

2022 Summer Inservice
Committee Minutes



Committee: FFA Relations

Chair: Daniel Heikkila

Committee Members Present:

Kyle Stapleton (1)
Cassidy Dutton (7)
Carly Oman (5)
*Savannah Stroebel
Chelsey Sharp (1)
Amanda Evans (5)
Gabrielle Jonhson (8)
Kellsie Peterson (3)
*Emma Hillie
Jack Blattner (3)
Val Johnson (7)
Hannah Mamer (10)
Ray Shirts (3)
Pat Dixon (7)
Patti Matthews
Alan Schoen (3)
Daniel Heikkila (3)
Abigal Heikes

Non-Voting Members Present:

Secretary: Carly Oman

Business:

- I. Call of Order was made @ 4:00 PM on June 20, 2022.
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Topic: Approving of 2021 FFA Relations Committee Minutes

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B. General Discussion:

C. Main Motion:

- i. Motion made by: Gabi
- ii. Seconded by: Emma
- iii. Motion as read: *“Approve 2021 Minutes as posted on theiata.com”*
- iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 1. Main Motion: Passed with 18 in favor, 0 against

III. Reviewal of 2021 FFA Relations Committee Action Items

Previous Action Item #1

A. *Motion as read: “FFA Relations Committee “recommends” that DOT becomes a part of SOLAR Leadership.”*

B. *General Discussion*

a. *District Advisors were concerned with the liability of taking students from not their own program. Option was considered for utilizing the buses for SOLAR to also pick up district officers. Students would then just have to bring parent permission slips. This would take the liability off of a single teacher/district advisor. Input from Clara-Leigh Evans was received and tentative adjustments could be made for both DOT and SOLAR to take place in a similar timeline.*

1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
2. Motion was Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #2

A. *Motion as read: “FFA Relations Committee recommends to continue with the state degree proficiency platform as long as the state foundation can find the new funds.”*

B. *General Discussion*

- a. *Initially, the cost of the state degree proficiency platform was a concern. Advisors appreciated the ability to login and see all the students. Questions such as, how many times could you log in, can the software be used on anything other than proficiencies or state degrees, and where will the funds come from long-term? Lucas came into the meeting and answered/presented several details to the committee.*
- b. *The foundation was looking to find a NEW sponsor for the platform “\$6,000” per year. The Company Header within AET would be provided as advertising for the sponsor. When it comes to Proficiencies, the Software allows the applications to be put into batches and sent out to judges- comment section allows judges to input comments and questions that will*

be sent back to the student—instant feedback to fix the application. Each judge is assigned and sent a specific number of applications. It was suggested that the Judges need to be more educated on the feedback process to eliminate negative feedback. In addition, District Advisors have to give people access to the “State Degree” applications. In the future, the Software allows people outside of the state to judge proficiencies. Simply by sending a link through the software.

- c. The reason for problems in the sifting process for 2021- Too many discrepancies & variations for one rubric to be judged fairly. The state is looking to create concrete standards for awards because the Idaho State degrees are not matching up with Nationals Standards for American Degrees. Plus, software is only for proficiencies & state degrees.
- d. Ultimately, this software saves Lucas time because he can simply send and delegate the process of grading and evaluating projects/applications. Lucas would be presenting this idea to the Foundation Board.
- e. Back-up plan if Foundation Board could not come up with the money to just refer back to the way that it was done before..
 1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
 2. Motion was Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #3

A. Motion as read: “FFA Relations Committee recommends if Idaho FFA has an in person convention we do not need to purchase an additional virtual platform.”

