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**NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION**  
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**TO:** State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

**FROM:** Jamie Specca, State FFA President  
Kristianne M. Dowd, State FFA Specialist  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

**DATE:** November 15, 2019

**RE:** State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, December 2, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.**  
1st Floor NJDA Board Room, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Ms. Dowd at (609) 984-4380, and give the reason to receive an excused absence. Mr. Dale Cruzan will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board, and will have voting power at each meeting in 2019-2020.

**AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER STATE MEETING**

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the October State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Jamie Specca
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Owen Donnelly
  - C. State Leadership Activities – Kailyn Emmett
  - D. State Applications – Nicole Sickler
  - E. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review – Talia Priore
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Jamie Specca
  - G. State Convention Evaluation – Ryan Jordan
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Ryan Jordan**

- VII. Foundation Report – Jamie Specca**
- VIII. State FFA Alumni and Supporters Report – Talia Priore**
- IX. Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report – Owen Donnelly**
- X. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Ryan Jordan**
- XI. Equine Advisory Board Report – Nicole Sickler**
- XII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Report – Mr. Dale Cruzan**
- VI. Unfinished Business**
  - A. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention (November 18-19) – Talia Priore
  - B. Fall Career Development Events (November 21) – Ryan Jordan
  - C. Checkpoint #2 (November 15-16) – Kailyn Emmett
  - D. 212 Conference (December 7) – Kailyn Emmett
  - E. Holiday Party (December 16) – Talia Priore
  - F. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers (January) – Owen Donnelly
  - G. State Officer Candidates’ School (January 25) – Owen Donnelly
  - H. Chapter Visits – Ryan Jordan
  - I. Team Goal Action Plan – Owen Donnelly
- VII. New Business**
  - A. Event Cost Analysis – Talia Priore
    - a. Horticultural Exposition (March 13-14, 2020)
    - b. Advocacy & Legislative Leadership Day (February 27, 2020)
  - B. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 17) – Kailyn Emmett
  - C. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 4-6) – Nicole Sickler
  - D. Fuel Up Retreat (February 20-23) – Ryan Jordan
  - E. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 21) – Nicole Sickler
  - F. National FFA Week (February 22-29) – Ryan Jordan
  - G. Ceremony Practice Schedule – Nicole Sickler
  - H. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Talia Priore
  - I. Member of the Month – Owen Donnelly
  - J. State Officer Mileage – Nicole Sickler
- XV. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- February 3, 2020  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture  
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes from the November 4, 2019 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Jamie Specca called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. The voting members in attendance were Owen Donnelly, Kailyn Emmett, Talia Priore, Nicole Sickler, Ryan Jordan and Mr. Dale Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Erin Noble, Ms. Kristianne Dowd, and Ms. Debra McCluskey.

**II. Minutes from October State Meeting**

**Motion by Kailyn Emmett** to dispense with the reading of the meeting minutes and approve them as distributed.

**Seconded by Talia Priore. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion by Talia Priore** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

**Motion passes pending audit.**

Ms. McCluskey presented the requests for quotes for the 2020 Leadership Experience and Development Conference's location.

**Motion by Talia Priore** to hold LEAD at the Hotel ML for October 2020.

**Seconded by Ryan Jordan. Motion passes.**

**IV. Guest Introduction and Attendance**

There were no guests in attendance.

*Owen Donnelly assumed the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Assignments**

**a. Constitutions, Bylaws, and Program of Activities**

No report.

**b. Membership & Chapter Relations**

No report.

**c. State Leadership Activities**

No report.

**d. State Applications**

No report.

**e. Career Development Evaluation & Review**

No report.

**f. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation & Review**

The committee reviewed the Horticulture Exposition events. It was recommended to remove the category “National FFA Theme” due to National FFA not having a theme this year, expand the containers for the “Sustainable Agriculture” category, more career related workshops in horticulture, change the “Country Delights” description from silk and dried to permanent, and change the names of “Mid-Summer Night’s Dream” to “Summer Sunshine”, and “Winter Solstice” to “Happy Holidays”.

**Motion by Jamie Specca** to accept the committee report as read.

**There is an implied second. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Jamie Specca** to implement the recommended changes to the National FFA Theme, Sustainable Ag, Country Delights, Mid-Summer Night’s Dream, and Winter Solstice categories.

