



**NYAAE Executive Council and FFA Governing Board Training
Friday, September 22, 2023
Oswegatchie Educational Center**

**Tentative Schedule, subject to change*

Please RSVP [HERE](#) no later than September 8

All board members will need to bring a laptop that can connect to wifi for a simulation activity

Thursday, September 21

Evening Arrive any time after Dinner at Oswegatchie
7:30pm Informal Social/Gathering of Board Members who arrive this evening.

Friday, September 22

7:00am Morning Oswegatchie Hike or Paddle (optional)
8:15am Breakfast
9:00am – 10:45am Board Training and Development Session 1 – Dr. Larry Van De Valk
10:45am Break
11:00am – 12:15pm Board Training and Development Session 2 – Dr. Larry Van De Valk
12:30 – 1:15pm Lunch- Sentinel Hall
1:15pm-4:00pm NYAAE Executive Council/FFA Board of Trustees Meetings



Larry Van De Valk is a Senior Extension Associate in the Department of Global Development at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University. His primary role in the to serve as the executive director of the Lead NY Program, a highly regarded leadership development program for adult professionals in the food, agriculture and natural resource sectors. In addition to Larry's work with LEAD, Larry is a sought-after consultant and facilitator to a number of organizations in the areas of board governance, strategic planning, team building and leadership development.

In person Attendees

Jeff Parnapy, Renee Johnson, Gleason Walley, Matt Greene, Tatiana Eder, Crystal Aukema, Vicky Gregory, Chip Ax, Chris Smith, Jeff Perry, Steph Rhoades (sp?), Catie Rowe, Terry Hughes, Shari Lighthall, Juleah Tolosky, Kelsey O'Hare

Virtual Attendees

*Mandi Millen, Carlie Bossard ****Revised 10/21/23 to include attendance****

NYAAE Agenda Items motion to approve - Crystal Aukema and seconded by Chris Smith - PASS

- Call meeting to order to at 1:15 here at Oswegatchie

- [Approval of previous NYAAE minutes](#)

Motion to approve by Steph seconded by Crystal Aukema - PASS

- [Approval of June 21 Annual Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve by Steph seconded by Crystal Aukema - PASS

- Committee Reports *

*o Constitution (NYAAE) – None reported - Erin is the current chair but with her increased responsibilities with NYSACTE, we were unsure if that would change... however we know she would still be willing to remain engaged even if her official role as chair changes. ***Revised 10/21/23*

o Professional Development – Catie sent interest forms to past and new members to set new dates for Committee.

o Legislative – None reported

o Membership – None reported

o Public Relations – None reported

o Nominating Committee – None reported

o Diversity and Inclusion – Jeff, Juleah and Chloe traveled to Indy to do a DEI workshop with the National FFA to discuss moving forward with DEI, an important topic to be kind to all.

Continuing to follow up with Bimonthly meetings with Nationals. Seeking new members

o Financial Committee- Suggestion to have NYAAE move some cash resources to being invested. A suggestion was to pursue approval to seek interest earning investments for current cash assets.

- *Crystal - Moves to give the Finance Chair permission to act upon an investment up to \$100,000. Seconded by Vicky Gregory. Motion carried.*

*o Reorganization-NYAAE/FFA Committee- Committee has been dissolved, all further business will be conducted through the Constitution Committee. ***Revised 10/21/23*

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Reports

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- o 2023-2024 Ag. Education Incentive Grant - Juleah presenting

- o Changes - in the hands of teachers faster, application closes Oct 1 - goal is to be able to make decisions and contracts prior to the National Convention so teachers have the money in January. Conserving some funding for second rounds for NEW programs in the Spring. Clearer on what the terms of the contract are and to describe what a program is defined as. (Middle vs High School/different programs within districts.) New program recipients do not follow through on building programs, so we are more intentional in monitoring their progress, so if they do not follow through we would take away eligibility for funding if they are not developing into a 3 circle model program. If a program is not in good standing - they will not be given grant funding. \$350,000 to be spread across the state through this programming.

- o [RAENY Update -](#)

- o Motion to accept the report, Jeff Perry, seconded by Crystal - motion approved.

