director Salary Schedule approved to add 5 additional steps to current salary schedule

# Curricular Code Committee - General Rules

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- The committee approved three proposals focused on reorganizing and clarifying general rules, with Proposal #1 by Matt Patton and Jack Havens, Proposal #2 by Mr. Parker, and Proposal #3 addressing specific procedural changes by Mr. Beard
- Amendments to the proposals included a change to the protest procedure time frame from 48 to 72 hours.
- A motion to approve the posting of preliminary results with no ability to protest was passed, ensuring timely and efficient contest outcomes

# Agriscience Fair

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- Adopted the naming and operations of the National FFA Agriscience Research SAE program
- The National FFA Agriscience Research SAE program resources will be adopted and released by National FFA in the Fall of 2024 and curricular code will be updated to reflect these program resources (rubrics, scorecards, templates, etc.)

# Agronomy

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- Scorecard adjusted to fit within judging card score cards
- Removed two reasons/judging classes, and grain grading
- Adjusted plant ID from 60 to 50 questions
- Cleaned up language around those changes

# Ag Mechanics Fair (Trial Contest)

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- Change \$750 declared value to \$500
- Change senior eligibility to June 30th
- Portfolio enhancements to include Resume, certification, etc.
- Include tools and equipment to enhance interview
- Recommended 2025 contest Friday June 13th

# Agricultural Pest Control

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- Total points changed for individuals and teams
- Scoring for the exam was updated
- Partial points were eliminated
- Wording was clarified in rules
- Added a sample scorecard



# Agricultural Sales

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- The top five coaches in the state will create a 200-question test bank for the written test portion of the contest.
- The bank will be altered every three years.
- Five questions relating to product will be created by sales representatives from the company who owns the product to be sold that year.

# Best Informed Greenhand

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- Broadened the scope of permissible test questions, citing current limitations
- Debate ensued over the annual turnover of leadership information and considerations for incorporating a percentage of repeated questions in future assessments

# Citrus

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- Updated Nursery Tree Scorecard to reflect current changes in industry

# El Credo de la FFA (Trial Contest)

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- Change the divisions to Azul (7th, 8th, 9th grades) and Oro (10th, 11th, 12th) to reflection Nationals
- Add the wording “Each contestant shall begin the presentation by stating “El Credo de la FFA por E.M. Tiffany”

# Floriculture

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- Design scorecard was changed to a scaled version to better match California Floral Certification and the National Floriculture Contest
- Teams advancing to round 2 (the design portion of the contest) will remain at 20

# Grapevine Judging

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- Adopted - updated terminology & reasons  
scorecard guideline/rubric

# Milk Quality and Dairy Foods

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- Contest name changed to “Milk Quality and Products” to align to National contest.
- 1 cheese removed (Romano) and language clarified
- Example of team data sheet updated to match parameters and language clarified in code

# Natural Resources Management

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- Proposal passed to double the scores of team portion areas from 100 to 200 points each.



# Nursery/Landscape

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- Time to complete Plant ID was extended from 45 minutes to 60 minutes
- Split the Judging and Reasons Rules to reflect the sub contest awards
- Plant ID was updated to reflect the California Certified Nursery Professionals ID List

# Parliamentary Procedure

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- The semifinal round seeding revised to reflect the preliminary round seeding of teams based off of test scores
- A member cannot make an additional motion that has already been used by another member in the same round
- A zoom meeting will be held with all contest coordinators, judges and coaches to outline the contest and invite questions regarding layout and scoring

# Prepared Public Speaking

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- Title page requirements and in text citations were changed
- Clarity and additional topics were added to “subjects”

# Small Engines

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- Scorecard changed to reflect changes to governor adjustment settings for 130G00 engines, torque specifications appendix addition and addition of a diagnostic method worksheet.
- Converting the tool list to be a digital resource
- Updated textbooks in curricular code for the theory test to include links to current editions.

# Veterinary Science

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- Descriptions of the Chicken and Duck Breeds were updated
- Student introductions added to practicum greeting
- Updated practicums to match the 2024 National Vet Science Handbook to be divided over 4 years

## Post Secondary Division Meeting Report (Monday/Tuesday)

**Attendance:** Please see Attendance List

### Minutes:

The Mid-Winter minutes have been posted on the CATA Post-Secondary [Page](#).

Tuesday Approval of minutes: Motion to approve: Lori Marchy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Desi M.

Voice Majority vote unanimous, Passed.

Action items:

### Monday, June 24 and Tuesday, June 25

- Welcome
- New teacher introductions
- Butte: Esther Kim, Bonnie Baxter, MJC: Katie Schmidig, Kyle Beaman, Michela Fringer, Joel Speeler Reedley: Trevor Autry, Lemoore: Grant Ermis, Tony Farao, Merced: Karl Montegue Coalinga: Samantha Schmidt.
- Midwinter summary: Nikki
  - Thank you to Butte College for a tremendous midwinter conference that provided opportunity to tours area industries, talk with the Industry professionals and associations that are reaching out to offer opportunities to our colleges and students.
- Next Generation Agriculture Worker: Carrie Peterson, Rachele Antinetti,
  - Rachele Speaker, (Carrie Petersen on behalf) – Special crops block grant 40 students enrolled in the internships program. Funds are available to industry. New Linkedag.com is the website tool that posts internship opportunities for all students. Ag Tec X events this year. Sign up with QR codes for questions
  - Rachele, Ag Council of CA – Grant ends in 2025.
  - Heidi Harris: Summary of accomplishments in Region 1 (north), Defining internships. Video of community event small farming and niche markets.
  - Rachele Antinetti, Founder, Amplivare Region 2; Summary of the year. MJC Student Industry Tours and classroom visits. Industry events hosted by MJC and partnerships. Student internship interviews. Collaboration with Stanislaus and with Delta College breaking bread with industry. Curriculum development survey QR code passed out.
  - Lydia Chan-Natney, Vista Consulting, Region 5: Southern moved into internships position at small to medium size operations. Exposure of food systems and collaborations with colleges and universities. Working with small operators.
- Ag Ambassadors Conference: Tommy Henderson and Freeman
  - Cal Poly (10/18-20/24)
    - Team workshops

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- Industry Connection event
  
- California Farm Bureau: Ryan Amaral: Farm show handouts and earlier email. Discussion Meet contest this year (November 18<sup>th</sup>). Open discussion meet is in December. Farm bureau membership available as well. National YF&R conference provides opportunities for students (March in Denver). Come by the booth!! Annual Meeting is in Monterrey.
  
- CATA Postsecondary budget: Charlie Abee
  - \$35,209.36 after midwinter \$37,644.42 income includes the charge of registration.
  
- CAL Competition: Kim Donaher
  - Summary – Reviewed budget of the events, 50 participants which was very low. College Bowl most popular and Job Interview came in second low participation. Career development events but change the day to some industry tours and a platform of the Dairy challenge.
  
- CATA Postsecondary website: Jacob Vazquez;
  - We have a landing page on CATA website.
  
- CCC Minimum qualifications: Desiree Molyneux
  - Any degree with professional experience is acceptable
    - Agriculture area – Requires a master We would like to change this requirement.
      - We can do this if it is of interest
        - Contact support of proposal with association to approve
        - Procedures could go through same process as others
        - Evidence of Master's degree in this area is limited and cannot reach this requirement
        - Would like a letter of support from the group and include minutes
        - People interested assisting (due sept 30<sup>th</sup>) Coalinga (Chris), Bakersfield (Lyndsey), Woodland (), Butte (Jacob), MJC (Lori), Merced (Nikki)
        - Concern is that if we remove the masters will this affect the science GE courses dealing with CALGETZ.
        - Move that coalition of colleges proceed with changing the degree from masters to any degree added.
        - "Form a coalition of colleges to proceed with changing the Agriculture area from a Masters minimum requirement to any degree plus experience"
        - Main, Nick Defteros

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris (Coalinga)
- Motion Passes with Majority.
  
- CATA Update: Matt Patton
  - Review of policies and proposals
    - AB 3110 – pre-apprenticeship funding
  - Cutbacks due to 5% decrease in state funding and most received at least a 5% salary increase which leads to a 10% deficit.
  - Please bring any issues dealing with policies let Matt know in order to not miss something. Reach out please.
  - Concern on the emissions issue on purchasing district vehicles and district interpretation on approval of purchases.
  