B. General Discussion

- a. The additional virtual platform was discussed by the board of directors. Process was already in motion when the topic was brought up. It was pitched to charge all chapters a flat fee to keep FFA from going in the hole. Questions such as, did SLC make money in 2020, and were conference boxes paid for with sponsorship money or FFA money were brought up. Also, it was questioned if Moscow was in the budget at mid-winter.
- b. Talk to the budget committee and requested Clara-Leigh to discuss financial numbers. Then had discussion on the future progression of SLC either virtual or in person. Also it was mentioned that SLC Interns can edit live videos as a way to lower costs for SLC.
 1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
 2. Motion was referred to the CDE Committee and Passed during the General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #4

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- A. Motion as read: "FFA Relations Committee recommends community service cannot have a direct benefit to the individual or affiliations in terms of State or American degrees."
- B. General Discussion
 - a. The committee last year defined what would be acceptable for Community Service Activities going towards the State FFA Degree. Ultimately, it was agreed to educate people on stating who it benefits and not who you perform the project with. In addition, no immediate family members or benefits to you. Community service does need to be chapter activity, it can be individual. Finally, senior projects do not count because it is required by the school.
 - 1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
 - 2. Motion was referred to the CDE Committee and Passed during the General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #5

- A. Motion as read: "FFA Relations Committee recommends that FFA activities for State Degrees consist of 5 or more activities involving 2 or more chapters; with no more than 3 repeating events."
- B. General Discussion
 - a. Advisor agreed to make the FFA activities more vigorous with the justification that if kids want it bad enough they will push themselves to get there. General census was that students need to be involved in three or more different activities.
 - 1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
 - 2. Motion was referred to the CDE Committee and Passed during the General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #6

- A. Motion as read: "FFA Relations Committee nominates Daniel Heikkila as 2022 Chairman of FFA Relations Committee and Carly Oman as the 2022 secretary of the FFA Relations committee."
- B. General Discussion
 - a. Current committee asked Daniel Heikkila to continue to serve for next year. No other discussion.
 - 1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
 - 2. Motion was Referred to the CDE Committee and Passed during the General Session Meeting.

IV. Old Business

**No previous old business*

V. New Business

Item #1.0

1. **Topic: Presented by Nicole Lebsack: I move the FFA Relations committee to develop a process to ensure committee items get from the IATA committee's to the FFA board.**
2. **General Discussion:**
 - a. Rational: Over the past few years some committee items discussed at Summer In-service don't make it to the board meeting at the end of the week. I think this is because there is no streamlined way to get them to the officer team. The officers then have to comb through minutes from all committees and find the items. The officer team is already busy with all other in-service issues that this is not often done until all committee reports are turned in after the board meeting. A streamlined process will make it easier on the officer team.
 - b. Sam added Action item report to the submission of the minutes
 - c. Add column to the action item report to state the vote taken during the general session meeting
 - d. Amending the process so that we do not discuss the same thing over again
 - e. Process- FFA Board of directors needs to pass all items onto the FFA Relations Committee (Blattner) -- move to item 3
3. **Main Motion:**
 - a. Motion moved by: Kyle Stapleton
 - b. Seconded by: Amanda Evans
 - c. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends the process to ensure that the action item report goes from the committee to the IATA secretary elect who then documents the approved action item list to be sent onto the IATA board. The IATA board then determines if it goes onto the FFA board.*
 - d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. Main Motion- Passed with 18 in favor, 0 against
4. **Amendment:**
 - a. Motion moved by: Kevin Wells

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- b. Seconded by: Alan Schoen Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends adding a column to the action item report to be filled out by the secretary elect after the committee report during the general session.*
- c. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. Amendment to the Main Motion- Passed with 18 in favor, 0 against

Item #2.0

1. Topic: **Presented by Nicole Lebsack: I move that FFA members wear official dress for GEM State Conference.**
2. General Discussion:
 - a. Rational: The conference attire was supposed to be business casual, however, over the past few years that has not been the case. This year there were kids in pajama pants and torn jeans. I think the more professional option is the FFA official dress. It is more professional and is not as subjective as to what constitutes business casual.
 - b. Students are unclear what was considered “Business Casual”
Clara-Leigh- Business or nice school casual came from the curriculum reform to help with students comfort
 - c. Teachers need to be clear to students with what is considered “Business Casual”
 - i. Can students be groomed on the bus to have the right clothing
 - ii. Take out casual and just say “Business Attire”
 - iii. Clarify what is expected—ex. Day 1 polo and slacks
 - iv. Supply T-shirts for all students to match
 - v. If this is the case registration has to be solidified 2 weeks in advance
 - d. Official dress helps teachers with loose dress codes
 - e. Came from the south magic valley district to help be a “fix all”
 - f. No holed jeans and a collared shirt
 - g. Weiser puts the dress attire expectations in their permission slip forms as a chapter.
3. Main Motion:
 - a. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
 - b. Seconded by: Kevin Wells
 - c. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends that the Gem State Leadership Conference has clear and concise expectations of dress on the registration form reinforced by teachers.*
 - d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. The Main Motion- Passed with 18 in favor, 0 against

