

2017 IVATA Midwinter Minutes

Friday, February 17, 2017

Convened at 8:05 a.m.

PRESENT: Robert Hale (President), Sue Poland (President-elect), Travis Edwards (Secretary), Alan Heikkila (Treasurer), Jerry Severe, Nicole Lebsack, Dan Billington, Kyle Stapleton, Marc Beitia, Amy Nichols, Troy Wright, Tammy Ackerland, Clara-Leigh Evans (Idaho FFA Director), Tom Jacobson, Cody Park, Sam Condie (past President), Jack Blattner, Dwight Johnson (Idaho CTE Director), Shawn Dygert (Legislative Liason), Dr. Kat Wolf (University of Idaho), Dr. Kasee Smith (University of Idaho), Dr. Jim Connors (University of Idaho)

REVIEW MINUTES FROM SUMMER IN-SERVICE – Cody Park moved to approve the minutes; motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Alan Heikkila

- Business checking account balance - \$2,144.27
- Money market account balance - \$20,418.76
- Investment Account
 - 5/31/16 balance - \$9,330.56
 - 1/31/17 balance – \$9,971.01
- IVATA Members – 106
- NAAE Members – 106
- CTEI Members – 91
- ACTE Members – 7

Shawn Dygert moved that IVATA support the Sarah Brausch-Schmitt scholarship fund by donating \$500; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NOMINATIONS

Honorary State FFA Degree (ag teachers):

- None for this year

Honorary American FFA Degree (Non-teacher):

- Rita Ball – Kuna – has served as a judge at the national FFA level five times. She is a long-time supporter of FFA.
- Dr. Kat Wolf

Honorary American FFA Degree (Teacher):

- Kyle Stapleton – 1st priority
- Larin Crosley – 2nd priority
- Jodie Mink – 3rd priority

National FFA Distinguished Service

- Sarah Braasch-Schmitt – Steve Wilder nominated to fill out application
 - Ben Meyer advised Clara-Leigh later in the day that this nomination may be more appropriate as an Honorary American FFA Degree. Clara-Leigh will check to see if she already received it. If not, we will nominate her for Honorary American FFA Degree.

NAAE Distinguished Service

- Dr. Jim Connors – University of Idaho staff will get application to Region 1 Conference
- Jim Wilson (CSI) – we'll consider him for next year

NAAE Outstanding Cooperation

- Culver's of Twin Falls – Dan Billington will make sure application gets to Region 1 Conference

NAAE Lifetime Achievement

- Jim Summers

NAAE Applications – shortened applications will be submitted by April 1 and reviewed by IVATA leadership at State Leadership Conference

STATE FFA UPDATE – Clara-Leigh Evans/Tammy Ackerland

Nominations for honorary national awards can now be made online at FFA.org, or we can continue to follow the traditional method submitted to the state by hand and entered by Clara-Leigh and Tammy.

- 212/360
 - Requiring only upper-classmen for legislative luncheon improved the behavior and interactions at the luncheon
- State Leadership Conference
 - Online registration – opens March 1
 - Students and guests will only be admitted to conference events if they display the conference pin on their jacket
 - There will be no registration cost for guests
 - State staff will be able to provide name tags for guests at the conference doors
 - Career Success Tours and Day of Service will continue to happen at SLC

- Coordinator Report
 - Mentoring
 - Community Service – Jaysa Fillmore
 - 212/360 Service activities were funded by Hunger Heroes this year
 - Career Success Tours – Lori Idsinga
- State FFA is going to begin collecting follow-up data through a survey to track what Idaho FFA members are doing post-graduation. The survey will be sent out via email to former students. The information will be used to tell the FFA story.
- State/National Officer dinner at SLC – Clara-Leigh would like to have the state officers and their families have dinner with the national officer on Friday evening of State Leadership Conference. IVATA leaders encouraged her to move forward with this event.
- Idaho FFA Association calendar was presented.
 - SLC Registration is due March 21 to guarantee t-shirts for conference attendees

