

**Wisconsin Association of FFA
State FFA Board of Directors Meeting
March 13 - 14, 2007
Clarion Suites Hotel, Madison, WI**

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

The Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by State FFA President Matt Anderson. Members present were Andrew Christenson, Mr. Meyer, Lenny Polzin, Ms. Siegmund, Bridget Klinkner, Mr. Heinberg, Patrick Harker, Ms. Ihm, Katie Falch, Ms. Houser, Ken Lezvow, Mr. Bouwkamp, Melissa Ploeckelman, Mr. Wirkus, Jessica Berger, Mr. Raymakers, Ross Bender, Mr. Friend, Jenny Breuer, Mr. Selzler, Matt Anderson, Mr. Talford, Mr. Hicken, and Mrs. Zimmerman. Special guests in attendance were Ms. Gagnon, Mr. Jesberger, and Mr. Wendt.

State President Matt Anderson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mrs. Zimmerman also provided a welcome and briefly reviewed the agenda.

The minutes from the February 16, 2007 State FFA Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by State Sentinel Lenny Polzin to approve the minutes as written. State Vice President Ross Bender seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Wisconsin FFA Executive Director Report - Mrs. Zimmerman

Speaking Contests - This year was the second highest in participation. District contests went very well. Quiz Bowl had its highest level of participation with 116 teams.

State FFA Degrees - The review process occurred at the Board Meeting in February. All chapters with degree applicants have been notified. Members that needed to make changes on their degree applications have until April 1 to appeal their degrees. (April 2 this year because of April 1 falling on a Sunday) Ms. Ihm thanked the advisors for reviewing the Section 4 State Degree applications, as she could not attend the last Board Meeting.

State Proficiencies - Judging was conducted in the Wisconsin Dells on March 9 and 10. There was a panel of 13 individuals that judged the State Star applications. Overall 820 proficiency applications were reviewed by the judges. A great job was done by all the advisors and others in attendance. Results will not be available for a while yet, seeing as some members won multiple award areas, and need to pick which area they would like to be declared the state winner.

American Degrees - About 150 American Degrees have been received at the Wisconsin FFA Center. Because of MFE/EDGE, the applications have not yet been processed, so a final count still needs to be determined.

Convention Housing - A tentative guide of convention will be out soon. Managers have to be confirmed yet for State Convention. After this, housing will be available for all chapters.

MFE/EDGE - This year's MFE/EDGE will be held March 23-24 in Stevens Point. MFE has 223 registered so far, and EDGE has 237! The National Officer Candidate and the American Star Finalists will also be determined this weekend.

Amendments from National FFA- American Degree revisions will come before the delegates at the 2007 National Convention for a vote. If passed, these changes would be implemented for 2011.

DPI Update - Mr. Hicken

Ag/Science Task Force Meeting - There has been no finalization of the Task Force. The meeting was postponed due to weather and rescheduled for April 15th-16th. Equivalency will become a familiar word, and science and math are being considered to count as Ag credits.

CAERT - 120 programs in Wisconsin were provided with CD ROMs. Of those 120 schools, they were given 1st and 2nd choice on CD ROMs. This was a \$20,000 project for Wisconsin Agricultural Education. Thank you to Ms. Gagnon and the Wisconsin FFA Foundation for the financial support provided.

Perkins Update - The process continues, and by the end of this week the state will have a transition plan that needs to be approved. Career clusters are key to Perkins!

National Quality Program Standards - The National Council for Ag Ed will be finalizing their version of the quality standards. Wisconsin standards are similar; this is a positive program as you can use it as your own tool. This is recommended but not required.

Horticulture Articulation Planning with WTCS and other areas - This is a plan to implement programs that work with high school teachers and colleges to count Horticulture classes for college credits.

Wisconsin FFA Foundation Update - Mrs. Mary Gagnon, Executive Director

Mrs. Gagnon highlighted working with State Officers at The Country Today Live Auction where approximately \$2,000 was earned for the Wisconsin FFA Foundation. She also worked with two officers to present at the Wisconsin Crop Protection Association meeting in the Wisconsin Dells. State Officer attendance at these Foundation events helps attendees remember what it was like to be in the FFA.

The Chapter and Alumni contribution form is now available on-line at www.wisconsinffaoundation.org. These forms may be downloaded to avoid waiting for the mailing. Thank you to the chapters and alumni affiliates who have made contributions.