- UNR University Reports
  - University, Reno Trinna: Workshop tomorrow soil infiltration lab with tools and resources. Rangeland Ecology Degree program. Students out of Reno will be vetted and top 10 will have out of state tuition waived (\$200,000) must do senior intern and rotation in Utah from Utah State. Hybrid online certification qualify for rangeland program management specialist.
  - UC Davis: Lynne Martindale Looking for a Dean, Any students get to Joel
  - Chico State, Tommy Henderson Grant construction of New Center on the farm that includes retail store and conference room. Breaking ground next month. Fruit stand event. Field Day February 8<sup>th</sup>. 34 students' teachers coming out in fall. Developed three programs to connect students before they start
  - Fresno State, Sharon Freeman: Hiring freeze on positions but hope to have one open next year. Masters students graduated recently and now in outreach. They would love to come to your school. Call to schedule.
  
- Puerto Rico Pro Dev: Tommy Henderson
  - Professional development trip for teachers – 16 teachers in pilot program just got back a week ago. Toured their industries and a teacher exchange and saw the excited places. Cultural appreciation result. Max is 20 teachers for next year. \$2450 not with airfare. Shared pictures of trip.
  
- Nick Griffith, Porterville College: Plan to be more active in CATA with ag positions being hired.

**Post Secondary Committee Reports - All were by Majority Voice Vote**

**Affairs and Relations (Andrew Ornelas):** Professional development ideas for the high schools. Dual enrollment workshops and grant workshops. Advisory committee platforms to be more industry driven. Becoming a secondary educator. Survey of state conference schedule. Minimum quals discussion. Main: Rick 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote Approved

**Curriculum (Richard Chapman):** Discussion of motion from yesterday's meeting and motion to include ag tech under ag engineering. Vote was to approve. Discussion of FRG, Cal Getz requirements and items to consider moving forward. Main: Rick 2<sup>nd</sup> Limone Vote and report approved



**Inservice (Lindsay Ono):** Report on Midwinter in December at Bakersfield College. Flyers for hotel reservations to be reserved. Discussed possible tours. Promotion of midwinter conference attendance ideas were discussed in increased participation. Connection of non-CATA colleges. Funding for professional development activities needs to be researched. Sessions on resource share workshops during Midwinter. Engage the deans in these meetings with more participation to bridge the gap. MJC will be hosting 2025. Made a Motion: Create a mission statement for post-secondary CATA according to our objective. Request the vision committee or officers to create a mission statement for the group. Motion was passed. Main: Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tommy Vote and Report approved

**Main: Desi Second: Lindsay: Leadership team will develop a mission statement for the Post-Secondary Division to present at MidWinter for discussion and approval.**

**Student Activities (Lori Marchy):** Reaching out to missing colleges to find out why not attending. Incorporating the Cal competition with the Livestock show in March. Adding new contests and platforms. Secure funding for the events. Main and 2<sup>nd</sup> report approved'

### **Post-Secondary communication with the Secondary Group in terms of CATA meetings.**

Discussion on feelings about how regions should handle UC, CSU and CC updates. What is the balance in these updates where the group is feeling included but not obligated. There was historical perspective of the importance of being a part of the group. A possible option of online, video or in-person. An idea was to do a rotation that state college rotate and attend when state is in a closer local to be in-person. Example Cal Poly could do regional reports during state conference. Regional presidents should be encouraged to invite colleges and provide space and resource upload of information with the flexibility to present. Matt will be presenting to post governing board our thoughts.

**Main Motion: Tommy Hendersen: Moved to refer to a committee chair by a post secondary officer who will discuss ideas and action items regarding ways to connect to the Secondary Division.**  
2<sup>nd</sup> : Andrew Ornelas Majority Vote: Approved

### **Nominations for Post-Secondary Office**

Chris McKenna – Fresno State nominated

Nominations closed – Desi M., There's a second. Majority Vote Passed

Congratulations to Chris!!!

### **Retiree Recognition**

*Dave Lopes*

***President Recognition - Jacob Vasquez***

***John Schueber:*** Shared a concern about the CC advisory committee reinstatement and would like to be involved in the transition of new design and group. No one made in discussion on program review and hope that we don't lose that activity.

**Tommy Discussed the Industry Tour - Seven volunteered to go.**

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

## Discussion items:

### Summer Conference:

#### 1. Professional Development Ideas

- Dual Enrollment

Create a panel to cover all areas e.g. animal science, mechanics, business. Be able to answer and set expectations on what is expected from high school educators. How to prepare and set up future sessions to help Secondary educators.

- Grants

Workshops on grants that apply to post secondary schools

- Advisory Committee

Create a set basic format and expectations for committees. Set out plans to help individual service areas on how to find members for their local community. Who they should be looking for compared to just educators.

#### 2. Session

- Open session on educating Secondary Educators on how to become a Post Secondary instructor. How is it different from high school or how is it different from industry.

#### 3. Survey

- What do you need what do you want on sessions for Summer conference. How and what can we do to make Summer session for driven for Post Secondary.
- Splitting post secondary into two meetings since Summer Conference was so rushed, to ensure more clarity of the items.

#### 4. Policy

- What was the thought process on masters for agriculture education on to change or to leave alone. Why was that chosen to begin with. Look into finding the rational.

Richard Chapman, Chair, Post-Secondary Division Committee

Meeting began at 8:00 AM

Richard provided a recap of the curriculum committee meeting activities at Midwinter Institute. The committee had two meetings, one “pre-meeting” held immediately prior to Midwinter Institute, and a general curriculum committee meeting during the institute. The focus of the meetings was on reviewing curriculum and the new CalGETC GE pattern.

Moving into new business, Richard led a discussion on CalGETC.

At this point, Lemoine Waite (Shasta College) raised a concern regarding proposed changes to the minimum qualifications for the discipline of Agriculture. She expressed concern that such a change would lead to denial by CSUs and UCs of Agriculture GE courses. She also expressed concern that this would further weaken the standing of Ag Sci GE courses with respect to local campus STEM faculty, leading the agricultural science courses not viewed as science courses.

Desi Molyneux (Reedley College) raised concerns that the MS degree minimum qualification to teach Agriculture limited applicant pools for job listings and resulted in pay inequities. A discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of such a change. From the discussion, it became clear that there was not a consensus among committee members. The issue is complex, with many possible ramifications. Desi pointed out that the opportunity to propose changes to the minimum qualifications is a brief window of time that opens up once every several years and the window was open between now and the end of September. Members of the committee felt that more information, research, and clarity were needed on this issue before making a decision to change the minimum qualifications.

Lemoine suggested that part of the concerns could be addressed by adding Ag Technology to the Ag Production discipline. Shannon Cooper proposed a motion that At Technology be added as a subdiscipline within the Ag Production category in the Minimum Qualifications Handbook (after Aquaculture). This motion was seconded by Lemoine. After committee discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Nikki Maddux (Merced College) noted a related issue with regard to Ag Education (with an MS degree required as the minimum qualification). She noted that the Merced College HR department denied the application of an instructor with 20 years of experience teaching agriculture education due to a lack of an MS degree, yet this applicant would have been ideal for the position. Lemoine suggested that the equivalency committee can make exceptions in such cases. Further discussion indicated that is often not feasible at many colleges. ag ed teaching experience).

Jacob Vazquez (Butte College, Post-Secondary Division Chair) discussed how to proceed with the apparent conflict between the motion passed in this meeting and the motion approved in the general post-secondary division meeting held the day prior. It was decided that the process put in place by the motion from June 24<sup>th</sup> would continue, with the aim of further investigation and clarification regarding changing the minimum qualifications for agriculture. However, this process would be not taken in haste and allow time for input from all and careful consideration.

Richard then changed the topic to the transition to CalGETC. Lemoine pointed out that certain issues have come up in this regard. For example, to qualify for CalGETC, all biological science course will now need to have a college algebra pre-requisite requirement. Likewise, for soil science, chemistry will be a requirement.

Lemoine suggested to look at other colleges that have a course approved and see what they have for IGETC approval to make sure a revision has a high likelihood of approval.

The meeting discussed the CID course review, revision, and approval process.

Richard presented the pathway leads for CID courses. The FDRG committee oversees the review, revision, and approval of the CID courses. This committee is undergoing a change in membership. The committee should ideally include CC faculty from all regions in the state, include relevant industry representative, and include faculty from CSUs.

For FDRG committee access to the folders for each pathway, see the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/3x9639db>

After the new FDRG committee is formed, suggestions can be made. Requests for changes will be sent out to CC faculty. To consider possible revision of a CID, there needs to be a certain number of comments. The FDRG then reviews the comments to identify validity and appropriateness, sends the CID with proposed changes back out to CC faculty for a vote. This is a two-year process, after CID change, local courses will need to be changed to align with the new descriptors.

