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**NEW JERSEY FFA ASSOCIATION**  
**“LEAD WITH PURPOSE”**

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

**FROM:** Talia Priore, State FFA President  
Kristianne M. Goodenough, State FFA Specialist  
Erin E. Noble, State FFA Advisor

**DATE:** April 19, 2021

**RE:** State FFA Executive Board Meeting  
**Monday, May 3, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.**  
Via Zoom

All State Executive Board Members must attend this meeting. If these individuals cannot attend, they should call Mrs. Goodenough 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 2020-2021.

**AGENDA FOR THE MAY STATE MEETING**

- I. Opening Ceremonies**
- II. Minutes from the April State Meeting**
- III. Treasurer’s Report**
- IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**
- V. Committee Assignments**
  - A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities – Elizabeth Stenard
  - B. Membership & Chapter Relations – Jacob Dotson
  - C. State Leadership Activities – Kayleen Kollasch
  - D. State Applications – Talia Priore
  - E. Career and Leadership Development Evaluation and Review – Abigail Goodenough
  - F. Horticultural Exposition Evaluation and Review – Alexis Hutson
  - G. State Convention Evaluation – Katelyn Duell
- VI. Executive Committee Report – Jamie Specca**
- VII. Parliamentary Procedure Report – Jacob Dotson**

- VIII. Foundation Report – Elizabeth Stenard**
- IX. State FFA Alumni and Supporters Report – Jacob Dotson**
- X. Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Education Advisory Council Report – Katelyn Duell**
- XI. New Jersey Agricultural Society Report – Abigail Goodenough**
- XII. Equine Advisory Board Report – Kayleen Kollasch**
- XIII. New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators Report– Mr. Dale Cruzan**
- XIV. Unfinished Business**
  - A. Retiring Address Workshop (April 7, 2021) – Kayleen Kollasch
  - B. State Applications Judging (April 8-12, 2021) – Elizabeth Stenard
  - C. Online CDEs – Abbey Goodenough
    - a. Spring CDEs (April 13-15, 2021)
    - b. Horse and Dairy Cattle Evaluation (April 20-22, 2021)
    - c. Eastern PA FFA Day CDEs (April 27-29, 2021)
  - D. Agriscience Fair (April 28, 2021) – Katelyn Duell
  - E. State Convention Planning
    - a. Timeline – Elizabeth Stenard
    - b. Video Shoot – Abbey Goodenough
    - c. Statewide Community Service Project – Alexis Hutson
    - d. Potential State Officers/Nom Com – Katelyn Duell
    - e. Delegate Issues for State Convention – Jake Dotson
  - F. Chapter Visits – Jacob Dotson
  - G. Team Goal Action Plan – Elizabeth Stenard
- XV. New Business**
  - A. HO Sampson Recognition – Alexis Hutson
  - B. Honorary American Degree Nominations – Katelyn Duell
  - C. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion – Elizabeth Stenard
  - D. Member of the Month – Jamie Specca
  - E. State Officer Mileage – Kayleen Kollasch
- XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

*Next State Meeting- June 7, 2021  
Via Zoom  
4:00 p.m.*

**New Jersey FFA Association  
Minutes from the April 5, 2021 Meeting**

**I. Opening Ceremonies**

Talia Priore called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M. The voting members in attendance were Abigail Goodenough, Alexis Hutson, Elizabeth Stenard, Kayleen Kollasch, Katelyn Duell, Jacob Dotson, Jamie Specca, Owen Donnelly, and Mr. Dale Cruzan. State Staff in attendance were Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Goodenough, and Ms. McCluskey.

**II. Minutes from March State Meeting**

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

**Seconded by Kayleen Kollasch. Motion passes.**

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion by Elizabeth Stenard** to accept the treasurer's report pending audit.

**Motion passes pending audit.**

**Motion by Alexis Hutson** to apply a \$75 late fee to the South Hunterdon and South Hunterdon Middle FFA chapters if they do not make contact Mrs. McCluskey about their affiliation financial situation by April 15.

**Seconded by Owen Donnelly. Motion passes.**

**IV. Guest Introductions and Attendance**

Renee Stillwell was present as a guest.

*Abigail Goodenough assumed the duties of the chair.*

**V. Committee Assignments**

**A. Constitution, Bylaws & Program Activities**

No report.

**B. Membership & Chapter Relations**

The committee met on April 29th and discussed what should be put on the delegates' agenda for State Convention. Topics put on the agenda include middle school flat fee, adjusting the affiliation packages for chapters, and adding a virtual chapter visit option to chapters in the future alongside in-person ones.