The "Bright Future" meeting is coming up; where attendees have the opportunity to discuss and learn more about effective methods of promoting the best interests of Wisconsin's agriculture economy, agricultural education instructors and FFA members. The committee members would like to identify how sponsors can financially work in tandem with the State and National FFA Association's initiatives to "rewarding "rigorous" instructor and FFA member activities. It should be held about mid-April or early-May – date to be determined.

Several upcoming events that support the Foundation General Fund are coming up. They include the WPS Farm Show, LifeWork Expo, golf outings, and the calf raffle.

Matt Anderson thanked Ms. Gagnon for the report on the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

Andrew Christenson presented a proposal to the FFA Board for a new project on behalf of the State Officer Team that if passed by the Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors will also need approval from the Wisconsin FFA Foundation to sponsor. "Dig Into Service" is the name of the project which involves a spade shovel creation from each section and a state shovel to represent our advocating of service. The Wisconsin FFA Foundation is being asked to sponsor the purchase of 11 spade shovels for painting. The State Officer Team would like approval before the June meeting at Convention, seeing as this would be a Convention display. These shovels will then be sold at the 2008 Wisconsin FFA Alumni Convention. A motion was made by Andrew Christenson to approve the proposal. Ken Lezvow seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Wisconsin FFA Alumni Update - Mr. Dennis Jesberger, President

The 2007 State FFA Alumni Convention went well. Mr. Jesberger thanked the State Officers for their assistance. The mini-cow auction raised a total of \$4,320 at the convention. The 2008 Alumni Convention is being planned. It will be held at the Janesville Holiday Inn Express on February 8th-10th. The theme for the Convention is "Don't Hesitate-Just Participate in 2008". The Alumni Brewer game is scheduled for August 19th, more details will follow. The WLC scholarships are currently being reviewed. The Alumni members look forward to attending the 2007 Wisconsin FFA Convention. The next Alumni Council meeting will be held on March 30th-31st in the Platteville area.

WAAE Update - Mr. Jerry Wendt, President

Mr. Wendt thanked the Board for allowing him to be apart of the meeting. He noted that he is privileged to have this job and work with such fine young individuals. He proceeded with a quiz on WAAE to help answer any questions we may have. An April 13 meeting is scheduled for Wisconsin's Team Ag Ed. Partnerships are key to staying strong, especially as we struggle with science credits, numbers in classrooms, filling career positions, and leadership. This summer is the 90th year for WAAE! The challenge for WAAE is to keep Agricultural Education alive, by figuring out what quantity and qualities of programs Wisconsin wants, and maybe considered in expanding our programs. State Officers play an important role in positively supporting Agricultural Education and being advocates. Stay involved. Other WAAE news, Mr. Aide will be retiring and a new WAAE Executive Director will be hired.

Mr. Hicken highlighted the Council for Agricultural Education and Workforce Development. March 27, 2008 will be the official testifying date to determine if the Assembly will move forward with this Council.

Matt Anderson thanked Mr. Wendt and all of our guests for coming to report on their organizations and support us.

Matt Anderson called for a 5-minute break.

Upcoming Events

Sectional Speaking Contests

They are well underway, with three already completed. At the meeting, sections that have not had their contest yet received their packets of questions and topics for the contest. Do not forget to return all of this information to Mrs. Zimmerman after the competition. Also send an email to participants to remind them of the contest date and details of your contest.

Sectional Safe Tractor Operators Contests

The State Officers and their Advisors are the hosts of the sectional competitions again this year. They are to set a date by April 1 so Mrs. Zimmerman can publicize. Handbooks were given to Advisors to review the contest, its parts and the responsibilities of the host. Sections may join together to conduct their competition.

State Convention June 11-14, 2007

Put it on your calendars – more specific details will be discussed later in the meeting.

State FFA Committee Reports

Policies/Constitution/Bylaws Committee report by Chair Lenny Polzin

Each year the responsibility of this committee is to review the State FFA Constitution for any updates in wording or corrections that need to be made. A number of spelling and grammatical errors were noted that will be corrected.

A formal proposal was presented for a Constitutional Change:

Amend Article V – Active Membership Degrees and Privileges

Section C. Greenhand Degrees Line 7

Insert “the” after “to” and before “Official” and insert “and the FFA Student Handbook.” After “Manual.”

The article would then read: “Personally own or have access to the Official FFA Manual and the FFA Student Handbook.”

Rationale: To match the national guidelines for earning the Greenhand Degree as stated in the National FFA Constitution.