The discussion then turned to Assoc of Science for Transfer (AST) degrees. There needs to be conversations between CCs and CSU partners on ASTs. Concern was expressed that there are not sufficient CSU faculty for reviewing CID courses and ASTs.

The topic then turned to concerns regarding CC faculty involvement in this process. Lemoine, Jacob, and Shannon noted that some CC faculty are not invited or aware of CATA summer conference or mid-winter institute, yet they would benefit from involvement in these meetings. There needs to be some means of sharing these opportunities with relevant faculty. It was suggested that CC deans could be a point of contact for sharing information. Or perhaps a filter on the CATA emails that only allowed post-secondary division relevant emails.

Jacob noted that there are dual-enrollment changes are in the works. If a high school requests dual enrollment and the closest CC denies that request or does not have the requested class, then the high school can ask an adjacent CC to offer the course. Also, asynchronous courses can now be used as dual-enrollment courses.

The committee briefly discussed the chair of the committee for the coming year and recommended that Richard continue serving in this capacity. The committee approved the continued service of Richard as chair, which he accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM

Student Activities Committee

Summer Conference 6/25/24

8:10AM

Minutes:

- No corrections to the minutes
- 1<sup>st</sup> Trevor Autry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sherri Freeman

Old Business/New Business

CAL Conference

- Will be held February 28, 2025
  - Add "NACTA" contests – Ag ed (max 4), quiz bowl & new team-style contest.
  - Information to be posted by October (tentative)
- Time conflict, discussion on when it will be held.
  - Possibility of holding it on same weekend as collegiate livestock show.
- Finding ways to change CAL to make it easier for students to prepare – possibly altering contests to make more realistic.
- Why are some colleges no longer coming?
  - Barriers for entry – cost, location, etc.
  - Defining outcome for student contests - what is the purpose?
- Toni F. will look into funding sources.

Ag Ambassador Conference

- CSU Fresno to host Fall of 2025 (switch with UC Davis). Davis to host fall '26. Katie T will get back to Lori to verify.
- Incorporate impromptu contest into ag ambassador, in addition to job interview.

Motion: 2025 CAL Contest to be altered and held on February 28<sup>th</sup> prior to the CA Collegiate Livestock Show. Preliminary findings will be brought to Ag Ambassador conference in October for discussion.

- Tim T. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Trevor A. 2<sup>nd</sup>

CA Farm Bureau Discussion Meet

November 16, 2024 at MJC.

Adjourned 9:17AM.

## CATA Post-Secondary Division Minutes

### Post-Secondary - In-Service Committee Agenda

June 25, 2024 CATA Summer Conference 2024 Start time: 8:06

Welcome: Lindsay Ono, Bakersfield College (Appointed committee chair)

Attendance: Rick Witsell, Butte; Howard Lewis, CRC; Charlie Abee, COS; Tim Brown, MJC; Joel Speiller, MJC; Kim Pitigliano, COS; Adolfo Briseno, Bakersfield; Larry Dinis, Reedley; Nick Deftereos, Reedley; Lindsay Ono, Bakersfield.

#### Approval of Mid-Winter 2023 Minutes:

1. Motion to approve Midwinter 2023 Minutes  
Mid-Winter In-Service Committee Minutes

#### Motion to approve Midwinter 2023 Minutes

Mid-Winter In-Service Committee Minutes

Motion made by: Nick Deftereos second: Howard Lewis Pass  Fail

#### Mid-Winter 2023 Review

Lindsay thanked Butte College for terrific Mid-Winter Conference. It was a great event.

#### In-Service Committee Past Business:

1. Summer CATA Conference
  - a. Industry tours on Tuesday afternoon. -  
Done. Farm Tour in Los Osos
2. Have work committee meetings on Tuesday mornings  
Done. Meeting Tuesday @ 8:00AM
3. Question of if the Joint meeting is really a joint meeting and do we get anything out of it? Secondary and post-secondary don't have a lot in common with the larger meetings.
4. We need to look at different funding sources for our conferences and meetings
  - a. Industry/grant sponsorships  
Using our Advisory boards to help fund is a source but we need to be careful not to take away from their funding to our individual colleges.
5. Discussion on how we get more colleges here to the conferences?
  - a. Is it money?  
It may be the cost of dues plus the registration cost that may deter some from registering for Mid-Winter.

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- b. What was the cost breakdown for Mid-Winter?  
Registration income: \$13,925.00 Expenses: \$11,639.74 Profit: \$2,285.26
  - c. Date of the event?  
Any date will be inconvenient for someone. Changing dates may not increase attendance.
  - d. Outreach to the colleges that don't normally attend.
    - i. Notification timing?  
Improve on early informational emails.  
Also send to the non CATA member colleges and faculty. Target Deans in the Ag disciplines.  
Add a Landing page at the CATA registration site.  
Create a call sheet for members to contact other faculty and other colleges that don't attend.
6. Making them more purposeful to those colleges
- a. Include them as speakers for share out of great things happening at their college
    - i. Beg, Borrow or Steal?
    - ii. Classroom round table discussion on how do you teach this?  
Discussion on the best ideas for lessons and labs.
  - b. Research tours?
    - i. See what Cal Poly Faculty are doing in their research projects.
    - ii. Visit industry and learn about their research/cutting edge projects.
  - c. Deans and industry meeting on Thursday night to review industry needs related to education.

### Mid-Winter 2024

- 1. Bakersfield – December 5-7 2024
  - a. Bakersfield College campus
  - b. Double Tree Hotel – See the QR Code handout.
  - c. Dinner Temblor Brewery
  - d. Tours are being finalized. We discussed many options for tour locations.  
We want to keep things within a reasonable driving distance/time.  
Please encourage colleges with vans to drive the tours.

### Midwinter Institute locations

- 1. Modesto – 2025
- 2. COS – 2026
- 3. Southern? – 2027  
We discussed the following location possibilities: College of the Desert, Mt. SAC, Victor Valley, LA Pierce. We need to contact them about the possibility of hosting.
- 4. Hartnell College – 2028  
Note: Hartnell College/Monterey may be a back up for 2027 is we can't find a southern location.



## CATA Post-Secondary Division Minutes

### **In-Service Chair Selection** for 2025

In-Service Chair Selection (Modesto Junior College)

**Motion:** Nomination of Tim Brown, MJC as the new In-Service Chair.

Motion made by: Nick Deftereos      second: Howard Lewis      Pass X Fail\_\_

### **New Business**

- Off season tours of Ag sites

Is it possible to have industry tours outside of our normal events to draw more interest in CATA events.

### **Create a Mission Statement**

Create a mission statement for Post-secondary CATA in relationship to Mid-Winter

- To create interest and participation, directed toward deans and faculty
- Include the benefits of CATA - Networking, curriculum, industry contacts, jobs

**Motion:** Request the vision committee members or Post-secondary officers to create a mission statement.

Motion made by: Howard Lewis      second: Nick Brown      Pass X Fail\_\_

Motion passed.

See you In Bakersfield

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25AM

## Post Secondary Division Meeting Report

The Postsecondary division held our first division meeting on Monday afternoon. The meeting featured guest speakers from the Ag Council of California and the California Farm Bureau. We welcomed new faculty members, heard university updates, and provided various updates on division business, such as a budget update and recaps of recent events. We also discussed changes to the California Community College Chancellor's Office minimum qualifications document, and a motion was passed to have a coalition of colleges work on these changes.

Our four committees met on Tuesday morning and reported their discussions at our Tuesday luncheon. Highlights from the committees include the charge to develop a mission statement for the postsecondary level, continued refinement and modifications to the minimum qualifications document, the establishment of our spring student speaking competitions, and insights from Bakersfield College regarding their preparations to host this year's Midwinter conference. The luncheon also included a legislative update from Matt. Additionally, a motion was passed to form a committee to determine the role colleges and universities should play in CATA regional meetings. Chris McKenna from Fresno State was elected as the CATA Postsecondary secretary, and Dave Lopes was recognized as our retiree.

Madam chair, I move to approve this division report as read.

