

# **IVATA MidWinter Meeting Minutes**

## **January 8, 2016 Boise, ID**

### **IVATA Officers:**

Sam Condie, President  
Robert Hale, President-Elect  
Jaysa Fillmore, Secretary  
Travis Edwards, Secretary-Elect  
Alan Heikkila, Treasurer  
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### **District Directors:**

NID: Kyle Stapleton  
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BVD: Jack Blattner  
NMVD: Brandee Lewis  
SMVD: Dan Billington  
EMVD: Marc Beitia  
SEID: Larin Crossley  
NUSRD: Tom Jacobson  
SUSRD: Cody Park

### **State PTE/ FFA:**

Glenn Orthel, Idaho PTE  
Sally Hurtuk, Gail Shenck, Administrative Assistants  
Clara Leigh Evans, Idaho FFA Executive Director  
Ben Meyer, National FFA  
Laura Wilder, Idaho FFA Foundation Executive Director  
Mark Pratt, Idaho FFA Alumni (virtual)

### **University of Idaho:**

Jim Connors, Jeremy Falk, Kattlyn Wolf, Shannon Blickenstaff- UI AEE

### **Guests:**

Hailey Reyes, Idaho AGC  
Jason Bair and Val Johnson, Madison  
Dick Ledington, Food Producers Representative

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 am.

*Sam Condie, IVATA President*

The minutes from the past meeting- summer inservice 2015 were located on the IVATA website and presented to the members.

**Motion: Jack Blattner moved to postpone approval of minutes, Alan Hiekkila seconded.**

**Motion passed.**

### **Nominations for State Awards**

*Robert Hale, IVATA President-Elect.*

Names in parenthesis will be responsible for filling out the applications.

State Officer Nominating Committee	Loraine Neile- Chair Ryan Cranney Steven Parrot Lance Zollinger Jennifer Hansen Valentin Celaya Susi Larrocea Phillips (208)871-5766 Wendy Pratt- served previously- priority selection to preserve continuity
Honorary State Degree	<b>Statewide:</b> Casey Zufelt (Jaysa) Kim Oniell (Kattlyn Wolf) Sally Hurtuk (Glenn Orthel) <b>NID:</b> Jeremy Falk (Kyle Stapleton) John Foltz (Jim Connors) Jory and Joyce Shelton (JR Morrow) <b>WID:</b> Justin Getusky (Dawn Holmes) Gail Batt (Sue Poland) <b>BVD:</b> Rep. Reed DeMordaunt (2) (Steve Wilder) Tom Dayley (Shawn Dygert) Rep. Mike Moyle(1) (Shawn Dygert) Travis Edwards (Joe Blackstock) Eileen Javaux (Danielle Reynolds/ Jason Tindall) <b>NMVD:</b> Brandee Lewis (Holly Church) Daniel Knapp (Brandee Lewis) <b>SMVD:</b> Nicole Lebsack (Dan Billington) Jessica Davis (Heather Hopkins) <b>EMVD:</b> Carma McKinnon (Marc Beitia) Jesse Miller (Sam Condie) Todd and Carol McGhie (Brandie Milliron) Jaysa Fillmore (Sam Condie) Rep. Kelly Packer SLC (Marc Beitia) Steve Staley (Sam Condie) <b>NUSRD:</b> Sen. Brent Hill (Tom Jacobson) Bill and Pam Davis (Randy Hillman)