LOCAL PROGRAM SUCCESS UPDATE – Clara-Leigh presenting on behalf of Ben Meyer

- Classroom Poster Set
- Local Engagement & Dealer Programs
- Free CDE Questions & Answers
- National Convention
 - Website - Watch for updates in April and through the summer.
 - Registration – Fully read all instructions to fully register/enter names
 - Safety – Crime was a problem this year. National FFA is communicating regularly with Indianapolis Metro Police to address the problems. They are asking FFA convention-goers to be vigilant about keeping items secure and out of sight to help prevent crime.
- T-shirt Contest – now open for submissions
- Regional Conferences
- Opening Ceremonies – changed Puerto Rico to Virgin Islands
- CASE registration is open for 2017
- Official Dress changes outlined
 - The CDE revision committee should review the CDE rules to ensure that gender references in official dress guidelines should be removed.
- Grants for Growing
- Living to Serve Grant Changes
 - Changes are trying to broaden the scope from hunger
- Smith-Hughes at 100
 - There are lesson resources available online
- Teacher Ambassadors
 - Katie Cooper from Salmon representing Idaho
- National Business Card Template
 - Available from National FFA
- My Journey

- New content updated monthly for students and advisors on second Monday of each month

IDAHO FFA ALUMNI REPORT – Mark Pratt

- Mark attended the Ag Ed Summit in Indianapolis with the Idaho delegation in January.
- Team Ag Ed has developed 3 action plans in these areas:
 - Engaging Our Students
 - Supporting Our Teachers
 - Telling Our Story
- The Alumni would like to encourage the state CTE department to work at bringing together and supporting CTE programs throughout the state.
- National FFA has some great resources to help set up FFA Alumni programs
- State Alumni would like to set up an email list serve – Dr. Connors said that won't be a problem.
- Organizations around the state (like Simplot, Northwest Farm Credit, Farm Bureau, etc.) can set up their own non-traditional FFA Alumni chapters if they wish to be more involved in supporting the FFA organization.
- FFA New Horizons and FFA Alumni Vision publications will be merging into one publication.
- Teacher Shortage Crisis:
 - Where are we with alternative certification?
 - How can we improve alternative certification process?
 - The instructors Mark has talked to say most of the required coursework for alternative certification is just busy work and adds no value to teaching. Why isn't anyone questioning/reviewing the value of the current requirements for alternative certification? Which requirements are adding value to a person's ability to teach? Which ones are unnecessary obstacles to a teacher's success? What additional things might help new alternative teachers be successful?
 - Why isn't the state division creating alternative certification?
 - RFP – Request for Proposal
 - Kristy Enger with the state office is in charge of pursuing an RFP to develop the process for alternative certification for all of Idaho CTE
 - University of Idaho is pursuing a grant that would allow them to help alternatively certified teachers in the classroom – they are interested in having the conversation with the state office regarding alternatively certified teachers.
 - This grant would establish a cohort of new alternatively certified teachers to provide additional support.
 - They would establish a program for those teachers to lead them through the process of completing their certification.
 - There used to be meetings of all the teacher educators around the state, but that ended about 5 years ago.

- There needs to be a single contact person in each alumni chapter at the local level.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO AG ED/EXTENSION ED DEPT. REPORT – Dr. Connors

- State CDEs
 - U of I is looking into online registration for state CDEs
 - Registration fee proposed to increase from \$20 to \$25
 - Dance will now be built into registration
 - Mundt dinner will continue for teachers thanks to the Mundt family endowment
 - University goal is to have over 1,000 attendees
 - FFA Band
 - Uofl is looking into starting a state FFA band
 - Students would potentially have to be in Moscow by Sunday before state CDEs
 - Jack Blattner: “Why do this at Moscow CDEs when it seems like a more appropriate activity for State Leadership Conference?”
 - Dr. Connors was trying to collaborate with the Uofl School of Music. He agrees that it might make more sense in Twin Falls, but it would be up to CSI to pursue it there.
 - Is there enough interest around the state to support a state band?
 - Is there enough time during the week at SLC to have the band?
 - How can we make it easier for high individuals to get back onto the stage with the high teams at the awards presentation?
 - Following the SLC award pattern might help – lining up the top teams on the stage might help
- Scholarships for CDEs/LDEs
 - Uofl Ag Ed/Extension is now responsible for tracking down students for scholarships. They will be collecting information from students so they can track these scholarship opportunities to make sure kids get their scholarships.
 - These scholarships are cumulative.
- Dual Credit
 - Ag Ed has approval for dual credit 258 class for dual credit. It will be rolled out this spring on a small scale and next fall across the state.
 - Plant Science 201
 - Marc Beitia: “What are we doing to recognize this course as a capstone, or do we have to continue to offer an unrelated TSA? Will my program lose funding if I don’t have a capstone course?”
 - Jerry Severe responded that because this is a developing system, at this point it will not affect funding.
 - Most other departments don’t have dual credit opportunities in place yet.
- Enrollment
 - University is pushing enrollment outreach. Ambassador visits can be requested for any interested high school students