Item #3.0 A

1. Topic: **Presented by Liz Russel: Delegate issues need to be emailed out to advisors/chapter in enough advance of SLC/State Convention for chapter membership to discuss and vote on so that chapter delegates can actually represent correctly.**
2. General Discussion:
 - a. This is not a new issue - has been discussed before.
 - b. Example: proposed by _____, sent out as delegate issue in advance to convention, discussed/voted on by students at Convention, passed along to Board of Directors, then to committees at IATA, to be voted on by membership???
 - c. Potato Judging never got to IATA, it went straight from the committee to the FFA Board
 - d. Can they be sent out when registration for SLC is sent out?
 - e. Assign committees early- before SLC
 - f. Challenge- we do not know who they are in advance
 - g. Assign chapters positions in advance to fill with students - example: Meridian 1....
 - i. Committees are both standing and topics
 1. Three standing committees
 2. Some are idea committees
 3. Assign one student of the 2 chapter delegates to one standing committee and one new committee
 4. Topics are discussed and solidified at Mid-winter and Ideas come out with
3. Main Motion:
 - a. Motion moved by: Clara-Leigh Evans
 - b. Seconded by: Jack Blattner
 - c. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends that when registration for state convention opens delegate issues will be made available to all chapters.*
 - d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. Main Motion- Passed 18 in favor, 0 against

Item #3.0 B

1. Topic: **Presented by Liz Russel: What is the official flowchart of how things are suggested, voted on, and approved? Where should that be written down to be sure it's followed? How do we get FFA business through the correct channels of approval?**

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2. General Discussion:

- a. Board of directors can list as an action item
- b. Challenge- meetings fell after convention this year, sometimes it is before.
- c. Needs budget approved in the spring.
- d. Clarification- Ag teachers are having issues with the current flow chart- available CDE's and Award Changes?
- e. Do ideas come from the delegate meeting to the State FFA board of directors? Or does it come to the IATA FFA Relations committee?
- f. Helps to prevent the addition of lots of different new CDE's
- g. We are a student led organization, however, it helps us as teachers educate and prepare students. Ex. Moving the soils CDE
- h. Check and balances – board of directors did not pass that it stays in Burley?
- i. After SLC, does it need to come to IATA?
- j. Delegates came forth with the convention fee increase.
- k. Check the constitution?
- l. Soft Table- gives Clara-Leigh time to collaborate with the U of I and etc.

3. Main Motion- Lay on the Table:

- a. Motion moved by: Kyle Stapleton
- b. Seconded by: Jack Blattner
- c. Motion as read:
- d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. Main Motion- Passed 18 in favor, 0 against

Item #4.0

1. Topic: **Presented by Dan Billington: I move that only one State FFA officer is allowed to vote on the FFA board of directors.**
2. General Discussion:
 - a. No rational
 - b. Clara-Leigh read the constitution on the 25 people who can vote
 - c. If the district director cannot come there needs to be a fill in.
 - d. South Magic- Amanda—reasoning, our state officers sometimes do not know enough and vote together and do not realize some of the consequences of actions.
 - i. Ex. Voting for Moscow to have CDE's or not.
 - e. Can oppose the idea of our student led organization—we would have to change the constitution maybe threatens our integrity