	<p>Katie Cooper (Tom Jacobson)  Jason Bair (Val Johnson)  <b>SUSRD:</b> Cody Park (Cody Park)  Rep. Julie Vanorden (Cody Park)  <b>SEID:</b> Monte Henderson (Larin Crossley)</p>
State Distinguished Service	<p><b>Statewide:</b> Idaho Les Schwab (Shawn Dygert)  Kevin Barker- ID FFA Foundation (Laura Wilder)  <b>NID:</b> Idaho/ Lewis County Cattle Association (Josette Nebeker)  <b>WID:</b>  <b>BVD:</b>  <b>NMVD:</b>  <b>EMVD:</b> R&amp;M Steel- Rob and Nancy Roberts (Lex Godfrey)  Jensen Meats- Brian Jensen (Lex Godfrey)  Streamline Precision- Zane and Stacy Gillette (Lex Godfrey)  <b>NUSRD:</b>  <b>SUSRD:</b>  <b>SEID:</b></p>
Honorary American FFA Degree	<p><b>Teacher:</b> Tom Jacobson (Robert Hale)  <b>Teacher:</b> Dawn Holmes (Jack Blattner)  <b>Other:</b> Wade Rast, Norco (done)  <b>Other:</b> Kurt Humphrey (done)</p>
National FFA VIP Award	Larry Church (Kevin Barker)
National Distinguished Service	Les Schwab (Shawn Dygert) UI College of Natural Resources Range Department (Jim Connors)
NAAE Distinguished Service	Les Schwab
NAAE Outstanding Cooperation	

### **UI AEE Report**

*Dr. Jim Connors, University of Idaho AEE*

See University of Idaho AEE Handout

- New Hire of Idaho FFA Interim Executive Director- Clara-Leigh Evans- Dr. Connors is still working with College to get correct classification and title for the position in order to reflect correct salary range. The position has the Interim title right now and will be reopened later to make permanent.
- A new associate professor position is open within the department
  - Kattyln Wolf is the search committee chair

- The position will likely be relocated from Boise to Moscow due to better candidate recruitment, the need on campus to teach classes, and the need focus the position more on leadership and communication vs. teacher education
- Dr. Connors submitted budget proposal to have an AEE coordinator in the Treasure Valley and is waiting to hear back from the College of Ag
- Introduction of half-time professional development coordinator- Shannon Blickenstaff
  - 1 page handout
  - Currently planning a two day workshop- plant, woodworking, and metalworking
  - Date TBA- Summer and/or fall (Oct. PD days)
  - 2 credit workshop with optional 3rd credit
  - Open to Idaho and out-of-state teachers
- AEE will offer inservice credit at Summer Conference, Summer Inservice, and Region 1
  - Working on out-of-state credit for Region 1
- Student Teachers
  - 17 out student teaching
  - Dr. Falk is working on putting together a Teacher Candidate Workshop at Region 1- all UI student teachers will come to Region 1 as their capstone trip and out of state teacher candidates will be invited.
  - Student teacher projections: 10-12 for the next two years, 15 in the freshmen class
  - Teacher candidate booklet was handed out
- Dr. Jeremy Falk is currently participating in Leadership Idaho Agriculture
- The New College of Ag Dean will start Feb. 1
- Ag Ed/ FFA History- Throwback Thursday
  - Historical FFA/ ag ed photos are needed for the IVATA Website
  - Idaho FFA Archives will be housed at UI Library
  - A website to show the archives in the works
  - Send old photos or documents to Dr. Connors for preservation
- Ag Ed Masters program
  - Going to online courses
  - Courses offered at least one per semester
  - History of Ag Ed course will be offered first by Dr. Connors
- 4-H/ FFA MOU
  - Jim Lindstrom is working on updating the MOU
  - Dr. Connors will keep working to get it completed

### **Committee Business**

*Jaysa Fillmore, IVATA Secretary*

- Audit and Budget- none
- Awards
  - Ideas Unlimited
    - Committee recommended deadline be March 1 with forwarding to Region 1 in April





