

**NY FFA Board Meeting  
Saturday, January 29, 2022**

**Attendance –**

Student Members	Trustee Members	State Staff and Other
Molly Adams – NYFFA President	Elizabeth Foote – President	Jessica Currie – State Staff
Paige Warren – NYFFA Vice President	Tara Berescik-Burke (Virtual) – President-elect	Shari Lighthall – State Staff
Anna Western – NYFFA Secretary	Chloe Fuentes (Virtual) - District ½ Trustee	Derek Hill – State Staff
Julia Uhrinek – NYFFA Treasurer	Dianne Lewis – District ½ Alt. Trustee (Voting Representative)	Catie Rowe – State Staff
Makenna Seitz – NYFFA Reporter	Mary Foote – 3/6 Trustee (Voting Representative)	Terry Hughes – State Staff
Brooklin Drake – NYFFA Sentinel	Renee Johnson – 4/5 Trustee (Voting Representative)	Megan Lamb – FFA Intern/Student Worker – On-Site Minutes
Annette Prezzano – D2 President	Mandi Millen – 4/5 Alt. Trustee	Chip Ax – Morrisville State College
Kerri Jennings – D3 President	Carlie Bossard – 7/8 Alt. Trustee (Voting Representative)	Seth Browe – FFA Alumni
Amelia Moyer – D4 President	Todd Eick – 9/10 Trustee (Voting Representative)	
Myah LaFave – D5 President	Jeff Parnapy – 9/10 Alt. Trustee	
Taylor Stalker – D6 President		
Desirea Stuart (Virtual) – D8 President		
Lorna Becker – D9 President		

**Call to Order** – 8:08 am by E. Foote and M. Adams

**NY FFA Agenda Items**

- Request for additions to the agenda
  - None
- Approval of [previous FFA Meeting Minutes](#)
  - Move to approve the minutes by J. Uhrinek.
    - Seconded by M. LaFave
    - Motion Passed

- Move to approve the minutes by T. Eick
  - Seconded by M. Foote
  - Motion Passed
- Trustee Committee Reports\*\*
  - [2022 State Convention Committee Report—R. Johnson](#)

Committee members:

Renee Johnson(D 4/5 Trustee) Chair

Carlie Bossard (D 7/8 Advisors) Secretary

Derek Hill & Sarah Peavey (AEO Staff)

Lynda Weinstein (D 1/2 advisor)

Rachel Humphrey (D 3/6 advisors)

Kathlyn McCarthy (D 4/5 advisors)

Additional State Staff and NYS FFA Foundation members also assist  
State Officer Representatives

Previous Meetings Held: 1/12/22, 11/15/21

Tentative Next Meeting Date: 3/23/22

2022 State Convention: Planning is well underway for the 2022 NYS FFA Convention that will be held May 12-14, 2022 in Syracuse, NY. We will be utilizing the Syracuse Convention Center and downtown hotels for the event as previously held in 2019. This year the theme for 2022 is Define Your Story. Each Chapter received a custom scrapbook this fall to document their local story and capture the memories being made this year.

Schedule Changes - Friday will look slightly different due to some logistical constraints. Delegates will be meeting earlier than years past due to transportation/space logistics for the Days of Service Events. The document is a living document but will be released soon to Advisors. The meeting rooms and locations for CDE/LDE's have been established, this document is posted for Advisors to our website.

Workshops and tours will go on as normal with various topics. We will be utilizing local organizations like SUNY ESF, Soil and Water, Cayuga Milk Ingredients, Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Haun Welding and more. These are all tentative and we look forward to finalizing plans in the weeks ahead.

Service Projects will be held on both Thursday and Friday allowing students to work on site and off. Projects will include building mini food pantries, cleaning up area parks, helping at the NYS Fairgrounds and creating care packages for nursing homes and/or Ronald McDonald facilities.

Planning in the Expo center is well underway with vendors and demonstrations being planned for the exposition hall in the OnCenter. Hotel room blocks have been established at many area hotels within 15 minutes of the OnCenter. Please note, that the graduation weekend for Syracuse University has been changed, now being held the same days we are on site. This has caused the Marriott to not honor our housing. I advise Advisors and their Chapters to book early and update your choice of hotels frequently as you are planning for the State Convention.