# Central Region CATA 2024 Summer Regional Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:15 am

PAC MIOSSI HALL

- **Welcome** Travis Cardoso
  - Introduction of Guests / New Teachers/ Student Teachers
    - By section
  - Staff Changes / Job Openings
  - State CATA Officer Candidate(s) - Introduction
  
- **Informational Items**
  - Approval of Minutes from Spring 2024 Courtney Dafhoff 1st and Jessi Cardoso 2nd
  - Directory Update (provided by CATA)
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Membership Update/Goals All sections have met their goals!!!
  
- **Announcements**
  - Curricular Code Updates/Mtgs - Tuesday @9AM and 12 pm Travis Cardoso
  - Section Presidents Meeting - Tuesday 3-3:50PM
  - Sports Sign up Natalie Borba
  - 30 Minute Awards, Proxy Voting Forms (Approved)
  - Credit for Conference and Skills
  - Retiring Teachers
  - Years of Service (15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40+)
  - Conference Committee Representative Assignment(s) Natalie Borba
  - Door Prize Reminder: Travis Cardoso
    - General Meeting - Thursday (Bring to Regional Meeting) - Sectional Presidents
    - Regional Meeting - Door prize (Thursday @ 8:15 am) - Schools
  - CATA Scholarship Auction Items Heather Nolan
  - CATIP - Eric will be taking leave and Sarah Ronayne will be replacing Eric Dyer
  
- **Reports:**
  - Fall 2024 Regional Mtg Update 11/22-11/23 @Great Wolf Lodge Natalie Borba
  
  - Adult FFA Board Jason Bretz and Sam Meridth
    - License Plates lost 1500 plates and \$44,000 loss. The FFA foundation wrote a check to help cover the difference.
    - FFA is probably one of the cheapest State Conference
    - State Conference is between Fresno or Ontario
    - Budget is in the black which is great news.
    - Planning a centennial celebration for State Conference reach out to JessaLee Goering
    - Registration will be under \$200.00 per member. Should be similar to last year.
  
  - Pre-Conference Governing Board Travis Cardoso
    - Out of rotation curricular code will be opening up out of rotation. Ag Pest, Agriscience, Agronomy, BIG, Citrus, Grapevine, Parli Pro,

Central Region Outstanding Teacher Award Review/Adoption Travis Cardoso  
Coming out at the beginning of the school year you must be a paid member.

College Reports- Natalie contact schools (in region) - UC Davis, Woodland College, Cosumnes River College, San Joaquin Delta College, Modesto Junior College, Merced College.  
(Out of region) - Chico State, Stanislaus State, Fresno State, Cal Poly SLO, Cal Poly Pomona

Adjourn 11:01

# Central Region CATA 2024 Summer Regional Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 27th - 8:15 am - 9:45 am  
PAC MOSSI HALL

**Welcome** Travis Cardoso

**Informational Items** Travis Cardoso

- Operations Division Candidate Introductions
- State Officer Candidate Introductions
- Conference Voting
- Conference Evaluations
- AIG Committee Member Announcement
  - Darian Codog            Middle
  - Stacy Ingalls            Small
  - Tammy Burris            Medium
  - Brittney Thompson    Large

**Reports:**

FFA Advisory Committee Matthew Bongiovanni/Sherry Johns

- Sherry Johns is stepping down
  - It was moved and approved To improve meetings for chairs, committee members, and advisors.
  - Social Media making sure more recognition is put out and a professional photographer to improve marketing.
  - Middle school leadership conference development in the works.
  - Keep up with filling out surveys for the State conference to make improvements. They do take those suggestions into account when planning future conferences.
  - July 9th Hotels will open for the State Conference.
  - GLC opens July 31
  - MFE opens Nov 1st
  - Nominations to replace Sherry Johns
    - Kim Mesa
    - Becky Freeman
    - Calley Norton
- Kim Mesa was voted in this position.

Regional Supervisor Report Jill Sperling

- Read your emails
- AIG
  - Print your reports before June 30th
  - Follow the items sent in emails about the application
- State degrees submitted in AET by date and at the Fall sectional meeting nominate 5 people from each section to help score in January. One of those 5 will be the lead, that individual will take questionable apps and review those after the rest of the scoring has finished.

- Prof awards have added more award areas. We are going to need help scoring those.
- Agriscience Fair, lots of changes pushed by National contest
- American Degrees cleaner than they have been before. Please go in if you have an American Degree and pull the kids app and look at community service and create your own cheat sheet of national approved events.

CATA Committee Reports  
Secondary Division  
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Student Activities  
Operations Division  
Professional Ethics  
Budget & Audit  
Nominations/Awards/Bylaws  
Post-Secondary Division

Natalie Borba

Central Region Awards  
Teacher of Teachers  
30 Minute Club

Travis Cardoso

- **Installation of 2024-2025 Central Region CATA Officers**  
Shelby Fishman– Incoming Treasurer  
Travis Cardoso-Will be removed from the bank account
- Travis Cardoso

Motion to approve 1st Jason Bretts 2nd Brian Mortonson

- **Raffle**
- Natalie Borba

Adjourn 9:40 am

**North Coast CATA Regional Meeting**  
**Monday, June 24th & Thursday, June 27th, 2024**  
**Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo - Building 14, Room 249**

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**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

- a. President Heidi Mickelson  
i. *Welcome & Celebrations*

**B. Regional Officer Reports**

- a. Vice President Jessica Hobbs  
i. *Introduction of new teachers, student teachers, special guests*  
ii. *Arcata, Anderson Valley, Cloverdale, Livermore, Vacaville, St. Helena, Analy, Tamales, Ferndale, Kelseyville*
- b. Secretary Cara Parlato  
i. *Approval of thomales, e minutes & correspon dence*  
ii. [Spring Meeting - March 6th](#)  
1. *Beth Swella - 1st / Jake Dunn 2nd*
- c. Treasurer Jen Murphy  
i. *Account Balances - Report Jake 1st /Gayle 2nd*  
1. *Current \$14,423.68*  
a. *After banquet costs and regional reimbursements that occurred.*  
ii. *Fall 2024 Meeting - vote on treasurer signature and*  
iii. *Reimbursements*  
1. *Cara Parlato - \$64.64*  
a. *1st Kelly Miller / 2nd Sandy Lovfald*  
2. *Sandy Dale - Breakfast - \$979.62*  
3. *Heidi Mickelson - \$389.68 (pizza, tape & light supplies)*  
4. *Theresa Noga - gold car \$69.00*  
5. *Robin - \$80 - (decorations)*  
6. *Emily Lokka - \$190.82 (raffle supplies)*  
7. *Wesley Hunt - \$400 (programs)*  
8. *Humboldt/Del Norte Section - \$326.25 (flowers)*  
9. *Erika Boomer - \$686.92 (trivia printing)*  
10. *\$40 tote budget for supplies for region*  
11. *Moved to reimburse all above expenses: Bridgette 1st - Tyler 2nd*  
iv. *Banquet*  
1. *Dutch Lottery - \$7,460*  
2. *Robin moved to donate \$1,000 for Randy Mendez from banquet income Kara 2nd*  
v. [Paid Membership as of 6/22](#)  
vi. *Membership Goals*  
1. *Alameda -Solano: Met*  
2. *Humboldt: Met*  
3. *Mendo -Lake: Met*  
4. *Sonoma: Not Met (by 2 😞)*  
5. *At Large: Met*

6. NC Region: Met

- d. Reporter Alexa Alexandre  
i. *Section Updates*  
1. *Emailed Google Doc - please complete*

**C. Conference Sign Ups, Updates, & Action Items**

- a. CATA Activities & Awards Sign Ups
- i. Sports - Sign Up After meeting
    1. Pay for registration - Jake 1st / Wesley 2nd
  - ii. Years of Service
  - iii. 30 Minute Club - Sign Up after meeting
    1. Anyone who has promoted or given any agriculture education support outside the state of California for 30 min. or more.
- b. CATA Resolutions
- i. At least one meeting of the organization as a whole shall be held each summer at the same time and place as the annual conference of agricultural teachers called by the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education and ~~the Specialist Agriculture/Natural Resources of California Community Colleges~~ the CATA Executive Committee.
    1. CATA Governing Board Recommends: ***DO PASS***
  - ii. At least one meeting of the organization as a whole shall be held each summer at the same time and place as the annual conference of agricultural teachers called by the State Supervisor of Agricultural Education and ~~the Specialist Agriculture/Natural Resources of California Community Colleges~~ CATA Executive Committee.
    1. CATA Governing Board Recommends: ***DO NOT PASS***
- c. Operations & Secondary Divisions Committee Meetings:
- i. The Secondary Division Meeting is solely informational (45 min.) - they will be taking questions throughout (digitally) to be answered at a later date.
    1. Or Scan the QR code to submit your questions
    2. This is where you ask questions regarding AIG, State FFA Convention, and Professionalism.