**Motion by Jacob Dotson** to accept the committee report as read.

**Motion has an implied second. Motion passes.**

**C. State Leadership Activities**

No report.

**D. State Applications**

The committee met to discuss what topics should be added to the delegates' agenda for State Convention. Topics put on the agenda include adding a pronoun section to all applications and adding an "other" option under all gender points on applications.

**Motion by Talia Priore** to accept the committee report as read.  
**Motion has an implied second. Motion passes.**

**E. Career Development Evaluation & Review**

The committee met on March 25th to discuss the delegates' agenda for State Convention. The committee decided to include the idea of changing CDE evaluation forms to include more specific questions to get more detailed reviews. The committee also wants to include the topic of how hybrid CDEs might work in the coming school year and whether CDEs should offer in-person and virtual platforms for all events in the future.

**Motion by Katelyn Duell** to accept the committee report as read.  
**Motion has an implied second. Motion passes.**

**F. Horticulture Exposition Evaluation & Review**

The committee had a brief meeting on Friday, April 2 to discuss the agenda for State Convention. The committee decided to include the idea of either removing leadership workshops from the event or what topics should be covered in these workshops if we continue to have them. The committee also decided to hold an open discussion during the state convention meeting to come up with ideas for new classes or changes to classes.

**Motion by Alexis Hutson** to accept the committee report as read.  
**Motion has an implied second. Motion passes.**

**G. State Convention Evaluation**

The committee met to discuss the delegates' agenda for State Convention. The committee is going to include bringing back the t-shirt drawing contest, creating a review session for each of the sessions to occur directly after each session and including the link for that review in the State Convention pamphlet, adjusting the award placings for the art competition to include a certificate given to members who place 4th and 5th, creating stickers for convention that members can purchase, and creating hybrid components for all future State Conventions.

**Motion by Katelyn Duell** to accept the committee report as read.  
**Motion passes. Motion has an implied second.**

*Talia Priore resumes duties of the chair.*

**VI. Executive Committee Report**

Owen Donnelly presented a workshop for the state officers where they played a game of Taboo, guessing the word that one of their teammates was trying to represent without them actually saying words similar to it. This activity taught state officers the value of communication and how there are always multiple ways to explain something even if it's not what we originally think of.

**VII. Parliamentary Procedure Report**

The motion to postpone indefinitely prevents further action on the motion currently on the floor. Requires a second and can be debated. Can only be done while the motion is being discussed.

**VIII. Foundation Report**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7 following the RA Workshop.

**X. Agricultural Education Advisory Council Report**

No report.

**XI. New Jersey Agriculture Society Report**

The Ag Society met on March 10. The board heard from Farmers Against Hunger who is working on the Anderson Farm Project to get a large cooler to store produce. FAH is also working on a small garden so that people can learn more about gardening. Learning Through Gardening distributed over 2,000 seed packets to different schools for their spring lessons. The next meeting is May 12.

**XII. Equine Advisory Board**

No report.

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

The committee met via Zoom on March 9. The board went through a few reports including dues collections. They reviewed the Professional Development and Blindspot book study that Mrs. Miller has been conducting. They looked at CDE requirements for ag ed in New Jersey. They reviewed the New Jersey Agriculture Convention and discussed the National Policy Seminar which discusses how to get involved in legislative action. They talked about the mentoring program as well as awards that teachers are eligible to receive. They reviewed their Constitution and Bylaws and the Nominating Committee began discussing upcoming positions that will need to be filled.

**XIV. Unfinished Business**

**A. Horticulture Exposition/ Floral Design CDE**

Horticulture Exposition and the Floral Design CDE was held on 3/12. The event was held through Google Classroom to make submitting arrangements easier. Results were posted the following week. Leadership conferences were also held for members and state officers to participate in.

**B. National Ag Day**

National Ag Day was March 23, 2021. Talia Priore attended the National Ag Day conference which was run by the National FFA Officers. There were several agriculturally based organizations such as FFA, 4H, and MANNRS. Talia heard from many industry professionals and learned how to live by the quote "All Day, Every Day" in terms of advocacy.

**C. Winter CDEs**

Farm Business Management, Forestry, and Meat Evaluation and Technology were the winter CDEs. The events were held online March 23-25. The winners of the CDEs were: Farm Business Management (Newton), Forestry (Newton), and Meat Evaluation

(Woodstown). Woodstown was the only team that met the 60% rule so state staff will be in touch with the Newton FFA chapter to discuss retesting.

