

Draft--WAAE Spring Exec Minutes 2024

Friday, March 8th

5:30 pm

Ellensburg, WA

[Previous Business Session Minutes \(Fall Exec\)](#)

1. Introductions and Welcomes
2. Reports
 - a. NAAE Region 1 President- Kyle Stapleton (see video update)
 - i. Region I- San Diego, CA, May 28-30, 2024
 1. Still looking for presenters
 - ii. Ag Ed Magazine- please provide input on articles
 - b. FFA Regional Rep- Ben Meyer (see attachment)
 - i. 100% Membership
 - ii. AFNR Standards and Crosswalk Revision
 - iii. Middle School Participation
 1. 5th through 8th grade
 - iv. Next Generation Conferences
 - v. Communication Updates
 1. FFA Print Center
 2. Check and update teacher profile information
 - vi. Alumni Updates
 - c. FFA Executive Director- Andy Zahl (see handout)
 - i. Membership at 14,600
 - ii. May 1st is the spring roster fee due
 - iii. Need adults for delegate process- suggested asking in registration
 - iv. 17 State Officer Candidates- need adults on nominating committee
 - v. Day of Service- garden clean up, pantry bag decorating
 - vi. Evergreen Leadership Tour- September 30th to October 4th
 - vii. Needs for Leadership- adding officer training, additional spots for leadership series, 7-8th grade specific
 - viii. Industry connections- state officer tours, list of tours
 - d. FFA Programs Director- Lisa Baser (see handout)
 - i. State CDE Registration is due two weeks before each contest
 - ii. March 15, 2024 Agriscience Paperwork Due
 - iii. Review of Proficiencies and State/American Degrees March 8th
 1. State Staff will allow for review and fixes
 - iv. July 16, 2024 State Dairy Tentatively Set
 - v. CDE Review via Jotform link
 - e. FFA Board of Directors- Michael Heitstuman- no report
 - f. FFA Foundation- Jesse Taylor- no report
 - g. WAAE Exec Director- Chris Carlson (see handout)
 - i. Current balance: \$80,351. 52
 - ii. Little Creek Resort is location of WAAE Summer Conference, June 23-27
 1. \$560 registration for conference- increase due to 2 lunches added
 - iii. Association taxes have been submitted and accepted
 - iv. Districts need to submit their district award winners
 - v. Region 1 in San Diego, CA on May 28-31
 - h. Owl Gazette- Brian Ellis

- i. Please send Brian ag project highlights and experienced teacher tips
 - ii. Moved to online format
- i. WAAE Calendar- Randi Krieg
 - i. State Calendar Template created for all Districts to submit their dates
- j. STARR Grant Report- Annette Weeks
 - i. Pre-Conference Professional Development will be offered
 - ii. Annette will be resign as chair in June; position will need to be filled
- k. Conference Update- Lori Sanderson (see handout)
 - i. \$113-129 per night
 - ii. Need workshop presenters- contact Lori or Abby Cate
 - iii. CDE/LDE 20 minute workshops
 - iv. Tour survey has gone out
 - v. Vendor show will be Andy Williams in charge
 - vi. Michael Jeske is in charge of recreation on Sunday evening
 - vii. Erika Rose is in charge of family program
- l. WA-ACTE Rep-Stacy Lischke (See handout)
 - i. WAVE Scholarship open until March 10th
 - ii. WA-ACTE Awards- last year's winners can apply for this year's awards
 - iii. WA-ACTE Representative term ends this August, new rep needed
 - iv. Suggest from Lori for an FFA Boot Camp pre-session on Sunday
 - v. WA-ACTE Summer Conference August 4-7
- m. WSU Ag Ed- Anna Warner and JD Baser (see handout)
 - i. 31 students enrolled in Ag Ed
 - ii. 1 student teacher in Fall 2024 and 6 in Spring 2025
 - iii. Incorporating industry tours with school visits
 - iv. Summer In-services: STIHL, CASE AFNR, CASE NRE, CASE Small Engines
 - v. Ag Ed Club will work on professional wear fundraiser and metal
- n. WA OSPI/State Advisor- Tamara Whitcomb (see handout)
 - i. Suggestions and feedback on newsletters
 - ii. Statewide Course Equivalency- Ag Mech for math credit
 - iii. 2024 Ag Ed End-of-Year Report May 1 to July 1, 2024
 - iv. April 15th is the priority deadline for new courses for next year 2024-2025
 - v. SAE for All Review
 - vi. National Chapter Application due April 15th, review April 27th at Eastmont
 - vii. State FFA Convention May 9-11; guidelines for professional dress
 - viii. Tamara Whitcomb is helping with alumni chapters
- o. FFA Committee Report- Steve Hayter (see report)
 - i. Spanish Creed Handbooks have been checked with A.I. but need human review
 - ii. Postpone Rituals as a middle school contest to summer conference
 - iii. Speciality Ag Sales meeting via Zoom to only use 8 judges for Ag Sales at State would take too long
 - iv. Apple Eval sifting process concerns- taking back to districts and bring feedback to summer conferences
 - v. Cost analysis will be provided for CDE fees at Summer Conference which removed concerns about CDE funds/clear where funds are going