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

- ii. Budget & Audit (10 -231)
  1. Danelia, Felicia
  2. Salary Schedule 15 years of service for Executive Director
  3. \$10,000 put into reserves, less than normal because of costs from NAAE Region 1 conference (housing contract fine \$50,000)
  4. Next Year - Carrie Brown salary increase
  5. Sandy Dale - ED position needs to be looked at staffing wise, as we grow staff needs more support, audit was canceled (bring to Governing Board - Heidi)
- iii. Inservice (10-206)
  1. Sandy Dale, Cara Parlato
  2. Flowchart of PD options
  3. Created list of opportunities based on pathways
  4. Lots of good and relevant PD coming our way



- iv. Nominations/Bylaws/Awards (10-227)
  - 1. Angelica, Tyler
  - 2. Pathway Awards - increase requested 13 to 19 this year
  - 3. Length of application changed to 2 page min and 4 max
  - 4. NAAE awards - 5 year resume
  - 5. Ideas Unlimited being looked into
- v. Professional Ethics (10-223)
  - 1. Amanda, Wesley
  - 2. Code of Conduct for teaching and being a CDE coach
  - 3. As teachers please review Code of Conducts on website
- vi. Student Activities (10-225)
  - 1. Kayla, Amber
  - 2. ALA Curriculum currently being worked on - if you have suggestions reach out to Jasmin
  - 3. Constant updates on curriculum as years go by

Tuesday @7:45 am

- vii. Curricular Code - General Rules (180-101)
  - 1. Courtney King, Lindsey S.
  - 2. Language clean up
  - 3. If you have opinions and suggestions please step up
  
- d. Retiring Teachers: - Wednesday Morning Session
  - 1. Sandy Lovfald is being recognized!
  
- e. Conference Schedule Changes:
  - 1. Check the guidebook app - there are mistakes in the printed book.
  
- f. Sectional Presidents' Meeting (current & past)
  - i. Tuesday 3:00 (10-225)
  
- g. New Teacher Recognition
  - i. All new teachers report behind the stage at 9:45 am on Tuesday to be recognized on stage. You'll meet with Matt Patton.
  
- h. CDEs Updates from CDE
  - i. On Probation: Fruit Tree Pruning
    - 1. Only 4 teams at state finals. Less than 5 teams then contest goes on probation.
  - ii. Food Science is back!
  - iii. State Conference Site 2026-2027: Committee to review will meet in the next 30-60 days and they will have a decision after that.
    - 1. Kim Arntz: Visiting Fresno (confirmed July visit) & Ontario (potential visit)
  - iv. LDE State Finals 2025: in Sacramento prior to State Conference
  - v. Proficiency Changes: 70 areas (sheep is split!)
  
- i. CATA Voting
  - i. ALL voting will happen at the Thursday Session. Paid Members will receive a link in their email to vote on the spot.
    - 1. Sandy Dale reminded us that Teresa Noga is running for state office. It is important for us to be represented as a region.

2. State Officer & Secondary Division (Boyer, Joshua Muscat) candidates spoke as to why they are running on both Monday (Theresa Noga & Dave Gossman) & Thursday (Sherry Johns & Morgan Rourke)
- j. Curricular Code Meetings
- i. General Rules Meeting - Tuesday at 8:00am
  - ii. Rotation #1 - Tuesday at 9:00am
    1. Agriculture Mechanics Fair- 22-212
    2. Agriculture Sales - 10-223
    3. El Credo de La FFA - 22-315
    4. Floriculture - 22-211
    5. Milk Quality & Dairy Foods - 180-101
    6. Natural Resource Management - 10-225
    7. Nursery Landscape - 10-231
    8. Prepared Public Speaking - 10-222
    9. Small Engines - 10-226
    10. Veterinary Science - 10-227
    11. Grapevine Judging
  - iii. Rotation #2 - Tuesday at 12:00pm
    1. Agriculture Pest Control
    2. Agriscience Fair
      - a. Looking at National changes and how will be able to align with them.
    3. Agronomy
    4. Best Informed Greenhand
      - a. Looking into where questions are actually coming from.
    5. Citrus Judging
    6. Floriculture
    7. Parliamentary Procedure and Debate
- k. All Meeting Minutes can be found in this [Shared Drive](#)

#### D. New Business

- a. Banquet 2024: “24 Carat Gold”
  - i. Co Chairs: **Robyn Payne & Kelly Miller**
  - ii. Make sure Dutch Lottery items are presented nicely and ready to go. Items need to be there by set up.
  - iii. QR Code will be available for PD during set up.
  - iv. Reach out to Hannah if you have supplies that you’d like her to handle before set up.
  - v. Table reservations close tonight at 10:00pm on Judging Card.
  - vi. Sign Ups Needed:
    1. Set-Up - After the Morning Session on Wednesday (10:00am)
    2. Clean Up
      - a. Everything we bring in needs to be taken out.
      - b. Early crew starts when music starts. Work from the back to front.
    3. Raffle Ticket Sales
      - a. Venmo, Cash, and Credit
      - b. Shifts - 26 tickets for \$20 (sheets)
    4. Trivia Table
      - a. First 50 to complete the sheet get a bottle of wine.

- b. Does Madonna staff open wine or do we need to?
  - 5. Check In
  - 6. Mob Dance?
  
  - b. Burrito Orders for Thursday's Meeting Sandy
    - i. Email for sign ups coming your way.
    - ii. Regions Pays for Burritos/breakfast: Tyler 1st / Gayle 2nd
  - c. Pizza provided by region (\$300 max) - Jake 1st / Hannah 2nd
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## E. Conference Sign Ups, Updates, & Action Items (Continued)

- a. NC FFA Advisory Committee Nominations & Elections - *Amber's Seat*
  - i. Board that makes FFA recommendations (3 year term)
  - ii. Lindsay - Alexa 1st / Sandy Dale 2nd
  - iii. Gayle Moved to close nominations / Jen Murphy 2nd
  
- b. Adult Board Nominations & Elections - *Noga's Seat*
  - i. Theresa - 1st Lindsay / 2nd Kelley Case-Brackett
  - ii. Jessica Hobbs 1st- Hannah 2nd moved to close nominations
  - iii. Sanday Dale moved / Theresa 2nd to make Wesley Randy's substitute if needed
  
- c. NC Regional Officer Nominations & Elections
  - i. Reporter Position - 5 year rotation
    - 1. Jake Dunn - Wesley 1st, Alissa Sarvinski 2nd
    - 2. Amber Grabel - Hannah Lovfald 1st, Kelly Case-Brackett 2nd
    - 3. Kelly Miller - Cara Parlato 1st, Hannah Lovfald 2nd
  
- d. Ag Incentive Grant Committee (would like it to be representative of our different program sizes)
  - i. Westly suggested each group size zoom ahead of time with the chair so all voices are heard.
  - ii. Middle - Beth (Westly 1st, Gale 2nd)
  - iii. Single - Kayla (Wesly 1st, Sandy 2nd) Jessica (Jessica 1st, Kelly 2nd)
  - iv. 2-3- Westly (Alissa Sarvinski 1st, Amber 2nd), Sofie (Marcus 1st, Tyler 2nd), Angelica (Angelica 1st, Cara 2nd)
  - v. 4+ - Alexa (Lindsay 1st, Sandy Dale 2nd) Donelle (Donelle 1st - Tyler 2nd)
  - vi. Closed Nominations (Gale 1st / Kayla 2nd)

## F. State Reports & Updates

- a. CATA Executive Report Matt Patton
- b. CDE Report Charles Parker
- c. Regional Supervisor Report JessaLee Goering
  - i. Calendars have been emailed out. Google active and on AET.
  - ii. 9 students applied for National delegates July 1st
  - iii. 5 NRC teachers participating in Delta
  - iv. Sectional Officers run workshop at sectional leadership nights
    - 1. Ice Breaker/Leadership activity - 20 minutes long
- d. State CATA Officer Judy Aschwanden