With the SU Graduation and State Convention being held at the same time, safety and security will be the top priority as we move forward in the planning process for the event.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Renee Johnson

Chair/District 4/5 Trustee

- Move for the acceptance of the minutes by R. Johnson.
  - Implied Second
  - Motion Passed
- Move to accept the committee report by P. Warren
  - Seconded by M. Seitz
  - Motion Passed
- [CDE/LDE Committee Report—T. Bean](#)
- Move to present both student CDE/LDE and Trustee CDE/LDE Committee Reports at once by P. Warren
  - Seconded by M. LaFave
  - Motion passed
- Move to present both student CDE/LDE and Trustee CDE/LDE Committee Reports at once by T. Eick
  - Seconded by M. Foote
  - Motion passed

P. Warren assumed the position of the Chair for the FFA Officer Board so the M. Adams could present the Committee Report.

Student Report

**MEMORANDUM DATE:** October 11th, 2021  
**TO:** NYS FFA Governing Board  
**FROM:** CDE/LDE Committee (Student Officers)  
**RE:** Proposed CDE/LDE Recommendations

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**CDE/LDE Committee Changes for 2021  
For consideration by the NYS FFA Governing Board**

**Submitted by:** CDE/LDE Committee (Student Officers)  
**Proposed Changes:**

1. The Student Officer CDE/LDE Committee recommends that Senior People in Agriculture and Senior Creed contests only be open to students in their first year on their chapter roster.

**Rational:** There has been confusion across the state whether a student's first year on the roster or a student's first year being active is considered their first year for competitions. A student's technical first year is the year they are on the roster. We do not have an official way to track a student's first "active" year of membership, or any standards that justify what "active" membership is. This ensures students do not have an advantage over other students because of their previous involvement in FFA.

**Additional Considerations:** Make Senior People in Ag and Senior Creed more challenging and reconsider opening the contests up to all senior members. This would allow for a more fair contest across the board. For example, once they pick their career they have to conduct a set number of interviews with people in that field.

2. The Student Officer CDE/LDE Committee recommends that we pilot one virtual LDE contest as a separate category for those students who can't attend this contest in-person.

**Rational:** This contest will compete virtually and in-person separately for one year to see if there is interest and if it is a feasible option. Some students and chapters do not have the means to travel to compete in competitions, this would provide them with a way to still be involved. Since the virtual category of the contest is a pilot, the in-person winner of the contest will advance to nationals. The virtual winner would be recognized at state convention. We believe this is important to test to see if its viable for the future and provide more accessibility to all of our members.

**Additional Considerations:** This contest could possibly begin at sub-states and further advance onto states. We recommend the pilot competition be the Senior Prepared Public Speaking Contest.

#### Trustee Report

CDE/LDE Committee Report  
NYAAE - January 2021 Board Meeting

Chair: Outgoing- Tedra Bean; Incoming- Carlie Bossard

AEO Staffers: Jessica Currie, Derek Hill

Committee Members: Anne Allen, Emily Anderson, Tara Berescik, Carlie Bossard, Jon Clayson, Rachel Clayson, Kylie (Smith) DeBerardinis, Jessica DeVries, Nichole Hirt, Tanya Nickerson, Stephanie Rhodes, Gregory Schweiger

Purpose Statement: Ensure that the FFA is providing rigorous and relevant career and leadership development event opportunities for students that help them to develop 21st century skills for career and college readiness.

Proposed Recommendations from the 2021 CDE/LDE Committee:

1. Update Sr. Creed Speaking, Jr. Prepared Speaking, Jr. Extemporaneous Speaking Rational: All 3 contests listed above are missing rubrics. The committee recommends using rubrics from the existing contests (ex. Jr. Creed Speaking), editing as needed, and updating contest rules.

2. Update NY Only Contests

Rational: Update rules to state "If you win at the State level, you can not compete again in that contest". Currently, this is just implied and not an official rule.

3. Pilot one virtual LDE Contest

Rational: For students in chapters who will not be able to travel due to Covid restrictions. This could begin with the Substate level of competition and then move on to States. We will still hold the same LDE at in person contests. Winners of the in person LDE will be those who advance to Nationals. Winners of the virtual LDE will be recognized at State Convention. Students are only eligible to participate one way

(virtual or in person). We suggest piloting this on a one year trial basis for the 2021-2022 school year using the Sr. Prepared Public Speaking LDE.

