

**Mid-Winter Meeting**  
**January 9, 2015**  
**Red Lion Hotel Downtowner Boise, ID**

**Members Present:**

Joe Blackstock, IVATA President	Amy Nichols, WID Director
Sam Condie, IVATA President Elect	Jack Blattner, BV Director
Nicole Lebsack, IVATA Secretary	Dan Billington, SMVD Director
Robert Hale, IVATA Secretary Elect	Kyle Stapleton, NID Director
Alan Heikkila, IVATA Executive Treasurer	Marc Beitia, EMV Director
Val Johnson, IVATA Past President	Cody Park, SUSR Director
Shawn Dygert, IVATA Legislative Liaison	Jason Bair, NUSR Director
Glen Orthel, PTE Ag/NR Program Manager	Larin Crossley, SEID Director
Jim Connors, UI AE	

**Guests Present:**

Ben Meyer, LPS Specialist	Laura Wilder, ID FFA Foundation
Kevin Barker, Idaho FFA Foundation Chairman	Alison Touchstone, UI AE
Cameron Flamming, Blackfoot	Tyler Johnson, Murtaugh
Casey Zufelt, State FFA Executive Director	

**Called to order by Joe Blackstock at 8:07 am**

**Welcome, Joe Blackstock**

**Greetings, National Officers**

**Review of Minutes and Committee Reports, Nicole Lebsack**

- We are missing committee minutes and binders from two committees from last years summer conference. If you have the binders from CDE and Curriculum. If you have them please send it to me.

Mark Beitia Moved to accept the minutes from summer conference. Seconded. Passed.

**IVATA Legislative Action Report, Shawn Dygert**

- 6 programs and 11 individual teachers have applied.
- Gather information and data for specific for each program to tell the story of “how” the Ag Initiative is impacting students.
- The PTE department has to create a stream of private donations. No funds have been received.
- The division can spend up to \$500,000 however, \$300,000 was allocated to the IQPS incentive grant with a note that \$175,000 will come from private donations. The division absorbed the \$175,000.
- Late June-1<sup>st</sup> of July the decision will be made.
- Robert Hale asked a question about the documentation. Is there a format that seems to work best? Glenn said not yet...at summer conference we need to take some time and discuss what worked and what can be improved.

- We need to maintain the relationships. When things are good we need to maintain relationships. Share with your legislators and industry representatives. Share thank you comments and what you did with the money with those interest groups.
- Before the incentive grant 2/3 of the funds went to extended contract and now that has reduced below 50%.
- Advocate for programs to allocate the funds in a revised 10F prior to the report to the legislator.
- Directions on changes that need to occur on the secondary level for rules on budgeting.

#### **FFA Foundation Update, Kevin Barker**

- Winter foundation Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>-Pat Dixon, Brian Wolf, Marc Beitia
- Tractor raffle concerns bring to the board meeting later in the month
- This year we have 1946 John Deere GM
- Try and get a newer tractor
- Addition of an office space in meridian for Laura Wilder
- A doctor out of Weiser made a 120 acre real-estate donation to the FFA foundation. Valued at \$190,000
- Experience State Week sponsorship came out of the foundation.
- Scholarship applications have been combined. \$32,000 offered of these funds \$14,000 from tractor raffle, \$4,500 from United Dairymen of Idaho. A streamlined form promote it to your students-only one application for several different scholarships.
- Let Laura know of any problems with the scholarship applications soon so they can get those fixed.
- Applications go out to alumni members and are ranked and then cross checked with other applications and checked to see if there are duplicates or regional issues.

#### **National FFA Update, Ben Meyer**

- There are two applications for state degree, one is computer generated through AET and the other is an unlinked application that can take content from what-ever record keeping system is used.
- Record requirement changes:
  - Check time availability (between social activities) and compare with suggested labor exchange.
  - Type of degree areas are more specific.
  - Personal Draw-enter in personal draw money (money that is spent on everyday items) that does not go towards project or in the bank account.
  - Current assests-close them out.
  - CDE practices can be included in an Exploratory SAE as an Ag Ed area.
- Unlinked application is accessed through AgCN
- There are three rubrics for judging proficiency apps.
- FFA Web Page will be behind a log-in. Log-in kids before February

It was recommended to hold a Summer Conference/In-service workshop for National Chapter Application.