**Seconded by Talia Priore. Motion passes.**

**g. State Convention Evaluation**

No report.

*Jamia Specca resumes duties of the chair.*

**VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

The motion of referring to a committee can be used when further discussion or planning needs to occur on a topic that does not require the efforts of the entire meeting. Within the committee, the members can go further into detail on whatever topic was being discussed. This motion requires a second, can be debated or amended, and requires a majority vote.

**VII. State FFA Foundation Report**

The Foundation met on October 22. The financial advisor for the Foundation came to the meeting and he discussed the FFA accounts. Also discussed were the budget, scholarships and conference budgets. The next meeting in January 14, 2020.

**VIII. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Association Report**

Members discussed new fundraiser ideas. Hope Cahill will be setting up Applebee’s fundraisers throughout the state. They also reviewed the golf tournament to make adjustments for next year’s tournament. The Alumni will be hosting and helping with the banquet speech workshop on January 17.

**IX. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report**

No report.

**X. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13.

**XI. Equine Advisory Board Report**

The Rutgers Equine program presented an update on what their students have been working on to date.

## **XII. New Jersey Association for Agricultural Educators**

Workshops were held at LEAD in order for members to learn more about SAE For All, awards, and applications. The next meeting is November 12 at 5pm online.

## **XIII. Unfinished Business**

### **a. 92<sup>nd</sup> National FFA Convention**

State Officers actively participated in the National Delegate Process while out at convention. The National Constitution and Bylaws had amendments passed to update it to the new National Charter. Committees met and discussed ways to help improve future years for FFA members. Final delegate committee reports will be posted to [ffa.org](http://ffa.org). Officers also participated in the sessions put on at convention, hosted the State Recognition Breakfast on Wednesday, and assisted with the Hall of States booth.

### **b. New Jersey State Grange Annual Meeting**

On October 18 at the at Holiday Inn Bridgeport, Nicole Sickler represented the New Jersey FFA at the annual grange meeting. Worth Christian and Dave Pede were also recognized for their commitment to agricultural education.

### **c. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention**

Jamie Specca will be speaking to the convention on November 18 at 2:50 PM during the convention. The convention is held in Princeton, NJ.

### **d. Fall Career Development Events**

On November 21 at Rutgers University, New Jersey FFA will be hosting the 2019 Fall CDEs. The officer assignments of each event have changed; Nicole Sickler and Talia Priore will be at Milk Quality and Products, Jamie Specca will be at Turf Management, Ryan Jordan will be at Land Judging, Owen Donnelly and Kailyn Emmett will be at Fruit and Vegetables. Officers will report to their assigned locations by 8 AM.

### **e. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers**

Owen, Talia and Nicole completed the second language course for ILSSO. The next step is to send in their passports and make their final payment for the trip.

### **f. Chapter Visits**

The officers are in the midst of visiting their assigned chapters. Officers are encouraged to keep reaching out to the advisors and are reminded to send in the evaluations after each visit.

### **g. Team Goal Action Plan**

The officers are working to keep up with each goal during conferences and state meetings. Officers are encouraged to continue making social media posts to the State Association's accounts.

#### **XIV. New Business**

##### **a. Checkpoint #2**

Officers will meet at the Rutgers Eco-Complex November 14-15. They will be formatting future banquet speeches with the help from national facilitator, Shayna.

##### **b. 212 Conference**

Members and officers will attend the 212 conference at the Rutgers Cook Student Center on December 7. Kailyn, Talia, Nicole and Ryan will participate in the 212 portion of the day. Owen and Jamie will be assisting with the Teach Ag Event.

##### **c. Holiday Party**

The holiday party will be hosted at Ms. Noble's house after the work session on December 16. The team agreed to do a potluck.

##### **d. Banquet Speech Workshop**

Hosted by the Alumni on January 17, officers will be delivering their speeches in front of different chapter advisors. The rough draft of the speech is due by the December 9 to Ms. Dowd and the final draft is due by December 25.

##### **e. State Officer Candidates' School**

This conference is for students interested in either running for state office or to apply to be on the nominating committee. The theme this year is Dino-Mite and will be held at Stonebridge Middle School in Allentown. Officers are to review and make up personalized letters for candidates.

##### **f. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion**

It has been recorded that this year's market prices of corn and soybeans have been steadily decreasing due to this year's harvest size.

