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## **New Jersey FFA Association CONNECT. ENGAGE. TRANSFORM.**

TO: State Executive Board Members, NJ FFA Chapter Advisors, Officers and Members

FROM: Jonathan Finney, State FFA President  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

CC: Hannah Mann, State FFA Leadership Coordinator

DATE: November 22, 2022

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, December 5, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor NJDA Board Room, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Noble at (609) 913-6495 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 2022-2023.

### **AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER STATE MEETING**

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the November State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities and State Convention Evaluation – Emily Sadlon
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Lori De Sousa Rego
  - C. State Leadership Activities and State Applications - Alexis Stretch-Huff
  - D. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review - Chase Sherburne
  - E. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review - Jonathan Finney
- VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Jonathan Finney**
- VII. Executive Committee Report – Emily Sadlon**
- VIII. Foundation Report – Jonathan Finney**

- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report** – Jonathan Finney
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report** – Chase Sherburne
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report** – Alexis Stretch-Huff
- XII. Equine Advisory Board** – Loriann De Sousa Rego
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agriculture Educators** – Mr. Dale Cruzan
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Checkpoint #2 – Alexis Stretch-Huff
  - B. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention – Jonathan Finney
  - C. Fall Career Development Events – Chase Sherburne
  - D. Connect Conference (December 10) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
  - E. Holiday Party (December 12) – Chase Sherburne
  - F. Banquet Speech Workshop (January 20) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
  - G. State Officer Candidates' School (January 28) – Chase Sherburne
  - H. Chapter Visits – Loriann De Sousa Rego
  - I. Team Goal Action Plan – Jonathan Finney
- XV. New Business**
  - A. Event Cost Analysis – Alexis Stretch-Huff
    - a. Advocacy & Legislative Leadership Day
    - b. Horticultural Exposition
  - B. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 8-9, 2023) – Jonathan Finney
  - C. Fuel Up Retreat (February 16-19, 2023) – Alexis Stretch-Huff
  - D. National FFA Week (February 18-25, 2023) – Loriann De Sousa Rego
  - E. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 23, 2023) – Alexis Stretch-Huff
  - F. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Chase Sherburne
  - G. Member of the Month – Emily Sadlon
  - H. State Officer Mileage – Chase Sherburne
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- January 9, 2023  
New Jersey Department of Agriculture, 200 Riverview Plaza, Trenton, NJ 08611  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
9:00 a.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association**  
**Minutes from the November 7, 2022 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Jonathan Finney called the meeting to order at 4:06. The voting members in attendance were Jonathan Finney, Alexis Stretch-Huff, Emily Sadlon, Chase Sherburne, Lorian De Sousa Rego, and Mr. Dale Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Mx. Owen-Ross and Ms. McCluskey.

**II. Minutes from October State Meeting**

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

**Seconded by Alexis Stretch-Huff. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion by Alexis Stretch-Huff** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

**Motion passes pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

Mx. Hannah Owen-Ross will be our new leadership coordinator.

**V. Committee Assignments**

**A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program Activities and State Convention Evaluation**

The committee met on November 3 and reviewed the state convention committee report. The committee wants to look into the new "SAE For All" policy to determine how hours in foundational SAE hours can be used towards degrees in the FFA. Policy book is in the works to clarify these specifications.

**Motion by Emily Sadlon** to accept the committee report as read  
**Implied Second. Motion passes.**

**B. Membership & Chapter Relations**

No report.

**C. State Leadership Activities and State Applications**

No report.

**E. CDE and LDE Evaluation & Review**

The committee met on November 3 to discuss rescinding the 60% rule, review the recommended actions from the last committee meeting, and discuss different ways to improve the events we offer by reviewing the evaluation forms from last year's events. The committee also discussed inviting 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams to compete at the "Big E" if the 1<sup>st</sup> place team does not want to.

**Motion by Chase Sherburne** accept the committee report as read.  
**Implied Second. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Jonathan Finney** to strike out the 60% rule from the CDE/LDE policy and to adopt the certification of participants policy.

**Seconded by Chase Sherburne. Motion passes.**

### **Horticulture Exposition Evaluation & Review**

The committee met on November 6 to review the summer committee report, looked at the current classes, and discussed different learning opportunities during the event. The committee wants to see a hands-on experience like a plant to take home after a plant care or maintenance workshop. The committee wants to see more judge-student interaction like having judges write comments and incorporating a virtual feedback option. The committee recommends further clarification on Class (107) as to whether or not the hanging plants should be hanging when presented, increase prices to reflect the industry, as well as emphasizing pricing, sizing, and other qualifications to ensure people are following the guidelines and not getting disqualified.

**Motion by Jonathan Finney** moved to accept the committee report as read.  
**Implied Second. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Jonathan Finney** to increase the price limits for arrangements by \$25 across the board.

**Seconded by Chase Sherburne. Motion passes.**

### **VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

Jonathan discussed the meaning and usage of "Point of Information."

### **VII. Executive Committee Report**

Emily led the team in a reflection on national convention.