- i. Thank you for our grace and patience as we navigate through the conference (first time without Kerry).
    - ii. Please fill out surveys and feedback on the conference.
  - e. NCAP Grant Update Sandy Dale & Heidi Mickelson
    - i. No Report
  - f. FFA Adult Board Randy Mendes & Theresa Noga
    - i. Moved money around to reserves for audio visual state conference purposes, 100 year celebration.
    - ii. Prices for students will not go up for registration.
    - iii. Food costs going up for state candidates and others directly involved.
    - iv. Hope to return to Sacramento for 100th year state conference.
    - v. Pay scale increase for CATA executive director. Added up to 15 years.
    - vi. Theresa Noga explained that lots of advocacy from Adult Board for unique places for students to explore and see things.
      - 1. Ontario having construction, could prevent us from choosing site.
      - 2. Sacramento safety conversation took place. Cameras in place downtown and police presence.
    - vii. Fresno - No Hotel stay zone option, safety concerns
    - viii. Jessica Hobbs moved to choose Ontario as our preference location - July 2nd
      - 1. Discussion for Fresno was discussed
      - 2. Hotels need to be looked at in surrounding areas (Clovis)
      - 3. Agriculture opportunities discussed for both locations
      - 4. 36 For - 10 Opposed / Motion Passed
    - ix. Contract vetted through Adult Board
  - g. FFA Advisory Committee Kim Arntz & Amber Grable
    - i. Sunday, June 23rd
    - ii. Amazon Storefront for Official Dress
    - iii. State Conference (same report during Secondary division)
      - 1. Fresno & Ontario state conference site options.
        - a. Committee visiting, two adult board members, no one from North Coast at this time.
        - b. JessaLee said she would be happy to advocate for us if we have a preference as a Region.
      - 2. Stronger more in depth training for committee members
      - 3. Proficiency Bios removed from award ceremonies, go back to proficiency dinner to honor students.
      - 4. Courtesy Core - prevent students from staying on concourse during session, less walking around during speakers (similar to pro sports games)
      - 5. State working on Discovery curriculum so it doesn't overlap with Greenhand.
  - h. CATIP Update Kelley Case Brackett
    - i. Reach out if you are a new teacher or are going to have one at your site.
  - i. CATA Executive Officer Candidate Teresa Noga  
Sherry Johns
  - j. College Updates
    - i. Jessica Toombs - CSU, Chico (Monday)
      - 1. See attached [newsletter](#).
      - 2. Chico State Field Day - February 8th

### 3. Alumni Social Monday at Veterans Hall

- ii. Kyle Shamp - College of the Redwoods
  - 1. \$150-\$180k invested in Welding Program
  - 2. Intern program has increased
  - 3. Welding dept. has 3 interns.
  - 4. Forestry program has received accreditation by the society of national foresters (1 of 2 community colleges with this).
  - 5. 36 acre farm - looking for a full time agriculture instructor, position will be posted soon

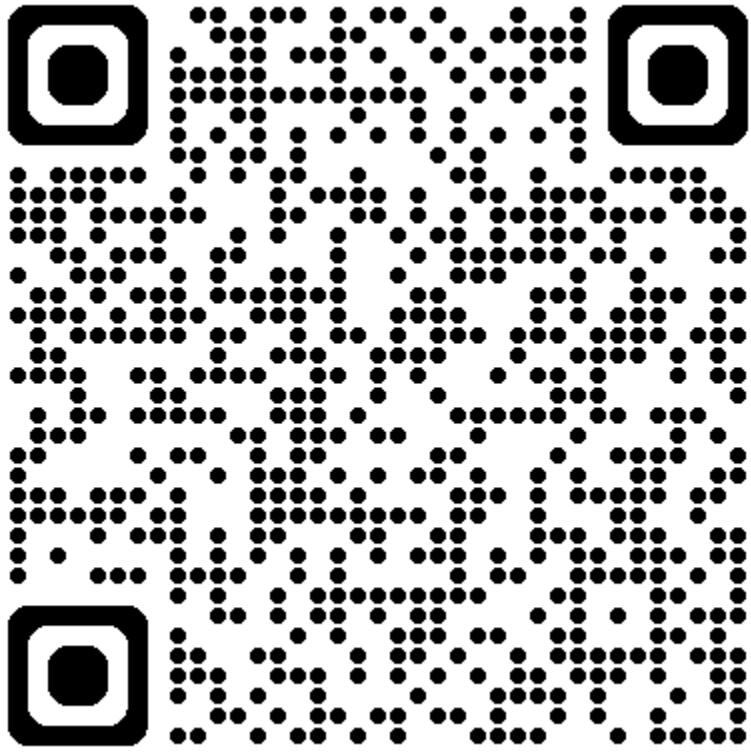
### G. Other

- a. Awards
  - i. 30 Minute Club
    - 1. Karen Jones, Amber Grabel, Emily Lokka, Beth Swelha, Wesley Hunt, Kim Arntz, Lindsay Kliner, Hannah Lovfald, Cara Parlato
- b. Upcoming Dates
  - i. July 15 - Ag Incentive Grant Due
  - ii. July 22- 25, Fortuna - Delta Conference
  - iii. September 12 - Redwood Region Resource Rally
  - iv. September 20-21 - COLC
  - v. October 22-40 - National Convention
  - vi. November 21-22 - NCR Roadshow

### H. Adjourn

- a. Alexys Bautista 1st / Westley Hunt 2nd

**Secondary Division GENERAL Meeting: AIG Question Submissions**



CATA Summer Conference 2024  
San Joaquin Region Meeting

Monday, June 24th 2024

The Meeting was called to order by **James Corbett** at 10:18am in the Spanos Theatre. We Began by allowing the candidates running for division chairs and State CATA office to introduce themselves.

The Minutes from the Spring Regional Meeting were presented by **Jennifer Knight** a motion to approve the minutes was made by John Williams and seconded by Tonya Love. The motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Financial Report was presented by **Courtney Castle**. The motion to approve was made by Amber Carter and seconded by **Katelyn Smith** and was passed by a majority voice vote. Courtney proposed to host a winners toast for the Region winners at CATA Banquet, A motion was made by **Mike Mederos** and seconded by **Vernon Clark**. The Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

**James Corbett** presented the AIG Questions survey, and also mentioned that **Brian Donovan's** term will be ending for the FFA Adult Board and elections will be happening on Thursday.

Herd Book Directions were provided to the group, and **Courtney Castle** enlisted volunteers to help hand out raffle tickets for Thursday's Sessions (Regional mtg and General Session).

**James Corbett** discussed the resolution that we will consider calling the conference to order. There are two articles that address the same issue. So one is recommended for a DO PASS and the other is a DO NOT Pass. We recommend passing the one that says the State Supervisor, this helps link the CATA State Conference to the State Department of Education.

Candidates and Division Chair votes will take place on Thursday.

**Shay Williams Hopper** gave the Regional Supervisors Report. She introduced the new teachers to the Region. Reminders were given about the AIG Grant, and new award application updates.

**James Corbett** Asked the members about the AIG Advisory Board. We would like to send four representatives so we can include the middle school . **Adrienne**... Made a motion and it was seconded by **Natalie Schuessler**. The motion passed voice vote unanimously. Programs wissing to serve on the advisory committee can send a request to Julie Luxon at Madera South.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:13am by **James Corbett**

## Thursday, June 27th 2024 SJR Meeting Day 2

The meeting was called to order by **James Corbett** at 8:15am, **Kelsey DeJong** gave the invocation. **George Salas** lead the pledge of allegiance.

**Julie Luxon** gave a report on the AIG Committee formation task, we will create smaller sub committees and collect info on zoom meetings, then the Region Rep will take those concerns back to the State Wide Meetings.

FFA Advisory Report- **Julie Luxon & Vernon Clark**- GLC July 31st on Judging Card. SLE Advisors need to make sure students get to their hotel. Dates on conferences will stay the same due to contracts. State Conference Hotels open July 9th. Will start restricting movement of students at State Conference during certain sessions. 26-27 Bids for State Conference Fresno & Ontario. **Shay Williams Hopper** Provided some additional info about what the bid process looks like and what each city has to offer in terms of facilities. During Delegate Session, STAR awards were discussed and people wanted to see the rubrics for how those are scored. **Toby Sheehan** asked if we can try and request cities include parking as part of the conference fees. **Shay Willaims Hopper** commented that many parking lots are independently owned, especially in Sacramento, so that can be challenging. In Ontario, parking should be able to be included. Delegate business sessions, kids that are going to be committee chairs need to have a template to know what to do to run their committee meetings.