- Agricultural Sciences Pathway
 - The university will be meeting with state CTE to develop the standards for this pathway.
- Historical Studies Course
 - Dr. Connors is teaching this course. They have artifacts from ag education from back to the 1940s.
 - This course will be offered to help students manage the history of their chapters.
- Curriculum Development
 - There are teachers writing new curriculum for Ag 130 and Ag 530 that should be available in the fall.
 - The university plans to develop curriculum for a few courses each year.

ANR CTE PROGRAM REPORT – Jerry Severe

- Summer Conference – August 1-4 at Riverside Hotel in Boise
 - Program managers will be presenting on CTESOs, TACs. Since that directive doesn't apply to Ag because we already know our programs, Jerry would like to know what we would like to hear from him. What would be beneficial for the teachers who attend summer conference?
 - It may be better to see what topics are needed after summer in-service.
 - University Credit – Dr. Connors
 - The university is willing to offer professional development credit for any professional development opportunity we participate in if we set it up with them ahead of time.
- Dual Credit
 - Jerry and some ag teachers are developing dual credit opportunities through Utah State.
- The state division is organizing small committees or working groups to address specific issues. Jerry will be working with Kristy Enger on a committee addressing teacher recruitment and retention.

ESTABLISHING A CONNECTION WITH ISDA – Sue Poland

- State department of agriculture has people in place who will work with us to put on training workshops, offer certifications, and other things that will allow them to work more closely with agricultural education.

NAAE CONFERENCE

- Region 1 – April in Sheridan, Wyoming
 - Fly into Billings

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Shawn Dygert

- IQPS
 - Reasons people did not apply

- Application timeframe was too small – didn't have time to do it.
 - Teachers knew they wouldn't beat out other teachers, so they didn't apply
 - We need to organize a committee to work with the state on revising IQPS rule regarding dispersement of grant money.
- Workforce Development Task Force
 - The governor is organizing a workforce development task force. We need to watch for opportunities to be involved in their work.
- Course Fees – Jack Blattner
 - Jack suggested we work through legislative channels to address the issue of funding specialized programs that have been able to charge course fees until recently due to court rulings.
- Food Producers fees increased from \$650 to \$800. We paid the increase.
 - This membership benefits us by providing us a voting spot at the table to support potential issues including legislative action. They end up supporting our organizations and student programs as a result.

OTHER IVATA BUSINESS – Robert Hale

- SLC Dinner & Meeting
 - We need a new location for 2017 meeting – Herrott Center is already booked.
 - Turf Club
 - Upstairs in the Taylor Building
 - We need to have proposed bylaw changes ready to vote on in April so we can roll them out in June.

IDAHO FFA FOUNDATION – Clara-Leigh Evans on behalf of Laura Wilder

- Chapter Challenge
 - Entries submitted by March 31
- Scholarship Application Deadlines March 15
- Tractor Raffle
 - Chapters are selling tickets
 - Each district has a tractor raffle banner to display at their events
- Belt Buckles instead of watches for District Stars
- Friends of FFA Banquet
 - April 6
- Foundation has a part-time development director
 - Kendra Dustin

SUMMER IN-SERVICE PLANNING – the committee

- Workshops
 - NORCO has offered to set up new shop equipment .