- Motion to accept the committee reports by M. Adams
  - Implied Second
- Motion to accept the committee reports by C. Bossard
  - Implied Second
- Move for division of the question – M. Foote
  - Seconded by T. Eick
  - The motions would be split to now state:
    - Senior People in Agriculture and Sr. Creed will be considered LDE's open only during their first year of FFA membership.
    - A virtual option of the Prepared Public Speaking Competition be presented as an option for students to complete in.
    - Acceptance of Trustee report
  - Division passed
- Move for division of the question – B. Drake
  - Seconded by M. Seitz
    - Senior People in Agriculture and Sr. Creed will be considered LDE's open only during their first year of FFA membership.
    - A virtual option of the Prepared Public Speaking Competition be presented as an option for students to complete in.
    - Acceptance of Trustee report
  - Division passed

Motion 1 - Senior People in Agriculture and Sr. Creed will be considered LDE's open only during their first year of FFA membership

- Move to amend the motion of adoption to Senior Creed to state all 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to participate and any member in grades 9-12 may participate in Sr. People in Agriculture by T. Eick
  - Seconded – R. Johnson
  - Motion passed
- Move to amend the motion of adoption to Senior Creed to state all 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to participate and any member in grades 9-12 may participate in Sr. People in Agriculture by J. Uhrinek
  - Seconded by M. Seitz
  - Motion passed
- Move to adopt the Sr. People in Agriculture CDE for members in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and the Sr. Creed LDE for all students in grades 10-12 by J. Uhrinek.
  - Seconded by B. Drake
  - Motion passed
- Move to adopt the Sr. People in Agriculture CDE for members in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and the Sr. Creed LDE for all students in grades 10-12 by T. Eick.
  - Seconded by D. Lewis
  - Motion passed

Motion 2 - A virtual option of the Prepared Public Speaking Competition be presented as an option for students to complete in.

- Move to adopt the committee recommendations to provide a virtual Prepared Public Speaking LDE by M. Seitz
  - Seconded by B. Drake
- Move to adopt the committee recommendations to provide a virtual Prepared Public Speaking LDE by R. Johnson.
  - Seconded by C. Bossard

T. Berescik-Burke assumed the position of the Trustee Chair from E. Foote.

E. Foote resumed the position of the Trustee Chair from T. Berescik-Burke.

- Previous question was raised by M. Foote
  - Seconded by R. Johnson
  - Motion passed
- Previous question was raised by B. Drake
  - Seconded by M. LaFave
  - Motion passed
- Move to adopt the committee recommendations to provide a virtual Prepared Public Speaking LDE
  - Passed by FFA Officers
  - Failed by Trustees
  - Motion Fails

M. Adams resumed the position of the Chair.

Motion 3 – Trustee Committee Report

- Trustee Committee Report – Move to accept by C. Bossard
  - Implied second
  - Acceptance of the report passed
- Move to accept report for CDE/LDE by J. Uhrinek
  - Seconded by B. Drake
  - Report passed
- *Constitution Committee—D. Lewis*
- [Finance Committee—T. Eick](#)

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Committee Members: T. Eick (Comm. Chair), S. Lighthall, D. Hill, S. Boardman, K. Maleski, K. Smith, B. Head, P. Burnor, M. Millen

The NYSFFA current bank balance from Farm Credit East's report is at \$20,390.84

The finance committee has looked at the NYSFFA Policy Book regarding Section III, article C, paragraph 5, and has recommended a change of verbiage. That report, including any recommended changes, follows this page as an attachment.

The committee would like to commend State Staff for their diligence and time.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Todd Eick  
NYSFFA Finance Committee Chair

- Move to accept the finance report pending audit by T. Eick
  - Seconded by M. Foote
  - Report accepted
- Move to accept the finance report pending audit by M. Sitz
  - Seconded by P. Warren
  - Report accepted
  
- Move for the adoption to update the handbook for milage for students to the current IRS rate to match verbiage in the NYAAE handbook. With changes to be made immediately. by T. Eick
  - Seconded by M. Foote
  - Passed
  - This does not require a student vote since it is financial in nature.
  
- *Diversity and Inclusion—C. Fuentes/J. Parnapy*
  - No report
- *State Fair Committee—T.Berescik*
  - No report
- *Legal and Ethics –C. Aukema*
  - No report
- *Public Relations – M. Foote*
  - No report
  
- [Student Officer Committee Reports\\*\\*](#)
  - *Constitution Committee*

**MEMORANDUM DATE:** 1/12/22

**TO:** NYS FFA Governing Board

**FROM:** Constitution Committee (Student Officers)

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**Constitution Committee Changes for 2022**  
**For consideration by the NYS FFA Governing Board**

**Submitted by:** Constitution Committee (Student Officers)

Let the minutes show that Julia Uhrinek Paige Warren, Taylor Stalker and Amelia Moyer met on September 10, 2021 and determined there is no further action needed at this time.

