

IATA General Session 1  
June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Lewiston, ID

Sue Poland, IATA President called the meeting to order at the auditorium of Lewiston High School.

**Kyle Stapleton, conference chair, outlined the evening activities. They included:**

-Dinner at Genesee Fire Hall. Trap Shooting & Softball at the field.

-Tuesday night at Rodeo Grounds for Calcutta. Teachers will eat dinner at school prior to Calcutta. The Calcutta raises money to go into Ag Teacher relief fund. The relief fund helps Ag teachers and their families that are going through hardships/ crisis.

-Wednesday Dinner at the Catch Pen at the Rodeo Grounds

**Neophyte Seating – Kyle Stapleton & JR**

Neophytes (all first year teachers, teachers who moved, and first year completers who missed conference last year) were introduced, properly identified with tags, and told about their expectations for the week, including sitting in the front row.

**IATA Membership Report – Alan Heikkila, Executive Treasurer**

- CTEI Reach conference attendees will have their CTEI membership paid by Idaho CTE. This did not change our dues packages, because of the late notice about the decision. The decision of the group was that if a conference attendee wants the amount of the dues refunded to them, they would have to contact Alan after the REACH conference to request it, and provide proof of registration from the CTEI . The remainder of the collected money would be considered a contribution to the general fund to offset travel and other expenses.
- District Directors have packets for teachers. Upon receipt of dues, teachers will be eligible for door prizes
- Alan reminded everyone about the personal/professional liability insurance offered with expansion options.
- Idaho now has enough members in the state to bring a 4<sup>th</sup> delegate to vote at the NAAE conference.
- There were \_\_\_\_ paid dues members in 2017-18.

**Legislative Update – Shawn Dygert (IATA Liaison)**

Committee meeting to discuss adding new liaison to the rotation.

## **CTEI Update – Travis Edwards**

Organization collaborates with other program areas. There is a Reach Summit conference coming up – asking for some representation from Ag Instructors. Date for summit is pending. Professional development grant available for associations of the CTEI organization. Travis Edwards, Lex Godfrey, and Robert Hale are on the executive board of CTEI, and questions about it can go the them. .

## **IATA 4-H Joint Task Force Report – Steve Wilder**

Steve Wilder, Josette Nebecker, and Dr. Connors represented the FFA at a meeting this summer.

- 4-H and FFA need to work together. Greater efforts are being made to improve relationships & cooperation. A memorandum has not been updated since 2016.

## **IATA Committee Assignments & Directions: Nicole Lebsack**

This year, members selected their own committees working with the district directors to make sure there was equal representation. Nicole put the committees and if they were a dues paid member on their nametags to make it easier to conduct business.

## **Nominating Committee report: Trent VanLueven**

- asking for nominations
  - Brian Wolf for President Elect
  - Josh Evans for Secretary Elect
  - Sam Hoffman for Secretary Elect
  - Michelle Aoi for Secretary Elect

## **UI Report: Dr. Connors**

Professional development forms available. 1 AG ED Credit available for \$143.00. There is a list serve add-on sheet available. Contact the office if you are not getting list serve emails.

## **Bylaws – Sue Poland**

The bylaws and constitutional changes will be voted on later in the week. A hard copy was distributed to make the conduct of business easier at that time. Members were asked to review them to be ready to vote.

## **Door Prizes – Tyler Johnson**

Secretary Elect Tyler Johnson explained the door prize processes for the week.

**First General Session was recessed at 1:23 PM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> General Session  
8:30 AM**

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**Sue Poland call the meeting to order at 8:30 am at the LHS auditorium.**

She gave a thank you to CALS & FFA Alumni for the pork dinner and for all those who participated in the shooting at Genesee.

**Emily Fisher – Ideas Unlimited Procedure**

There will be a popular vote to submit ideas unlimited candidate at lunch to follow after committee meetings.

**State Division Report (Lucas Barnett and Steve Rayborn, Idaho CTE)**

Lucas: From Texas with a history of agriculture education. Lucas's dad was a long time Ag instructor. Lucas has background in the animal science industry & worked at Purina before becoming an Ag Instructor.

