

Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, March 29, 2019
Camp Grant Walker
Pollock, LA

- Minutes
 - Meeting called to order at 1:02pm by Dr. Smith
- Roll Call
 - Present
 - Chair, Dr. Eric Smith – State Advisor (*ex officio*)
 - Brooklyn Hampton – State President
 - Katie Mestayer – State Secretary
 - Kerington Bass – State Vice President, Area I
 - Sara Toal – State Vice President, Area II
 - William Gaspard – State Vice President, Area III
 - Lane Degenhardt – State Vice President, Area IV
 - Madison Sittig – State Treasurer
 - Taylor Perrodin – State Reporter
 - Zachary Mayfield – State Sentinel
 - Makayla Caswell – State Parliamentarian
 - Mr. Dan McBride – Area I Advisor
 - Ms. Kayla Rachal – Area II Advisor
 - Mr. Nick Adams – Area III Advisor
 - Mr. Doug Triche – Area IV Advisor
 - Mr. Josh Wilhite – Area I LATA Vice President
 - Mr. Bill Thompson – Area III LATA Vice President
 - Dr. Paul Theriot – Area IV LATA Vice President
 - Mr. Cade LeJeune – State Executive Secretary (*ex officio*)
 - Absent
 - Mr. Chris Bennett – Area II LATA Vice President
 - Guest
 - Mr. Jerry Boyce, Louisiana FFA Foundation Director of Development
- Invocation by Brooklyn Hampton
- Approval of Minutes of Meeting from August 11, 2018
 - Motion to accept previous minutes by Brooklyn Hampton
 - Seconded by Kerington Bass
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- 2018-2019 Association Budget and Membership Update by Mr. LeJeune
 - The Association has stayed within budget for the 2018-2019 school year.
 - State membership is up 13% over the past two years.
- State FFA Foundation Report by Mr. Boyce
 - Foundation has purchased a service allowing us to take credit card information online.

- Mr. Boyce represented Louisiana FFA at the Egg Commission Board meeting as well as at the Soybean and Grain Research and Promotions Board meeting.
- Award Application Handbook Final Approval by Mr. LeJeune
 - Motion had been postponed for final vote from the August meeting. Each of the following components were voted on separately.
 - Part 1: Should we continue to require signatures on all applications for state approval?
 - National applications are being sent in electronically, so the need for signatures is decreasing
 - Possible email being sent to advisor to verify the application
 - **Signatures no longer required approved 13-4**
 - Part 2: How many first place proficiency awards may a member win?
 - Option A: A student will be eligible to win multiple proficiencies. He or she must choose which one will move on to national competition.
 - Option B: A member may be granted only one first place banner in a proficiency annually.
 - **Option B selected 17-0**
 - Part 3: How will we define five activities above the chapter level for the State Degree?
 - Recommendation from the State Degree evaluation committee was presented to the board.
 - **Recommendation approved 17-0**
 - Part 4: Should we clarify that the most current version of the National FFA award rubrics will be used for all judging activities?
 - **Agreed to use National FFA award rubrics for all award applications 17-0**
 - The board further discussed using a point system for Proficiency Awards for both applications and interviews to promote transparency to be fully implemented by 2020.
- State FFA Convention Report by Dr. Smith and Mr. LeJeune
 - Louisiana FFA is sending three judges to the Arkansas FFA State Convention to judge their Conduct of Chapter Meetings CDE. They are sending three to us for ours.
 - Governor Edwards has been invited to Convention, and we are awaiting a response. His potential attendance might affect security/timing of events.
 - USDA Secretary Sonny Purdue has been invited to Convention. His attendance will not be known until the middle of May.
 - Affiliate chapters took advantage of hotel priorities. The Holiday Inn was completely booked within the first couple of hours.
 - Responding to requests from teachers, convention is scheduled to end by lunchtime on the last day.
 - A new convention mobile app will be used this year, so fewer physical programs will be printed.
- Leadership Camp Report by Dr. Smith and Mr. LeJeune
 - Work has begun on a swimming pool at the Wesley Center.
 - Dr. Smith discussed the possibility of a four-day camp in 2020.

- There is an opportunity for overflow housing at Tall Timbers if needed.
- Four RV spots will be available at camp this year.
- Facilitators have already begun planning of workshops.
- A smaller version of Area Officer Training will happen this year at camp; a separate AOT will happen in the fall.
- 2019-2020 Association Budget Recommendation by Mr. LeJeune
 - State officers have traveled more than in the past, but their expenses are about the same thanks to smarter planning.
 - No major budget increases are planned for 2019-2020.
 - Motion to accept 2019-2020 budget recommendation by Brooklyn Hampton
 - Seconded by Kerington Bass
 - **Approved by general consent**
- Recommendation for 2019-2020 State Dues including National FFA Middle School Affiliation Option by Dr. Smith
 - Many middle school programs are structured to only teach students for 25 minutes a day.
 - Middle schools would have the option of paying a flat fee each year instead of paying individual dues.
 - The national flat fee is \$300; the recommended state fee is \$500.
 - Must be a pure middle school chapter that is not attached to a high school.
 - Would increase state membership significantly if most middle school programs adopt the fee
 - There are 17 middle schools in the state; two are already affiliated.
 - Middle schools would not be required to affiliate but would have the option.
 - Motion to recommend to the State Convention delegates individual dues at \$5 and offer the traditional affiliation option for the 2019-2020 school year and to offer the new option of a flat fee affiliation of \$500 state and \$300 national for middle schools by Dr. Theriot
 - Seconded by Brooklyn Hampton
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Verification of Affiliate Membership and Roster Compliance by Mr. LeJeune
 - Mr. LeJeune updated the Executive Committee regarding the membership status of affiliated chapters and chapters without a roster for the current school year.
 - Motion to authorize the State FFA Office to contact school and district administrators to obtain correct, unduplicated roster information to ensure compliance with roster and affiliation requirements by Dr. Theriot
 - Seconded by Sara Toal
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Approval of State FFA Degree and Honorary State FFA Degree Recipients by Dr. Smith
 - Motion to accept the recommendations of the State Degree evaluation committee for the State Degree and of the nominations for the Honorary State Degree by Brooklyn Hampton

- Seconded by Sara Toal
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Approval of Honorary American FFA Degree Nominees by Mr. LeJeune
 - Motion to accept the nominations for the Honorary American Degree by Brooklyn Hampton
 - Seconded by Kerington Bass
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Introduction of 2019 Delegate Committees by Brooklyn Hampton
 - The four delegate committees appointed by the State President for this year's State Convention were reported to the Executive Committee:
 - Committee #1: The Committee on Area Banners for Livestock and Dairy Cattle Evaluation
 - Proposed by: Winnfield
 - Committee #2: The Committee to Evaluate the Louisiana FFA Delegate Process
 - Proposed by: Louisiana FFA Association
 - Committee #3: The Committee on Stipends for National Qualifying Chapters
 - Proposed by: West Ouachita
 - Committee #4: The Committee on an Additional Day for FFA Leadership Camp
 - Proposed by: West Ouachita
- Motion to adjourn made by Brooklyn Hampton
 - Seconded by Kerington Bass
 - **Approved by unanimous consent at at 2:25pm**