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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: Chase Sherburne, State FFA President  
Jenny Allen, State FFA Specialist  
Erin Noble, State FFA Advisor

DATE: February 26, 2024

RE: State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, March 4, 2024 – 4:00 pm.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor NJDA Conference Room, Trenton, NJ

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Ms. Allen at 609-457-2373, and give the reason for receiving an excused absence. Mr. Dale Cruzan will fill the teacher representative on the Executive Board and have voting power at each meeting in 2023-2024.

### AGENDA FOR THE MARCH STATE MEETING

- I. **Opening Ceremonies**
- II. **Minutes from the February State Meeting**
- III. **Treasurer's Report**
- IV. **Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities, State Convention Evaluation & State Applications – Jonathan Finney
  - B. Membership, Chapter & Relations and State Leadership Activities – Chase Sherburne
  - C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review – Julia Moreno
  - D. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Maisie Shimko
- VI. **Parliamentary Procedure Report** – Chase Sherburne
- VII. **Executive Committee Report** – Jonathan Finney
- VIII. **State FFA Foundation Report** – Julia Moreno

- IX. State FFA Alumni & Supporters Report – Chase Sherburne**
- X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report – Maisie Shimko**
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Jonathan Finney**
- XII. Equine Advisory Board Report – Maisie Shimko**
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Report – Mr. Dale Cruzan**
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Winter CDEs (February 7, 2024) – Chase Sherburne
  - B. New Jersey Agricultural Convention (February 7, 2024) – Julia Moreno
  - C. Fuel Up Retreat (February 15-18, 2024) – Chase Sherburne
  - D. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day (February 22, 2024) – Julia Moreno
  - E. National FFA Week (February 17-24, 2024) – Julia Moreno
  - F. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala (March 2, 2024) – Jonathan Finney
  - G. Horticultural Exposition and Floral Design CDE (March 15-16, 2024) – Maisie Shimko
  - H. National Ag Day (March 19, 2024) – Julia Moreno
  - I. Horse Evaluation CDE (April 7, 2024) – Chase Sherburne
  - J. PA Day CDEs (April 16, 2024) – Julia Moreno
  - K. Spring CDEs (April 18, 2024) – Julia Moreno
  - L. State Convention (May 22-24, 2024)
    - a. Delegate Issues – Maisie Shimko
    - b. Statewide Community Service Project – Maisie Shimko
  - M. Chapter Visit Updates – Chase Sherburne
  - N. Team Goal Action Plan – Chase Sherburne
- XV. New Business**
  - A. State Applications Judging (April 4-7, 2024) – Maisie Shimko
  - B. Retiring Address Workshop (April 10, 2024) – Chase Sherburne
  - C. Agriscience Fair (April 24, 2024) – Chase Sherburne
  - D. Dairy Cattle Evaluation – Maisie Shimko
  - E. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion – Julia Moreno
  - F. Member of the Month – Jonathan Finney
  - G. State Officer Mileage – Julia Moreno
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting – April 8, 2024  
New Jersey Department of Ag Building  
4:00 pm*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes from the February 5, 2024 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Chase Sherburne called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. The voting members in attendance were Chase Sherburne, Maisie Shimko, Julia Moreno, Jonathan Finney and Mr. Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Ms. Allen and Ms. McCluskey.

**II. Minutes from November State Meeting**

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

**Seconded by Jonathan Finney. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

The opening balance for the month was \$82,954.98 and the closing balance was \$87,903.58.

**Motion by Jonathan Finney** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

**Motion passed pending audit.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

William Rutherford from the Cape May Tech FFA Chapter was present at this month's meeting.

*Maisie Shimko assumed the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Reports**

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

No report.

**B. Membership, Chapter & Relations, and State Leadership Activities**

No report.

**C. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation & Review**

This committee met and discussed implementing a Spanish version of the Creed Speaking event at this year's State Convention.

**Motion by Julia Moreno** to accept the committee report as presented.

**Implied Second. Motion passed.**

**Motion by Julia Moreno** to implement a Spanish Speaking version of the Creed at this year's State Convention.

**Seconded by Chase Sherburne. Motion passed.**

**D. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation & Review**

No report.

*Chase Sherburne re-assumed the duties of the chair.*

**VI. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

Chase discussed "point of information". This is where you can request information regarding a motion that was made by raising your hand and being recognized by the chair.