Steve: Ag Ed is an important part of where we are today and hopefully CTE is keeping up. The alignment for business/ econ, animal science, and horticulture has been completed for competency credit. Communications is still being worked on (Dr. Smith is a lead on that) and Food Science is being worked on for a pathway. The goal is to establish standards for food science this coming fall.

A big success has been the welding bridge between secondary programs and college of southern/western Idaho.

Funding:

IQPS: \$300,000

PQI: \$78,000

One-time grant: about \$183,000 dedicated to Ag Programs.

**National Update: Ben Meyers**

Slide show presentation: the main theme is about giving good feedback between Ag instructors and National FFA. Changes include updated website, smoother convention registrations, weekly emails from the CEO, etc.

Self registration feature has been turned off for the state of Idaho. A new membership year time line is being administered as of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. There will be optional training webinars offered this summer. A staggered dues increase will be implemented in the 2019 – 2020 school year.

Jack Blattner: What is the reason for this?

Ben: IT systems needs updated and there are costs associated with this update. Also, there are cost increases for hosting/organizing convention.

Federal Charter is being updated/ revised in Washington D.C., The plan is to keep charter in place but to move control from congress to the National FFA.

Constitution & Bylaws will be worked on this summer to brainstorm language changes to adapt the constitution to the proposed charter revision. Dr. Kat Wolf will be a lead on this project.

Updating website – we need feedback! The idea is to make it better an user friendly.

FFA Magazine. Bad address information will result in no magazine mailed to student or school. Please make sure the correct address is verified.

There will be a new registration implemented: 4 PM mountain time to ensure that school is over and teachers are not in class.

SAE revitalization: how can we offer SAE in every classroom everyday for every student?

Grants: Still available! Living to serve grants are the easiest to attain for chapters. Mini grants up to \$400.00.

### **Idaho FFA Alumni Report: Alan Krick, Secretary Idaho FFA Alumni**

Our name change has been implemented “FFA Alumni & Supporters”. Please get a hold of alumni if you have any questions. There are 22 active alumni chapters and 3 – 4 that are getting there.

1974 John Deere Tractor coming up for the next tractor raffle. Tractor raffle may go way (not confirmed yet) and be replaced by a side by side.

## **IQPS: Myths vs. Reality Panel Discussion: Cody Porath, Moderator**

Panel Participants:

Tyler Johnson  
Tami Frank  
Tom Jacobsen  
Trent Vanlueven  
Kya Vines  
Amy Lorenzo

Tyler: What is IQPS – taking an account of your program using 7 indicators to look at areas of improvement. The overall goal is to improve your program.

Trent: Challenges for IQPS - Make sure to give yourself time to complete required areas for the grant application. Opening up application and looking at the whole document is overwhelming.

Tami: Challenges for IQPS – merging 3 teacher program into improving overall program but separating applications for teachers individually.

Tom: How did you get started – Printing off application and taking 2 days to work on areas where improvement was needed.

Kya: Start up Grant? Gave me an opportunity to start a horticultural program to provide opportunities for students (that they never had before). IQPS gives teachers the ability to work with administrators to make improvements when they might not have qualified.

Amy: If funds are exhausted for IQPS money awarded to programs than programs that did not receive money will be prioritized the following year.

Amy: IQPS has changed a lot – please explain. There have been a lot of growing pains since we first began. The process has been made more streamlined. Moving from 1,000 page documents to something more attainable that does not leave a bitter feeling with teachers.

Tom: How much time did you invest this year for IQPS? It took about 3 days.

Trent: Small schools & big schools:

Amy: What checks & balances are in place to make sure honesty is being practiced? Integrity should always be used when completing the IQPS Grant. Lucas is going to be a big part in this process.

How to get administrators on board? Be honest about scores and go through rubric with administrators so they can see firsthand where a program is at. If there is an area lacking than it can be worked out with administrators to improve areas.

What benefits have emerged: Alumni chapters established, every student has an SAE, and program is better. IQPS has made multi teacher programs work as a better team. A direction for our program has been established.