3. Main Motion:
 - a. Motion moved by: Kyle Stapleton
 - b. Seconded by: Val Johnson
 - c. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends that no action be taken on limiting State Officers to one vote on the FFA Board of Directors.*
 - d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. The Main Motion- Passed with 18 in favor, 0 against

Item #5.0

1. Topic: **Presented by Nick Davis: The Treasure Valley District moves to limit all FFA awards sessions and state convention sessions to a maximum of 90 minutes.**
2. General Discussion:
 - a. No rationale... maybe student attention spans
 - b. Make that the goal, no deadline- but a suggestion
 - c. Fears of 4 hour sessions from predecessors
 - d. Is there something that we can take-out?
 - e. Daniel- Former state officer and backstage helper- goal was to reduce fillers but sometimes that is necessary. Years change.
 - f. Longest session from 2022, maybe from 6-9... 3 hours?
 - g. Take demonstrations of things off stage?
 - h. Some students like to hear these items and see what students are doing!!
 - i. Bios are scripted to get the point across in timely manner
 - j. Leave speech, get rid of Parli?
 - k. Solve Parli- take only an exert or hand them a motion and come
 - l. Set a time limit? Same motion from finals round.
 - m. Clara-leigh is awesome, bless her heart for putting up with us.
 - n. Sound system issues
3. Main Motion:
 - a. Motion moved by: Kyle Stapleton
 - b. Seconded by: Val Johnson
 - c. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends that we take no action on the item to limit time of FFA Awards and State Convention sessions.*
 - d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. Main Motion- Passed 18 in favor, 0 against

****Special Note:** Abigail Presented the virtual FFA chapter from national FFA, to ponder.

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VI. Recess was called @ 5:30 PM on June 20, 2022

1. Main Motion:

- a. Motion moved by: Ray Shirts
- b. Seconded by: Emma Hillie
- c. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. Main Motion- Passed 18 in favor, 0 against

VII. Reconvened Meeting @ 10:30 AM June 21, 2022

Item #3.1 B

1. Topic: **Presented by Liz Russel: What is the official flowchart of how things are suggested, voted on, and approved? Where should that be written down to be sure it's followed? How do we get FFA business through the correct channels of approval?**
2. General Discussion:
 - a. Clara-Leigh suggested that the budget is approved at mid-winter, go to the delegates at SLC and final approval comes from the FFA Board of Directors
 - b. Recommended items go through the districts (presidents/directors) and they present it to the state.
 - c. Original flow came through districts, but the last couple of years there has been some discourse... state officers have seen other states models
 - d. Post delegate issues before hand- restated
 - e. Guidelines- things aren't getting where they need to be
 - f. Budget- raising
 - g. Delegate proposals need to come to IATA FFA Relation committee to review, excluding the budget
 - h. Create a committee with Clara-Leigh as Chair to solidify the plan?
 - i. Procedure document? 1-2 pages
 - j. Clara-Leigh- "Bring back old documents, standing rules."
 - k. Can ideas come to the FFA Relations committee and then to the FFA Board, or do we need to have the student delegates review the action items.
 - l. Where can new ideas come from?
 - i. Mid-winter: State Officers + District Directors
 - ii. Moves from Mid-winter to SLC?
 - iii. Nothing new to the delegate body from mid-winter to SLC?

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1. Unless there is nothing for committees to discuss- idea items, not business items
 - m. Bring back the process, it is not getting done. Maybe a special meeting is called.
 - n. District directors should be reporting mid-winter discussions regarding delegate issues. District directors need to share these with FFA advisors and teachers!! This process needs to be followed, our problem may stem from district advisors not reporting back.
 - o. District Director Handbook? There may be some that aren't meeting the mark.
 - p. How does Clara-Leigh deal with unexpected issues such as SLC budgets, that happen between Mid-winter and SLC?
 - q. Special Meeting- It can go to the FFA board to be approved...
3. Main Motion:
- a. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
 - b. Seconded by: Clara-Leigh
 - c. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends move that we allow Clara-Leigh to work on creating a procedure for FFA business to flow through IATA committees, the student delegates & FFA Board of Directors.*
 - d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. The Main Motion- Passed with 18 in favor, 0 against
4. Amendment:
- a. Motion moved by: Kevin Wells
 - b. Seconded by: Amanda Evans
 - c. Motion as read: *Clara-Leigh works with the FFA Board of Directors to update standing rules on creating a procedure for FFA business to flow through IATA committees, student delegates, and FFA Board of Directors.*
 - d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. The amendment to the Main Motion- Passed with 18 in favor, 0 against

