

**IVATA**  
**Professional Technical Educators Summer Conference**  
**Boise, Idaho**  
**2008**

**Session 1:**

Meeting called to order by Shawn Dygert at 8:00

- Reminders for door prizes
- Introduction of IVATA Officers
- Neophyte Seating (Mr. Jim Summers)
  - Travis Hendrickson (Blackfoot)
  - Adam Ineck (Bonners)
    - Larry Campbell (absent)
    - Nicole Lebsack (absent)
    - Robert Morgan (Kamiah) (absent)
  - Troy White
  - Mike Martin (Marsing)
  - Josh Sanders (Melba)
  - Jessica Smith (Meridian)
  - Charles Ledington (Midvale)
  - Tyson Smith (Payette)
  - Jake Landon (?) (Ririe)
  - Shane Stevenson (Rocky Mountain/Meridian)
  - Ray Shirts (Vallivue)
  - Don Wilkenson (Vallivue)
  - Travis Edwards
  - Helen Fisher (Meridian)
  - John Hogue
  - Josh Evans
- Introduction of Mike Womochil from National FFA
- ATTN: change of tour time on Wednesday morning...start time is 8:00, not 7:30
  - Please wear long pants and closed toe shoes for industry tours
    - Idaho Equine Hospital and Amalgamated Sugar
- Meal Counts
- IVATA social @ Municipal Park 6:00
- CSI Update: Terry Patterson
  - Changes in Vet/An. Sci lab abilities
  - Continuing with dual credit
  - Would like to host a fall in-service regarding dual credit (Professional Development Committee)
- CTEI: Robert Hale
  - Recruiting members (\$20), encouragement to join
  - Encourages an IVATA/AG teacher to run for CTEI office
  - CTEI breakfast Tuesday morning @ Owyhee Plaza
  - Amy Nichols is our CTEI rep.
  - Holly Church is on the exec. board/secretary

- Shawn Dygert encouraged all to join IVATA and pay dues
- Alan Heikkila spoke on benefits of IVATA/NAAE membership
- Mike Womochil from National FFA (LPS Specialists for Western States)
  - Development of alumni affiliates at local and state level
  - In Utah, the collegiate FFA members are heading up the alumni group and identifying potential members...perhaps U of I could do something similar
  - Discussed some Wisconsin legislation and encouraged us to stay active
  - Hopes that our product orders through FFA are progressing with fewer mistakes (accepted comments/concerns from group)
  - Team AG ED Learning Center site is growing
  - Day of Service is encouraging a state-wide day, with a grant available
  - Scholarships
  - AG Entrepreneurship Program
  - New Proficiency Award in Veterinary Science
  - Convention Updates
  - FFA Dues increase by \$2.00
- Amy Nichols addressed awards information form
- Justin Paten: Committee Assignments
- Mr. Summers w/herd book
- Adjourn @10:00

## **Session II: 1-2:15 Committee Meetings**

### **Session III 2:15-3:15:**

- NAAE Update:
  - Shawn Dygert showed the communities of practice website and encouraged all to use it
- **Committee Reports**
- Curriculum (Tom Jacobsen)
  - CAERT Curriculum/ how it fits into our current standards
  - In-service topics
  - Chair will be Brice Myer
  - Report accepted as read, unanimous
- Public Relations/Legislative (Kevin Wells)
  - Bright Spots
  - Food Producers Membership (continue)
  - Merit-based pay will come back “up” as an issue..keep on top of it!
  - Pro/Con of Legislative Luncheon
  - Send Thank You letters
  - IVATA keep all teachers informed on important legislative issues
  - Chair will be Buck Wright
  - Report accepted as read, unanimous
- Professional Development (Pat Dixon)
  - Encourage IVATA members to apply for NAAE awards