FFA Adult Board Report- **Clay Freeman and Brian Donovan** began their report by explaining the role of this committee. 2024 State Conference was under budget, Golden 1 is less expensive because they have a lot of the infrastructure needed for running the conference. Saving is beginning for the 2028 conference because it is the centennial conference. GLC attendance was slightly down, where other conferences went up. ROLC does not have a revenue source, and the State's responsibilities at National Convention. CAL Ag Plates are down 1,500 units. Revenue was about \$185,000 and this goes to offset costs. FCCLA (Home Economics CTSO) we manage their fiscal stuff. They pay us for this and this allows us to have a staff member, but they are shopping for another entity, they are unlikely to find someone else. SLC will see a \$10 increase in registration increase, registration price will be around \$275 per kid.

**James Corbett** asked for nominations for the FFA Adult Board to fill Brian Donovan's term out. **Amanda Ferguson** nominated **Brian Donovan**. A vote was taken and passed with a voice vote to re-elect **Brian Donovan** for another 3 year term on the FFA Adult Board.

FFA Foundation Report was given by **Kristi Mattes** the foundation has been successful to raise lots of funds. Costs will stay the same for most conferences due to Boswell funds. Looking for people that want to support on a State Wide level. There are four seats open on the Foundation Board to find past members working in the Ag Industry. Please send names to Kristi or Katie Otto.



**Julie Luxon** shared the award nomination info with the group and the new deadline of September 2nd (Labor Day)

Community College Reports were given by COS, Reedley, Lemoore College, Coalinga College, Fresno State, Chico State, Cal Poly.

Celebrations were read from sports and the awards banquet SJR won bowling for the 23rd straight year!! SJR #2 was second.. Anna Allen- 1st Place Champion Shooter.

**Kingsburg**- Outstanding 2-3 Person Department

**Fresno State Mechanized Ag**- Outstanding 1-3 Person Post Secondary Program, **Amber Carter**- Ag Business Pathway Teacher, **Keyv Mendes**- Ag Science Pathway Teacher, **Dave Lopes**- Animal Science Pathway Teacher, **Amanda Boyer**- Plant & Soil Science Pathway Teacher Award, **Aimee Veldhuizen**- Teacher of Excellence, **Jared Castle**- Teacher of Excellence, **June Bettencourt**- Teacher of Excellence, **Kristin Sheehan**- Outstanding Teacher (Don Wilson Memorial Award).

**Julie Luxon** presented James with his retiring gift and **James Corbett** introduced the 24-25 Regional Officer Team. **Michael Leishman** presented the Herd Book.

Voting results were read for the AIG Region Committee by **Julie Luxon**, Middle- Kelsey Pitigliano, Small- John Coon, Middle- Keyv Mendes, Large- Julie Luxon

**Courtney Castle** awarded the door prizes

**Courtney Castle** adjourned the meeting at 9:40am

## Region Meeting

Summer conference, Monday, June 24th

The Southern Region Summer CATA Conference meeting was called to order at 10:23 am by Vice President Maggie Marratsos. Maggie gave a welcome to the region members and proceeded to the next agenda item, review of minutes from the Spring Regional meeting held on April 8th at Cal Poly Pomona. Don Dyer motioned to approve the minutes as printed and Lindsey Stiff seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Next was the Treasurer's Report given by Mary Ann Maxfield. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was cited by Lindsey Stiff, seconded by Jenny Kuhns. Motion passed by majority vote.

Jackie Lomo passed the Southern Region Cell phone directory for any correction. Maggie informed the Southern Region CATA that the membership renewals are online. Introductions were made of new teachers in the Southern Region by various chapters and notification of schools hiring were addressed;

- El Capitan HS
- San Jacinto HS
- Coachella HSj

The following members will be attending committee meetings and curricular code meetings and will report back to the region on Thursday Morning.

### Committee Meeting sign ups

Budget Audit - Enersto Marcial

Inservice Committee- Mary Ann Maxfelt

Nominations/Bylaws/Professional Apps - Kaylene Maize

Student Activities- Shanna Abatti

Prof. Ethics - Lindsey Stiff

Gen. rules- Shannon Deskin

Milk quality-Heather Varallo

Prepared- Shanna Abattii

Ag Mech Fair- Biran Kanter

Grapevine - Brian Kim

El Credo - Gerardo Roman

Agriscience - Kristi Mayo

Vet Scie - Shannon Desk

Small Engines-Carson Cronkwrigh

Nursery/Landscape-Aaron Nerring

Ag Pest Control-Shellie Andros  
Floral- Sujhey Rosas  
BIG - Brianna Larios  
Parliamentary-Lindsey Cox

State Officer Candidate introductions - Dave Gossman  
Secondary Chair -Joshua Muscat and

FFA ADvisory Committee Report - Lindsey Cox  
-Reviewed 2024 State Conference Committee Reports  
-Awards committee- Recommendation to post Rubrics on CalAg Ed  
- training for committee and subcommittee chairs  
-no recommendations for middle/member engagement

FFA Adult Board of Directors Report- Brian Kim

Governing Board Report - Maggie

- AIG Questions QR code
- Representatives for AIG committee
- Resolution decision by Executive Committee a do pass
- Curricular Code Changes all online
- Proficiency areas increased

College Reports

Chico State - Alyssa Shaver/Dr. Song

34 student teachers

Mt. SAC- Audra Lopez, Jennifer Lorada, Jennifer Hinohosa

Regional Supervisor Report

Kristi Mayo-CaTIP Report

- Thanked mentors for setting up new teachers for success!!

Farm Show Reminders- Lindsey Cox/Mary Ann Maxfield

Adjournment @ 11:26

Summer CATA Conference – Southern Region  
Region Meeting, Thursday, Jun 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Maggie Maratsos at 8:15 am

Announcements

State Wide AIG committee chosen, but had a large number Maryann, Lindsey, Robyn, Jeremiah. Officers decided to create a regional AIG committee with the rest of the people that were interested.

Amanda Adams, La Habra re opened position

State Officer Candidate introduction - Teresa Noga/ Morgan Rourke/Sherry Johns

Operations Chair - Kristen Sheehan

Secondary Division-Amanda Boyer

Farm Show Clean up was done in record time, Mary Ann and Lindsey chaired the committee

Committee Reports

- a. Budget/Audit - Met, John Williams and Matt Patton introduced agenda FFA State Conference budget was adopted for the 24/25 year. Executive directors salary was approved for a 5 year step
- b. Inservice Committee- discussed professional development to be day long, not overnight, focus on industry speakers/workshops. Add mini PD to student conferences. Touring Roadshows. Fill out surveys and add input and don't complain. Virtual conferences are a positive trend.
- c. Nom/Bylaws
  - i. Review state officer qualifications
  - ii. Two amendments, vote for one
  - iii. Award application length discussed Min. 2 pagesmax 8 pages
  - iv. Due date changes recommended not to interfere with state degree applications
- d. Student Activities- Shawna Abbadi
  - i. Jasmine Flores is the director for the conference, indicating the new GLC curriculum is working. Jasmine asked for input for curriculum development from teachers and provided a QR code for ideas.
- e. Prof. Ethics Committee
  - i. How to increase professionalism in CATA, tips/tricks,

Curricular Code Reports

Agriscience - major changes, singleton projects (no more 2), Everything has to go into AET, no more log books. Age groups 7-9 grade and 10-12 grades. 3 areas Experimental, Analytical, Invention. Recommended to keep the group for The state competition. Rubrics are being worked on. Detailed budget will Be focused on.

General Rules - Shannon Deskin

Terms changed, make effort to look at new curricular code, have 72 hrs to petition to look at scores

Vet Science - poultry/duck specific breed, list of practicums were added to correlate National

EI Credo - Moving to align with National, reducing from 3-2 divisions

BIG - proposed to pull from National Leadership and Cal Ag Ed

Floral - adopt to align for Nationals

Parli Pro - Meeting in Fall

Small Engines - removing tool list from curricular code to supplemental. Torque specs  
Provide to students at the contest. Diagnostics worksheet has been fused  
With the preliminary check.

