

2016 IVATA SLC Banquet Meeting

Idaho FFA State Leadership Conference April 8, 2016

Submitted by Jaysa Fillmore, IVATA Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Sam Condie, IVATA President.

The following speakers gave updates and information to the group after dinner at the IVATA Banquet at the Idaho FFA State Leadership Conference.

Glenn Ortell- Idaho Division of PTE

- Transition plan to retirement: work Monday and Wednesday from 7-11am
- 69 teachers have requested IQPS access

Ben Meyer- National FFA

- Will email out handout with links and updates
- National FFA is looking for a new CEO this summer
- CDE Revisions- Glenn and Clara Leigh have all revisions
- Will not drop low scores
- Work with Clara Leigh for housing for National Convention
- We will have more housing options in Indianapolis
- CDE test resources will now be online instead of having to be purchased
- National Convention announcements will be earlier- in April instead of October
- Living to Serve grants at chapter level
- State Hunger Grants
- Give the Gift of Blue- 26 jackets in Idaho- teachers can nominate a student w/o their knowledge
- Advance your seniors to 5 years of free Alumni membership
- Washington will host regional Alumni conference June 25 in Kennewick, WA
- Extended National FFA customer service hours for Alumni on 1st and 3rd Monday
- Outstanding SAE engagement pieces on website to teach your students about SAE
- Open enrollment for Zoetis

Larry Makus- University of Idaho CALS

- Dec 3- Ag Days
- John Foltz is special assistant to the UI dean

Shawn Dygert- IVATA Legislative Liaison

- CTE instead of PTE at state division now
- Occupational specialist certificate- issued to industry certified people- there will be additional money to go toward this
- \$325,000 for incentive grant fund, lower than we wanted, but now funding is ongoing- not item we will have to watch each year
- Supplemental contracts were illegal contracts and all superintendents knew this
- State superintendents did not want there to be property rights on the supplemental days
- State superintendents did not want to pay daily wage to ag teachers or have due process associated with that
- Extra duty- activities that are not part of your regular teaching duties

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- Shawn believes that if we are not doing our job on supplemental days, we are not doing our jobs as ag teachers and it should affect our contract
- Superintendents told stories about ag teachers that do a horrible job with their summer contract- work with your local admin to make sure you are doing your job
- Superintendents think that extended days are not as important as what they do in the classroom- we need to make it more valuable- SAE visits, training for CDE's, application of knowledge at fairs, shows, etc.

Mark Pratt- Idaho FFA Alumni

- Encourage ag teachers to stick with Alumni
- Use a volunteer inventory at banquets or other chapter events
- IQPS is intended to be a carrot and not a stick

Laura Wilder- Idaho FFA Foundation

- Sara Schmidt has set up an endowment fund that will permanently fund the WLC scholarships and the public speaking award for Idaho FFA
- Teacher reps for the Foundation Board- Pat Dixon, Tom Jacobson, and Marc Beitia
- Instructions on scholarships will come out from Laura
- Capital Press will shift their funds to the Ag Communication CDE instead of doing the reporter awards

Heather Hopkins- Invitational dairy judging

- Scantrons were difficult
- 200+ hand-done entries for the scantrons

Jaysa Fillmore- IVATA Secretary

- Region 1 at end of April
- Inservice in Rexberg in June
- Summer Conference- you should go
- IVATA Awards- deadline end of SLC
- Ideas Unlimited- at Inservice

Meeting was adjourned by Sam Condie.