- Reminders for ideas unlimited: that dates for reminders go on state calendar (June Playfair won)
- Chair will be Nathan Lowe
- Report accepted as read, unanimous
- Program Manager Report (Allison Touchstone)
  - Looking for people to work on cross-referencing the CAERT curriculum
  - FFA membership is up over 4000
  - Textbook adoption this summer
  - Adding small animal course next summer
  - Changes at state department
- **Committee Reports:**
- Audit and Budget (Jesse Miller)
  - Review of funds
  - Encourage SAE books to be purchased through U of I
  - Add to dues sheet an optional check off box to donate to neophyte member's dues.
  - Check funds for Idea's Unlimited winner to travel to Region 1
  - Chair will be Melissa Coles
  - Report accepted as read, unanimous
- Herd Book Report
- Adjournment at 3:05

**Session 5: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 9:00**

- Called to order by Shawn Dygert
- Carl Perkins Technical Assessment Report by Dr. Ledington with question and answer time
- Sam Condie, Nomination Committee Report
  - Nominations for secretary elect and president elect
- Herd Book Report, Jim Summers
- Break
- **Teacher Recruitment and Retention Discussions**
  - Activities and Experiences needed for a novice teacher
    - Someone in district to be a mentor (formal arrangement?)
      - Remind of due dates for forms, offer assistance, etc.
      - Monthly contact
    - Criteria to select mentors
    - Making resources available
    - Create a list of advisors and "strong points"
    - Introductory AG ED class may provide the needed mentorship (paperwork checklist) (all papers, etc. go to professor, then to state...forces new teachers to have contact and get papers/forms completed)..not optional?

- Create a 3-4 year plan of things or areas to work on...don't feel that they have to do everything at once! (in place through state division)
  - Why do people enter the teaching profession OR not...and how do we influence that?
    - Positive experiences in high school or student teaching (an AG teacher influenced them some time in their lives)
    - Some don't because of salary (we can point out salary benefits, lifestyle, opportunities, insurance, etc.)(video?)
    - We don't always model a "friendly, family friendly" job (long hours, away from home, overwhelming amount of responsibility, etc.)
    - We can promote the positives of our lives/jobs better...not always be negative or obsessive about what we/our programs aren't
    - Recruit teachers from non-traditional backgrounds to broaden experiences

### **Session 8: 1:00**

- Dr. Ben Swan, U of I Update
  - Kat Wolfe hired as new instructor
  - Now the Division of AG ED @ U of I
  - Sifting for Southern Idaho instructor
  - Student teacher numbers are looking up
  - In-service:
    - Range and Welding @ Meridian, Thurs/Fri, June 19/20
    - July 14-18 @ U of I for dual credit
- CAERT: new materials handed out
- Mel Dewsnap, BYU Idaho Update
  - New facilities
  - More students being allowed because of facility size
  - Workshop on Agri-Knowledge/GPS-GIS in July
- **CDE Committee Report:**
  - See Committee Report
    - Move that the food science CDE move to 4:30, Wednesday afternoon (Porath)...MOTION FAILED
    - Move the Food Science CDE to 3:00 on Tuesday...MOTION PASSED
    - That 50\$ not be refunded and funds go to the event host in food science CDE. MOTION PASSED
    - Move that Floral/Nursery CDE have teachers do data entry/objective scoring. MOTION PASSED
    - Moved that the Sales CDE have top 4 teams appear on stage (Stapleton)...Motion Failed.....

- Move that all qualifying CDE teams have top 4 teams appear on stage and top five open event CDE teams appear on stage at state leadership convention....MOTION PASSED
- Move that in Dairy Foods CDE the milks and test rotation be set at 20 minutes and the cheese and real/non be set at 10 minutes....motion passes
- Move that coffee creamer be removed and dry milk added to the Dairy Foods CDE score cards....motion passed
- Larin Crossley will be committee chair in 2009
- Report accepted as amended

**Session 9: 2:30 Tuesday**

- Shawn Dygert showed produce boxes with FFA logo on them and offered others access to them
- Linda Culp (?) from ISDA, Premises Identification
- FFA Relations Committee Report: Lori Harrison
  - No changes
  - Report accepted as read....passed unanimously
- Herd Book Report
- Adjourn