- Minico submitted a petition to move districts from EMVD to SMVD
      - Rationale- lack of CDE's at district level
      - Minico has been traveling to SMVD CDE's to afford their members opportunities to participate
      - Most members thought there was a lack of justification for the change- the argument for leaving based on lack of CDE's can be applied to many districts so it is not justification to move districts. Minico can continue to attend out of district CDE's to provide more opportunities and work with other EMVD advisors and chapters to create more local opportunities.
      - **Motion- Kyle Stapleton moved to recommend against the redistricting application. Shawn Dygert seconded. Motion passed.**
- IVATA Website- email from Nicole Lebsack
  - Stats
    - November 292 pageviews, 80 people
    - December 185 pageviews, 62 people
    - \$216/ year sell 25 items, \$118/ year sell 2 items
    - Current- 15 pages and 2 items
  - Does IVATA want to continue the website after Region 1?
    - Extend through current year- paid through Oct. 2016. Decision should go to Audit and Budget at Summer Inservice for 2016-2017.
    - Income above costs \$756.80 from Summer Inservice 2015 so income from Summer Inservice could be used to pay for website.
  - Review the awards page instructions and send changes to Nicole
  - List of previous IVATA award winners? Ben Meyer, Alan Heikkila, minutes history
  - IVATA officer blog on front page
  - Pictures are needed
  - Clarify website administrator- Nicole or hand off to someone else?
- Credit card payment
  - Currently, Alan has a credit card machine option through DL Evans and is being assessed a \$10/ month inactive service charge
  - With the website, we have the ability to do online credit card payments which would eliminate the need for the machine
  - **Motion: Robert Hale moved to cancel the DL Evans credit card service. Travis Edwards seconded. Motion passed.**

### Program Manager Report

*Glenn Orthel, PTE Ag Program Manager*

- Programs of Study
  - See Program of Study hand out- blue highlighted courses count for science credit
  - General confusion among the Division of PTE regarding current status of capstone courses and pathways/ programs of study

- History
  - In 2008, pathways were created with multiple capstones
  - Now- pathways are limited with one identified capstone
- Cluster programs
  - If you do not follow any program of study, you will have a “cluster” program which was designed for programs that offer diverse classes in several pathways
  - Any capstone listed for a program of study capstone cannot be taught in a cluster program.
  - What happens if you do it anyway? That class may not count toward PTE FTE. Funding could be withheld.
- Concern that duplication of concepts within courses in programs of study is significant and schools may have to schedule courses in a different order to fit in academic schedule
- Glenn Orthel has concerns about what decisions will do to local programs, academic offerings
- Is Division interested in bringing ag teachers to the table to help create these programs of study? At this point, not even program managers have been involved.
- Capstone course should be taught as year long course
- Who was involved in putting together the programs of study? Steve Rayborn
- Rationale for changes- Carl Perkins- TSA's, completers, capstone courses. Ag Teachers could come up with really good ways to meet all goals if we are involved.
- Division is in the process of putting together a list of industry standards for each program area. Terry Patterson believes that as long as you meet industry standards, he doesn't care which classes you teach. The TSA would be an entry course to the post-secondary program.
- Program Manager transition
  - Glenn Orthel is retiring anywhere from mid January to July
  - Position cannot be opened without an official letter of resignation with a date
  - Turnover in positions with different organizations over the positions creates a lot of unknowns

### **Food Producers Report**

*Dick Ledington, IVATA Representative on the Idaho Food Producers*

- Handout- Minutes of Food Producers meetings
- Basic function of Food Producers is education and advocacy of agriculture
- The Ag All Star Dinner is Jan 13 and money is appropriated to send two people
- Alan Heikkila will check on paying dues for upcoming year

### **Summer Inservice Planning**

*Jason Bair, Val Johnson- Madison High School*



- Madison is thrilled to have ag teachers come to schools
- Hotels- if we schedule during another event in Rexburg, hotels may be full so we need to book some blocks now
- Schedule
  - Start at noon on Monday, June 20
  - Tours- elk ranches, facility tours- Madison, Rigby, Teton Dam, Bear World, natural resources- Mesa Falls, Warm River, malt barley farming, BYU Horticulture Program/ Livestock Facility
  - Transportation- school travel busses
  - Entertainment- gun club, change softball game to golf scramble
  - Banquet- Golf Club in Rigby, donated pig
  - Madison Ag Program will coordinate meals and tours, IVATA will create a schedule and schedule workshops
  - Workshop ideas
    - Plant/ weed collection lab (tour option)
    - Intro to IQPS- Marc Beitia
    - Proficiency awards with AET
    - Tom Jacobson- Agriscience Ambassador
    - Wood lab project ideas and resources- Madison Ag Teachers
    - Greenhouse management- Madison Ag Teachers
    - Floral- Dr. Romney, BYU-I
    - Alumni- Mark Pratt
    - Continuation of Roundtable Discussions- Mark Pratt
  - UI AEE won't be at the Summer Inservice due to schedule conflicts
- CDE Revisions will not take place this year
  - National- Oct. 17
  - State- Revise Summer '17 and will go in effect Fall '17