A motion was made by Lenny Polzin to approve the committee report. Seconded by Patrick Harker. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion. This constitutional amendment will now be presented to the delegates at the 2007 Wisconsin FFA Convention.

Finance Committee report by Mr. Hicken and Chair Jessica Berger

The Finance committee has reviewed the Wisconsin Association of FFA budget which was presented to the entire Board. Wisconsin State Fair rates for band and choir members dorm fees increased for 2007. Last year, the Board increased the amount each student paid from \$15 to \$25 per person. With the increase in the dorm fees for 2007, it was again discussed by the Board about the cost of this project and how much each band/choir member would contribute to this event. This year the cost will be absorbed by the Association. The cost of the dorm fees for a three night stay rose from \$45 per person to \$60 per person. A motion was made by Melissa Ploeckelman for band and choir members to contribute to State Fair fees of meals, lodging, and admittance by increasing the fee to \$35 for the 2007-2008 year. Ken Levzow seconded the motion. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Mr. Eccarius is leaving from his position as our program assistant at DPI. We thank him for all the work he has done. He did a great job to help the Wisconsin Association of FFA with financial reports and accounting.

The Wisconsin Association of FFA is financially strong with a current balance of \$540,011.78 in checking and savings (which is made up of CDs). There were suggestions to move some of our funds into additional CDs and additional financial institutions to stay within the \$100,000 FDIC insurance limits.

Jessica Berger moved to accept the financial report and budget. Andrew Christenson seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

State Membership Committee report by Chair Patrick Harker

Currently the membership committee has implemented an award for 10+ membership. Banners will be given to chapters who have added 10 new members to their roster this year. Currently we have no sponsor for the banners, which cost \$11.85 per banner if we order at least 50. Patrick Harker moved to approve funding for the 10+ membership award banner. Andrew Christenson seconded. All State Officers and Advisors were in favor. Katie Falch moved to accept the membership report. Melissa Ploeckelman seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Awards and Programs Committee report by Chair Ross Bender

New programs implemented this year included the Wisconsin Service Challenge (WISC), Operation Stand Solid (OSS), and 10+ membership banner. Ross Bender moved to approve the Awards and Programs committee report as read. Patrick Harker seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Lenny Polzin presented a proposal to have a High School Quiz Bowl Contest. This contest would take effect at the 2008 State FFA Convention. This event is a competition that resembles the FFA Middle School Quiz Bowl Contest. This contest will only be offered at the State Level at this time with 16 team slots to be filled, first come first served. The questions asked would be a combination of agricultural education and FFA knowledge. Lenny Polzin moved to accept the High School Quiz Bowl contest proposal. Ross Bender seconded the motion. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Service Committee report by Chair Ross Bender

This is a new committee that was created at the State Officer's during their meeting at the FFA Farm Forum. This committee was created to advocate for community service and service-learning and will continue to support and recommend new service programs and projects as they arise. Ross Bender moved to accept the recommendations of the service committee and implement the newly established programs as well as retain these programs. Katie Falch seconded the motion. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion. In addition, contact has been made with the Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau to conduct service projects around the Madison area during the State Convention. The Tours Committee will be exploring these possibilities.

Matt Anderson called a 5-minute break.

Old Business

State Fair Issues - Mr. Hicken

Three listening sessions will be/have been held in Arlington, Milwaukee, and Wausau on the issue of the Market Animal Sale. Mr. Hicken encouraged agriculture teachers to attend to voice their opinions.

The Birthing Barn will be a different set up this year as some changes are in progress.

Operation Stand Solid – Jenny Breuer

Operation Stand Solid was discussed in the New Awards and Programs Committee report. Please continue to donate shoes and dollars.

New Business

Honorary State and American Degree recommendations

The Board of Directors was given the opportunity to provide names of individuals that we should double check if they have received an Honorary State or American Degree in past years. Formal recommendations are due April 2.

State Degree Handbook Recommendations

Dr. Buttles from UW-River Falls sent feedback to Mrs. Zimmerman with ideas to help teachers and members better understand defining an SAE. There were also suggestions to revise and update the list of activities above the chapter level. Suggestions were made to move 10D and 12D to 15. The information stated in the parenthesis under 10C should be stated under general convention attendance. It has been recommended to clarify area and state CDE's as different/same activities. It was recommend that these ideas also be presented to the WAAE SAE Committee for feedback. Ken Levzow moved to send the list of activities above the chapter level to the SAE committee with changes recommended by the Board of Directors and to help clarify the CDEs. Katie Falch seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

The following proposal was presented to Board concerning the Community Service addition to the FFA degrees. This is the taken from the proposal from National FFA that will be presented to the National FFA Delegates at the 2008 National FFA Convention.