- Tuesday afternoon schedule has been arranged to accommodate this.
 - Welding Workshop
 - Caldwell HS welding instructor
 - Teach how to set up program to offer certification to students
 - Committee will review Uofl survey data regarding professional development needs to identify additional workshops.
 - AET
 - Need something above beginner level
 - Possibly Q&A session with Dr. Hanigriff
 - Need time for presentation of new curriculum from Uofl
 - Dual Credit
 - Possibly update workshops for Uofl dual credit
- FFA Foundation Golf Scramble Fundraiser
 - Possibly Thursday afternoon
 - Jim Connors and Pat Dixon will look into arranging golf scramble
- Monday evening activities
 - Hire Jason Tindall to cater dinner
 - Trap Shooting
 - Parma Gun Club
 - Emmett
 - Ontario – Snake River Sportsman
 - Softball
 - Preferable to find a field that allows alcohol if possible
 - Night Golf
- Classroom space
 - We need 9 spaces for committees to meet – 9 classrooms for the 3 days should be adequate
- Hotels
 - Clarion – about \$79 per night: Fruitland advisors will look into making this one the housing block
 - Holiday Inn Express is newest, about \$100 per night
 - Best Western
- Registration
 - Ready to open online
 - Additional cost for credit card payments
 - Can we offer a discounted rate for undergraduate pre-teachers?
 - Cost of meals plus whatever workshop costs apply
 - Sue moved that undergraduates attending the conference pay a registration fee of \$75, guests 12 and over \$50, \$20 for kids under 12 years.
- Undergraduate welcoming event
 - Breakfast Wednesday morning during the 10 year club breakfast

- Could reserve meeting room at Clarion to hold breakfasts
- Tours
 - If there is a great tour, it could go on Tuesday afternoon or Thursday.

AG PATHWAYS LONG TERM PLANNING, IQPS, CTE DIVISION DISCUSSION – Amy Lorenzo, Steve Rayborn

- IQPS – Amy Lorenzo
 - We are 2 years into the process
 - IQPS needs some revision
 - Negotiated Rule-making (state law)
 - Law was passed (the statute)
 - During the year following, the rules were written.
 - The rules then had to be approved by the state board.
 - Process is cumbersome for a reason – to ensure that changes are thoughtful.
 - Funding
 - Funding was not adequate to fund all qualified programs, so some qualified programs went out.
 - Possible Solutions
 - Go through negotiated rulemaking process to make rule changes this year to allow more flexibility in awarding the grants because of fluctuations in funding.
 - Fluctuations: if there is carryover, if there are more industry donations.
 - Changes to rulemaking can only come through the agency.
 - Need public outreach – open public meetings to allow public input
 - Because we work under the state board of education, we have to submit all rule changes by May. However, we have been granted an extension this year.
 - April 5 - Starting on the afternoon of April 5th at State Leadership Conference, the state will set up informal focus groups to get input on IQPS rules.
 - April 6 – state staff will experience the day’s events to better understand the needs of the organizations.
 - April 7 – Amy and Steve will be available for more focus groups
 - Amy will synthesize the information to present to the board
 - June – Amy will bring a draft proposal for rule changes to be reviewed and approved by the IVATA.
 - The draft will go back to the state board for approval. If approved, it would move to the legislature for action in 2018.
 - The bad news is the changes won’t take place before the next IQPS award cycle.
 - The standards and scoring rubrics will not be an option for change this year.

