

Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, September 7, 2019
Dean Lee Research Station
Alexandria, LA

- Minutes
 - Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Dr. Smith
- Roll Call
 - Present
 - Chair, Dr. Eric Smith – State Advisor (*ex officio*)
 - Jadyne' 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
 - Mr. Nick Adams – Area III Advisor
 - Mr. Doug Triche – Area IV Advisor
 - Mr. Bill Thompson – Area III LATA Vice President
 - Mrs. Marcy Mahler – Area IV LATA Vice President
 - Mr. Cade LeJeune – State Executive Secretary (*ex officio*)
 - Absent
 - Ms. Katelin Breaux – Area I Advisor
 - Ms. Kayla Rachal – Area II Advisor
 - Mr. Josh Wilhite – Area I LATA Vice President
 - Mr. Chris Bennett – Area II LATA Vice President
 - Guest
 - Mr. Jerry Boyce, Louisiana FFA Foundation Director of Development
- Invocation by Salem Johnson
- Introductions of 2019-2020 Executive Committee Members
- Approval of Minutes of Meeting from March 29, 2019
 - Motion to accept previous minutes by Zachary Mayfield
 - Seconded by Tristan Foret
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- 2019-2020 Association Budget Update by Mr. LeJeune
 - The Association is anticipating no major budget changes for the 2019-2020 school year.
- State FFA Foundation Report by Mr. Boyce
 - Visited Down Home Sausage in Stonewall and made connections with owner.

- Held 10 in-person meetings with prospective donors. Has a goal of 150 for this year.
- There are 3 special events of which the Louisiana FFA Foundation will be the beneficiary
 - Louisiana FFA Foundation Clay Shoot on September 29, 2019
 - Louisiana Hunter Jumper Silent Auction on November 23, 2019
 - Louisiana FFA Blue and Gold Gala on February 20, 2020
- Mr. Boyce has now met with every member of the Louisiana FFA Foundation Board.
- Update on Funds Loaned to the Wesley Center by Dr. Smith
 - The \$30,000 loaned to the Wesley Center in January for the pool construction will be recouped on next year's camp bill.
- Advisor Suggested Revisions to Award Handbook by Mr. LeJeune
 - If more than 25% of any application is missing based on the total points provided in the scoring rubric then the application will be disqualified.
 - Recruit out-of-state teachers to grade National Chapter Award application.
 - Continue using the national 1-, 2-, 3-star system to determine gold, silver, and bronze on the state level.
 - The three division winners should come from gold-rated chapters.
 - The top middle school should come from highest overall scored middle school application.
 - The National Chapter Award application should be weighted 75% and the interview should be weighted 25%.
 - Motion to accept the recommendations and add them to the award applications handbook by Zachary Mayfield
 - Seconded by Tristan Foret
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- State FFA Convention Report by Dr. Smith and Mr. LeJeune
 - State office is looking into booking an entertainment act for chapters not participating in the Day of Service.
 - The mobile Goose Chase app will likely be adopted to facilitate an increase in traffic flow and participation in the Career Expo.
 - The possibility of moving the Expo into the hallway outside of the convention hall to increase traffic flow was discussed.
 - The selling vendors may be moved to atrium in the Holiday Inn or the downstairs hallway of the Riverfront Center.
 - The committee discussed ways to push chapters to attend delegate business sessions. Only 59% of delegates were present for the state officer election, and a quorum was not reached in two of the area officer elections.
- Leadership Camp Report by Dr. Smith and Mr. LeJeune
 - Twenty teachers were certified in Ag Tech.
 - Seven out of 10 teachers passed the drone certification.
 - Forty teachers certified in the Electrical Training Alliance credential.
 - Next year we plan to offer Serv Safe and the Electrical Training Alliance credentials.
 - The first night will likely be STEM-themed.

- Area Officer Training at camp will no longer take place late at night.
- There was discussion on how to maximize the time available at camp and potentially alter the purpose of the banquet on the last day.
- There will be no day of service at camp next year.
- Delegate Committee Reports by Amber Bridges, Salem Johnson, Trevor Touchet, and Tristan Foret
 - Committee I - Area Banners for Livestock and Dairy Cattle Evaluation
 - Motion to accept the committee report as read by Tristan Foret
 - Seconded by Trevor Touchet
 - **Approved by 14-0 vote**
 - Committee II - Evaluate the Louisiana FFA Delegate Process
 - Motion to accept the committee report as read by Trevor Touchet
 - Seconded by Victoria Higdon
 - **Approved by 14-0 vote**
 - Committee III - Stipends for National-Qualifying Chapters
 - Motion to refer to committee to be appointed by the chair to research all area needed for reimbursement and to report back at the spring meeting by Marcy Mahler
 - Seconded by Victoria Higdon
 - **Approved by 14-0 vote**
 - Committee members include:
 - Marcy Mahler
 - Nick Adams
 - Dr. Kristin Stair
 - Dr. Eric Smith
 - Program of Activities Committee
 - Committee instructed the state staff to continue implementing the report's recommendations.
- Review of Chapters Not in Good Standing by Dr. Smith
 - Board agreed to the constitutional process of revoking FFA charters of inactive chapters.
 - The state staff will update the board at the spring meeting to determine if any action will be taken at state convention.
- Review of Requirements for FFA Membership for Students Attending Parish Career Centers by Mr. LeJeune
 - The committee interprets the state FFA constitution to mean that students can remain an FFA member while attending career centers within their school districts as long as they are taking ag courses at the career center.
 - The committee directed the state staff to research and review the topic of allowing the Bunkie Juvenile Detention Center and home school programs to have FFA charters and report back at the spring meeting.
- Late Fees for 60 Days Past Due Proposal by Mr. LeJeune
 - The committee agreed to inform chapters who have outstanding invoices before charters are frozen.
 - Motion that after 60 days of unpaid invoices, chapters will be frozen and prohibited from participating and competing in any event or program

sponsored by Louisiana FFA Association including but not limited to any event or activity open to chapters (such as CDEs/LDEs, proficiencies, conventions, camps, etc.), any recognition in the form of scholarships, acknowledgement of achievement, or any awards until accounts are brought back within the 60-day period by Tristan Foret.

- Seconded by Doug Triche
 - **Approved by 14-0 vote**
- Introduction of 2019-2020 State Officers' Legacy Project by Jady Durr
 - Jady Durr reported on the purpose and plan of the #ImWithAg social media campaign.
- 2019-2020 Chapter Visits Update by Victoria Higdon, Zachary Mayfield, Lindsey Detraz, and Matthew Phillips
 - The state officer team plans to visit 100 chapters each year.
 - So far, they have visited 20 chapters with 8 more currently scheduled.
- Motion to adjourn by Zachary Mayfield
 - Seconded by Tristan Foret
 - **Approved by unanimous consent at at 1:09pm**