Amend Article V, Sections D, E and F

Add the National FFA proposed constitutional amendments to the Wisconsin FFA Constitution so that if passed by the National FFA Delegates at the 2007 National FFA Convention, Wisconsin FFA members can begin preparing for these requirements before they come into effect with the revisions of the American FFA Degree in 2011.

The WAAE SAE Committee has recommended that these requirements be phased in over two years for chapter and state FFA degrees. They recommend that the chapter degree requirement for community service be implemented during the 2007-08 school year. It is then recommended that the community service requirement for the State FFA Degree be implemented for the 2008-09 school year, so students applying by February 1, 2009 would need to include the State FFA Degree Community Service requirement in their state degree application.

Community Involvement Constitutional wording with changes in bold:

1. Add to Article V., Section D. of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution concerning the Chapter FFA Degree the following requirement: **Have participated in at least 10 hours of community service activities.**
2. Add to Article V., Section E. of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution concerning the State FFA Degree the following requirement: **Have participated in at least 25 hours of community service activities.**
3. Change Article V. Section F., Item 6. of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution concerning the American FFA Degree to read as follows: Have a record of outstanding leadership abilities, **have participated in at least 50 hours of community service activities** and have achieved a high school scholastic record of "C" or better as certified by the principal or superintendent.

These changes would be added to the Wisconsin Association of FFA Constitution as soon as National FFA would approve these changes at the 2007 National FFA Convention. If the amendments to the National Constitution would fail at the 2007 National FFA Convention, this amendment would be null and void.

Lenny Polzin moved to accept the proposal as written. Andrew Christenson seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion. This proposal will be presented to the State Delegates at the 2007 Wisconsin FFA State Convention for consideration.

Speaking Contest Rules and Revisions

There was a proposal brought forth by Mrs. Zimmerman based off of concerns expressed to her about several speaking contest rules. It addressed the issues of clarification of answers in the quiz bowl competition, recording of questions and answers during the quiz bowl competition, and the job interview contest rule concerning resumes. A motion was

made by Ross Bender to handle each proposal separately. Patrick Harker seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

First proposal, **Answering of Proper Names** - It states in the rules concerning answering of proper names:

Clarification on Answering: If the answer is a proper name; for example, "Cheryl Zimmerman" and the student answers "Zimmerman" or "Ms. Zimmerman", that student is correct. However, if the student would respond "Carol Zimmerman", they would be incorrect.

It has been brought to the attention of the Wisconsin FFA Center, that this clarification should be removed from the Quiz Bowl rules and that teams should be answering both the first and last names of an individual's name as they are answering a question to make it the correct answer. Jessica Berger moved to accept the answering of proper names to have contestant state first and last names as the correct answer. Patrick Harker seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Second proposal - **Recording of Questions and Answers** -

It is recommended that a new rule for the Quiz Bowl competition be put in place that would state:

“No written materials or notes taken by any audience member or team members can be removed from the contest room at the conclusion of the quiz bowl competition. Judges will monitor note takers in the room. As individuals leave the competition room, the judges must collect any notes that were taken during the competition by any one observing or competing in the contest.”

This is actually a rule that comes from the 4-H Quiz Bowl competition.

Katie Falch moved to approve the rule. Patrick Harker seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Third proposal - **Job Interview Contest Rule Concerning Resumes**

Currently the rule states:

“The cover letter and resume must contain **current facts** about the contestant. The resume should be present day information about the contestant. The contestant's resume should be limited to one page (both sides) or two pages (one side each). All resumes must be typed.”

To make the resume more in tune with current employer recommendations and also to be aligned with National FFA, we should eliminate the third and fourth sentence and replace that with the following (which comes directly from National FFA rules):

“The cover letter should a single spaced 8 1/2” x 11” white bond paper. The paper is to be single sided, block justified using Times, Times New Roman or Arial 12 point minimum font. The resume is to be single spaced 8 1/2” x 11” white standard bond paper. The resume is to be single sided only, typed not to exceed two pages total. Suggested formats can be found in The Gregg Reference Manual.