#### **District Directors Reviews**

Josh Evans was not able to make it so Larin Crossley is sitting in.

## **Treasurer Report, Alan Heikkila**

### Membership

- IVATA=103 Active members including active life
- NAAE=104 Active member including active life
- CTEI=92 members
- ACTE=12 members
- Potential for 34 more members: A list was provided for each district. Please take this home and encourage teachers to pay dues.

We need to check the voting delegate requirements we are getting close to being able to go to 4 delegates.

### Financial

- Business checking account balance=\$198.35
- Money Marketing Checking Account=\$11,163.29

### Investment Account

- 10,000 7/8/14
- 9,357.72 12/31/14
- DL Evans bank has been really good to work with. Payment of dues with credit card at summer conference with a % of convenience fee.

Amy moved to provide a credit card availability during the IVATA week with a convenience fee charged to the individual paying with credit card. Seconded. Passed.

Shawn Dygert recommended to send to the budget and finance committee to establish an amount for the money marketing checking account that is acceptable so that if needed we can use extra money for current membership.

## **NAAE Report, Joe Blackstock**

- Two main topics were discussed
  - 3 year rotation for committee members
  - Board restructuring-Voted down the addition of three board members.
- Region 1 April 14-17 in Arizona. We encourage everyone to attend.

## **CTEI Report, Amy Nichols**

- CTEI grant is available we need to come up with an idea to spend money on.

## **State FFA Report, Casey Zufelt**

- National FFA Staff to visit two states for a day to touch base and discuss how we can help each other. Please look forward to getting an email to gather your opinions.
- National Convention-state officers flew in a day early to participate in the days of service.
- SLC
  - In the gym on Friday and Saturday
  - No Hall of Districts-If a chapter is interested in doing the hall of states at Nationals let Casey know, it will not be funded.
- Day on the Hill and 212/360

- Two extra facilitators to help crowd control.
- It was recommended to split the two conferences to two different hotels. Red Lion and Riverside.

### **Awards, Joe Blackstock**

Adult representatives for SLC nominating committee

- Steve Hines is the coordinator
- Wendy Pratt
- Matt Quesnell
- Kelsey Brody
- Tammy Bremmer 208-290-8278
- Justin and Brenda Patten
- Laura Griffen
- Ott Clark
- Steven Parrot
- Samantha Parrot(Human Society)
- **Loraine Neil**

Honorary American FFA Degree (Teacher)

- Amy Nichols
- Brian Wolf

Honorary American FFA Degree (Other)

- Mr. David Reynolds
- Mrs. Carla Reynolds
- Phillis Beard

Moved by Allison to accept nominations. Seconded. Passed.

National VIP Citation

- Larry Church (Glen)

Honorary State FFA Degree

- Kenny Sevy (mike martin)
- Brice Griffus (Kevin Wells)
- **Monte Henderson (Rob Bingham)**
- Katlyn Wolf (Jeremy Faulk)
- Samantha Anderson (Dan Billington)
- Howard Johnson (Robert Hale)
- **Bill Davis (Randy Hillman)**
- Rodney More (Jason Tindall)
- **Mark Frisby (Jason Tindall)**
- **Nick Inland (Marrow and Braun)**
- Judd Harmon (Zue)
- **Hannah Brause (Zue)**
- Pat Dixon

- Cami Schumann
- Fran and Gretta McGee
- Speaker Bedky (Shaun)
- Representative Marc Gibbs (Shaun)
- Senator Jim Guthery (Marc B)
- Senator Dan Johnson (Josette N.)
- Senator Roy Lacey (Alan)
- Representative Rick Youngblood (Pat Dixon)

Green-Roll to next year

Yellow-212/360

Idaho FFA Distinguished Service Award

- Jack McHargue(Joe)
- Takasugi Family (Zue)
- Tyke Marosticsa (Laura)
- Big D Ranch(Zue)
- Floyd Wilcox and Sons (Bair)
- JW Alred Farms (Jaysa)
- Larry Hollifield (Jake Lake)