Prepared Contest - Read proposal changes

Ag Mech Fair - contest held on June 13 at Sequoia College

Nursery Landscape - 60 min to identify tool id, minor changes to plant list

Grapevine - moved and voted students who had index card for reasons will be deducted

Advisory Committee/Lindsey

- Create Ag Ed CDE, in the works hopefully pilot next year
- Nominations to replace Lindsey
  - Mary ann nominated Lindsey to continue terms, Lindsey Second
  - Nomination closed, voting, majority vote

FFA Board of Directors

Nominations: Shanna Abatti moved to nominate Kristi Mayo, Lindsey Cox Seconded

Lindsey Stiff moved to close nominations, Mary Ann seconded  
Vote passed majority vote

Jackie reported updated openings in Southern Region

Recognized retirements - Tracy Putnam, Don Dyer, Deborah, Chris

Ralph to adjourn, Sara seconded, motion passed Adjournment 9:06

# Superior Region CATA Meeting Meeting

Monday, June 24th - 10:15 am & Thursday, June 27th - 8:15am

Room 08-123 @ Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

- A. Welcome- *Laura*
- B. Introduction of Guests/New Teachers/Student Teachers \* *Introductions were done, Butte, Modoc - Holly Silvy- Durham Kathleyn Lunch Susanville Maila Tellis- Cody Walker - Lincoln- Yreka -? Jamie Walker - Griddly Middle*
- C. Staff Changes and/or Job Openings \* *None at this time*
- D. State CATA Officer Candidate(s) Introduction \* *Sherrie Johns. Morgan Roarke Spoke.*
- E. Remind App Text @superiorr to 81010\*
- F. Information Items \*
  - a. Approval of [Minutes from Spring 2024-Cali](#) (Action) *Norm Oiler moved - Chole Smith, Second - motion passed*
  - b. [Treasurer's Report](#)-Katie - *A few outstanding balances - but the total in account \$ 60285.74.*
- G. Directory Update (CATA)- *Laura\* We sent around the list to be checked.*
- H. Membership Update- *Katie \* Pay dues*
- I. Conference Committee Representative Assignments- *Laura \* Use the link to check which session-*
  - a. General Session 1:00 pm - Keynote Speaker
  - b. [Secondary Division](#) 3:15 pm (AIG informational ONLY, Professional Ethics, FFA conference survey) - click link to submit questions
  - c. [Operation Division Meetings](#) 4:15 pm Today \*Two for each meeting
    - i. Budget and Audit - Heather & Cali
    - ii. Nominations/By-Laws/Professional Awards - Liz & Janice
    - iii. Student Activities - Kyle & Eileen
    - iv. In-Service - Shelly & Kelly
    - v. Professional Ethics - Katie & Cathleen
  - d. Post Secondary \* one for each of these meetings
    - i. Curriculum Trena and Jacob
    - ii. In-service Rick
    - iii. Student Activities trena
    - iv. Visioning Committee
- J. Curricular Code Updates/Meetings- *Laura\* Use the link for references and see which contests were up for review. YOU GET PD when you go. Changes were posted in the general session on Wednesday 6/26/24.*

## For future reference Curricular Code Change Procedure

### 8am Tues General Rules

### 9am Tues Curricular Code Meetings

- i. Ag Mech
- ii. Ag Sales
- iii. El Credo de La FFA
- iv. Floriculture
- v. Milk Quality and Dairy Products
- vi. Natural Resource
- vii. Nursery Landscape

- viii. Prepared Public Speaking
- ix. Small Engines
- x. Vet Science

### 12PM Curricular Code Meetings

- xi. Ag Pest
- xii. Agriscience Fair
- xiii. Agronomy
- xiv. BIG

- xv. Citrus
- xvi. Grapevine

xvii. Parli Pro

## Probational CDE Teams

*Food Science and Fruit Tree*

- K. **Forestry Presentation**- Donald Borges \* Reported out on improving connections for students to go into this sector. He reviews the forestry challenge and teachers in the region that participated and we can contact them for questions.

- L. **California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program-Cali** - Included all the links for letters for new teachers [Apply as Candidate](#) [Apply as Mentor](#)  
[Letter for Department Heads](#)

*Links and critical information for conversations with districts to convince them to use CATIP*

[District Letter of Introduction](#)

*Lots of technical language to validate the program to districts and encourage participation.*

[Letter for New Teachers](#)

*Has access to almost all the same information and as the district and Department Head letters*

- M. **Sports Update-Cali** \* Please come and participate and support.

- N. **Door Prize Reminder-Maigen**\* Monday Afternoon Session (1:00 pm)

- a. 10 People to volunteer for tickets Monday to be there 15 min ahead - Kristi Eillen  
Alexis will help.

- O. **Awards (Green Packet)- Cali** \* This list was passed out for members to check and sign up.

- a. [30 Minute Club](#)
- b. [Years of Service](#)
- c. Retirement - We awarded Harry Sampson his retiree watch and gave a speech on his 37 years in CATA and spoke about his commercial involvement. Gift was given to his teaching partner.

**\*CATA Awards due Sept 23**

## P. Reports

- a. Pre-Conference Governing Board- Laura\*
  - i. Resolutions- [Resolution original](#), [Resolution Amended](#)
  - ii. LDE changes 2025- Sacramento
  - iii. Proficiency changes- 70 areas reflect National FFA
  - iv. 147 job changes, 50+ still open - still growing
  - v. Ballots on Thursday real-time - You need to access your work email - to vote right away during the meeting after the candidate speeches.
- b. Regional Supervisor's Report- Anthony - Please see the link for his report - which includes information on AIG- send thoughts to Anthony so he can advocate for us- call when you have questions, COLC, etc.  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ntjln11jrQsMTpfcN7ppMmKnDekV5NE/view>
- c. College Reports- Chico - Mollie Ashenburger- Improvements at Chico- new faculty and buildings etc. Butte College reported out-Shasta College- updates on campus - new Dean Mark Cleaver.

- d. [Adult FFA Board](#)- Liz Ammon, Morgan Rourke GLC numbers down ala mfe up down 44K plats, under budget on state convention, but plan on increase, 2028 FFA 100 years for a great celebration, AET 1.88 / kid now 2/kid, convention registration to 10/ student.
- e. [FFA Advisory Board](#) -Madison Albioni, Rick Neugebauer (we need to elect a replacement) Rick spoke on site selection they will go to Fresno to look but preliminary - does not look good. Ontario most likely. Open to suggestions for keynote to Mooney, July -hotels will open, and pictures should be released any time. Delegate information will be revamped to make it easier to digest. Social media- state staff is looking into how to monitor etc. The guidebook will be updated more often. SLE advisors need to help facilitate the transportation of their students and more active role. Jasmine has a report on conferences and the report will be sent out to the region.  
-Rick Nuegenbauer was nominated Jancie Loche seconded and the motion passed and then closed for nomination. VOTE for Rick Nuegenbauer was taken and he was re-elected.

#### **Q. 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 - *An infographic will be sent out. Lacked purpose it was not truly in our region. ( Social Media- not used correctly. Doing applications for students and forging signatures. There is a monitor for the page to help keep the page. Liz brought up the ethics of the coaches as - need a workshop at road show and discuss issues)*
  - g. Inservice - *Kelley Hargett spoke on how can we provide better service for what we need.*
  - h. Post Secondary - Curriculum
  - i. Post Secondary - In service *Need to create a mission statement- getting more post secondary to come to conferences -*
  - j. Post Secondary - Student Activities
  - k. Post Secondary - Visioning Committee
  - l. CDE Changes anyone wants to share
- R. Superior Region Shuffle and Summer Executive Meeting- Maigen - July 30th**  
*summer shuffle - executive committee*
- S. Power of 3, 2024- Maigen every 2 years now, building better teachers networking take 3 away, we will send an invite to region**
- T. Banquet - Maigen & Cali** *Committees were reviewed, anyone else interested needs to reach out to regional officers.*
- U. Vote New Superior Region Executive Team member -** *The ballet will be emailed out We need to fill the position to replace Alex Whitney public relations Nomination - by*



*Jenny Lynn of Devin Yate- Norm Oiler moved to close Jenny Lynn. Lacey moved Reed second - motion passes - Devin Yates will be an officer.*

V. **AIG Committee Voting** (will be sent out to voting members results will be emailed)

**Nominations for AIG** *(need funding to educate students and equipment not travel around the state. Reach out to committee and/or Anthony)*

1- Cali - Maigen

2-3 - Steven Whitmore - Liz Ammond

4- Katie Alling (Andrea Removed) Emily Brown Andrea Thomas

Middle school - Shelly Stinson

Rick Nuegenbauer moved to close, Alex second to close

Motion Passed

W. Conference Business

X. Conference Evaluations

Y. Conference Voting

Z. Approve 2024-2025 Budget Approve **2024-2025 Budget** *Just a budget - it is flexible Kelly target - Amelio Smith seconded to approve the budget- motion approved.*

Adjournment 9:31 am Emilio Smith moved, Barrett Hess second, motion passed.

Barrett Hess reviewed Herd Book

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