- o Postsecondary Update - Cobleskill - enrollment is improving Morrisville, improving enrollment, students are getting more engaged Cornell/Ithaca College - 4 students in the cohort, 2 are already teaching. 4-5 scheduled for June '24 Oswego has added more Ag Ed Faculty - ~20 Ag Ed
- o Alumni Update - No report
- o NYSED Report - SED did provide #'s for data - there are ~25,000 students in NYS taking an Ag Class per Juleah Tolosky
- o NYSACTE Report - Erin Smith is now the President, great to have representation for Ag Ed on that level.
 - o If any individual is interested, please reach out to Jeff or Shari with interest for Erin's vacated position.
- o NYS FFA Leadership Training Foundation - Todd - Active board - record season, 6 weeks with 160 per week 97% of registration was FFA... 1090 youth came through plus the Teacher's Conference. Travel stipends for National FFA and Big E checks have been processed and will be mail week of 9/25/23. In total over \$50,000 checks are being cut. Fall fund drive kicks off next month - we are ahead of raised funds from last year, all extra will be more to support members. We are going to continue to take part in the Give FFA Day through National FFA - exceeding the goal with \$32,000 in 24 hours with the MATCH program. We have already the \$35,000 set to be matched this year. February 24, 2024. 157 donors! 47% had never donated before. Golf Tournament on 10/7 - room for 3 more teams. Endowment Fund performance as of June 30th - \$720k in value
- o [2023 NAAE National Award Winner Results](#)
 - o Award winners 3 people representing NY at NAAE in Phoenix

Old Business

- [2023-2024 NYAAE Committees and Chairs](#)
 - Move to dissolve the Realignment Committee made by Crystal, seconded by Stephanie. Motion passed.
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New Business

- o [Appoint NY FFA Foundation Board Members](#)
 - o Vickey Gregory moved to hold a balloted vote for the vacated/contested election, seconded by Crystal.
 - o Open Seat (Vacated Seat) - Megan obtained the majority vote.
 - o Renewal Seat - Vote to be held at November Meeting
- o Google Drive Access - New Board members to obtain files.
- o 2024 NYAAE Conference Location and Dates
 - o Catie - Majority of respondents preferred OEC as a location.
 - o Motion to approve power to act for PD Committee to choose a host site for June Conference, by Mandi Millen and seconded by Stephanie. Motion carried.
- o 2024 NYAAE Scholarships (NYAAE Conference \$10,000 and Rigorous and Relevant \$10,000)
 - o Able to keep same levels of monies for scholarships this fiscal year
- o [2023-2024 NYAAE Mentors](#)
 - o Motion to approve mentors for this year by Crystal and seconded by Stephanie. Motion carried.
- o Approve Delegates to 2023 NAAE Conference
 - o Motion to approve Jeff Parnapy, Rayne Ives, Allison Parrott and Matthew Sweeney as our official delegates by Vicky seconded by Crystal. Motion carried.
- o Regional Retention Funds
 - o Motion to approve \$10,000 for Regional Retention Funds by Dr. Jeff Perry, seconded by Steph. Motion carried.
 - o Move to accept the motion with the amendment of the activity be approved by May 1, 2024 by Stephanie, seconded by Jeff Perry. Motion carried.
- o NYAAE Emergency Fund
 - o Motion to match the funds for the NAAE Emergency fund or up to \$1,000 motion, Crystal, seconded by Katie M. Motion carried.

- o Move that the membership makes a policy regarding hardship funds, by Crystal, seconded by Steph. Motion Carried.

Future Meeting Dates:

November 16, 2023 - Virtual @ 3:30pm

February 5, 2024 - in person @ SLE- Albany

April 11, 2024 - Virtual @ 3:30pm

June 6, 2024- Virtual (Banquet/Planning Meeting) @ 3:30pm

June @ NYAAE- TBD

** Point of Information, in the event of an emergent or time sensitive topic that needs to be addressed - we will meet virtually in the evening of a date that will be shared out via email**&

Motion to adjourn, Crystal seconded by Stephanie, motion carried at 3:01pm