- When will IQPS be opened for this year?
 - The goal is March 1.
 - The state is trying to convert the forms into fillable pdfs.
 - Scoring rubric was a 10 point scale. It is changing to a 5 point scale this year.
 - The state is talking to AET to consider housing IQPS in the AET system.
 - They are considering the programs who don't use AET. The state is considering writing statewide membership into the budget.
 - State CTE requested \$10,000 from the legislature to help cover costs of administering IQPS.
- Two problems with IQPS
 - Not enough teachers applied this year.
 - We need to do some outreach to identify causes and solutions.
 - The two things we've already identified through IVATA survey:
 - The application window was too late.
 - Many teachers don't apply because they know they won't get the grants due to the competitive nature of IQPS
 - We need a standardized statewide measure to show how IQPS is affecting programs. How is it adding value to programs?
 - In order to request additional funding, we need to show where the current funding is going.
 - To report to the legislature, we need to establish a standard measure.
- Question from the group – “Is there a way to tie IQPS to teacher evaluation on the career ladder?”
 - How can we use IQPS to show improvement in student outcomes?
 - What other success measures can we show from IQPS?
- Items for CTE Summer Conference
 - Mapping
 - Workshop to show what an effective CTESO (student organization) looks like
 - Workshop on technical advisory committees
- Extended Contracts – Steve Rayborn
 - An ag teacher contacted IVATA leadership because their district received notification that only 10 days of extended contracts could be paid from added cost funds.
 - Steve said that was a mistake and Kristy Enger has followed up to correct that mistake.
 - The state does not currently limit the amount of extended days offered to a teacher by a district.
 - Mark Beatia asked why the verbage was changed to only allow extended days to be counted outside of the contracted school year.
 - Steve responded that the intent was always to only count days outside the regular school year.

- Why is the exception made for HOSA teachers who can use weekend and holiday days during the school year? How are they different from ag teachers?
 - Amy is going to crosswalk the department policy with state statute to see if she can help lead to a solution.
- Pathways
 - Current pathways:
 - Ag Business/Econ
 - Ag Animal Science
 - Ornamental Horticulture
 - Plant Production
 - Ag Small Engine Repair
 - Ag Environmental Science (pending approval for following year)
 - Question from Sam Condie: “Why are we limiting the pathways to such specific courses when our industry partners want well rounded students?”
 - Steve – in most systems, the cluster courses can still be offered in addition to the pathway courses.
 - Alan Heikkila: “When will the college credits start being awarded?”
 - Steve – Over the next couple years depending on the program. Specifically for small engines, alignment will happen this summer. Pilot TSA is set up for this spring. Question analysis will follow. Small engines is a simpler process because CWI has the only program in the state, so there is no need for horizontal alignment among post-secondary institution.
 - Steve: “The pathway isn’t intended to tell you what to teach. You don’t have to teach all of the courses in the pathway. You are not limited to just those introductory courses. The requirement is you must have at least one of the intermediate courses and a capstone and they must cover at least 3 semesters over 2 years.”
 - Mark Beatia: “I teach plant science 201 through Uofl. It is AG510/512/514. I have to teach Dr. Tripepi’s curriculum for dual credit, but it doesn’t align with the content on the TSA. Can I count the Uofl end of course assessment as the TSA for the plant production pathway?”
 - Steve – No. You wouldn’t be teaching the plant production pathway. It is a cluster course.
 - We have conflicting information on Perkins IV reauthorization. One says that there must be a pathway within each funding recipient. The other says that there must be a pathway within each program receiving funding. The state is working on finding what information is correct and then they will address any resulting issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Summer Conference Action Items
 - Curriculum committee
 - AVS 105 Dual Credit

- Not available this year. Pilot program possibly for 2017-18
 - Dr. Connors suggests contacting Judy Maynard to find out about the status of Uofl dual credit
 - Pathway development committee
 - It was Dr. Wolf working with Jerry Severe
 - Update list of curriculum content experts
 - The committee needs to update the list in time for summer in-service
- Professional Improvement
 - Invite committee chairs to mid-winter
 - Membership Development Officer and Media Director Officer positions:
 - Executive committee will work with Dr. Connors to clean up the wording of the proposed constitutional amendments for presentation to IVATA at SLC.
- Audit and Budget Committee
 - Line item for website cost
- IVATA Awards Committee
 - New IVATA award for administrator
 - Send back to committee to develop the award
 - Years of service is changed to certificates instead of pins
 - Digitize the Proven Sire and Proven Dam awards – Michelle Aoi is working on it
- CDE Committee
 - Will roll out plan at Summer In-service
- IVATA name change
 - Amendment has been proposed and submitted to the membership. It will be voted on in the annual meeting in June.
- Team Ag Ed Action Plan
 - Three part plan
 - Developed by the Idaho delegation at the Ag Ed Summit in January 2017.
 - It is currently a draft that needs to be reviewed by all stakeholders so it can be finalized at Summer In-service.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by IVATA Secretary Travis Edwards