

ND FFA Association Board of Directors Agenda

June 6th, 2024 1:00 pm CST

Location: 15th Floor Conference Room – State Capitol & Microsoft Teams

Members/Directors:

Nikki Fideldy-Doll, State Advisor	Callahan Lemar, Dist. 4	Mariah Lovro, FFA President
Darin Spelhaug, State Exec. Secretary	Jeff Bjugstad, Dist. 5	Teagan Erbele, FFA Secretary
Breanna Mueller, State FFA Staff	Missy Hansen, Dist. 6	Bailey Urlacher, FFA Vice President
Laiken DeMorrett, FFA Foundation	Bill Zingg, Dist. 7	Anna Palmer, FFA Treasurer
Jeremy Carkuff, Dist. 1	Colbey Steeke, Dist. 8	Joe Lindberg, FFA Reporter
Amanda Huettl, Dist. 2		Dawsyn Malkowski, FFA Sentinel
JoDee Free, Dist. 3		Grant Anderson, FFA Parliamentarian

Officers:

President	Nikki Fideldy-Doll
Vice President	Jeff Bjugstad
Secretary	Darin Spelhaug
Treasurer	JoDee Free

Standing Committees:

Written Applications & SAE	Darin Spelhaug, Bill Zingg, Missy Hansen, Joe Lindberg & Mariah Lovro
CDE	Darin Spelhaug, Jeremy Carkuff, Callahan Lemar, Colbey Steeke, Grant Anderson & Dawsyn Malkowski
Finance	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Laiken DeMorrett, JoDee Free, Anna Palmer
Events/Activities	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Jeff Bjugstad, Amanda Huettl, Bailey Urlacher & Teagan Erbele
Policy	Nikki Fideldy-Doll, Darin Spelhaug, JoDee Free, Jeff Bjugstad & Mariah Lovro

- a. Call Meeting to Order at 1:00 PM CST
- b. Roll Call
- c. Secretary's Minutes 3.12.2025
- d. Treasurer's Report: Fideldy-Doll
 - a. Net worth 2024-2025
 - b. Category Report
 - c. Aged Debtor Report
- e. State Officer Report: Lovro
- f. FFA Foundation Report: DeMorrett
- g. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. **Written Applications & SAE:** State Degree Handbook, Activities for State Degree, Award Descriptions, State Star Application, Food for America
 - b. **CDE:** Agronomy, State LDE Day Random Room Draw, Employment Skills Application, Objectives & Purposes, Ag Communications
 - c. **Finance:** Dues Proposal, 2025-2026 Budget
 - d. **Events/Activities:** Extra Security at Leadership Conference
 - e. **Policy:** Officer Removal Policy, Improvement Plan Protocol, Social Media Policy and Checks, Policy for Chapters that miss policy deadlines
 - f. **2025 ND FFA State Convention Delegate Committee Reports:**
 - i. 100th Anniversary
 - ii. Constitution & Bylaws Review
 - iii. Delegate Experience & Improvement
 - iv. Auditing
 - v. State-Level Competitive Events
 - vi. Recognition & Awards
 - vii. State Program of Activities
 - viii. Engagement & Retention Committee
- h. Old Business
 - a. Other
- i. New Business
 - a. Standing Committee Action Items
 - i. Written Applications & SAE

1. The committee recommends removing any AET instructions from the State Degree Handbook.
2. The committee recommends the checklist be added to the State Degree Handbook.
3. The committee recommends that a statement of what types of SAEs count and what does not is outlined in the handbook.
4. The committee recommends that we make it clear that the records need to be in two different calendar years, including the most recent year.
5. The committee recommends allowing all activities above the Chapter level, including, but not limited to, invitational CDE competition, State & District Sanctioned events, State Conferences, State Fair Livestock Exhibits. Check with the State Office if there is any event you are wondering about.

ii. CDE

1. The committee recommends every contest moves to a random draw for each Order of Appearance at State LDE Day.
2. The committee recommends updating the Creed handbook to reflect that there is a finals round.
3. The committee recommends the attached objectives and purposes for the CDEs/LDEs that are missing them in the handbooks.
4. The committee recommends changing where it states 12 social media posts in the handbook to 7 posts to align with the rubrics.
5. The committee recommends making the Basic Ag Mech test 50 questions worth 2 points each.

iii. Finance

1. The committee recommends the 2025-2026 Annual Budget provided.

iv. Events/Activities

1. The committee recommends we hire 1-2 additional security staff members to be at Leadership Conference.

- v. Policy
 - 1. None.
- b. Stipend for those who write materials: Fideldy-Doll
- c. Office Space Rental for Storage: Fideldy-Doll
- d. State Star Tour Review: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. 14 Finalists
 - 1. 1 in Agribusiness
 - 2. 4 in Agricultural Placement
 - 3. 2 in Agriscience
 - 4. 4 in Farmer
- e. American Star Submission: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. American Star in Ag Placement: Jady Juntunen – Rolla FFA
 - ii. American Star Farmer: Ben Scheresky – Max FFA
- f. State Proficiency Judging, National Chapter, Food For America Review: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Proficiencies: 62 finalists
 - ii. Superior Chapter: 23
 - iii. Food for America: 8 chapters
- g. State Horse Evaluation CDE Review: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Horse Budget
 - ii. Move to Twin Buttes Fairgrounds
- h. State Convention Review: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Screening Committee Process
- i. National Convention CDEs/LDEs Declarations: Fideldy-Doll
- j. NDSF Advisor Assignments, FFA Exhibits & FairEntry: Spelhaug
- k. Land Judging & Range Judging: Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Land: July 31st in Carrington
 - ii. Range: September 18th in Glen Ullin
- l. August Board Meeting – Election of Officers & Committee Assignments (Includes Designation of Committee Chairs): Fideldy-Doll
 - i. Term Ends: Free, Carkuff, and Bjugstad
 - ii. District 5: Bjugstad is reelected.

- m. Other
- j. Next Meeting
 - a. August – Time and date TBD
 - b. State Capitol—15th Floor Conference Room
 - c. Committee work will need to occur prior to meeting.
- k. Announcements
- l. Adjourn

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