**Summer Conference IVATA Committee Reports Compiled and  
Submitted By:  
Janna Shopbell-Volkers  
IVATA Secretary**

**IVATA Legislative/Public Relations Committee  
June 16, 2008**

Attendees: Kevin Wells, Chairman, Buck Wright, Stuart Nesbitt, Bill Dean, Ed Harper, Harley Wilson, Janna Shopbell-Volkers, Shawn Dygert, Rick Hance, Blaine Campbell, Cody Porath, Brandi Milliron, Jon Hogge, Travis Henderson, Vince Wray, Troy White, Breann Duffin

1. Bright Spots
  - a. Discussion took place on the history and intended outcomes of the Bright Spots program.
  - b. Cody Porath moved that we continue the Bright Spot program, but on a more local level. Seconded.
    - i. Discussion – leave the Bright Spot Program up to the chapters and/or FFA District.
    - ii. Each chapter should submit 2-3 “bright spots” each session to their local legislators.
    - iii. Would like a reminder to come out in monthly mailings and at mid-winter
  - c. Passed
2. Food Producers
  - a. Ed Harper moved that we continue our membership with Food Producers. Seconded.
    - i. Continue to have Allison and Fred Faulks be our representative if they will.
  - b. Passed
3. Merit Pay
  - a. Discussion – It is coming back
    - i. Try to get Agricultural Instructor added as a High Need Area and keep multiple endorsement area as an area
    - ii. Stay attuned
    - iii. Contact legislators and school board
4. Pros/Cons of Legislative Luncheon at Day on the Hill
  - a. Discussion –
    - i. Most thought that it went well and encourage that we stay with that format
    - ii. Encourage attendance
    - iii. Continue the earlier date
    - iv. Contact your own district legislators
5. Thank you’s
  - a. Jon Hogge made a motion that we send thank you’s out to all door prize contributors, industry for the tours, and any other deserving individuals for this year’s summer conference. Seconded
    - i. Hope that the IVATA Secretary Elect will take care of this

- ii. Need names and addresses from those who brought the door prizes and those who set up the tours.
  - b. Passed
- 6. Other
  - a. Encourage all IVATA members, board, and state staff to keep us informed of legislative issues that affect Agricultural Education in Idaho and Nationally.
- 7. Shawn Dygert
  - a. Rick Hance moved that we give a special Thank you to Shawn Dygert for his continued service as our Legislative Liason, IVATA President, and Interim Executive Director of the Idaho FFA Foundation. Seconded.
  - b. Passed
  - c. THANK YOU Shawn!
- 8. 2009 Chairperson
  - a. Jon Hogge nominated Buck Wright to be the 2009 Legislative/Public Relations Committee Chairperson. Seconded.
  - b. Passed
- 9. The 2008 Legislative/Public Relations Committee recommend that the committee report be accepted as read.

## Professional Improvement/ Exchange of Ideas Committee Report

1. Review ways to encourage IVATA members to apply for NAAE awards.
  - a. Executive committee reminds eligible applicants to apply.
  - b. District directors nominate a “Teacher turn the Key”, Outstanding Teacher, or Outstanding Program.
  - c. Committee recommends that either the FFA foundation or the IVATA look for corporate sponsors for outstanding teacher, outstanding program, and TTK.
2. Review ways to encourage IVATA members to apply for Ideas Unlimited.
  - a. Recommend Allison send out an application in the early spring and a reminder as the deadline gets closer.
  - b. Recommend that due dates for IVATA and NAAE be added to the state activities calendar.
  - c. Recommend that the awards be increased to \$75.00 for first place, and \$25.00 for second.
  - d. Committee chooses June Playfair’s lesson on “Marbling, Backfat, and Loin Eye Area” as the 2008 Idaho Ideas Unlimited winner.
3. Discuss the need for pocket calendars at the state level.
  - a. Committee sees no reason to have the pocket book calendars.
4. Review status of Quality Program Standards and how the state should get involved.
  - a. Recommends that the state use the current national quality standards.
5. Discuss needs for October in-service.
  - a. Recommends that IVATA hold in-service at multiple locations including CSI.
    - i. Mechanics Stations – welding, small engines, electricity
    - ii. Natural Resources
    - iii. Landscape Design – Classroom
    - iv. GPS – Same as last year
6. Nomination for 2009 Committee Chair: Nathan Lowe