- *CDE/LDE Committee*

*See Above*

- *State Fair Committee*

**MEMORANDUM DATE:** January 10, 2022  
**TO:** NYS FFA Governing Board  
**FROM:** State Fair Committee (student Officers) 2021-2022  
**RE:** Proposed State Fair Recommendations

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Let the minutes show that Anna Western, Amelia Moyer, and Desirea Stuart met on January 10, 2022 at 11:29 and determined that there is no further action needed at this time.

- *Camp Oswegatchie*

**Memorandum Date:** October, 11<sup>th</sup> 2021  
**To:** NYS FFA Governing Board  
**From:** Camp O Committee (Student Officers) 2021-2022  
**RE:** Proposed Camp O Recommendations

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**Camp O Committee Changes for 2022  
For consideration by the NYS FFA Governing Board**

**Submitted by:** Camp O Committee (Student Officers)

**Subject:** Proposed Recommendations for 2022 Camp O

**Proposed Change:** The Student Committee proposes that NYS FFA and Camp Oswegatchie consider offering short camping weeks (3 days) and long camping weeks (full week) for campers during summer camp.

**Rationale:** After having to shorten camp to 3-day rotations this summer, due to Covid, we thought that offering 3-day camping weeks would be beneficial to first time campers that are often nervous about leaving home. If we offer a shorter session for them their first year, it may encourage more students to come back for a weeklong session in future years. Offering shorter camping weeks may also increase the number of students attending camp in the future!

- Move to accept the committee report by B. Drake
  - Seconded by M. LaFave
  - Passed
- Move to accept the committee report by C. Bossard
  - Seconded by M. Foote
  - Passed
- *Diversity and Inclusion*

**MEMORANDUM DATE:** October 11, 2021  
**TO:** NYS FFA Governing Board  
**FROM:** Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Student Officers) 2021-2022  
**RE:** Proposed Diversity and Inclusion Recommendations

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Let the minutes show that Julia Uhrenik, Anna Western, Myah LaFave, Desirea Stuart, and Lorna Becker met on October 11, 2021 at 10:11 and determined that there is no further action needed at this time.



- *Public Relations Committee*

**MEMORANDUM DATE:** January 12, 2022  
**TO:** NYS FFA Governing Board  
**FROM:** Realignment Committee (Student Officers)  
**RE:** Proposed Realignment Recommendations

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**Realignment Committee Changes for 2022  
For consideration by the NYS FFA Governing Board**

**Submitted by:** Realignment Committee (Student Officers)  
**Proposed Changes:**

The members of the realignment committee, Paige Warren, Molly Adams, Anna Western, Makenna Seitz, Julia Uhrinek, Brooklin Drake, Annette Prezzano, and Kerri Jennings have met and determined that we have nothing to report on at this time.

- *Program of Activities*

**MEMORANDUM DATE:** January 28, 2022  
**TO:** NYS FFA Governing Board  
**From:** Program of Activities Committee (Student Officers)  
**RE:** Proposed Event Recommendations

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**The Program of Activities Committee Changes for 2022  
For consideration by the NYS FFA Governing Board**

**Submitted by:** Program of Activities Committee (Student Officers)  
**Additional Considerations:**

1. The student Program of Activities Committee has recommended that we continue the PenPal exchange program to members statewide.

**Rational-** The PenPal program gives members the opportunity to make new connections with each other, in hopes of meeting someone outside of their chapter. Members are matched with one another from all across the state.

**Additional Considerations-** The PenPal program gives members a unique opportunity to make friends and connections with other FFA members outside of their chapters and districts.

- Move to adopt the committee report by A. Prezzano
  - Seconded by A. Western
  - Motion passed
- Move to adopt the committee report by M. Foote
  - Seconded by T. Eick
  - Motion passed
- Move to reconsider the adoption of the first senior Creed and senior People in Ag Report from CDE/LDE by T. Eick
  - Seconded by M. Footre
  - Passed

- Move to reconsider the adoption of the first senior Creed and senior People in Ag Report from CDE/LDE by P. Warren
  - Seconded by A. Prezzano
  - Passed

Reconsidering previous motion - Move to adopt the Sr. People in Agriculture CDE for members in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and the Sr. Creed LDE for all students in grades 10-12