### **VIII. Foundation Report**

Jonathan attended the meeting on October 11. The Foundation discussed their investments and representation at the National FFA Convention.

### **IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report**

Jonathan attended the meeting on October 12. The Alumni talked about possible fundraisers during FFA week, the upcoming golf outing honoree list, and Ms. McCluskey being the representative for the alumni at Nationals.

### **X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

No report.

### **XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report**

No report.

### **XII. Equine Advisory Board**

Chase attended the meeting on October 18. Chase shared with the group what the officer team will be doing in Indianapolis. The rest of the meeting was about upcoming rule changes at horse shows.

**XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators**

The next meeting will be held virtually on November 8 to discuss delegates and the resolution to the New Jersey Agricultural Convention and to discuss the NAAE Convention in Las Vegas.

**XIV. Unfinished Business**

**A. Leadership Experience and Development Conference Review**

Lexi reviewed the evaluation forms and discussed the impact we had on members based on the feedback.

**B. New Jersey State Grange Annual Meeting**

Jonathan attended the State Grange Annual Meeting and talked about the connection and the similarities between FFA and the Grange. He made connections with members and discussed future endeavors.

**C. 95th National FFA Convention Review**

Officers spent time with Allentown at the Hall of States booth, and several of our officers participated in the delegate process. Lexi also got to give public testimonies to two different committees. The board also reviewed the National CDE/LDE and Agriscience Fair Results.

**D. New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention**

The New Jersey Farm Bureau Convention will be held on November 14-15. Jonathan will attend and deliver a speech to the delegates and guests in attendance.

**E. Fall Career Development Events**

Fall CDEs be held on November 17 at Rutgers University. Events include Milk Quality and Products, Turf Management, Land Judging, Fruits and Vegetables, and Forestry. State officers are responsible for helping with registration, organizing students and teachers, proctoring, and taking pictures of the event.

**F. Chapter Visits**

Many chapter visits have been completed and some are still in the process of being confirmed or rescheduled.

**G. Team Goal Action Plan**

The team discussed the status of their Team Goal Action Plan. A meeting in December will be held to recommend ideas for a YouTube video for Winter CDEs. Chapter Visits are going well.

**XV. New Business**

**A. Checkpoint #2**

Checkpoint #2 will be held November 11-12. State Officers will learn more about speech delivery and team dynamics. Ryan Matthews will be the facilitator for the weekend.

**B. Connect Conference (December 10)**

The Connect Conference is December 10. The conference will be facilitated by two national facilitators. The state officers are responsible for being a host for the members, getting them excited for the event, and being a helping hand for the facilitators. Emily and Chase will facilitate a workshop at the Teach Ag event and join in the activities of the Teach Ag Recruitment Event.

**C. Holiday Party**

The holiday party will be held after the work session on December 12 at Mrs. Noble's house. There will be a potluck style dinner as well as a Secret Santa.

**D. Banquet Speech Workshop**

The Banquet Speech Workshop is January 20 at the EcoComplex for the families and advisors of the state officers. The event is hosted by the State FFA Alumni & Supporters and is an opportunity for officers to try on their banquet speeches.

**E. State Officer Candidate School (January 28)**

SOCS is January 28 at Stonebridge Middle School in Allentown. Potential state officer candidates and nominating committee members are invited to learn more about being a state officer, the state officer selection process, and the responsibilities of being part of the nominating committee. This is a great event designed to encourage members to run for state office.

**F. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion**

There continues to be a shortage of agricultural teacher. Research is showing a lot of young teachers aren't staying with the profession.

**G. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Emily Sadlon** to accept Audrey Sickler from Woodstown as the November Member of the Month

**Seconded by Alexis Stretch-Huff. Motion passes.**

**H. State Officer Mileage**

All state officers have submitted mileage for the month of October.

**XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

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November 1, 2022

Cash Basis

**NJ FFA Association**  
**Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger**  
**As of October 31, 2022**

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
<b>FFA</b>							90,706.04 <b>1</b>
Check	10/04/2022	DJ Nebbs Entertainment	DJ services for LEAD Conference	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-425.00	-425.00	90,281.04
Deposit	10/05/2022		Deposit	-SPLIT-	885.00	885.00	91,166.04
Check	10/06/2022	The Westin	LEAD Conference meals	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-24,402.00	-24,402.00	66,764.04
Check	10/06/2022	The Westin	facility rental - LEAD Conference	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-10,723.80	-10,723.80	56,040.24
Check	10/14/2022	Talia Priore	LEAD - SGC supplies	P5 (LEAD - Expense)	-26.09	-26.09	56,014.15
Deposit	10/14/2022		Deposit	-SPLIT-	4,740.00	4,740.00	60,754.15
Deposit	10/17/2022		Deposit	-SPLIT-	6,660.00	6,660.00	67,414.15
Deposit	10/20/2022		Deposit	-SPLIT-	8,095.00	8,095.00	75,509.15
Check	10/20/2022	National FFA Organizat...	National FFA affiliation fees	P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	-14,978.30	-14,978.30	60,530.85
Check	10/20/2022	National FFA Organizat...	registration	P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	-280.00	-280.00	60,250.85
Total FFA						-30,455.19	60,250.85
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-30,455.19</b>	<b>60,250.85 <b>2</b></b>