### **PTE Summer Conference**

*Glenn Orthel, PTE Ag Program Manager*

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, August 2-4, Twin Falls
- Tues/ Wed- Division Wide Activities
- Tuesday- 3:30-5:00 pm Program time, Monday, or after conference Thursday-Friday
- Standards writing will take place on Thursday

### **Region 1**

*Kyle Stapleton, Region 1 Committee Chair*

- We need to fill host hotel block before we look elsewhere for lodging
- Tours planned- Groundforce International/ Buck Knives, Chilco Mill/ Empire Unmanned- two busses that switch locations
- Wed night- Taste of Idaho dinner
  - Sponsors needed
  - NID FFA Alumni or North Idaho College will cook

- Check with Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho Beef Producers on meat donation- Mark Pratt will talk with Idaho Cattle Association
- Thursday night- Casino night with table games and roping calcutta with money raised going to Ag Teacher Relief Fun. \$20 buy-in and person with the most money at cut-off time wins portion of the profits. A no-host bar will be provided.
- Workshop proposals on website- due Feb. 1
  - Mark Pratt
  - Jeremy Falk
  - David Black, NATAA [dblack3@murraystate.edu](mailto:dblack3@murraystate.edu), 270-627-3674
- UI is bringing student teachers to Region 1 as capstone trip and will invite other pre-service teachers from Region 1
- There is only one business room at hotel so we may be traveling back and forth to fairgrounds. Kyle has busses lined up
- Entertainment- golf- too expensive, 3 day nonresident fishing license is \$25, Dan Billington is checking on a cruise on the lake, brewery tour and tasting
- Gift bags- Josette Nebeker
- Keynote speaker- Mark Pratt

### **FFA Executive Director Report**

*Clara Leigh Evans, Idaho FFA Executive Director*

- Priorities- Members, Advisors, Teachers
- Vision- Strengthen relationship between Idaho FFA, PTE, local programs, Alumni, IVATA, Foundation
- Strategic planning- working on creating a state strategic plan that mirrors National FFA strategic plan
- Will work to have transparency in all budgeting and planning
- 212/360- two conferences, Jan 25-26 West, Feb 1-2 East
  - Service project, no dance
  - Jan 13 registration deadline
  - 75% capacity West, only 1 chapter East
- State Leadership Conference- Twin Falls
  - Everything in the gym
  - Finals Hall in auditorium
  - Met with CSI staff and planning another meeting
- Coordinator Reports
  - Service Development- Jaysa Fillmore
  - Leadership Development- Jordan Smith
  - Career Success- Lori Insinga
- Payments at FFA events
  - No payment will be accepted at FFA events! Ever!

## **National FFA Report**

*Ben Meyer, National FFA Western Region LPS*

- See handout
- Classroom poster set has been sent out- look for it in January
- Local engagement and dealer programs- National FFA can take money that companies want to stay local and make it happen
  - Ford Dealer list
  - Syngenta
  - Monsanto- American Farmers Grow Rural Education Fund
  - Red Brand
  - Tractor Supply Company- engagement in a difference form- very committed to sending money to the local community. Instead of scholarships, money will now be given in the form of grants to local chapters. Chapters do not have to be connected to a store, but they score higher on application if they do.
  - Convention in Indianapolis- announcement for convention moved up to April or May.
- Chapter T-Shirt Contest
- Sign graduating members up for free 5 years of Alumni Associate membership through their MyFFA profile
- My Journey and FFA New Horizons- Casey Zufelt now writes content for My Journey. She is excited to develop that and work with Idaho FFA and ag ed.
- Agriscience Fair- move to three division 7/8, 9/10, 11/12- fewer National Finalists in each division- same number overall
- National Chapter- changing area titles to Growing Leaders, Building Communities, and Strengthening Agriculture. There will be changes to superior chapter form
- CDE changes
  - Moving to scoring all four students in all events- no low score dropped
  - Meats will go to three person team event
  - Ag Communications will go to four members
  - Conduct of Chapter meetings- exploratory event- 2 teams per state- National CDE in 2017. This will replace Novice Parliamentary Procedure
  - Extemp speaking will go from 12 topics to 16 and students will be allowed to use a computer for a portion of their prep time
  - Job Interview's name will be changed to Job Preparation
  - Prepared Public Speaking flights will be slated based on manuscript score