**VII. Executive Committee Report**

Jonathan Finney asked the state officers their word of the month for how they were currently feeling. He also asked them what are two steps that they are going to make to have a successful State Convention.

**VIII. Foundation Report**

They discussed the accounts. They reviewed the eBoards system that they will be using for their meeting documents. There are two open positions on the board.

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

No report as the next meeting is on February 14<sup>th</sup> on zoom.

**X. Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report – Maisie Shimko**

No report as the next meeting is on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the New Jersey State Ag Convention.

**XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report**

No report.

**XII. Equine Advisory Board**

They will be hosting more virtual horses and hot chocolate events. On Saturday, February 3, 2024 they had an in person Horse Seminar at Rutgers University.

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

They met on January 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss convention updates and are making plans for the New Jersey Convention. They had members attend the SAE Train the Trainer at the end of January. National Policy Seminar will be March 17-20, 2024 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. The Region 6 Conference will be March 22-24, 2024 held in Harrisburg, PA. They discussed that there are NAAE awards that members can apply for that are due May 1, 2024. They started their February Fitness Challenge and are continuing with Book Club and the New Crop Who Dis series.

**XIV. Unfinished Business**

**A. International Leadership Seminar for State Officers**

Maisie Shimko visited Australia from January 6 – 15, 2024. They learned about the agriculture and the culture in Australia. Overall a great experience.

**B. Banquet Speech Workshop**

Alumni and Supporters hosted this year’s Banquet Speech Workshop on Friday, February 2, 2024 at the Rutgers Eco Complex. State Officers read their speeches to Alumni, parents, advisors, state staff and fellow officers to receive feedback to be prepared for chapter banquets.

**C. State Officer Candidate School**

State Officer Candidates’ School was held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Stone Bridge Middle School in Allentown. There were 31 FFA members in attendance to learn more about the process of becoming a state officer and being apart of the nominating committee process.

**D. Winter Career Development Events**

Winter Career Development Events will be held in person for the first time on February 7th at the Harrah's Waterfront Conference in Atlantic City. The CDEs that are being held are Meat Evaluation and Technology and Farm and Agribusiness Management. State Officers and State Staff arrive at 8:00am.

**E. New Jersey State Ag Convention**

The NJ State Ag Convention will be held February 7th at the Harrah's Waterfront Conference in Atlantic City. All state officers will be present, and Chase Sherburne will be delivering his speech.

**Motion by Maisie Shimko** to donate \$200 to the Vegetable Growers for their convention.

**Seconded by Jonathan Finney. Motion passed.**

**F. Fuel Up Retreat**

The State Officers will be spending time together on February 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in Wildwood. They will be planning for State Convention and begin working on their retiring addresses. They discussed meals they will be having to develop the grocery list.

**G. Advocacy and Legislative Leadership Day**

ALLD will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at The College of New Jersey, the theme for this year's event is "A New Era in Agriculture." There will be legislators, guest speakers, and a panel of individuals from diverse areas who work with different types of technology that help advance the agricultural industry. The state officers will be presented a large group workshop and their own individual workshops.

**H. National FFA Week**

National FFA Week is February 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, this is where we celebrate FFA. The State Officers have been requested for various chapter functions to celebrate National FFA Week. They are excited to visit their respective chapters and participate in their activities.

**I. Horticultural Exposition**

The Horticultural Exposition will take place from March 15th to March 16th at Mercer County Community College. FFA members can participate in creating arrangements for the Horticultural Exposition, participate in the Floral Design CDE, attend industry based workshops and take a campus tour. We are looking for volunteers to assist with various tasks throughout the day.

**J. National Ag Day (March 19,2024)**

The National Ag Day is March 19, 2024. This year's theme is Agriculture: "Growing a Climate for Tomorrow."

**K. Statewide Community Service Project**

The project for this year is Confidence Closets, we are looking for chapters to collect items that are on the flyer posted on social media. The confidence closets will be built and filled with personal hygiene items at State Convention.

**L. Chapter Visits**

The State Officers have been completing their chapter visits accordingly and are almost complete.

**M. Team Goal Action Plan**

The Board went over each goal and how well each goal was getting completed. They are working on spending more time in person outside of their meeting.