The meeting was recessed at:

**General Session 3**  
**Tuesday June 19, 2018**  
**4:30 PM**

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The meeting was reconvened at 4:30 pm by President Sue Poland

**University of Idaho AAE Report – Dr. Jim Connors**

- 1) Student enrollment is going well. There is about 50 Agriculture Education students and graduate 10 – 15 students.
- 2) Entry level freshman class next fall is 40 + students
- 3) 2019 – 10 student teachers coming out
- 4) BYU Idaho – offer teacher Ed option to students, 3 + 1 arrangement
  - Certification route after full school at BYU
  - Masters route
- 5) Ag Science CEI instructor: Dr. Bush working with satellite campus locations
- 6) Reconstituted advisory committee – the goal is to meet twice a year
- 7) Thank you for coming to June CDEs – college administrators are taking notice of students coming on campus
- 8) Entomology interest – There is a great need for undergraduates for this degree

Dr. Smith – Thank you for participating in research projects.

- 9) Graduate courses are available this summer
- 10) Dual credit courses are going well – new Ag Science & communications course & SAE coming online
- 11) Modernizing curriculum pending funding
- 12) Dr. Smith will hopefully be a part of the National Extemp LDE
- 13) Clara – Leigh's position is filed as a UI faculty member
- 14) Memorandum of understanding – grammatical corrections being made

15) Professional Development forms – The cost is high but not like an actual graduate credit.  
**The price is locked in because there is no competition from other colleges. \* Make note to talk to board to reach out to other colleges for credit opportunities to get lower credit price from UI.**

16) New position for State FFA

17) Interns for SLC & June CDE – could not get it done without them.

**The following Committee Reports can be found on the website**

### **Committee Report – Public Relations/ Legislative**

Chairman Rick Hance moved to have Committee Report accepted. The report was accepted.

### **Curriculum Report – Cami Schumann**

Ideas Unlimited-Should be a dues paying member with at least 3 years membership. As required by NAAE application.

Chairman Cami Schumann moved to have committee report accepted. The report was accepted.

### **Dr. Smith – AET report**

Fully fledged and practical workshop available at Reach conference. The goal is to have a masters course in AET.

**Sue Poland reported that Jaysa Fillmore has resigned as the Mentor Committee chair and the position is open. This individual would help organize & assign young teachers with mentor teachers. According to the bylaws, this position is appointed by the board following a letter of intent. If there is interest – please write a letter of intent to Nicole Lebsack.**

**Sue Poland then worked through the Bylaws amendments.** See Attached Bylaw Proposed Changes.

Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, & 15-Motion to accept, seconded, passed.

Changes were made to Amendment 12, and prior notice waived. It will be voted on tomorrow.

### **Nicole Lebsack discussed the IATA website.**

Easier to find your way on IATA website and a new search bar. The directory is now password protected to limit access to members only.

Password protected: cows

The meeting was recessed at:

**General Session 4**  
**Wednesday June 20, 2018**

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The meeting was reconvened on Wednesday at the LHS Auditorium by President Sue Poalnd. She discussed the upcoming professional development conferences:

Dates: NAAE Conference, San Antonio (TX), Grand Hyatt Hotel, November 27 – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

Region 1, Fairbanks (AK), May 28<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Sue Poland** then continued on amending the bylaws. Amendment 12...deleting 9 districts and inserting 10 districts...moved and passed by general assembly. Amendment 16, officer team can make executive decisions. Sue move to accept the amendment...the amendment was passed by the general assembly.

**Committee Reports:**

**FFA Relations - Ray Shirts**

- Star concerns, distinguish entrepreneurship vs business
- 5 plaques for CDEs and 4 plaques for LDEs
- Granting district star winners an interview at SLC  
Using national breaks
- All star awards candidates will be given on-site interview

(This will most likely be revisited by committee – moving item to the board?)

Discussion – to have Clara-Leigh conduct on-site visits

Question – What value is placed on this interview?

Amendment brought back to the general assembly

“Renee Peugh Moved that Clara-Leigh conduct all star award candidate on-site visits”.

Seconded.

Amendment failed.

Motion will go back to committee Jack Blattner “referral to committee was moved” and seconded. Motion was passed by general assembly.

Motion to send Idaho Delegates to National Convention to have a Range & land evaluation at the national convention.