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# FFA Relations Committee Report

Lori Harrison Chair

1:11 pm. called to order

1) FFA dances ideas for improvements.

Heat Doors

JACK BLATNER moved to ID kids by pins in dance

Clemens suggested wristbands for cost

Water

Jack radio edited versions of music

2) Moving Parli and Speaking off stage

State Delegates suggest to move off Stage

Why do you bring student to state conventions

Great for freshman to hear

Creed to top 4 on stage

Charlie side activity (industry tours) Workshops

Lamb Weston

Whiteside dairy

Charmack trailers

Ray shirts move to maintain speaking cdes on stages

Seconded by ....

3) Superintendent on consolidating for travel

Local issue

Move to have Shawn Dygert write letter from IVATA and to include letter from national FFA (Will be sent to Allison by Mike Womochil national FFA) addressing concerns of local superintendent letter from nationals and state IVATA that FFA is inaugural part of the classroom

4) Budget Review / Concerns

\*Recommend finding local business to sponsor floriculture event.

Discrepancies on what was on the budget was and for the floriculture event CDE income vs expenses. Where did the rest of the money go from floriculture? Allison explained that they have not received any other bills for floriculture as of yet.

Why is IVATA paying for the U of I teach ag tee shirts with the U of I logo

Allison explained that FFA purchased and the U of I reimbursed the state FFA They are pd for out of the budget and then reimbursed by the U of I Ag Ed

The question was raised about budgeting for cost of closed circuit TV broadcast of the convention. Checking with Terry at CSI on getting the closed circuit to an overflow room

\*Recommend to record sell the conference on DVD to offset the cost of production

What is included in meals for SLC. Boxed lunches backstage for state officers Comp meals for judges. Advisors room? Allison approximate 60 boxed lunches Thursday and 20 on Friday.

Receive single bill of itemized bill for each

Do we need to increase FFA state officer travel fund due to fuel.

\*Discussion on the removal of Idaho from the Hall of States

Recommend to cancel Idaho the hall of states at nationals and bring a better key note speaker at state convention

Closed circuit television at CSI.

Jack Blatner moved to implement the use of closed circuit television and explore the possibilities of CSI producing the general sessions onto DVD and sell to offset the cost of production

Seconded by Ray Shirts

Checking with Terry at CSI on the possibility of getting CSI to produce closed circuit for overflow of convention sessions and produce into DVD to be sold to offset the cost of production.

8) M#25 and 2x4 challenge

\*Recommend to keep the M#25 and 2x4 challenge

\*Recommend to sell items at silent auction and selling the top 5 projects live auction on stage. The top five projects are selected by two people an appointed member of the IVATA and the (New Coordinator)??

\*Jack B. discussed the need to get each chapter on the local level to commit to donate to the Idaho FFA Foundation on an annual basis. Possibly by having of each district collect \$1.00 from each district FFA member to donate to the FFA foundation. To be collected by the districts and forwarded to the foundation.

9) National Dues

Increase in national dues of \$2.00

Is this in discussion or is it already passed?

No discussion on this item

10) CDE revision of rotation on rolling back CDE rotation to one year after nationals

Allen S. moved to roll back Idaho rotation to 2013

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Shirts

Passed Unanimously

11) Lorie Harrison FFA Relations Committee Chair for 2009.

