

IVATA Mid-Winter Meeting  
January 7, 2011  
Simplot Food Group Headquarters – Boise, ID

Members Present: Kyle Stapleton, Nathan Low, Kevin Wells, Val Johnson, Jack Blattner, Jaye Parks; PTE Secretary, Dr. Jim Connors, Alan Heikkila, Jon Hogge, Justin Patten, Shawn Dygert, Marc Beitia, Brian Wolf, JR Morrow, Kevin Barker, Amy Nichols, Natalie Ogden, Brandee Lewis (for Holly Church) and Ben Meyer. Sue Poland joined the meeting at 1:15 pm and left at 2:00pm

Meeting came to order at 11:00 am

Greetings and Introductions by Kyle Stapleton, President.

Motion by Marc Beitia to approve the 2010 Mid-Winter IVATA minutes as presented. Motion Seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about District Director terms and those ending. North Upper Snake River, South Magic Valley, and Southeast Idaho terms are ending and will need a new director will need to be on board by Summer Conference.

11:15 am – Group split for Simplot Cohort Meeting. Nathan Low is now presiding.

IVATA Nominations for FFA Recognition (see page 12 & 13 for final selections)

- Honorary State FFA Degrees
  - Teacher
    - Jason Clemens
    - Jon Hogge
    - Jason Tindall
  - Other
    - Kamren Kooppin – East Magic Valley
    - Paul Laggis – East Magic Valley
    - Alan Krick – North Idaho
    - Don Renz – North Idaho (Potlatch)
    - Rowlene Teter – South Magic Valley (Blaine Campbell)
    - Sue Walker – North Upper Snake River (Jon Hogge)
    - Kevin Howell – North Upper Snake River (Val Johnson)
    - Heidi Heyrend – Southeast Idaho and North Upper Snake River (Jon Hogge and Kevin Wells)
    - Hans Bruin – Western Idaho (Jack Blattner)
    - Melinda Smyser (Senator) – Western Idaho (Amy Nichols)
    - Steve Bair (Legislator) – South Upper Snake River (Alan Heikkila)
    - Cleon Chapman – Blackfoot (app filled out)
    - Peter Golinveaux – Blackfoot (app filled out)
- Idaho FFA Distinguished Service
  - Baker Auction Company – Western Idaho (Nate Low)
  - Scarrow Meats – South Magic Valley (Tom Clifton)

- IDEA – Western Idaho (Amy Nichols)
  - Simplot -
- Honorary American FFA Degree (Teacher)
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- Honorary American FFA Degree (Other)
  - Laura Wilder
- National FFA VIP Citation
  - Rick Phillips

12:00 pm Break for Lunch – Sponsored by Simplot

Guests: Rick Phillips; Simplot, Ann Stephens; PTE, Angela Holbrook; Simplot, Mandy Harrison; Simplot, Darcy Barnes; Simplot, Matthew Clements; Simplot, and Dr. Vera McCrink; PTE

12:50 pm – Reconvene

Summer Conference Tours

- Possibilities – Jack Blattner
  - Diversion Dam and Canal Water Management
  - Project WET Demonstration
  - Power Plant at Lucky Peak
  - Sewer Treatment Plant – Garden City
  - Possible Lunch at Lucky Peak Picnic Area
- Discussion on revisiting the Summer Conference Tours later in the meeting after we all have time to think about it. Jack will need specific times of the tours for planning purposes.

IVATA State Leadership Convention and Summer Conference Minutes Review – Kevin Wells

- Action Items
  - TSA Committee be formed
  - Personal Skills Class Curriculum – State Speech Requirements
  - Committee to promote AG Education at Regional Superintendent Meetings
  - IVATA Meetings Minutes sent via email
  - Plan be developed for distribution of money from the Neophyte fund

Nutrients for Life Foundation – Rick Phillips; Simplot

- Overview of Nutrients for Life
  - 25 Programs applied, 12 Programs Completed the applications
  - Hansen \$7000, Genesee \$3000, and Malad \$1000
  - 22 chapters applied this year
- Farm Safety Program – Progressive Ag Foundation
  - Parma School – Model School
    - Farm Safety Camp Kit
      - Community Model – anyone 8-12 year
      - School Model – certain grade activity at school
        - Richfield/Dietrich, Filer, and Parma

- Nourishing the Planet Curriculum
  - Suggestions for improvement
    - Tours
    - Videos
    - How fertilizer is made
    - Check out the website – new activities and games are added all the time.

