

**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**9:00AM – Friday, April 3, 2020**  
**Conducted Virtually**

**Minutes**

- Call to Order by Dr. Smith at 9:00am
- Roll Call
  - Present
    - Chair, Dr. Eric Smith – State Advisor (*ex officio*)
    - Jadyn’ Durr – State President
    - Dekota McGee – State Secretary
    - Amber Bridges – State Vice President, Area I
    - Salem Johnson – State Vice President, Area II
    - Trevor Touchet – State Vice President, Area III
    - Tristan Foret – State Vice President, Area IV
    - Victoria Higdon – State Treasurer
    - Zachary Mayfield – State Reporter
    - Lindsey Detraz – State Sentinel
    - Matthew Phillips – State Parliamentarian
    - Ms. Kayla Rachal – Area II Advisor
    - Mr. Nick Adams – Area III Advisor
    - Mr. Chris Bennett – Area II LATA Vice President
    - Mr. Bill Thompson – Area III LATA Vice President
    - Mrs. Marcy Mahler – Area IV LATA Vice President
    - Mr. Cade LeJeune – State Executive Secretary (*ex officio*)
    - Ms. Samantha Airhart – State LATA President (*guest*)
    - Ms. Eton Vicknair – Program Specialist (*guest*)
    - Mr. Jerry Boyce – Director of Development, Louisiana FFA Foundation (*guest*)
  - Absent
    - Ms. Katelin Breaux – Area I Advisor
    - Mr. Doug Triche – Area IV Advisor
    - Mr. Josh Wilhite – Area I LATA Vice President
- Silent Reflection
- Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2019
  - Motion to approve minutes by Dekota McGee
  - Seconded by Salem Johnson
    - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- 2019-2020 Association Budget Update by Mr. LeJeune
  - The current year budget is on track and may see savings due to events being canceled.

- State FFA Foundation Report by Mr. Boyce
  - Special events giving for 2019 has increased by three times amount from 2018
  - The planned giving model is growing.
  - Foundation received a \$5,000 gift from an ag teacher for a scholarship
  - A board member gave a \$5,000 donation
  - Used website to sell gala tickets
  - A new idea for a raffle with the Cattlemen's Association is being pursued.
  - Ten new sponsors have come on board.
  - Foundation is now a member of LANO
- Review of Chapters Not in Good Standing by Dr. Smith
  - Beekman Charter has paid chapter fees and has added one member.
    - Will be given an opportunity to add a second member.
  - Red River has offered no response.
    - Motion by Mr. Adams to recommend to the convention delegates the revocation of Red River's FFA charter
    - Seconded by Tristan Foret
      - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- FFA Membership for Students Attending Non-Traditional Chapters by Mr. LeJeune
  - Home-school membership is allowed per our state constitution
  - Juvenile correction facility will presently not be permitted to have an FFA charter
  - Documents from North Carolina FFA will be sent to committee members in effort to formalize a roadmap for homeschool programs.
- Stipends for National Qualifying Chapters by Dr. Smith
  - Committee of Dr. Smith, Mr. Adams, Mrs. Mahler, and Dr. Stair reported
  - Proposes creating an account within the Foundation and other sponsors to fund stipends
    - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- State FFA Convention Report by Jady'n' Durr and Vice Presidents and Mr. LeJeune
  - Theme is "Through the Decades"
  - State Department of Education has said that June 2 will be ACT Retest Date.
    - This will affect State Convention scheduling.
  - State Nominating Committee will continue as scheduled with distance voting available if necessary.
- Leadership Camp Report by Dr. Smith and Mr. LeJeune
  - The Wesley Center is in the process of building new bunk cabins.
  - The theme is "Growing Leaders"
  - Will include STEM Night/Experimental activities
- 2020-2021 Association Budget Recommendation by Mr. LeJeune
  - Recommended to keep the budget the same as the current year
  - Motion by Tristan Foret to approve 2020-2021 Association Budget
  - Seconded by Mr. Bennett
    - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Recommendation for 2020-2021 State Dues by Victoria Higdon
  - Motion by Victoria Higdon to set state dues for 2020-2021 at \$5 per member with \$1 sent to the Foundation and continuing to offer National FFA traditional and middle school affiliation fee options following the same structure as this year
  - Seconded by Mr. Adams.
    - **Approved by unanimous consent**

- Approval of State FFA Degree and Honorary State FFA Degree Recipients by Lindsey Detraz
  - Motion by Lindsey Detraz to recommend all State FFA Degree recipients approved by the teacher committee to the convention delegates and to approve for Honorary State FFA Degrees:
    - Tony McCardle
    - Larry Alexander
    - Senator Mike Smith
    - Richard Fontenot
    - Jessica Vallelungo
    - All ag teachers retiring in 2020
  - Seconded by Tristan Foret
    - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Recommendations for Honorary American FFA Degrees by Matthew Phillips
  - Motion by Matthew Phillips to recommend the following nominations to the Honorary American FFA Degree:
    - Senator Jim Fannin
    - Senator Francis Thompson
    - Dr. William Green
    - Dr. Chip Lemieux
    - Dr. Bradley Leger
    - Mr. Steve Vines
  - Seconded by Victoria Higdon
    - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- SLDC Update by Zachary Mayfield
  - The conference has been moved to an online format, and Area Officers have begun participating.
- Update on State Convention Host Site Bidding Procedure by Mr. LeJeune
  - Interest has been shown from Monroe, Shreveport, Alexandria, and Baton Rouge
  - Lake Charles is unable to host a convention of our size.
  - Timeline for visits and presentations is postponed until travel is permitted.
- New Business
  - The April State Officer Blog is assigned to Tristan Foret.
  - Dr. Smith is writing a blog as well, and they will both be shared.
- Adjournment
  - Motion to adjourn by Tristan Foret
  - Seconded by Mr. Adams
    - **Approved by unanimous consent at 10:10am**