FFA Relations Committee adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

# Curriculum Committee

Monday, June 16, 2008

1:03 PM

## Members Present:

- Tom Jacobsen - Chairman
- Galen Colter
- Lee Stephensen - Grace
- David Triplet - Boise PTE
- Ron Corbett - Shelly
- Bryce Meyer - Oakley
- Nick Davis - Middleton
- Trish Stokes - Meridian Mtn. View
- Charles Ledington - Midvale
- Allison Touchstone - State Coordinator

1. Review status of the CAERT curriculum and possible PTE Grants for crosswalk documentation by ag instructors.

Allison has gotten a \$5,000 grant for several teachers to create a crosswalk between the CAERT Curriculum and our 10 of our common classes. There are 8 classes available for the grant as Justin Patten has completed one and is in the process of completing another. Allison is looking for up to 8 teachers to complete a crosswalk for these classes. Talk to Allison if you have any questions.

2. Review possible recommendations of the dual credit with the U of I. (Area of Ag Mech., etc)

Recommend the ASM look at the Agriculture Mechanics as a dual credit opportunity. Recommend there be an end of course assessment so students are prepared to go on to the next class when they get to college.

3. Suggest topics for October in-service.
  - a. Hummert Greenhouse @ Fruitland
  - b. Topic at UI during Ag Day
  - c. Contest Training at October in-service and during summer conference.
    - i. We would like Allison to send out a survey to all the teachers to see which contests we could do training on for Summer Conference next year.
    - ii. Next year during conference perhaps on Tuesday afternoon we would like to have four or five teachers do roundtable discussions about how to train teams for different contests.

4. Possible update of state curriculum. Other curriculum needs?

One of the roundtables tomorrow is to try and get floral design approved for humanities credit for graduation.

5. Nominate a chair for 2009.

Chair for 2009 - Bryce Meyer

# CDE Committee Meeting

Minutes 2008

Attendance- Chair Lex Godfrey

JR Morrow, Mike Tesnohldek, Joe Blackstock, Brandee Lewis, Tom Woodland, Brain Wolf, Val Johnson, Justin Patten, Larin Crossley, Cami Schumann, Cody Park

Items of Discussion:

\* Dr. Moore suggested prepared speeches for the state public speaking CDE be submitted electronically.

This suggestion is made based on the idea that 17 copies of each speech are mailed in and subsequently

mailed out to prelim judges is very costly. The speeches would be emailed to the prelim judges and

final judges and 4 copies are brought to convention for the questioners.

-Mike moved to have all speeches submitted electronically as suggested by Dr. Moore

-2<sup>nd</sup> Justin

-An amendment made to have the letter of authenticity sent to event coordinator or U of I to have on file. May be sent electronically in PDF with signature or faxed.

-Final motion reads- Prepared speeches for public speaking CDE and letter of authenticity should be submitted electronically (letter of authenticity can also be faxed) to event coordinator or U of I with 4 copies brought to convention.

-Motion passed.

\* Kim Nelson made some suggestions for the state job interview CDE. Email read to committee.

-JR Morrow moved that the judge's comments be read to assembly.

-2<sup>nd</sup> Mike

-Motion passes

-Val Johnson moved comments and suggestion should be emailed to all ag teachers.

-2<sup>nd</sup> Larin

-Motion passes

\* Agronomy contest clarification. Confusion as to which numbers are "rounded" to which place value.

Scorecard different from instructions on the board, etc. Discussion regarding understanding the process,

scoring the final answer and scoring ease.

-Mike moved that the price/ lb of fertilizer should be rounded to the nearest ten-thousandth (four

decimal places), fertilizer lb/acre should be rounded to the nearest whole, and final price/acre should be

rounded to the nearest hundredth (nearest penny two decimal places). An example should be included

in the rules for all coaches.

-2<sup>nd</sup> Brandee

-Motion passes.

-Motion- unanimous consent to remove any rounding instruction from scorecard.

\* South Magic Valley District has items of concern for CDE's. Recommendations made by unanimous consent for concerns.