## **Idaho FFA Alumni Report**

*Mark Pratt, Idaho FFA Alumni President*

- Regional Alumni Development Conference
  - 80 registrants, 60 attendees
  - Thank you to Mark Pratt and Idaho Alumni for hosting!

- Alan Heikkila would encourage everyone to get people to the training workshops. Alumni are not there to be the teacher, but are there to be the support of the teacher.
- Dues package- affiliate chapter= \$300 for state and national
- If you have an affiliate alumni chapter, you can put all parents on membership, they will receive email New Horizons magazine
- If you have 25 life members, the affiliation fee goes away.
- Alumni manual is available online
- Mark and other Alumni will be workshop and/or presenter at Summer Inservice at Madison and Region 1
- Mark will send out an update on the ListServe

### **FFA Foundation Report**

*Laura Wilder, Idaho FFA Foundation Executive Director*

- See handout
- Kevin Barker, Board chair, will be at Board of Directors meeting on Saturday
- Winter Foundation meeting is after Day on the Hill luncheon on Monday, Jan 25
- IVATA Representatives on the Board of Directors- Tom Jacobson, Marc Beitia, and Pat Dixon. These reps can address issues from the IVATA to the Foundation.
- The Foundation is planning to increase business representation on the Board to increase fundraising efforts
- Outside budget requests need to be turned in by the 1st of July in written form
- A strategic plan is being developed in conjunction with Idaho FFA Association to identify funding priorities and fundraising efforts
- Clarification on Executive Director salary- it is a contractor position, not a staff position, and salary is higher to allow for benefits, taxes, etc.
- Sid Freeman included written report on Tractor Raffle
- The FFA Ram Trucks were on lease sponsored by Ram. The leases are almost over and the trucks will be available for sale. Laura will get information on pay-off amounts and other options and Foundation Board will make a decision in January.
- Foundation scholarships- applications will be due March 1. \$14,000 in Tractor Raffle Scholarships and \$6,000 in Wedum Scholarships.
- United Dairymen of Idaho will not be giving free milk and cheese donations because they are looking at engaging students and get them interest them in the dairy industry in a different way. Information will be sent out on the ListServe. Producers now have to request donations from UDI through their own allocations.
- Wheat Marketing Center trip will be available in 2016.
- The Foundation is looking at hosting a Dinner at SLC
- The Foundation has found a sponsor for the FFA Delegate Breakfast at SLC
- The Foundation has an Amazon Smile account and would encourage all to use. A portion of your Amazon purchase gets kicked back to the Foundation. Laura will send email out on ListServe.
- Regarding funding Service Projects and Tours- still working on that.