Jessica Berger moved to adopt the Job Interview contest rule and revision proposal to read as it currently states in the National FFA CDE rules. Melissa Ploeckelman seconded. An amendment was made by Melissa Ploeckelman to strike the words “The cover letter should be single spaced 8.5” x 11” white bond paper. The paper is to be single sided, block justified using Times, Times New Roman, or Arial 12 point minimum font.” from the remaining proposal that continues to read, “The resume is to be single sided only, typed not to exceed two pages total. Suggested formats can be found in The Gregg Reference Manual.” A vote was taken with 4 in favor and 6 opposed. Amendment failed by State Officers and Advisors sustained the action.

Main motion was voted on and the State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Proposal from Section 4 Concerning Quiz Bowl - Reported by Ms. Deb Ihm

The proposal read, “In lieu of sectional speaking contests not being filled in all categories, Section 4 is proposing that in order to fill all speaking categories at the sectional speaking contest, the next qualified contestants, with the next highest score at their respective district speaking contest, would advance to sectional contest. In the case of a tie score, the tie breaking criteria would be, each contestants score on the highest point value category for that respective contest, followed by the next highest category, and then the next highest category, etc.” Patrick Harker moved to accept this proposal as read. Katie Falch seconded. Motion failed by State Officers and Advisors sustained the action.

Delegate Issues to be passed onto National FFA

Currently we have no issues to pass on to National FFA for the National Delegate process.

State FFA Convention Delegate Business Session/Committees

Will be discussed tomorrow in the Delegate Operations Committee Report

Andrew Christenson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ken Levzow seconded the motion. All State Officers and Advisors passed the motion. Meeting was adjourned by Matt Anderson at 11:40 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14th, 2007

The Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 8:57 a.m. by President Matt Anderson.

Mrs. Zimmerman thanked the Board for such a good discussion and appreciated their time to conduct business as the meeting ran late into the evening.

State FFA Convention

State Officers and Advisors were given packets of their assignments and duties during convention. Advisors were reminded to attend the first general session at convention, where they will be recognized. Convention details are well underway.

Convention managers are confirmed for the most part. We thank all of the managers that assist with State Convention in order that all parts of the convention run smoothly.

The State FFA Convention site contract is in the process of being reviewed for renewal with the Alliant Energy Center after 2008. The normal procedure is to agree to a three-year contract. The dates for 2009 are June 8th-11th. Although there is a concern from Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Hicken about these dates being early in June, there is nothing that really can be done because a huge event is coming to Madison in the summer of 2009 and this will not allow for our dates to drop back a week later. The 2010 dates however will be moved back to June 14-17.

Registration will be a little different this year. Chapter registration will take place in the same spot as usual. Judges, sponsors, and contestants will register at the Atrium end of the building. We will have potentially six contests managers that will now work with contests to cover all the responsibilities associated with these events.

Parking pass orders will be online soon for advisors to access. No parking rate increases this year.

Menus for meals will be sent to CenterPlate Catering at the Alliant Energy Center soon. The UW-Madison Collegiate FFA will be invited to have their food stand at Convention again if they would like.

Special guests to be requested to be present at State Convention will include: Governor Doyle, Merle Richter – representing the bike ride to Madison, Secretary of Ag, Alice in Dairyland, State Superintendent, Fairest of the Fair, Representative Ott, Senator Kohl. Other suggestions are welcome.

State FFA and Convention Committee Reports

Delegate Operations Committee report by Chair Patrick Harker

This committee recommended a more informative and structured delegate enrichment workshop that is optional for delegates to attend on Tuesday morning before the official delegate session. Patrick Harker moved to accept the delegate operations committee report as read. Katie Falch seconded the motion. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Speakers and Entertainment Committee report by Chair Lenny Polzin

The committee compiled a list of potential speakers with pictures, biographies, and references to choose from. A motion was made by Patrick Harker to have Aaron Davis speak at the first general session of the 2007 State FFA Convention. Andrew Christenson seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion. Michael Peterson is already scheduled for Tuesday evening's keynote address and entertainment.

Convention Workshop Committee report by Chair Melissa Ploeckelman

This committee has compiled a list of people to send invitations to for workshops. Jamie Cecil, National Central Region Vice President will have two workshops. Aaron Davis, keynote speaker may potentially have a workshop if it fits in his schedule. A few suggestions of additions to the list were made. Suggestions for workshop ideas included: award application workshop (SAE's), Ag Issues or Ag in the News, Misconceptions in Agriculture. Melissa Ploeckelman moved to accept the convention workshop committee report. Katie Falch seconded the motion. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Convention Tours report by Chair Katie Falch

Several convention tours have been confirmed at this point. Suggestions are still being taken for service tours for FFA members to participate on. Melissa Ploeckelman moved to accept the convention tours report as read. Ross Bender seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