#### Food Producers of Idaho Report – Fred Faulks

- History of how, when, and why Food Producers was organized.
- Detail was given as to what Food Producers did last year.
- Refer to Summary Report from 12-15-10
- Referred to minutes of Summer Conference that stated that we would continue to pay our dues and continue to be full voting members of Food Producers of Idaho
- Discussion about Food Producers of Idaho minutes being sent to all voting members of the IVATA
  - Food Producers are concerned that some items that they talk about are sensitive and should only be sent out to IVATA Officers.
- Fred Faulks will continue to be our representative to Food Producers of Idaho

#### Math Requirements and Ag Ed – Glenn Orthel

- How do we know if the class covers math and students will get math credit?
- Up to local school board to approve the course
- Requires a Crosswalk between Math Standards and the math taught in the class.
- Discussion from Directors that we may be looking for a new course being created that is simply PTE Math.
- What are we going to do when seniors are required to take a math class and drop PTE class?
- 2 options to get math certified
  - Pass Praxis, take 2 online PTE math courses and mentoring program
    - Teachers could teach Algebra I or lower
- AG 660, AG 240, AG 530, AG 532, AG 510, and AG 512 are being considered as AG classes that if crosswalked to Math Standards, accepted by the local board, and the teacher is Math certified then these courses may count as Math Credit.
- Glenn asked if he should continue with an alternate certification path for AG teachers or if he should refocus his efforts. He would like some feedback.

#### CTEI Report – Amy Nichols

- New leaders – things are better
- Meetings are via video cast
- Push for Mini-Grants - \$500.00

- Need by March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Competitive (there are only four)
- Vendors at Summer Conference – Wednesday
- Breakfast at Summer Conference – Thursday

#### Legislative Update – Shawn Dygert

- List for National FFA of supporters of FFA
- Upcoming session
  - Budget Concerns
    - Cautiously optimistic
  - PERSI
    - Lots of talk
    - We need to keep an eye on
    - Billion dollar shortfall now, but used to be 3 billion
  - Food Producers of Idaho
    - Continue membership
    - Pure PR, may help us
  - Carl Perkins
    - Expires 2013
    - Shawn will work on relations with Ann Stephens and Missy Small (secretary for Mike Simpson)
  - TSA's
  - Legislators that may need recognized by the FFA
    - Steve Bair
  - Possible PR via positive videos that can be posted

#### Idaho FFA Foundation – Jack Blattner

- Approved a budget with profit of \$35000.00.
- \$94000 balance with change from \$73000.00 a year ago.
- Possibly relook at a permanent FFA dues increase to support the Idaho FFA Foundation

#### IVATA Membership Report – Alan Heikkila

- IVATA - 89
  - Active: 74
  - Life-Active: 15
- NAAE - 102
  - Active: 63
  - Life-Active: 39 (15 are retired or inactive)
- CTEI
  - Active: 78
- ACTE
  - Active: 18
- Checking: \$935.64
- Business Checking: \$9202.49
- CD: \$7000.72

#### NAAE Convention – Nate Low

- Erica Whitmore – new NAAE Region I Vice President
- Heath Hornecker – new NAAE Region I Secretary
- Region I Meeting – Fresno, CA
- ACTE dues \$80.00
- Early bird registration for NAAE convention is getting earlier and earlier and should be done at Summer Conference
- Get dues paid at summer conference so that you don't lose liability coverage
- Stressed Advocacy
- Received the Distinguished Professional Award
- ACTE/NAAE Advocacy Seminar – decided to wait until next year to go and make those contacts. Shawn said he would go if we wanted him to.
- Concern about Dr. Larry Case's position being filled.

#### Ag Ed Summit

- Laura Wilder, Dr. James Connors, Kyle Stapleton, and Ben Meyer going
- Orlando, FL – first week of March

#### National FFA Rooms – State Block – Ben Meyer and Jaye Parks

- \$219.96/night – Downtown
- Opted out
- We will continue at current block

#### Banking Summary – Ben Meyer and Jaye Parks

- Reports are now shown under Category Descriptions
- Refer to Banking Summary
  - As of 12-31-10
    - \$70,459.84 Income
    - \$70,519.67 Expense
    - -\$59.83 Difference
      - This is because of dues billing and receiving
  - 3,553 - 2010-11 Idaho FFA Members
    - 3,959 – 09-10

#### FFA Membership – Ben Meyer

- 3 year and 3 + 1 Membership Concerns
  - If a increase is needed, this can be done administratively