## **IQPS- PTE Discussion**

- Joe Blackstock identified three concerns
  - Courses that are currently being taught should be continued to be allowed to be taught
  - Courses that are being offered for dual credit should be continued to be allowed to be taught
  - Course sequence should be allowed to be flexible as long as a completer took all of those classes.
- Changes to IQPS handout, Glenn will post online
- Proposed IQPS deadline is March 1 for FY 2017 and then Feb 15 after that.
- New National Quality Program Standards will be released at the end of January. Changes have been made to the NQPS. There are both ratings and action plan for improvement.
- We are now 2 years away from when we originally wrote the IDAPA Code. Do we give preference to those programs who applied but didn't qualify?
- For this year- we are supposed to use last year's data and programs that were awarded a grant will not show growth
- Discussion on assessment teams- If on-site assessment is required there would need to be calibrators for the assessment team. Regional teams pose a challenge. Ag teachers could judge each other- would cause hard feelings, bias.
- Funding level- \$350,000 for sure for IQPS. Not looking to increase added cost funding.
- Dwight Johnson said that he wanted IQPS to become recurring funding instead of annual appropriations
- Dwight Johnson joined the meeting at 4:00 pm
  - See handout
  - Enhance image of PTE
    - often counselors and parents ignore the fact that PTE offers high wage, in demand jobs
    - Website re-launch with new image
    - Creation of an ambassador program to spread the message of PTE
    - Name change from PTE to CTE
  - UI expressed concerns that AEE was being overlooked as PTE was granting funds to the College of Ed for nontraditional teacher certification. Mr. Johnson said he would look into the issue.
  - Alan Heikkila asked if an advisory committee was being used to oversee direction of PTE and creation of a strategic plan. Mr. Johnson said he was using lots of business and industry input, but a formal committee had not been formed. He said he considered using the State Workforce Development Board that he currently sits on.

- Joe Blackstock communicated that the ag ed program area is very different than other program areas and hopes that PTE recognizes that. Mr. Johnson agreed and said that everything is still being worked through.
- Academic credit for ag classes was brought up. Mr. Johnson said he wants to see programs to continue to offer academic credit but still wants established pathways. He said that this is not an overnight process and we are still in progress. The ag teachers said that we are willing to put in the work to find a solution, we just need to be invited to the table.
- In a discussion on cluster programs, Mr. Johnson agreed that the courses still needed to be worked on so it did not negatively impact the programs
- The group discussed alignment with postsecondary institutions. The ag teachers expressed concern that we would eliminate the established connections with UI if we went to current programs of study.
- Marc Beitia asked about how much local control and flexibility would local programs have. He was concerned about whether or not advisory committees would still have input in local programs. Mr. Johnson said that flexibility was needed at the local level and the proposed programs of study would not be implemented in '16-'17.
- Glenn Orthel was concerned about the fact that flexibility was not being built in to what was being reported.
- Shawn Dygert said that teachers can help identify how to set up all the parameters and we were frustrated because communication between the ag teachers and the Division has not always been the greatest.
- Mark Pratt said that ag teachers prepare students for the world, not just for college.
- Sam Condie suggested that the Division invite ag teachers to be part of the conversation
- Jaysa Fillmore asked about curriculum development. Mr. Johnson said that the job of the Division was to create standards and curriculum was a local issue. He said that best practices should be shared to help new teachers.
- Mr. Johnson acknowledged that IQPS has set the bar high and he wants it to stay high so we can justify additional dollars from the legislature.
- Mr. Johnson indicated that the assessment team would be funded through the grant amount, not the Division.
- The group discussed the composition of the assessment team and identified positives and negatives for regionally based teams. Mr. Johnson thought there were several individuals who were one step removed from the profession but had enough background knowledge and experience to serve as an evaluator.
- Mr. Johnson left the meeting at 5:15 pm.

### **Membership Report**

*Alan Heikkila, IVATA Treasurer*

- Keep losing money on the investment

- Outstanding bills
  - Food Producers dues
  - Region 1 travel
  - AgEd Summit (Sam or Travis) \$234 registration, \$600 stipend from NAAE- decide by Monday
- NAAE delegates- need 125 members to get 4 delegates
- NAAE, IVATA- 107 current members
- CTEI- 106
- ACTE- 10
- Nicole is working on using the IVATA website to pay membership
- Region 1 registration- \$4.80 loss for using online system to pay per transaction

### **Foundation Discussion**

- The IVATA identified some concerns regarding the direction of the Idaho FFA Foundation and the IVATA will write a letter to the Foundation addressing those concerns. The letter will be delivered prior to their January 25 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

*Sam Condie, IVATA President*