

2020 Summer Inservice
Committee Minutes



Committee: FFA Relations

Chair: Daniel Heikkila

Committee Members Present:

Kyle Stapleton
Kellsie Petterson
Jack Blattner
Ray Shirts
Alan Schoen
Joseph Maxwell
Amanda Chaney
Val Johnson
Kevin Wells
Pat Dixon
Jim Connors
Daniel Heikkila

Non-Voting Members Present:

Clara-Leigh Evans

Secretary:

Business:

- I. Call of Order was made @ 10:45 AM on August 3, 2020

- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Topic: Approving of 2019 FFA Relations Committee Minutes
 - B. General Discussion: Question was brought up as to where the minutes of 2019 posted. After investigation, the minutes were located on theiata.com.
 - C. Main Motion:
 1. Motion made by: Kevin Wells

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2. Seconded by: Kyle Stapleton
3. Motion as read: *“Approve 2019 Minutes as posted on theiata.com”*
4. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - a. Main Motion: Passed with 10 in favor, 0 against

III. Reviewal of 2019 FFA Relations Committee Action Items

A. Accomodations for testing and Career Development Events

1. South Magic Valley District submits IEP's and 504's so that the district advisor can review and make accommodations
2. Marc Beitia expressed his concern with sharing IEP's and 504's
3. National FFA has teachers submit accommodations forms but not actual IEP with students' names attached.
4. The accommodations form is currently on page 10 of the CDE rules but needs to clearly communicate that districts need to complete accommodation forms.
5. Decided to move on. No action taken.

B. District advisor rotations should be established

1. When new teachers start they get kicked back and the older teachers need to be moved up to the front of the list.
2. Some districts have an established rotation and others decide who the district advisor is at SLC.
3. District advisors used to be assigned by the state supervisor.
4. No action taken.

C. FFA programs must have an instructor with a proper education endorsement

1. Web and homeschool are wanting to start FFA programs
2. This action would safeguard against anybody creating FFA programs in the Future.- Lucas Barnett
3. No action taken.

IV. Old Business

Item #1

A. Topic: **District Advisor Rotations**

- ##### B. General Discussion: To streamline and create a consistent process for selecting district advisors from year to year, a rotation list was suggested to be created. Oldest teachers (with experience within their district) that

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have not served as district advisor would be listed at the top of the rotation and work down to new teachers. List of rotations would be posted on theiata.com where it can be updated yearly. In addition, it was mentioned to house previous years of rotations to serve as history to be used as a reference. Plus, with having it online, it provides easy access and allows teachers to look ahead and prepare for when they might be district advisor.

C. Main Motion

1. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
2. Seconded by: Alan Schoen
3. Motion as read: *“District advisor rotations be listed on theiata.com. and updated yearly with previous years stored as history.”*

D. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:

- a) Main Motion: Passed with 10 in favor, 0 against

Item #2

A. Topic: **State Degree Testing Accommodations**

B. General Discussion: Based on last year’s action item, South Magic District brought up the discussion on whether or not IEP’s and 504’s needed to be submitted to Idaho FFA Association for State Degree testing. In discussion, releasing IEP’s and 504’s of members would create potential legal issues. And currently, the only accommodations listed are within the CDE rules for competitions.

C. Main Motion

1. Motion moved by: Clara-Leigh Evans
2. Seconded by: Val Johnson
3. Motion as read: *“Create and post a document outlining special accommodations for students in all aspects of FFA. Refer to general rule #21 specifically for State Degree Testing.”*
4. Voting Recommendation to IATA:

- a. Main Motion: Passed with 10 in favor, 0 against

V. New Business

Item #3

A. Topic: **Nominating Committee potentially being from the same chapter as an officer candidate.**

B. General Discussion: Within the past years, finding 10 members, 1 from each district has been a challenge. From the time requirement during

SLC and the rule stating a member of Nom. Com. can't have a State Office candidate running from the same chapter, it's been difficult to find members who want to serve on that committee.

