



# 2026 North Dakota FFA Delegate Committees

The 2025 – 2026 State FFA Officer Team has commissioned eight committees for delegate work at the 97<sup>th</sup> North Dakota FFA State Convention in June.

## State Program of Activities Committee

### Committee Chairs:

**Committee State Officer Representative:** Cole Anderson

**Board Liaison(s):** Jeff Bjugstad

### Purpose:

Review and revise the State Program of Activities. This committee will evaluate local POA implementations and the operation of our key state and national activities.

### Guided Questions:

1. What should be added to the State POA? What should be subtracted?
2. How can the state further support chapters, officers, and advisors in developing their Chapter POAs?
3. How can the state further promote and assist chapters in submitting and applying for POA-based awards? (Superior Chapter, Premier Chapter, National Chapter, Food for America)
4. How should the state showcase activities from chapter POAs throughout the year?

### Resources Required:

1. ND FFA Association Program of Activities 2025-2026
2. ND FFA Program of Activities Manual
3. Chapter Program of Activities: \*\*Need two examples?
4. State Premier and Superior chapter results: 2025
5. Program of Activities Divisions and Quality Standards
6. National POA Resources
7. Examples of Other States' Recognition of POAs (social media, activity spotlight, posters, other)

# Auditing Committee

## Committee Chairs:

**Committee State Officer Representative:** N/A

**Board Liaison(s):** JoDee Free

## Purpose:

Review and discuss the State Association Financial Report. Look specifically at expenditures and reimbursements for various events and officers.

## Guided Questions:

1. Do the financial documents appear clear and complete?
2. Review the cost for events.
3. Need to make a motion during new business to set the dues for 2025-2026.

## Resources Required:

1. Treasurer's Report (Overall Budget, Budget by event, Net Worth/Ledger, Dues)
2. Spreadsheet showcasing which chapters are affiliated vs those who are not.
3. Membership by Chapter Spreadsheet

# Middle School Engagement Committee

## Committee Chairs:

**Committee State Officer Representative:** Evelyn Seil

## Board Liaison(s):

## Purpose:

Determine ways for middle school members and chapters to become more involved and engaged in activities and events.

## Guided Questions:

1. Should adjustments be made to make certain events more geared towards middle school members and how?
2. How should these (potential) events be promoted?
3. Are there any resources that should be provided/ more accessible to help middle school members learn more about FFA?

## Resources Required:

1. Current middle school resources and guidelines (what can they do and are these things appropriate for the age group- mainly 5th & 6th grade members that can't do things above the chapter level)
2. What are other states doing in regards to middle school membership?
3. Current numbers for our state membership and attendance at the middle school level

# Event Evaluation (Competitive and Non-Competitive) Committee

## Committee Chairs:

**Committee State Officer Representative:** Makayla Kraft

## Board Liaison(s):

## Purpose:

Review how competitive and non-competitive events influence ND FFA members and identify ways to improve participation, experience, and impact.

## Guided Questions:

1. In what ways are our current events achieving their intended goals?
2. How do we get feedback from students and advisors about how events run?
3. Do our competitive events participants understand the rules and expectations?
4. Are there ways to improve our non-competitive event experiences to promote member retention and/or belonging?
5. Are there any ideas to add to current events for the future?

## Resources Required:

1. Past state event attendance (State CDE, State LDE, Leadership Conference, State Convention)
2. Calendar of events (Long range and short term)
3. State Fair event participation
4. Social media engagement insights?

# Potential CDEs/LDEs

## Committee Chairs:

**Committee State Officer Representative:** Tate Norby

## Board Liaison(s):

## Purpose:

To discuss student interest in expanding Career and Leadership Development Events (CDEs/LDEs) and gather feedback on potential new opportunities within FFA.

## Guided Questions:

1. Are students interested in adding more CDEs or LDE's? What are the potential reasons why there shouldn't be more activities?
2. Do students feel there should be more activities that focus on specific careers in agriculture?
3. What careers or industries are currently not represented well in FFA contests?
4. Do students feel like there needs to be more activities that focus on specific careers in Agriculture?
5. Ag Ed- CDE
6. Ag Issues- CDE
7. Auctioneering- CDE
8. Bee Production- CDEs
9. If we added one new event, which should it be and why?

## Resources Required:

1. Auctioneering
2. Agricultural Issues Forum | National FFA Organization
3. Video explaining Ag Issues Contest
4. Geaux Teach Ag : CDE-LDES : What We Do : Louisiana FFA
5. Some sort of description of a potential bee contest

# **Agricultural Opportunities Committee**

## **Committee Chairs:**

**Committee State Officer Representative:** Ryan Schumacher

## **Board Liaison(s):**

## **Purpose:**

Are there any new ideas or perspectives we can bring into the North Dakota FFA to enhance our touch on Agricultural and community aspects?

## **Guided Questions:**

1. Are there already implemented applications from the national standpoint that may help us direct the future of student engagement to the opportunities we can offer?
2. Might this reflect current opportunities we offer through SAEs, such as livestock production, Business management, Research and development, and if not, how can we change it?
3. How can we reach out to chapters to receive useful feedback to assist in the development of this proposition?

## **Resources Required:**

1. Careers at FFA -[FFA.ORG](http://FFA.ORG)

# Chapter-to-Chapter Interaction Committee

## Committee Chairs:

**Committee State Officer Representative:** Kristyn Bauer

## Board Liaison(s):

## Purpose:

Discuss ideas for chapters to interact with one another, to increase awareness of chapter activities statewide, and to foster connections between FFA chapters in North Dakota.

## Guided Questions:

1. What are chapters already doing to build connections with other chapters?
2. How can we encourage meaningful interactions between chapters?
3. Should NDDFFA develop resources to assist chapter connections?

## Resources Required:

1. National Chapter Connect Program description (<https://www.ffa.org/98th-national-ffa-convention-expo/ffa-chapter-connect-program-unites-members-nationwide>)

# Strategic Planning Committee

## Committee Chairs:

**Committee State Officer Representative:** Rose Schiele

## Board Liaison(s):

## Purpose:

To represent the perspectives of members by discussing and providing recommendations for the organization's strategic plan, ensuring it reflects shared priorities, long-term goals, and the collective interests of the membership.

## Guided Questions:

1. Why does the North Dakota FFA Association Exist?
2. What are the most important priorities our organization should focus on over the next 3–5 years?
3. What are the biggest needs for our members right now?
4. Who does our strategic plan need to encompass?

## Resources Required:

1. Copy of Potential Strategic Plan
2. Copy of national strategic plan