**D. Retiring Address Workshop**

The Retiring Address workshop will be held in person on April 7 at the Eco Complex at 5:00. State officers will present their retiring addresses to members of the alumni where they will receive critiques on their speeches.

**E. State Applications Judging**

State application judging will take place from April 8-12. State officers will assist in judging applications on these days.

**F. Online CDEs**

**a. Spring CDEs**

Spring CDEs will be held virtually via ClassMarker and Zoom from April 13-15. They are being handled just like all our past virtual CDE events.

**b. Horse and Dairy Cattle Evaluation**

Horse and Dairy Cattle Evaluation will be held virtually via ClassMarker and Livestock Judging April 20-22. Members can choose their time to compete.

**c. Eastern PA FFA Day CDEs**

Eastern PA FFA Day CDEs will be held virtually via ClassMarker and Livestock Judging April 27-29. Students can select their participation time.

**G. Agriscience Fair**

This event will take place virtually via zoom on April 28 from 3:00-6:00 pm. There are six competing divisions and six competing categories. Registration was due to the state by April 1. More information about this event can be found on the New Jersey FFA Association web page.

**H. State Convention Planning**

**a. Timeline**

State officers have a few documents due on May 1st including the final copies of their retiring addresses and the finalized version of the annual report.

**b. Video Shoot**

State officers will be meeting on May 13 and 14 to film for State Convention. They will also be meeting on 2 weekend days to film other aspects of State Convention.

**c. Statewide Community Service Project**

The state officers are holding a statewide community service project where they will create "First Night Bags" which will be donated to shelters for people staying their first night. We will be collecting toiletries and other products from chapters across the state to put into these bags after State Convention so that they can be turned into the shelters.

**d. Potential State Officers/ Nom Com**

State officers are continuing to reach out to potential state officer candidates.

**e. Delegate Issues for State Convention**

Each state officer has held committee meetings discussing what they wish to have on their delegate agendas at State Convention.

**I. Chapter Visits**

Chapter visits are being scheduled and held. The state officers are 88.6% completed with these visits.

**J. Team Goal Action Plan**

State officers are continuing to hit their team bonding goal by holding a team bonding event at Katelyn's house on April 23rd where they will dye Easter eggs.

**XV. New Business**

**A. Agricultural Education Issues Discussion**

According to Ag Daily, April is Invasive Plant and Pest Awareness Month. Invasive plants and pests can be introduced to new areas by "hitchhiking" which is when they stick to something that is transported elsewhere through seeds, soil, and more. Some ways to prevent the spread of these invasive species is by burning firewood where it is bought or by buying seeds from the United States, not internationally.

**B. Member of the Month**

**Motion by Jamie Specca** to select Kylie Byrne of the Allentown FFA Chapter as the April Member of the Month.

**Seconded by Owen Donnelly. Motion passes.**

**C. State Officer Mileage**

State officers submitted mileage reports for the month of March.

**D. Summer CDEs**

The state officers discussed the impact of the cancelation of the 2021 Farm Fair and its impact on the hosting of Summer CDEs.

**Motion by Abigail Goodenough** to cancel the 2021 Safe Tractor Driving CDE and Dairy Handling CDE.

**Seconded by Kayleen Kollasch. Motion passes.**

**XVI. Closing Ceremonies**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 PM.

12:33 PM  
April 1, 2021  
Cash Basis

NJ FFA Association  
**Monthly State Meetings - General Ledger**  
As of March 31, 2021

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1. Opening Balance March 1, 2021
2. Closing Balance on March 31, 2021