C. Main Motion

1. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
2. Seconded by: Ray Shirts
3. Motion as read: *"The Idaho State FFA Association supplies a one page nominating committee application to be completed by any member wishing to represent their district. The District Advisor will sift the applications and select 1 member to be submitted to the Idaho State FFA Association. Preference will not be given to members in chapters with or without State Officer candidates."*

D. Amendment to Main Motion

1. Motion moved by: Kevin Wells
2. Seconded by: Jack Blattner
3. Amendment: Was to strike out "District Advisor" and to insert "District will develop a process to."
4. Motion as read: *"The Idaho State FFA Association supplies a one page nominating committee application to be completed by any member wishing to represent their district. The district will develop a process to sift the applications and select 1 member to be submitted to the Idaho State FFA Association. Preference will not be given to members in chapters with or without State Officer candidates."*
5. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - a) Amendment to Main Motion- Passed with 9 in favor, 0 against
 - b) Main Motion as Amended- Passed with 10 in favor, 0 against

Item #4

- A. Topic: **Nominating Committee Initial Meeting time at SLC.**
- B. General Discussion: With the usual required time of arrival from members within the Nominating Committee, it was suggested that a reconsideration of start time be changed. Due to transportation needs of members provided by individual chapters, the 9:00 AM deadline of arrival in Twin Falls is a real challenge for most districts. Therefore, justification and a closer look at when is a more realistic time was discussed, It was also

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mentioned that in future meetings, another look at the other Nominating Committee process be reconsidered and evaluated.

C. Main Motion

1. Motion moved by: Kevin Wells
2. Seconded by: Jack Blattner
3. Motion as read: *“The start time of the Nominating Committee will be moved two hours prior to registration at SLC.”*

D. Amendment to the Main Motion

1. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
2. Seconded by: Kevin Wells
3. Amendment: Was to strike out “will be moved two hours prior to registration at SLC” and to insert “is at 2:00 PM prior to SLC.”
4. Motion as read: *“The start time of the Nominating Committee is at 2:00 PM prior to SLC.”*
5. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - a) Amendment to Main Motion- Passed with 9 in favor, 0 against

VI. Recess was called @ 11:59 AM on August 3, 2020

1. Motion moved by: Ray Shirts
2. Seconded by: Kevin Wells
3. Voting: Passed

VII. Reconvised Meeting @ 11:00 AM August 4, 2020

Item #5

- A. Topic: **Idaho FFA would like to consider the creation of an invitation for Spanish Speaking FFA Creed.**
- B. General Discussion: This past year, a few chapters had members interested in a Spanish Speaking FFA Creed event. Several states have hosted an invitation such as Washington and had good success. States have been receiving positive feedback from members feeling more included. Some concerns were with the potential number of members wishing to compete at the state level and whether or not there would be a limit. Plus, will require bi-ligual judges and rubrics to be created. In addition, from a Nationals perspective, some concern is with state sponsorships needed for the competition. Finally, the debate over whether

or not the introduction of this event would create future additional events being created such as Spanish Prepared Public Speaking and etc.

C. Main Motion

1. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
2. Seconded: Pat Dixon
3. Motion as read: *“Idaho State FFA Association will host a Spanish FFA Creed exhibition at SLC.”*
4. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - a) Main Motion- Passed 5 in favor, 0 against

Item #6

A. Topic: **State Degree Sifting Process**

B. General Discussion: The BVD would like to discuss what are the current procedures for State Degree Sifting within the districts. There have been several districts across the state that are wanting to potentially standardize the State Degree sifting process. Many felt that the degree itself isn't as prestigious and is starting to create additional issues with regards to American FFA Degrees. In addition, it brought up the concerns with regards to Ag Teachers pushing more members to complete their state degrees in order to score better within the IQPS. Further discussion within the Board of Directors was recommended.

C. Main Motion

1. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
2. Seconded by: Kyle Stapleton
3. Motion as read: *“State CTE office conducts a survey to investigate the current district State Degree sifting process and recommend the Board of Directors create a standardized sifting process for all districts.”*
4. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - a. Main Motion- Passed 6 in favor, 0 against

Item #7

A. Topic: **Proposed 2020 Audit and Budget Request for FFA Relations Committee**

B. General Discussion: No amount was requested because no motions or items of business needed such. Therefore, no motion or action was taken.

C. Main Motion

1. Motion moved by: N/A
2. Seconded by: N/A

3. Motion as read: N/A
4. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - a. N/A

Item #8

- E. Topic: **Proposed 2021 Chairman of FFA Relations Committee**
- F. General Discussion: Current committee asked Daniel Heikkila to continue to serve for next year. No other discussion.
- G. Main Motion
 1. Motion moved by: Pat Dixon
 2. Seconded by: Kevin Wells
 3. Motion as read: *“Nominate Daniel Heikkila as 2021 Chairman of FFA Relations Committee.”*
 4. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - a) Main Motion- Passed 6 in favor, 0 against

VIII. Adjured @ 12:12 pm August 5, 2020