



## **PAAE Annual Board Meeting July 11 & July 12, 2023 Minutes**



**CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE:** On July 11, 2023, the meeting was called to order by President Berndtson at 10:37 am. Those present were: David Steinfelt, Emily Bidlack, Carly Rippole, Lindsay Wilcox, Joanna McKelvey, Dylan Clark, Mark Anderson, Heather Anderson, Stephen Geib, Stephon Fitzpatrick, George Dietrich, Adam Serfass, Alex Barzydlko, Dianna Jerema, Gretchen Dingman, Francine Ferster, Nate Moyer, Douglas Brown, Baylor Shunk, Nicolette Cusate, Morgan Bear, Mara Tate, Amanda Gagne, Jenna Kibbe, Chris Davis, Neil Fellenbaum, Mike Brammer, Grace Shawver, Jessica Morron, Madison Hetrick, Jennifer Balmer, Krista Moser, David Ruvarac, Myken Poormen, Jenna McIntire, Ayala Miller, Megan Beam, Lisa Boltz, Kelly Bier, Stephanie Balmer, Sarabeth Alderfer, Hannah Harris, Carole Fay, Brandon Witmer, Anna Sweeten, Seanna Geiger, Paige Rohrbach, Emily Jay, Brandon Bixler, Thomas Gabel, McKenzie Mahler, Nicole Guise, Michaela Knepp, Mikara Anderson, Melanie Berndtson, Michael Clark, John Hines and Nick Isenberg.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes of the 2022 annual meeting were reviewed and filed for audit.

### **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS, BOARDS & STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Melanie Berndtson, President** - Working with teachers' concerns with Chapter 339, working with the commission to build a partnership, and working with the PA FFA Association and Foundation, working with new committee structure proposals, and the hiring of a new Executive Secretary.

**Sherisa Nailor, President-Elect** - Saving remarks for the banquet.

**David Steinfelt, Past President** - Enjoyed working with the PAAE board.

**Nick Isenberg, Executive Secretary** - Report filed in the meeting folder.

**Brian Campbell, Treasurer** - Report filed in the meeting folder.

**The Pennsylvania State University – Ag & Extension Education, Dr. John Ewing** - Report filed in the conference folder.

**Pennsylvania FFA Association, Mr. Mike Brammer** - Report filed in the meeting folder.

**PA FFA Alumni, Mrs. Sherisa Nailor** - Krista Pontius reports that FFA jacket program changes, 2 jackets per chapter guaranteed, chapter will raise the rest. Sponsorship letters coming at the beginning of school.

**PA FFA Foundation, Mrs. Sarah Sparks** - Learning By Doing grant changes to one application period, Abbey Yoder hired, and pulling in new sponsorships.

**PA Ag Ed Commission for Excellence, Mr. Stephon Fitzpatrick** - Thank you for the support of the commission, pleasure working with the Association, foundation and PAAE.

**PA Dept of Education, Mr. Chris Davis** - Thank you for your grace working with the CATS system, Establishing administration ag education track, supplement assistance grant opening soon, Team Ag Ed reboot, Available to talk through Chapter 339 challenges, PA Farm Show excuse letter coming out the beginning of December, looking for help aligning Ag Production test with Ag General.

**SAE Specialist, Mrs. Carole Fay** - Report filed in the conference folder.

**Member Services Committee (Advocacy)**

*Professional Improvement, Recruitment and Retention and Membership*

Officer Representative: Krista Pontius

**Marketing Committee (Professional Development)**

*Public Relations and Commercial Relations*

Officer Representative: John Hines

**Strategic Planning Committee (Teacher Recruitment, Retention and Recognition)**

*Mission and Goals, Visions for PA Ag Ed*

Officer Representative: Kayla Pohle

**Public Policy (Member Experience)**

*Legislative Action Team and Lobbyist*

Officer Representative: Laura Palmer

**Policies and By-laws Committee**

*Constitution and By-laws, Resolutions*

Officer Representative: Lindsay Wilcox

**Finance Committee**

*Budgeting and Auditing*

Officer Representative: Adam Serfass

**Professional Growth Committee**

*Nominating, Past Presidents, Retired Ag Educators and Awards*  
Officer Representative: Stephen Geib

#### **REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Officer Representative: Sarabeth Alderfer

##### **2024 Summer Conference: Western Region**

**Dates:** July ##-##, 2024

Officer Representative:

Committee Chairperson:

**Scholarship:** Doug Brown

**Sunshine:** Sarabeth Aldefer

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS: 1st vote** - Brian Campbell moves and Amanda Gagne second to approve the new committee structure. Motion passed.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**