Motion to accept the report made by Ray Shirts. Motion passed by general assembly.

**CDE Report – Cody Porath**

Dygert moved to amend the agronomy rules by adding the judging classes will be limited to hay samples. Seconded. Motion passed.



Trish Stokes moved to address the issues on nursery landscape identification card. Second. Passed.

### **Professional Improvement – Alan Wilmore**

He discussed in-service/ professional development opportunities coming down the line...there are signup sheets for small engines that will be held in Meridian in October if there is enough interest.

There will be virtual tour opportunities/ workshops being planned out for upcoming school year

The location for 2019 in-service be at Jerome High School

- Audit & budget committee
- That there would be a grant available for travel - \$500.00 be awarded to ideas unlimited recipient. Also, travel money is awarded to IATA award winners to help alleviate costs of travel.
- Jaysa Fillmore – out of state CASE advisory board
- Improvements made to IATA website (most has already been done)
- Committee coordinator – take agenda items
- 2 universities offer college credit
- How to work better with 4-H groups in individual counties
- Alan for committee chair next year
- Two versions of IATA teacher directory, one for public use (very generic) and one password protected

**Kyle Stapleton gave the Herd book report.**

**Session was recessed until \_\_\_\_ by President Sue Poland**

### **Session 5**

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The meeting was reconvened by President Sue Poland at LHS Auditorium at \_\_\_\_ pm.

Dr. Connors was called on to present the Team Ag Ed report.

Strategic Plan 2018 – 2025, Developed a new mission statement & vision for Ag Ed.

Mission is to grow Idaho's future with meaningful opportunities to increase agricultural literacy and make sound leaders.

- Ag literacy
- Ag Advocacy

- Meaningful instruction
- collaborative efforts
- Leadership Development

Action Plan:

- 1) Increase FFA membership
- 2) FFA Foundation partners to provide more opportunities
- 3) Engage partners to interact with students at SLC
- 4) Leadership opportunities beyond high school
- 5) Highly qualified teachers in all schools with Ag Ed
- 6) Promote professional mentors with new teachers
- 7) Promote beginning teacher guide/ survival manual

It's a bold plan but we are bold people!

**FFA Report – Clara – Leigh**

- 1) Advisor training available
- 2) June 25<sup>th</sup> the National FFA timing block will be open – There will not be down payments but will be penalties for canceling
- 3) Decreased amount of information on FFA Rosters
- 4) Annual Report deadline extension to July 1<sup>st</sup>
- 5) National chapter applications are due today
- 6) New teachers or teachers moving – do not create a new FFA account
- 7) National chapter qualifiers – we have not competed in the hall of states for many years and we should have a presence in this again
- 8) July @ Reach
- 9) Basic is coming up in 3 different areas of the state
- 10) We had 54 American FFA Degrees

**Budget & Audit Report – Tyler Johnson**

- 1) Money going towards travel IATA
- 2) Struck herd book – everything goes to relief account
- 3) We need to be better at paying district dues and reaching out to folks that we have not been able to contact
- 4) Motion to clean up how to send flowers for family loss – Please contact Alan, \$35.00 and a card will be sent
- 5) Remove guest option for summer inservice registration – there will only be spouse or full membership
- 6) Leave investments as is before pulling money out – We are back up \$1,000

Tyler moved to approve – the report was approved by the assembly

## **Mentoring Program – Nicole Lebsack**

The program is working for people who participate in them.

Challenges: Compensating mentors have not been successful, lack of mentor contact, etc.

Recommendations made to have a meet and greet at summer in-service and to reach out to school administrators to arrange subs so teachers can meet with mentors.

There needs to be a 5 year minimum teaching experience to become a mentor.

Mentor Handbook access and how to access important documents/literature on IATA website

Owl Pellets Podcasts: a lot of helpful information shared with ag teachers to help in the classroom/ FFA.

Bridge the gap between Ag Ed mentors & UI mentor program. There needs to be increased communication in order to receive credits.

Mentor program is open to teachers 1 – 3 years of teaching experience

Mentor Program Coordinator position open: Josette Nebeker did apply

Nicole moved to accept the minutes. The assembly approved it.

