

Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Held Virtually

- Minutes
 - Meeting called to order at 4:02pm by Dr. Smith
- Roll Call
 - Present
 - Chair, Dr. Eric Smith – State Advisor (*ex officio*)
 - Kaleb Lemoine – State President
 - Emmerson Lyons – State Secretary
 - Elizabeth Richwine – State Vice President, Area II
 - Sydni Walker – State Vice President, Area III
 - Haley Faciane – State Treasurer
 - Megan Chiasson – State Reporter
 - Faith Thibodeaux – State Sentinel
 - Bryson Johnson – State Parliamentarian
 - Mr. Josh Wilhite – Area I Advisor
 - Ms. Kayla Rachal – Area II Advisor
 - Mr. Doug Triche – Area IV Advisor
 - Mr. Derek Shields – Area I LATA Vice President
 - Mr. Chris Bennett – Area II LATA Vice President
 - Mrs. Marcy Mahler – Area IV LATA Vice President
 - Mr. Cade LeJeune – State Executive Secretary (*ex officio*)
 - Absent
 - Sadie Foster – State Vice President, Area IV
 - Mr. Nick Adams – Area III Advisor
 - Mr. Bill Thompson – Area III LATA Vice President
- Approval of Minutes of Meeting from April 3, 2020
 - Motion to accept previous minutes by Mr. Chris Bennett
 - Seconded by Mr. Doug Triche
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Introductions of 2020-2021 Executive Committee Members
- 2020-2021 Association Budget Update by Mr. LeJeune
 - The Association is anticipating no financial issues for the 2020-2021 school year due to conservative budgeting.
- State FFA Foundation Report by Dr. Smith
 - Quarter 3 was strong from the Blue and Gold Gold Tournament and maintaining donors
 - Beef raffle has been set up with Louisiana Cattlemen’s Association
- Update on Hurricane Recovery by Dr. Smith and Mr. LeJeune
 - McNeese hoping for facilities to be back by January
 - Confident that we can host a live socially-distant livestock evaluation CDE

- State Day of Service grant money used for hurricane relief supplies
- Most hurricane impacted parishes are still in some hybrid form
- Challenges extend through central and north Louisiana
- Policy Governing Home School Chapters by Dr. Smith
 - Mr. Bennett - Can a student who lives outside of the school district or school zone join any school for FFA?
 - Dr. Smith - In NC, home school students don't typically pursue office positions or CDEs...they participate in other activities
 - Mrs. Mahler – Are area-wide chapters the best option...where to put them if there is only one statewide chapter?
 - Mr. Wilhite - Who is responsible for supervising these students?
 - Mr. Bennett - A local ag teacher is going to be needed to supervise the students' activities so these members don't fall through the cracks.
 - Kaleb Lemoine - Would a home school student be eligible to complete and run for office?
 - Motion by Mr. Chris Bennett to give Dr. Smith authority to write a policy and present back to the board at the next meeting
 - Second by Kaleb
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Middle School Proficiency Awards
 - Mr. LeJeune – A couple of Area IV middle school chapters are asking for a review of the awards provided for middle school proficiency award winners.
 - Mrs. Mahler – Do we have the funds to cover the awards?
 - Mrs. Mahler – Can we start with banners for the first-place winner this year?
 - Motion by Marcy Mahler to provide middle school champion of each proficiency area with a banner
 - Second by Josh Wilhite
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- State FFA Convention Report by Dr. Smith and Mr. LeJeune
 - Mr. LeJeune – Much hard work was done by State Officers and Staff
 - Please thank Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation for allowing the use of their studio.
 - Staff is working on schedule for next summer's convention and hoping for an in-person event.
- Leadership Camp Report by Kaleb Lemoine
 - Kaleb Lemoine – There were pros and cons: Virtual allowed members to visit during COVID but lacking face-to-face interaction was challenging.
- Delegate Committee Reports by Kaleb Lemoine, Elizabeth Richwine, Sydni Walker, and Haley Faciane
 - Committee 1 - SAE and AET Opportunities and Licensures
 - Motion by Kaleb Lemoine to appoint Ms. Kayla Rachal as the Past State Officer and to begin contacting people to form taskforce.
 - Second by Megan Chiasson
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**

- Committee 2 - Task Force for Developing and Implementing Areas of Improvement for Students with Special Needs
 - Megan Chiasson volunteers to design an application for students
 - State Officers will help to recruit special education teachers
 - Motion by Mr. Josh Wilhite to create the task force
 - Second by Kaleb Lemoine
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Committee 3 - Running off the Floor for State Nominating Committee
 - Motion by Mr. Chris Bennett to propose a constitutional amendment to come before the delegates at the 2021 convention
 - Second by Mr. Josh Wilhite
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Committee 4 – Eliminating Early Registration for Affiliated Chapter Convention Registration and Housing
 - Motion by Ms. Kayla Rachal to take no action at this time
 - Seconded by Mr. Josh Wilhite
 - **Approved by unanimous consent**
- Update on Area Officer Elections by Faith Thibodeaux
 - Elections were delayed due to COVID and hurricanes.
 - The process is very similar to the virtual State Officer election process.
 - Areas I and IV were elected in October.
 - Areas II and III will be done in November.
 - State Officers have activities planned for the Area Officers following elections.
- Introduction of 2020-2021 State Officers’ Legacy Project by Megan Chiasson
 - The State Officers are focusing on diversity and inclusivity throughout the state.
 - They are working to providing experiences to all members.
 - They are looking to provide more opportunities for students with special needs.
- 2020-2021 Chapter Visits Update by Bryson Johnson
 - Officers struggled to schedule chapter visits due to COVID and hurricanes, but progress is being made.
 - Five visits have been done so far.
 - Some districts are loosening up restrictions to do in-person visits
 - More industry visits were done since this summer both virtually and in-person compared to previous years.
- Update on State FFA Convention Host Site Bidding Procedure by Mr. LeJeune
 - Visits have been made to Lafayette, Monroe, and Shreveport.
 - Cities will be invited to make presentations in the spring.
- **Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.**