-Committee recommendation: to clarify to event coordinators that the site is checked the day of contest.

After site is checked there should be no contact with students, advisors review 30 day rule, and review

with event coordinators that contest site is set up and secure and contest information is confidential.

-Mike moved that event checkers be 3 of the top 7 teams from year before.

-Justin 2nd

- No action taken to rotation assignments concern.

-Recommendation made to make sure rules are followed and motion made for point #6 should be read as

is. See attached.

-Recommendation made to review with judges to make sure consistency in scoring is used. All other

changes are recommended to be made at revision time.

-Committee takes no action on point #8.

\* Mike has concerns for Food Science, Agronomy, Floriculture, and Landscape/Nursery CDE's

#### Food Science

-Joe moved that food science contest time changed to 3 pm on Tuesday and time is designated ahead of time on pre-registration form.

-2<sup>nd</sup> Larin

-Motion passes.

-Mike moved that a \$50 registration fee be charged and refunded upon participation in contest.

-Val 2nd

-Val amended motion that all cancellations be made 7 days in advance.

-Amendment passes.

-Another amendment made that if \$50 is not refunded to team money goes to event host.

-Amendment passes.

#### Dairy Foods

Committee recommends the time rotation be: Milk and test rotation be set at 20 minutes, the cheese & dairy vs. non dairy be set at 10 minutes.

Remove coffee creamer and insert dry milk.

#### Agronomy

-Mike moved that disorders in the agronomy CDE be eliminated from future rotations until revision time.

-Larin 2<sup>nd</sup>

-Motion passes.

#### Floriculture & Nursery Landscape

-Mike moved that teachers do data entry and objective scoring in floriculture and nursery/landscape CDE's.

-Brandee 2<sup>nd</sup>

-Motion passes.

-Committee recommends U of I have more equitable assignment distribution.

### Dairy Judging

\* Larin moves that there be more space between animals in the dairy judging body condition score event. Also that a standard animal is present and the body condition score be identified.

-2<sup>nd</sup> Joe

-Motion passes.

\* It was brought up that plagiarism was an issue in prepared public speaking event in manuscripts.

Committee recommends as advisors we make sure research is cited properly.

\* Tom Woodland would like to make recommendations on various CDE's.

-Review with event coordinators rules for food science CDE.

-A 6010 pipe to plate weld added to Ag Mech contest.

-A Biltmore stick to forestry CDE.

-A log scale stick be read correctly

Committee recommends that suggestions be considered and made at revision time.

Top 4 qualifying (district winning) teams recognized on stage at State Leadership Convention, any that are not qualifying or are open will recognize the top five.

\*Larin Crossley will be chairman for 2009

\*Motion to adjourn

# Budget Audit Committee 2008

June 16, 2008

Chair: Jesse Miller

Members: Tyson Smith, Travis Edwards, Mellissa Coales, Mellissa Asay, Jeff Gerard  
Roger Wells, Robert Hale, June Playfair, Alan Heikkila, and Josh Sanders.

1. Financial records were reviewed and found to be in order.  
Aprox. \$1765.46 in income (Due to Mr. Dygert used very little in Travel)
2. Developed Budget for 2008-2009 (see attachment) shows \$270.00 increase
  - a. Committee encourages advisors to buy SAE Record Book
  - b. Continue to make donations at meal functions silent auction and ect.
3. Savings and Investments were reviewed and currently making 3% on CD and 1% on Money Market Checking.
4. It was recommended to keep cancelled checks for 5 years and IVATA forms for current year and 1 year past.
5. Committee recommends that we add to the IVATA Dues Sheet a box for donations for Neophyte dues box. In addition send out a letter to retired Ag teachers to receive dues sheet for donations ect.
6. We ask that all send an email to Alan with updated demographics of retired ag teachers.
7. Recommended to check into additional funds to send to ideas unlimited to Region 1 and if they choose not to attend the money will go back to officer travel.
8. Melissa Coles Chair 2009