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November 1, 2022

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As of October 31, 2022

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1. Opening Balance on October 1, 2022 was \$90,706.04
  
2. Closing Balance on October 31, 2022 was \$60,250.85

## NJ FFA Association FFA Monthly Budget Summary October 2022

	Oct 22	Jul - Oct 22	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Deposit	0.00	0.00		
Opening Balance	0.00	0.00		
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	11,600.00	17,265.00	-34,910.00	52,175.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	0.00	364.00	-1,671.00	2,035.00
P3 General Supplies (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P4 State Officers (Income)	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00
P5 LEAD (Income)	6,395.00	8,640.00	-28,313.00	36,953.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	0.00	4,907.00	-56,113.00	61,020.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	1,500.00	-1,460.00	2,960.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (income)	0.00	0.00	-3,400.00	3,400.00
P9 SO Continnum (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 ALLD (Income)	0.00	336.00	-3,565.00	3,901.00
P11 Mission Conf (Income)	0.00	0.00	-3,750.00	3,750.00
P12 SOCS (Income)	0.00	0.00	-11.00	11.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,995.00</b>	<b>33,112.00</b>	<b>-133,093.00</b>	<b>166,205.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	14,978.30	16,428.30	4,178.30	12,250.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-11,873.00	11,873.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	3,476.00	1,051.00	2,425.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	0.00	2,490.53	-3,566.47	6,057.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	34,076.89	34,237.14	-2,524.86	36,762.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	61,702.26	-1,672.74	63,375.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	280.00	1,240.00	-6,280.00	7,520.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-8,760.00	8,760.00
P9 (SO Continnum - Expense)	0.00	2,000.00	-2,384.00	4,384.00
P10 (ALLD-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-6,785.00	6,785.00
P11 (Mission Conf-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-5,594.00	5,594.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-420.00	420.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>49,335.19</b>	<b>121,574.23</b>	<b>-44,630.77</b>	<b>166,205.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-31,340.19</b>	<b>-88,462.23</b>	<b>-90,715.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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

Date: November 3, 2022

Committee: Constitution, Bylaws, and POA and State Convention Evaluation Committee

Committee  
Members Present:

Jonathan Finney, Lexi Stretch-Huff, Mr. Rudderow

Absent:

none

Purpose of  
Meeting:

To review the State Convention Evaluation and discuss their recommended actions.

Recommended  
Action(s):

none

Comments:

We as a committee wanted more information on the new SAE format so we can discuss the hour requirement further.

Emily Sadlon

Chairperson

Secretary

## Committee Report

(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

<b>Date:</b>	November 3rd, 2022
<b>Committee:</b>	CDE/LDE Review and Evaluation
<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Chair: Chase Sherburne Chair: Jonathan Finney Advisor: Mrs. Deanna Miller
<b>Absent:</b>	Loriann De Sousa Rego
<b>Purpose of Meeting:</b>	Reviewing the committee report from last year's state convention, look into the 60% rule, and review the evaluation forms from last year's CDE competitions.
<b>Recommended Action(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rescind the 60% Rule</li> <li>- Add a review section so that students can see where their mistakes were made so that they can complete the learning cycle.</li> <li>- Forestry- acquire higher quality examples, as quality of materials was in question on the evaluations.</li> <li>- Make it so that teams have the option to send 5 competitors, only 4 scoring so that if there is a sub needed at the national level the team would already have a sub ready for competition.</li> <li style="padding-left: 40px;">- Assemble a team of teachers and industry representatives to better align events with national standards as well as industry needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Comments:</b>	getting rid of the 60% rule would give students more opportunities to compete, overall the time aspect of our events was a main concern we saw in the evaluations, to complete the learning cycle we need a review period so that students could see where they did strongly, as well as where they did not do as strongly. We also want to see our state send the 2nd place teams to the "big e" so that even though they don't get to go to nationals they still have the opportunity to compete again on a larger stage. The next meeting will be held Monday, December 12th, 2022 to review the evaluation forms from this year's competitions.
Chase Sherburne	
Chairperson	
None	
Secretary	

## Committee Report

(SUBMIT TO STATE SECRETARY)

Date: November 6, 2022

Committee: Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review

Committee Members Present:

Jonathan Finney, Chase Sherburne, Lexi Stretch-Huff, Emily Sadlon, Mrs. Naylor

Absent:

none

Purpose of Meeting:

- To review the State Convention committee report and discuss their recommended actions.
- Review the summer review
- Discuss learning opportunities
- Possible Class Changes

Recommended Action(s):

- Hands-on "Take home" experience
- Judge interactions/ feedback
  - Have judges write comments
  - Incorporate a virtual feedback option
- Class (107) clarification
- Price increases to reflect the industry
- Urging for pricing, sizing, and other qualifications

Comments:

Jonathan Finney  
Chairperson

Secretary