LifeWork Expo report by Chair Andrew Christenson

The Wisconsin FFA Foundation is responsible for contracting continuing and new exhibitors for LifeWork Expo. Please pass ideas of potential exhibitors and contact information on to Mrs. Gagnon. Activities such as the mini-tractor pull and dance game were discussed. Andrew will be getting in touch with the Verona FFA and New Glarus FFA for these activities. Andrew Christenson moved to accept the LifeWork Expo report as read. Patrick Harker seconded the motion. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Courtesy Corps and Seating report by Chair Lenny Polzin

No suggestions were made by this committee, just to continue with the current procedures. There was a proposal on behalf of the Courtesy Corps to add a section to the table of contents in the convention program. Lenny Polzin moved to accept the courtesy corps and seating report as read. Andrew Christenson seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Meals and Receptions report by Chair Ross Bender

The meals are will be confirmed by Mrs. Zimmerman. No major changes are anticipated. The committee is working on finding speakers and assigning responsibilities to the state officers. Ross Bender moved to accept the meals and receptions report as read. Patrick Harker seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Media and Public Relations report by Chair Bridget Klinkner

The Year in Review video is started. Suggestions were discussed about the use of sandwich boards/easel display in main lobby and by main session doors with previews of the session, workshops, tours, etc. An addition of another photo booth has been discussed; it will be on the far end of the convention hall. It was recommended to have State Officer candidates serve as greeters at the doors for special guests and judges. The GMCVB and Alliant Energy Center are willing to help us promote our convention as well. Hopefully media TV contacts will be present as well, especially to promote OSS.

Bridget Klinkner moved to accept the media and public relations report as read. Jenny Breuer seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Matt Anderson called a 5-minute break.

Contest Committee report by Chair Bridget Klinkner

State Officers judge the membership recruitment award and are looking to reevaluate the judging process/application after the 2007 Convention and make recommendations. An additional suggestion was made to add an award for membership recruitment that the State Officer picks after they conduct chapter visits. Mrs. Zimmerman will also review the location of Star interview rooms at convention. Bridget Klinkner moved to accept the contest committee report as read. Patrick Harker seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Special Projects Committee report by Chair Andrew Christenson

This committee has many projects that are planned during the convention. One project not stated in the report is a large wooden state with chapter names burnt into the wooden design. Katie Falch moved to accept the special projects committee report as read. Ken Lezvow seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Past State Officer Committee report by Chair Jenny Breuer

Opening ceremonies to be conducted by anniversary team members at the Sixth General Session will come from several anniversary teams. A suggestion was made by Ms. Ihm to have an activity for chapter members to attend so advisors that are past state officers can attend the reunion. Jenny Breuer moved to accept the past state officer committee report. Andrew Christenson seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Spirit Stick Committee report by Chair Patrick Harker

The committee suggested to keeping better track of spirit stick winners at SLW's, FIRE, State Convention, etc. Plans are coming together to contact judges and continue the Spirit Stick at the State FFA Convention. Patrick Harker moved to accept the spirit stick committee report as read. Katie Falch seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

AV Committee report by Chair Ken Lezvow

An update was provided to the Board on the plans for AV at State Convention. Additional powerpoint presentations are being looked into that would list questions, etc. on the screens for the audience to answer. Ken Lezvow moved to accept the AV committee report as read. Patrick Harker seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Decorations Committee report by Chair Jessica Berger

Convention decoration planning is well underway with the help of Ms. Crook and Dan Filla. Jessica Berger moved to accept the decorations committee as read. Patrick Harker seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

FFA Hall of Fame Committee report by Co-Chair Melissa Ploeckelman

The committee currently has no nominations at the time. A meeting is yet to be held where the final decision will be made. Mrs. Gagnon will lead this committee made up of past Hall of Fame inductees. Melissa Ploeckelman moved to accept the report. Andrew Christenson seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Pre-Session Committee report by Chair Ross Bender

The committee has referred the project to Jamie Hagenow, past state officer and past pre-session manager. The committee will continue to search for a few other pre-session managers. Jenny Breuer moved to accept the pre-session committee report as read. Andrew Christenson seconded. State Officers and Advisors approved the motion.

Mrs. Zimmerman thanked the Board of Directors for their hard work and good discussions.

Patrick Harker moved to adjourn the meeting. Jenny Breuer seconded. All State Officers and Advisors were in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Breuer
2006-07 Wisconsin FFA State Secretary