#### State Officer Presentation – State Officers

- Honorary Degree Nominations
  - Vicki and Ray Turnbull
  - Scott McIntosh
  - Janna O'Brien
  - Jerry Beck, CSI President
- Distinguished Service
  - Gayle Batt
  - Dan Sample
  - Josh Mavencamp

- Greenfield Custom Meat
- Delegate Issues for brought from District Presidents' Meeting for consideration by the IVATA
  - Motion failed to make state degree sifting standardized, uniform, and consistent.
    - **Failed by IVATA**
  - Motion passed for consideration that Regional Events be established for Parliamentary Procedure instead of district events.
    - **Motion by Dr. James Connors to Refer this Motion to a Committee of three to report back at Summer Conference. Seconded. Discussion. Moved to Amend the motion that the Committee report to the CDE Committee at Summer Conference. Seconded. Discussion. Passed Unanimously. Motion as Amended Passed Unanimously. Chairman appointed Dr. James Connors, Nate Low, and Steve Braun.**
  - Motion passed for consideration that we initiate an Aquaculture Life Science CDE.
    - **Passed by IVATA for consideration by FFA delegates. IVATA would then forward recommendation to CDE Committee with the reminder that all new CDE's must come with a sponsor.**
  - Motion failed that state officers must attend an Idaho high school or university during their term.
    - **Failed by IVATA**
  - Motion failed that state officers must be a graduate from high school to fulfill an officer term.
    - **Failed by IVATA**
  - Motion passed for consideration that state FFA officers take at least one semester of school off during their term.
    - Discussion about time and travel requirements of State FFA Officers and the need for a quality District Officer Leadership Training.
    - **Passed by IVATA to send to FFA delegates adding an alternative to every year, every chapter gets a visit.**
- Hall of Districts
  - Each district will bring a display to SLC. The winning district will bring go on to nationals. \$500 from Nutrients for Life
- Idaho in Action
  - Proceeds at 212/360 dance go towards Idaho Food Banks and then State Officers to do service based on money raised or donated.
- Service Challenge

State FFA Coordinator – Jessie Kellogg

- Reports on visits by the State FFA Officers
- Honorary Degrees by State FFA Officer Parents have not been recorded
  - Question as to whether or not they should be recorded and officially receive the Honorary State FFA Degree

**Motion to award the parents of State FFA Officers the Honorary State FFA Degree and that it be recorded by Marc Beitia. Seconded by Val Johnson. Discussion.** Noted that this would only happen once and not multiple times. **Unanimously passed.**

- Discussion about texting in answers to questions and trivia about FFA and Ag related topics during pre-session. Jessie given the go ahead to try it.

#### State FFA Update

- SLC Planning – Ben Meyer
  - April 6-9, 2011 – Twin Falls
  - Room concerns – CSI numbers are up things are tight
    - Canyon Ridge High School is a possible alternative – Ben will look into this
      - CDE's
      - Proficiency Interviews
      - National Chapter Interviews
      - Star Interviews
      - Possible shuttles
      - Concern with students that may be doing more than one thing
  - 5 Session format
- Insurance
  - One year is \$52.00 per year
  - American Income Life Insurance Company
    - Pretty limited coverage
    - Inexpensive
    - What we have is working alright for where we are, but feels we are underinsured.
  - Ben is looking at some alternatives
    - Ruboyanes is a possibility
  - Ben was advised to look into other options with other companies
  - Discussion
  - Ben was directed to find better coverage by the IVATA Executive Committee.

**Motion by Marc Beitia that we increase FFA Officers mileage reimbursement to .30/mile and that we go to every other year chapter visit schedule with chapters paying the mileage if they want visits more often than that. Seconded. Passed IVATA for consideration by SLC delegates unanimously.**

Catering for SLC IVATA Leadership Dinner

- Options
  - Smoking Cowboy
    - Brisket or Pulled Pork
    - \$13.00/plate
  - Catering by Karen
    - Flank Steak and Turkey or Tri-Tip or Fajitas
    - \$11.95 – 13.95/plate

- Carino's
  - Salads or Chicken or Lasagna
  - \$12.24/plate

**Motion by Marc Beitia to go with Catering by Karen and to keep the meal under \$15.00, and that Cody Porath can choose the menu. Seconded.** Discussion. Alan reminded us that IVATA adds \$1.00 to each plate to cover unexpected expenses. **Passed Unanimously.**