National Ag Science Teacher Ambassador Program

- Tom Jacobson
- Lindsey Stephenson

CDE Related Items

Idea for the forestry CDE Score Card

NAAE Awards

XLR8

- Travis Edwards
- Pat Dixon
- Cody Park
- Jason Bair

Teacher Turn the Key

- Kya Vines
- Katie Mossman
- Tyler Johnson
- Tami Frank
- Dan Billington

Outstanding Ag Teacher

Allison will create a short form and get out to membership by Tuesday. Those will be due by February and then the whole group will select a final and then fill out the long application. Kyle Stapleton moved to do it that way. Seconded. Passed

- Shawn Dygert
- Jason Tindall
- Tom Clifton
- Robert Hale
- Jim Summers

Outstanding Young Teacher

- Will Shumaker
- Dan Billington
- Danielle Reynolds
- Jaysa Fillmore

Outstanding Secondary/Middle School Award

- Meridian
- Kimberly
- Maddison

National Ag Science Teacher of the Year

- Jason Bair
- Heather Hopkins
- Trent Van Leuven

Outstanding Post-Secondary Adult Program

- Leslie-CWI
- Jim Wilson CSI

NAAE Teacher Mentor Award

- Steve Braun
- JR Marrow

NAAE Outstanding Cooperation

- Rick Phillips-Simplot (Send Application to Glenn Orthel)

NAAE Service Citation

- Keith Hyatt-2
- Jim Summers-3
- Lou Reisenberg

Green-Roll back

NAAE Lifetime Achievement

- Milt Osgood
- Jim Sorenson-3
- Larry Judd-4
- Dick Ledington-2

Green-Roll back

**University of Idaho Report, Jim Connors**

- Reisenberg Memorial Tree Planting before the Wednesday BBQ
- Request for information and comments on what UI can do to get more students on campus and recruiting. They want to roll out the red carpet for students and teachers, contact Dr. Connors for information.
- CDE's: Novice parli-pro event at SLC
- 4H and Ag Department is dividing apart.
- They are deciding on where ASM should lie. They are looking at combining ASM and Soil sciences.

#### **Division Report, Glenn Orthel**

- Division Administrator Dwight Johnson
- IQPS Review will be completed by small group, two evaluators per review.
- PTEMS will replace the 10 form system
- Ag Added Cost funding
  - After
    - 48% Salaries and Benefits
    - 9% Travel
    - 1% Other Expenses
    - 28% Materials/Supplies
    - 14% Equipment
  - Before
    - 64% Salaries and Benefits
    - 8% Travel
    - 0% Other
    - 24% Materials/Supplies
    - 4% Equipment
- Postsecondary Agriculture Students (PAS) National Conference will be in Boise March 11-14
- Summer Conference is July 20-22
  - Please encourage some people to attend.
- Principles of Biology and Engines will be put in approved courses for next year. They are year-long.

#### **IVATA Professional Development In-Service, Joe Blackstock**

- June 15 Noon-June 19 Noon
- Register with Heikkila and it will be handled through IVATA (\$125)
  - Supplies
  - Meals
  - Transportation
  - Activities and Events
- Credits offered through UI
- Social Activities
- Workshop Ideas
  - GIS workshops with CSI
  - Tips for completing Activities
  - Addressing Quality Indicators
  - Soils-Brice
  - Dairy Industry w/ Glanbia and Davisco (not Davisco)

- Karen Launchbaugh-ENR
- Small Engines-Dr. Jack Rudolf University of Kentucky
- Windmill Technology
- Beginning and Advanced AET
- Tours
  - Chobani
  - Independent Meats
  - Amalgamated Sugar
- Social Activities
  - Jack Pot
  - Soft Ball
  - Gun Club
  - Winery
  - Golf

Alan moved that Joe will put a survey out on survey monkey to see interest in workshop ideas. Second. Passed.

Fall in-service was sent to professional development committee.

Jim Connors moved to pay for the Strolling dinner for Shaun Dygert. Seconded. Passed.

Jim Connors moved to pay for the Ag All Stars dinner for Dick Ledington. Seconded. Passed.

Adjourned at 6:28pm