

Delegate business session minutes May 19, 2023

Call to order at 1:15 pm

Roll call of delegates by district:

1. 15 delegates
2. 43 delegates
3. 31 delegates
4. 17 delegates
5. 35 delegates
6. 28 delegates
7. 28 delegates
8. 18 delegates
9. 24 delegates
10. 12 delegates

Total 251 delegates, quorum is met.

Introduction of business session staff and resources

- Approval of 2022 minutes. Minutes accepted and in records
- Financial report by Elizabeth Scheferstein
 - o Start balance: \$45,129.67
 - o Today: \$68,657.38
 - o We also have endowment with the New York FFA Foundation and the current value of that investment is \$360,000.
- State office report by Hunter Smigel. Accepted and in records by Myah LaFave

Committee reports

1. Celebrating 100 years of NY FFA
 - a. Chair is River Townsend from Berne Knox Westerlo FFA, moves to accept report. Implied second.
 - b. Discussion: none
 - c. Motion carried
2. Engaging communities – FFA as a catalyst for service
 - a. Chair is Mahayla Walsh from Owego FFA, moves to accept report. Implied second.
 - b. Discussion: none
 - c. Motion carried
3. Increasing access to SAE
 - a. Chair is Xavier Jones from Madison FFA, moves to accept report. Implied second.
 - b. Discussion: none
 - c. Motion carried
4. Evaluating non-event FFA opportunities for members
 - a. Chair is Finnegan Morgan from Owego FFA, moves to accept report. Implied second.
 - b. Discussion: none
 - c. Motion carried
5. Student voices on leadership development programming
 - a. Chair is Owen Allen from Mount Markham FFA, moves to accept report. Implied second.

- b. Discussion: Yes
 - i. River Townsend Berne Knox Westerlo: What is an example of an activity during LDEs
 - 1. Chair answers some regions offer community service events
 - ii. Noah Davis from Greenwich: I think that it is a bad idea to limit the competition filed at substates. It will be discouraging to members and create a weaker competition field.
 - iii. Madison Nolley Stockbridge Valley: Didi you come up with an exact number of students that would move on to substates
 - 1. Chair answers they don't have an exact number, just overall lessening the number
 - 2. Madison asks if that is fair because not all districts have the same size
 - 3. Chair says they did this because they are trying to more people trying to prepare for the contest
 - iv. Sarina Bell UV FFA: limiting the amount would increase the case of winning meaning less people at substates so you have a greater chance of winning
 - v. Sophia Santella Roy Hart: even if you lower the number you have a better chance of winning the second one but harder the first one
 - vi. Lorna Becker Roy Hart: Some people do better at substates than at Districts so if they place low at districts, they wouldn't have the chance to do SS
 - vii. Mckinley Craven: agrees because this will bring the competition to a higher level
 - viii. Gabrielle Mitchel Bolivar richber: how does lowering the number make this more equitable
 - 1. Chair says this would make the competitions not take as long and that this makes sure the people moving on gets their work appreciated and the rigor is higher
 - ix. Noah Davis Greenwich: I think time should not be a concern because we build off experiences so we shouldn't constrain students if we say we change their time. This could negatively impact member's experiences
 - x. Joseph Canzonier Belleville H: time constraints are a major concern, was there discussion that the sub states system is outdated and in the past years NY FFA has nearly tripled. So should we create a new substate region
 - 1. Chair says they spoke about it but did not get moved into these propositions
 - xi. Mckinley Craven Hamilton FFA: I call previous questions
 - 1. Call of previous question is voted on. Yay: 214 (169 needed to pass)
 - 2. Motion for previous question is carried
- c. Main motion is not carried

6. Updating the student code of conduct for 2023 and beyond

- a. Chair is Hanna Lighthall from Beaver River FFA, moves to adopt report. Implied second.
- b. Discussion: yes
 - i. Xavier Jones Madison: what types of punishment is brought up for code of conduct
 - 1. Chair says they did not give specifics
 - ii. Riley Ballentyne Springville: policy on traveling, does that mean not allowing students who have prior obligation they cannot drive, or they can drive themselves?
 - 1. Chair says this is allowing students who want to drive themselves they are allowed to
 - iii. Sarina Bell Unadilla Valley: what is the proper attire for service projects and tours
 - 1. Chair says members have said they have been frustrated. This can be specific to each tour and project
 - iv. Hunter Pitcher Owego: what are some actions that will happen when people break code of conduct

1. Cahir says they did not go into depth with those consequences. State Staff will decide what the consequence is on a case-by-case basis
- v. Eric Bounds Hoosick Falls: I feel it is implied for what to wear on tours and service opportunities, so I don't see the need to add more information
- vi. Bailee Seymour Schuylerville: What is the purpose of the first bullet point? You mentioned previously that FFA would provide transportation, but I am confused as to how this would work.
 1. Juleah Tolosky says that if the motion is adopted there will be review on this section and it will be Revised as needed.
- vii. Fiona Landacker Schuylerville: This is a good motion as it allows more participation from students involved in other activities.
- viii. Sarina Bell Unadilla valley: Isn't anything in life a liability
- ix. Madison Nolley Stockbridge: moves to previous questions
 1. Call of previous questions is voted on. Yay: 249 (168 needed to pass)
 2. Motion for previous question is passed
- c. Main motion is voted and is passed

New business

Amend constitution

- Motion made by Madison Nolley inserting the words "in 6th grade or older, who meets the following criteria" after the words "any student" in section B, Item 1 and striking section C in its entirety so that the revised section on membership would read:
 - o "Any student in 6th grade or older, who meets the following criteria:
 - While in school, be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the senior years and/or follow a planned course of study; either course must include a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is preparation for an agricultural career.
 - Enrolled in a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program for a local regent's diploma credit.
 - o A member may retain active membership until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduation from high school."
- Second by Sarina Bell Unadilla Valley FFA
- Discussion:
 - o Gavin Gumlaw Northern Adirondack: most students in my school can't take ag until 8th grade is there any way around that?
 - Advisor says that to be an FFA member they have to be enrolled in the program. That means they need an ag class. This is different between all school but this is language from nationals so we can't amend that.
 - o Anna Clark DA: what would we do for students to be eligible who are homeschooled by have ag in the curriculum?
 - President says that is not what the amendment is about so we cannot discuss it now
 - o Dorothy French Onondaga Central: Is this at the chapter's discretion to allow 6th graders
 - President says the state level
- Motion is needed to be met by 2/3 majority. With 229 in favor motion is carried.

2023-2024 State Officer team election

Sentinel, Kealy Schilde Cobleskill Richmondville

Reporter, Elianna Tarrant Delaware Academy

Treasurer, Eric Heath Greenville

Secretary, Jacob Lucak Tri-Valley

Vice President, Courtney Taibi Greenville

President, Ella Underberg Springville

Hanna Lighthall moves to elect the nominating committee's slate

Second by Mathew Haier from Tully FFA

Discussion: none

Motion carried

Announcements and adjournment

Adjourned at 2:26pm