#### University of Idaho Report – Dr. James Connors

- AEE Update (Idaho Ag Ed News) sent out quarterly via pdf emails
- Search for Dr. Swan's position is taking place
  - Dr. Riesenbergs is the Selection Committee Chair
  - Fill by this fall
- Update on Soil and Land Evaluation CDE
  - Dr. Allison Touchstone, U of I Contest Supervisor
  - Hal Swenson is the new Idaho State Soil Scientist
    - Agrees that NRCS will take the lead at this time on this CDE, but with clarification that NRCS is in charge
    - They agree to look at the rules and help us keep up with industry.
  - Anita Falen has been attending on her own time; Dr. Connors will help pay her way to stay involved.
  - Committee meeting will be in February
- Consolidation of Programs with 4-H
  - Approved probably in February
- Advisory Committee is being re-implemented
- Curriculum Update
- Annual Conference in Coeur d'Alene this spring
- Facebook page coming
- Collegiate FFA
  - Dr. Wolf new advisor
  - Dues questions
- Idaho FFA Archives – trying to get them into U of I Library
  - FFA chapters may be able to add things
- Directory
  - Hard Copy or Digital
    - Online costs right now \$1000.00/year paid by U of I AEE
  - U of I and PTE office will work out details to send advisors a pdf file and discontinue the online version
- AEE numbers are up and future looks bright

#### BYU-Idaho Report

- Included in meeting notes
- Received accreditation
- 3 student teachers

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm



Saturday, January 08, 2011

Meeting called to order by Kyle Stapleton at 8:00 am

Members present: Kyle Stapleton, Nate Low, Kevin Wells, Val Johnson, Ben Meyer, Jon Hogge, Marc Beitia, Natalie Ogden, Brandee Lewis (for Holly Church), Dr. James Connors, JR Morrow, Brian Wolf, Shawn Dygert, and Alan Heikkila - Sue Poland joined the meeting in progress - Mike Tesnohlidek joined the meeting at 10:05 am

#### CDE Related Items

- Policy to “pass down” or “defer” on Range and Soils CDE’s
  - Discussion – if a team can’t go the year they qualified, then they can go next year with no funding.

**JR Morrow moved that if all five qualifying teams for the year decide to go to the national events, then a deferred team from the previous year would not be eligible to go. Seconded by Alan Heikkila. Passed Unanimously.**

- Who are the official designated CDE checkers?
  - Discussion
  - Refer to the CDE Committee minutes about who can be an event checker
  - Committee recommends that Event Checkers by Advisors (not coaches or parents, etc.) from the previous years top five teams.
- Small Engines portion of State AG Mechanics CDE
  - Discussion
  - Dr. Connors will contact advisors to see if they will set up the Small Engine portion of the CDE
- Plaques at State CDE’s
  - Suggestion that we go with the same company for State CDE’s and SLC – A+ in New Plymouth
  - Ben said that all his CDE plaques come from National FFA
  - Dr. Connors and Ben Meyer will work on making plaques consistently.
- SLC Conference Parliamentarian
  - Constitution states that each chapter submit one member to take the test.

**Motion by Nate Lowe to refer the issue of the number of members from each chapter that can take the SLC Conference Parliamentarian Exam to the FFA Delegates. Seconded. Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

- What is “historical reference” in the Scrapbook CDE?
  - Original intent
    - Team members first and last names
    - Members first and last names
    - Details

- Possible page labeled Historical References
- Different than labeling
- Judging rubric is needed

#### National FFA Update

- FFA Affiliation preference in Idaho
  - Feeling that this is what will be expected by the National FFA in the future
  - Most states doing this are building billing into the AET program
  - Discussion
  - **IVATA Executive Committee refers this to the FFA Relations Committee to be discussed at Summer Conference**
- DuPont Ambassador program
  - Teachers may apply and don't need to be nominated
- Agri-Entrepreneurship Program
  - All FFA Chapters are eligible for one \$150.00 award
  - Other prizes are available at state and national level

#### Collegiate FFA

- Dues

**Moved by Marc Beitia that Collegiate FFA members only pay National FFA dues and not State FFA dues. Seconded. Unanimously passed.**

#### Record Book Options

- AET and its current status
  - State Degree portion has been added to the AET program
    - Would have to meet 80% (8 of 11)
  - Not allowable for Star Applicants
  - An open committee formed. Marc Beitia will be the Chairman
    - Possible names of members
      - Val Johnson
      - Marc Beitia
      - Shawn Dygert
      - Trent VanLeuven
      - Cody Porath
      - Tom Jacobsen
      - Kevin Barker