Item #6.0

1. Topic: **Presented by Abigail: K-12 is pushing for CTE funding, meaning they need to incorporate the three- circle model. CTE- is funding a virtual chapter/ program.**
2. General Discussion:
 - a. Clay has tasked the CTE departments, CTE Department created a committee to create an outline for virtual programs

- b. How would virtual teachers conduct SAE visits? - CTE program director-face to face 2 times a year , once in the fall and spring.
- c. Looking at the Virtual BPA model.
- d. Where do virtual students compete in Events? Any student that is enrolled in the online school will compete in the district where the school's physical address is. Ex. A student from Kimberly that is enrolled in the school will compete in Meridian district contests in the Boise Valley District because that is where the actual school is located.
- e. The online student will not be part of the Kimberly FFA Chapter or the South Magic Valley District. They will be in the online chapter and compete in the school's or schools office district.
- f. There will be no virtual CDES!
- g. Fees, will virtual schools be charged more fees because they are not hosting contests? Can the teacher be added into the rotation for district CDE superintendents.
- h. We are trying to eliminate students going online to only judge and for teachers to have an unfair advantage to create a superior team. Ben Meyers has stated that this has happened in other states.
- i. Why can't we put virtual students in their local chapter? Issue in extremely rural areas of Idaho. Lots of unfilled positions in Idaho programs are closing, this gives students the ability to still take ag online.
- j. Cannot be dual enrolled, in a standing Ag program.
- k. Liability issues? No, students are traveling with parents.
- l. Students only compete in the state, no qualifying events? For LDE's and contests where you have qualify- suggested, the students compete in the district they live in.
- m. No chapter is chartered, the FFA Board needs to make a decision?
- n. The teacher has to be CTE certified to have the charter, if the new teacher is not the charter goes away.
- o. "Bless your heart Daniel"- Blattner
- p. Great opportunity to incorporate more kids in the FFA
- q. Lucas is making a motion to the FFA Board
- r. Cottonwood- no ag teacher, closed program- can students take a sole ag class through K-12. If the program opens again students would go back to the home chapter.
- s. Will superintendents see the opportunity for students that have a
- t. Students can be dual enrolled to take an ag class, but not participate in FFA.

3. Main Motion:

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- a. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
- b. Seconded by: Ray Shirts
- c. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee Recommends that the virtual FFA Chapter for ITCA's K-12 begins the process for an FFA Charter and the chapter be placed in a district. Students need to be enrolled in an accredited virtual school full-time, that receives state CTE funding and cannot be dual enrolled in another K-12 school.*
- d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. Main Motion- Passed 18 in favor, 0 against

Item #7.0

1. Topic: **Proposed 2022 Audit and Budget Request for FFA Relations Committee**
2. General Discussion: No amount was requested because no motions or items of business needed such. Therefore, no motion or action was taken.
3. Main Motion:
 - a. Motion moved by: N/A
 - b. Seconded by: N/A
 - c. Motion as read: N/A
 - d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. N/A

Item #8.0

1. Topic: **Proposed 2022 Chairman of FFA Relations Committee**
2. General Discussion:
3. Main Motion:
 - a. Motion moved by: Kyle Stapleton
 - b. Seconded by: Ray Shirts
 - c. Motion as read: *"FFA Relations Committee nominates Daniel Heikkila as 2023 Chairman of FFA Relations Committee and Carly Oman as the 2023 secretary of the FFA Relations committee."*
 - d. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - i. Main Motion- Passed 18 in favor, 0 against

VIII. Adjured @ 11:46 AM June 21, 2022

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