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	<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Jul '20 - Mar 21</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>				
P1 Dues/Memberships (Income)	1,750.00	46,465.00	-4,535.00	51,000.00
P2 CDEs (Income)	0.00	451.00	-649.00	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)	0.00	3,330.00	605.00	2,725.00
P6 State Convention (Income)	-8.00	2,152.00	-25,333.00	27,485.00
P7 National Convention (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P8 Horticulture Expo (income)	8.00	23.00	-2,977.00	3,000.00
P9 SO Continnum (Income)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P10 ALLD (Income)	127.00	1,111.60	-2,642.40	3,754.00
P 11 212 (Income)	0.00	750.00	-1,250.00	2,000.00
P 12 SOCS (Income)	0.00	0.00	-220.00	220.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,977.00</b>	<b>54,382.60</b>	<b>-36,901.40</b>	<b>91,284.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
P1 (Dues/Memberships-Expense)	0.00	13,292.50	-807.50	14,100.00
P2 (CDEs - Expense)	0.00	1,334.01	-6,636.99	7,971.00
P3 (General Supplies - Expense)	0.00	940.00	-2,410.00	3,350.00
P4 (State Officers - Expense)	100.00	3,009.58	-7,185.42	10,195.00
P5 (LEAD - Expense)	0.00	1,222.60	-2,337.40	3,560.00
P6 (State Convention - Expense)	0.00	415.00	-28,485.00	28,900.00
P7 (National Conven. - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-700.00	700.00
P8 (Hort Expo - Expense)	1,315.00	1,479.94	-6,468.06	7,948.00
P9 (SO Continnum - Expense)	0.00	0.00	-2,900.00	2,900.00
P10 (ALLD-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-6,940.00	6,940.00
P 11 (212-Expense)	0.00	500.00	-3,500.00	4,000.00
P 12 (SOCS-Expense)	0.00	0.00	-720.00	720.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,415.00</b>	<b>22,193.63</b>	<b>-69,090.37</b>	<b>91,284.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>562.00</b>	<b>32,188.97</b>	<b>33,688.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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

**Date:** March 25, 2021

**Committee:** Career and Leadership Development Event Review

**Committee Members Present:** Abbey Goodenough, Katelyn Duell, Alexis Hutson, Jamie Specca, Ms. Clare Kennedy

**Absent:**

**Purpose of Meeting:** Discuss potential topics of discussion to be brought forward at State Convention.

**Recommended Action(s):** The State Convention delegates will discuss how to proceed with potentially hosting hybrid Career and Leadership Development Events in the upcoming year. Revising the event evaluation jotforms to ask more specific questions will also be discussed.

**Comments:** Next year may be in a more hybrid format. It is important to consider this in terms of Career and Leadership Development Events, keeping in mind integrity and fairness. Certain specifics to discuss would include: How would we ensure that people participating in person vs virtually have equal opportunities? How will we ensure members are practicing integrity while competing in such events? By asking more specific questions on the evaluation jotform, members will be more inclined to provide more detailed suggestions to help us host the most enjoyable and beneficial events.

Abbey Goodenough Chairperson
Katelyn Duell Secretary



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

Date: March 29, 2021

Committee: Membership and Chapter Relations

Committee  
Members Present:

Owen Donnelly, Alexis Hutson, Jacob Dotson

Absent:

Mrs. P. Smith. Elizabeth Stenard

Purpose of Meeting:

To discuss and set the agenda for the delegates at the 92nd NJFFA State Convention

Recommended  
Action(s):

the committee will add setting a middle school flat fee to the delegate agenda as well as adjusting the affiliation package. lastly discussed was adding the option for virtual chapter visits along side with in-person chapter visits in the future.

Comments:

Jacob Dotson

Chairperson

Secretary

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

**Date:** March 24, 2021

**Committee:** State Applications Committee

**Committee Members Present:**

Talia Priore, Kayleen Kollasch, Jacob Dotson, Ms. Susan Stant, Owen Donnelly

**Absent:**

**Purpose of Meeting:**

Create our State Convention agenda for our committee.

**Recommended Action(s):**

**Comments:**

On our State Convention Agenda we plan to discuss a space on applications for pronouns, other category for genders, and alphabetical order of applications.

Talia Priore  
Chairperson

Kayleen Kollasch  
Secretary

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

Date: March 23, 2021

Committee: State Convention Evaluation

Committee Members Present:

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Absent:

Purpose of Meeting:

Create our State Convention agenda for our committee. Develop ideas for what we would like to see change in future State Conventions

Recommended Action(s):

1. Possibly bringing back the contest of State Convention T Shirt drawing. 2. Creating a review for each session instead of all sessions being reviewed at the end of convention. 3. Adjusting the art awards to have a 4th and 5th place who would receive a certificate. 4. Creating stickers for each State Convention that people can purchase. 5. Creating hybrid components for all future State Conventions.

Comments:

Katelyn Duell  
Chairperson

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

Date: April 2, 2021

Committee: Hort Expo

Committee  
Members Present:

Alexis Hutson, Jamie Specca Abbey Goodenough

Absent:

Talia Priore, Mr. Dale Cruzan

Purpose of Meeting:

discuss topics to include on the delegate agenda at State Convention

Recommended  
Action(s):

Should leadership workshops continue to be offered at Hort Expo and if so what types of workshops would interest members? Are there any new classes that should be added or any existing classes that should be revised?

Comments:

Alexis Hutson

Chairperson

Abbey Goodenough

Secretary