#### State FFA Degree Applications

- Must use the new form that includes the Service Hour element
  - Must be Service Hours performed outside of regular class time

#### PTE Summer Conference Planning

- 2011 Conference Dates: June 15-17
- Boise – Boise Center
  - Preferred hotel by Ag Teachers
    - Cambria Suites
- There is a list of preferred hotels found in the Midwinter meeting notes

- Dual Credit will be set up at Meridian PTC on Monday and Tuesday
- Workshop Topics
  - AET with Teaching Units – Beginning and Advanced – Thursday from 2:00-5:00 pm at Meridian or Kuna HS to be taught by new TSA Committee – coordinated by Ben Meyer
  - Nutrients for Life – Program and Samples –
  - Train the Trainer on National CDE changes – Mike Tesnohlidek – 8:00 am -12:00pm Thursday morning
  - Program of Activities and National Chapter Award Applications – Marc Beitia – Friday morning
- IVATA Business – 2:00-3:00 pm - Wednesday
- Committee Meetings – 3:00-4:00 pm - Wednesday
- Committee Reports – 4:00-5:00 pm – Wednesday
- AG Ed Barbeque and Barbeque – Wednesday evening – Jason Tindall may be able to cater – Expo Idaho
- IVATA New Teacher Luncheon – Friday morning breakfast – Cambria
- 9:00-10:00 am - Friday - Committee Work
- 10:00-12:00 pm Friday – Workshops (Dairy Judging and Food Science)
- Ten Year Club Luncheon – Friday Lunch – Shawn Dygert
- 1:00-3:00 pm Friday – Workshops (Small Engines and ENR)
- Workshops
  - Environmental Natural Resources – Sue and Nate
  - Small Engine Repair - Alan
  - Food Science – Cody Porath
  - Dairy Judging – Shawn Dygert
- 3:00-4:30 Committee Reports, Business, and Elections
- 4:30 Banquet
- Kyle and Ben will fine tune the schedule

CDE Rules and Revisions – Mike Tesnohlidek and Sue Poland

- Nationals Rule Changes go into effect 2012
- Idaho Rule Changes go into effect fall of 2012
  - Committee work at October 2011 In-service
  - Finalized and voted on at Summer Conference 2012
- Should Idaho make Idaho Range CDE be like Western Range CDE
  - Discussion

**Moved by JR Morrow that Western Regional Range CDE be considered an invitational event. Seconded. Passed by Majority.**

**Moved by Jon Hogge that the Idaho State FFA Rangeland Management adopt the Western Regional Rangeland CDE as our CDE guidelines effective immediately. Seconded. Discussion. Passed Unanimously.**

- Dr. Connors would like to have an invitational Parliamentary Procedure Contest for the Northwest Area
  - Possibly during AG Days – late Sept. or early Oct. or Spokane AG Expo – February

- Dr. Connors was directed to find out via survey to see who would come – Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana
- Implementation of CDE test rules for State CDE's
  - Last 3 school years national tests – this year 2007-08-09 – Dairy Foods CDE – not all of the CDE's

#### Association Business

- Statewide dates and dates out of school
  - Reported to Ann Stephens – she is supporting our efforts and thankful for the information
- Discussion about IVATA being represented at the August Superintendent's meeting to give a positive presentation about the importance of AG Education and the FFA in the school system
- Cenarrusa Day on the Hill – Red Lion - Monday, January 24
- 212/360 Leadership Training – Boise Hotel (Holiday Inn) Monday, January 24 and Tuesday, January 25

#### Approved FFA Award Applications by motion

- Honorary State Degrees (other)
  - Vicki and Ray Turnbull (Cambridge – Sue)
  - Scott and Nicola McIntosh (Kuna)
  - Janna O'Brien (Aberdeen)
  - Jerry Beck, CSI President
  - Kamren Koompin – East Magic Valley (app done)
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  - Jay Hummel (Travis Edwards)
- National FFA VIP Citation
  - Dr. Maynard Fosberg (Dr. Allison Touchstone)

ANR Program Update

- Coeur d'Alene coming online as FFA
- Culdesac may be losing a chapter
- TSA's
  - Continue with welding TSA at this time
  - Hold back on comprehensive Agriculture TSA

**Moved to adjourn by Alan Heikkila. Seconded. Passed unanimously.**

12:38 pm

Submitted by:  
Kevin Wells  
IVATA Secretary