3. Old Business

- a. Concerns from Summer Conference/Fall Exec
 - i. Professional Development- No further action needed
 - ii. Finance- No further action needed

- iii. Advocacy in Ag- All addressed at Fall Exec
- iv. Membership Experience
 - 1. Wanting a workshop on winning applications for NAAE/ACTE Awards areas
 - a. Sammi Jo doing March OWL Chat
 - b. State Staff and Elizabeth Nelsen for State Convention Prep and Banquet Planning
 - c. Also looking for others to host Owl Chats in May/Summer Months
 - 2. Encouraging Members to be WAAE Members
 - a. How do we recruit Ag Teachers who are non-members
 - b. It was suggested we form a committee to reach out to these people- suggestions for this committee
 - i. Tabled to Spring Exec- suggested that the committee make their own committee at summer conference
 - 3. List of Items we are working on as an Executive Committee
 - a. How would we like to see this passed on to people?
 - b. Is updates at Spring/Fall/Conference adequate?
 - c. Updates in the Owl Gazette maybe as well?
- v. Teacher Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition
 - 1. District Mentors Plan of Action- what are districts doing for their mentor/mentee program: Mentor Handbook- Lori, Rod Cool and Mike Wallace have a draft on the website that needs feedback
 - 2. FFA Boot Camp Update-
 - 3. WAAE/NAAE XLR8 at conference next year- Annette Update
 - 4. Zoom Owl Chat possibility
- vi. Form a Committee for committee structuring/protocols documents for Committee Members- Met in November
 - 1. Committee Members Documents- Created and posted on Website and will be in everyone's Welcome Folders.
- vii. Decision Tree for Committee
 - 1. Brought up in FFA Committee
 - 2. Members know how the committee process works and how things move through
 - 3. Decision Tree Infographic of how things move through committee
 - 4. Draft created by Jason Bullock
- viii. Look into having a Winter Exec and not just a Spring/Fall/Summer meeting to help with timeline of things moving through from committees to Exec to Board of Directors for FFA things.
 - a. Tabled Issue since it has to be voted on at our Annual Meeting, D2 should submit request for constitutional change that we can vote on at Summer Conference.

4. New Business

- a. Bluebook Update
 - i. Don't have access to the old bluebook; Lori sent out a form for new bluebook update
- b. Clock Hours Approvals
 - 1. Washington Leadership Conference (Up to 30 Hours, waiting on finalized agenda from National FFA)
 - a. Motion to postpone approval of clock hours by Steve Braun; seconded by Todd Hargraves
 - 2. CASE AFNR (60 Hours, 36 STEM Hours)
 - a. Motion to approve clock hours by Steve Braun; seconded by Brent Feller

3. CASE ESI (45 STEM Hours)
 - a. Motion to approve clock hours by Steve Braun; seconded by Brent Feller
4. NAAE Book Study (8 hours)
 - a. Motion to approve clock hours by Steve Braun; seconded by Brent Feller
5. NAAE Region 1 Conference (10 hours)
 - a. Motion to approve clock hours by Steve Braun; seconded by Brent Feller
6. Lori has submitted paperwork for being the provider for next year
- c. Trapshooting Concerns (Erica)
 - i. Safety glasses need to be ATA approved
 - ii. Ear protection needs to comply with regulation
 - iii. There will be a Trapshoot lunch meeting during conference to discuss issues and other concerns
 - iv. Group feedback
 1. Need advisor present at Trapshooting events
 2. Need for possible cap for number of teams on the state level
 3. Liability concerns
 4. Please submit concerns and feedback to Erica Whitmore
- d. District Concerns
 - i. District 1- none
 - ii. District 2- none
 - iii. District 3- none
 - iv. District 4- none
 - v. District 5- none
 - vi. District 6
 1. WAAE financials posted- Lori said she has posted past minutes
 - vii. District 7- none
 - viii. District 8
 1. Worried that Andy Zahl is not getting ag teachers emails- have not received contact
 - ix. District 9- none
5. Additional Business
 - a. Health Department going through high school shops, no noise over 65 decibels without hearing protection
6. Adjournment
7. Jen Crane motioned to adjourn; Josh Krieg seconded