- Move to amend the motion to state - Move to adopt the Sr. People in Agriculture CDE for members in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and the Sr. Creed LDE for all students in grades 10-12 to take effect for the 2023 CDE/LDE season by T. Eick
  - Seconded by R. Johnson
  - Motion passed
- Move to amend the motion to state - Move to adopt the Sr. People in Agriculture CDE for members in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and the Sr. Creed LDE for all students in grades 10-12 to take effect for the 2023 CDE/LDE season by M. Seitz
  - Seconded by J. Uhrinek
  - Motion passed
- Move to adopt the committee report section as amended (Move to adopt the Sr. People in Agriculture CDE for members in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and the Sr. Creed LDE for all students in grades 10-12 to take effect for the 2023 CDE/LDE season) by M. Seitz
  - Seconded by J. Uhrinek
  - Motion passed
- Move to adopt the committee report section as amended (Move to adopt the Sr. People in Agriculture CDE for members in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and the Sr. Creed LDE for all students in grades 10-12 to take effect for the 2023 CDE/LDE season ) by T. Eick
  - Seconded by R. Johnson
  - Motion passed

### Reports

- Student Officer Report
- Program Updates
  - State Leaders Experience (SLE), Ag Education Advocacy
    - Derek Hill - Cancellation of different events but working to develop virtual events to encourage chapters to be actively engaged with their legislators, especially in home offices. There are resources on the website.
    - First week in March hoping for a virtual advocacy activity – more information to come out soon
- FFA Alumni

Seth Browe – Report

### Report

#### NYAAE & NY FFA Board Report

The New York FFA Alumni and Supporters had a productive 2021 with several activities returning as the COVID pandemic became more manageable and restrictions on larger events began to lighten. A few highlights from 2021 include:

- 168 members, advisors and guests traveled with the Alumni and Supporters to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The trip itinerary included stops and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the Fair Oaks Farm Dairy & Pig Adventure.
  - \$25,000 was donated by former ag teacher and a long standing FFA supporter Victoria L. Pinney-Gregory. Funds will be used to continue a scholarship for college students wishing to become agriculture educators. The gift has been deposited in a CNY Community Foundation endowment with existing Foundation and Association funds.
- Additionally, \$5,000 has been raised from various donors via donation requests letters.
- \$5,000 was awarded to cover or offset expenses for high school members to attend FFA events. Funds were made available from the Association.
  - 10 local Alumni and Supporter chapters received grants in 2021 from Nationals. We extended our congratulation to following chapters:
    - o Greenwich                      o Penn Yan                      o Granville                      o Friends of BKW
    - o Mohawk Velley              o Waterville                      o DeRuyter                      o South Jefferson
    - o Schuylerville
  - 170 guidebooks were distributed across the state with instructions and resources for starting an Alumni and Supporter Chapter. The development and distribution of the guidebook was made possible with help from grant funding provided by the National FFA Alumni and Supporters.
  - Due to the pandemic, there were many local Alumni and Supporter Chapters involved in local fundraising due to the restrictions on high schools.

Looking ahead to 2022, we are excited to be once again hosting the Toy Auction at the NY Farm Show on February 25th. We are grateful for the continued support and look forward to the return of our usual slate of activities. Please be sure to check <https://www.nysffaalumni.org/>, social media, and your emails for updates on events, trainings, and funding opportunities. Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or one of the other Alumni Officers or Board Members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Seth Browe NYAAE/NYFFA Board Member - FFA Alumni Representative  
 NY FFA Alumni and Supporter Board Member – Higher Education

- Move to accept report by S. Browe
  - o Seconded by T. Eick
  - o Motion passed
- Moved to accept report by M. Seitz
  - o Seconded by A. Moyer
  - o Motion passed

Old Business

- Board Insurance- Payment Processed
  - o It has been secured
- Incentive Grant
  - o Fortunate to get some funds back from the State which allowed to district \$565,000 for grants. Typically, it has been \$350,000 so this is a substantial increase but will most likely not be the same in the next budget cycle.
  - o 85 existing programs applied – growing programs checks should be out soon
  - o 31 new schools also applied, including 7 from NYC – new programs will be submitted to Cornell in the coming weeks for approval and checks

## New Business

- Chapter Approval Updates
  - Onondaga Central
  - Hoosick Falls
  - Lots of new interest for chapters has been happening. In 5 years we have had 55 new chapters and 8-10 are on the cusp of starting. We are more than ½ way to meeting the Commissioners goal for adding 100 new programs.

## **Future Meeting Dates:**

April 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 3:30pm

June 2, 2022 3:30pm (NYAAE)

- Move to adjourn by M. Seitz
  - Seconded by A. Prezzano
  - Passed at 10:03 am
- Move to adjourn by M. Foote
  - Seconded by T. Eick
  - Passed at 10:03 am