##### **g. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Owen Donnelly** to select Nick Brewer from the Northern Burlington FFA Chapter as November Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Ryan Jordan. Motion passes.**

##### **h. State Officer Mileage**

Reminder for all state officers to turn in their mileage reports to Ms. Dowd before 2 p.m. of the next month state meeting.

#### **XV. Closing Ceremonies**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

*Respectively submitted by Kailyn Emmett, State Secretary*

## NJ FFA Association Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger

As of October 31, 2019

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
FFA							22,616.10
Check	10/02/2019	NASCO	MOP CDE supplies	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-87.10	-87.10	22,529.00
Deposit	10/03/2019		Deposit	-SPLIT-	6,380.00	6,380.00	28,909.00
Deposit	10/08/2019		Deposit	-SPLIT-	5,495.00	5,495.00	34,404.00
Deposit	10/17/2019		Deposit	Undeposited Funds	750.00	750.00	35,154.00
Deposit	10/23/2019		Deposit	-SPLIT-	7,545.00	7,545.00	42,699.00
Check	10/23/2019	The Hotel ML	2019 LEAD Conference	P6 (LEAD - Expense)	-12,423.07	-12,423.07	30,275.93
Check	10/24/2019	First Coast Promotions	2019 LEAD t-shirts	P6 (LEAD - Expense)	-1,238.68	-1,238.68	29,037.25
Deposit	10/25/2019		Deposit	-SPLIT-	8,325.00	8,325.00	37,362.25
Total FFA						14,746.15	37,362.25
TOTAL						14,746.15	37,362.25

## NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary

	October 2019		\$ Under / Over Budget	Annual Budget
	Oct 19	Jul - Oct 19		
<b>Income</b>				
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	19,775.00	27,405.00	-22,595.00	50,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	89.00	1,132.00	32.00	1,100.00
P3 General Supplies (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	5,570.00	9,830.00	-8,453.00	18,283.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	-44.00	10,653.18	-46,407.82	57,061.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	1,500.00	-790.00	2,250.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (Income)	0.00	60.00	-3,440.00	3,500.00
P9 SO Continuum (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 ALLD (Income)	0.00	382.75	-3,161.25	3,544.00
P 11 212 (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P 12 SOCS (Income)	0.00	0.00	-220.00	220.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>25,490.00</b>	<b>51,062.93</b>	<b>-84,895.07</b>	<b>135,958.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	13,975.00	975.00	13,000.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	87.10	1,320.89	-8,247.11	9,568.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	1,432.40	-1,266.60	2,699.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	0.00	7,177.36	754.36	6,423.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	13,661.75	14,030.25	-4,648.75	18,679.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	60,790.16	-519.84	61,310.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	0.00	910.00	-6,513.00	7,423.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-6,450.00	6,450.00
P9 (SO Continuum - Expense)	0.00	2,275.00	-3,641.00	5,916.00
P10 (ALLD-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-3,985.00	3,985.00
P 11 (212-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-35.00	35.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-470.00	470.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,748.85</b>	<b>101,911.06</b>	<b>-34,046.94</b>	<b>135,958.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>11,741.15</b>	<b>-50,848.13</b>	<b>-50,848.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Committee Report**  
(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: October 24, 2019

Committee: Horticultural Exposition

Committee Members Present:

Jamie Specca, Owen Donnelly, Nicole Sickler, Mrs. Guttadora

Absent:

Purpose of Meeting:

To review the rules for the 2020 Horticultural Exposition.

Recommended Action(s):

Remove the category "National FFA Theme." Expand containers for "Sustainable Agriculture" to include other framed containers (i.e. jar, bottle, plastic container, etc). Include more career related workshops in horticulture (i.e. aquaponics, hydroponics, floral design, etc.) Class 337 (Country Delights), change "silk and dried" to "permanent." Change the name of "Mid-Summer Night's Dream." Change "Winter Solstice" to "Happy Holidays." Reevaluate the need for size restrictions.

Comments:

Can't come up with a name for Summer. Maybe Summer Fling, Summer Sunshine, etc. Looking for recommendations! In regards to sizes: Why were restrictions set to what they are? Are they still relevant to the classes?

Jamie Specca  
Chairperson

Owen Donnelly  
Secretary