**XV. New Business**

**A. Selection of Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Recipients**

The executive board evaluated the 2024 Honorary State Degree and Distinguished Service Award application.

**Motion by Jonathan Finney** to select Andrew Zuckerman, Jane Griesinger, Rebecca Haines, Matthew DiTizio, Rosemary Kay and Kristianne Goodenough.

**Seconded by Maisie Shimko. Motion passed.**

**Motion by Maisie Shimko** to select Hope Fire Company, Cierech's Greenhouse, Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture and Rancocas Veterinary Associates.

**Seconded by Jonathan Finney. Motion passed.**

**B. New Jersey Agricultural Society Gala**

This event will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

**C. Horse Evaluation CDE**

The Horse Evaluation CDE will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at Gloucester DREAM Park. Chase Sherburne will be the state officer in attendance with Ms. McCluskey.

**D. PA Day CDEs**

PA Day CDEs are being held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at the Lebanon Expo Center in Lebanon, PA. Chase Sherburne and Julia Moreno will be the state officers in attendance with Ms. McCluskey.

**E. Spring CDEs**

Spring CDEs are being held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at Rutgers University. Events include: Agronomy, Agricultural Mechanics and Technology, Agricultural Sales, Environmental and Natural Resources, Floriculture, Nursery Landscape and Veterinary Science. State Officers are responsible for helping with registration, organizing students and teachers, proctoring and taking pictures of the event.

**F. State Convention**

**1. Cost Analysis**

Cost analysis sheets were provided for State Convention. The board looked at the cost analysis. They marked an increase price for the full package to \$184 and to keep the partial package at \$50.

**Motion by Maisie Shimko** to make the full package \$184 and to keep the partial package \$50 for this year's State Convention.

**Seconded by Jonathan Finney. Motion passed.**

**2. Delegate Issues**

The executive board went over the delegate issues for State Convention and items that have to be prepared for the delegates.

**G. Agricultural Education/Agricultural Issues Discussion**

Recently the USDA created an investment fund to assist specialty crop export for producers that ship crops overseas, it will provide \$65 million for specialty crops. There will be another for \$72.9 million for specialty crops.

**H. Member of the Month**

The Executive Board evaluated Member of the Month applications.

**Motion by Jonathan Finney** to select Kathryn Giovanelli of the Allentown FFA Chapter as February's Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Maisie Shimko. Motion passes.**

**I. State Officer Mileage**

Maisie and Julia have turned in their mileage for the month of January.

**Motion by Jonathan Finney** to accept Chase Sherburne's mileage for the month of January.

**Seconded by Mr. Cruzan. Motion passed.**

**XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference room, New Jersey Department of Agriculture Building.

8:55 AM

February 1, 2024

Cash Basis

**NJ FFA Association**  
**Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger**  
**As of January 31, 2024**

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount	Balance
<b>FFA</b>							<b>82,954.98</b> 1
Deposit	01/02/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	253.99	253.99	83,208.97
Deposit	01/02/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	3,950.00	3,950.00	87,158.97
Check	01/03/2024	Bank of America	checkpoint 2 state officers lunch items	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-105.59	-105.59	87,053.38
Check	01/03/2024	Bank of America	checkpoint 2 state officers dinner	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-110.74	-110.74	86,942.64
Check	01/03/2024	Bank of America	Winter CDE Jotform registration	P2 (CDEs - Expense)	-25.00	-25.00	86,917.64
Check	01/03/2024	Rutgers University	room rental	P11 (Mission Conf-Expense)	-1,961.00	-1,961.00	84,956.64
Deposit	01/03/2024	NJ Dept. of Agriculture ...	Career Fair registration	P10 ALLD (Income)	30.00	30.00	84,986.64
Check	01/05/2024	Bank of America	checkpoint 2 faciliator lodging	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-233.28	-233.28	84,753.36
Check	01/05/2024	Bank of America	checkpoint 2 SO lodging	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-116.64	-116.64	84,636.72
Check	01/05/2024	Bank of America	checkpoint 2 SO lodging	P4 (State Officers - Expense)	-116.64	-116.64	84,520.08
Deposit	01/08/2024		Deposit	-SPLIT-	3,790.00	3,790.00	88,310.08
Check	01/12/2024	American Income Life I...	supplemental participants at events insurance	P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	-406.50	-406.50	87,903.58
Total FFA						4,948.60	87,903.58
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