## **Membership Report – Trent VanLeuven**

- 1) Recommended not to purchase any NAAE materials
- 2) Dan Billington is the new committee chair
- 3) District Directors make an open invitation to potential IATA members so we may reach 100 % membership

Trent moved to accept report. General Assembly approved the report.

## **Joe Blackstock – IQPS**

Dwight Johnson says thank you for your hard work at this summer in-service and to please come to the REACH conference in August.

IQPS evaluations are a process that does give you feedback. You have your scores and we should not ask/wait for a full report from CTE.

You need to score a 4 in program area and instructor portion.

## **Alan H. (Membership Invoices)**

## **Final Session/Banquet**

The final session was reconvened at \_\_\_\_\_ by President Sue Poland.  
Dr. Doumit from CALS gave

- 1) Good Job to Sam's Fiancé...soon to be wife for giving master's thesis
- 2) USDA grant (multi culture scholars) for student recruitment
- 3) Ag Days September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>
- 4) Requests for Ag Days workshops are out
- 5) Sam Condie: meats workshop in Twin Falls by James Nasados
- 6) CALS alumni nominations are due
- 7) Kimberly Twilight Tour on July 18<sup>th</sup>
- 8) Firm Hired to design new vandal meats facility
- 9) Room 141 going over major overhaul – being converted into a wet lab
- 10) Members of Idaho Wheat Commission signed endowment agreement (\$2,000,000) towards students in Ag business
- 11) Call for proposals for Distance Ed program
- 12) Chobani Food Program
- 13) Trying to establish better ties with BYU Idaho
- 14) Enrollment update: numbers are up 14.3% from last year
- 15) Recruitment team was invited to share experiences with welcome back bbq last fall and spent some time on the Meridian High School campus

## **Awards Committee Report – Heather Hendren**

- 1) Outstanding Administrator application available
- 2) We won't be giving out teacher turn the key plaques because recipients get those plaques get them at the NAAE conference
- 3) Changed our applications to match national applications
- 4) Asked to make a motion to contact Larry Booth (Norco) who award recipient is
- 5) We would like to see first year teachers get their creed during banquet

30 minute awards:

Robert Hale  
Marc Beitia  
Dan Billington  
Sam Condie  
Jesse Miller  
Lex Godfrey  
Kya Vines

Proven Sire Award:

Randy Hillman  
Alan Heikkila  
Jason Tindall  
Josh Evans  
Joe Blackstock  
Steve Wilder  
John Mundt  
Proven Sire  
Shawn Dygert

NAAE pins:

5 years:

Karl Dahle  
Tyler Johnson  
Matt Jones  
Kya Vines  
Stephanie Whipple

10 years:

Jason Baer  
Devon Boyer  
Melissa Oliver

15 year:

Blaine Campbell

20 years:

Lex Godfrey  
Jason Tindall  
Kevin Wells

25 years:

Larrin Crosley  
Val Johnson  
Nathan Lowe

30 years:

Joe Blackstock  
Rick Hance  
Alan Heikkila

35 years:

Gaylen Colter

NAAE Awards:

Dr. Connors - Region 1 Winner; Outstanding Service

Culvers (Twin Falls) Region 1 Winner, Outstanding Cooperation

Lifetime Achievement: Jim Summers, Region 1 Winner, Lifetime Achievement

Ideas Unlimited: 2018 Representative at Region 1: Travis Edwards

Teacher Turn the Key:

Sam Hoffman

Outstanding Post Sec:

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Outstanding Ag Ed Program:

Vallivue

Outstanding Early Career Teacher:

Kya Vines

Teacher Mentor:

Robert Hale

Outstanding Ag Education Teacher:

Jodie Mink

Norco Award:

Randy Hillman

Heather moves to have report accepted. General assembly passes.

**Final Committee Report (membership & nominations) – Trent Van Lueven**

**New Secretary Elect: Michelle Oui**

**New President Elect: Brian Wolf**

Kyle Stapleton gave the final herdbook report;

Screw up of the year award (last year): Sam Condie accepted his trophy earned last year;

Screw up of the year award 2018: Amy Lorenzo and the burning bush