



# Pennsylvania Association of Agricultural Educators

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## Northern Region Meeting Minutes October 10th, 2024

Regional Meeting Folder can be found [here](#).

**CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE** - Meeting called to order on October 10th by Vice Presidents Brandon Witmer and Nicole Hall. In attendance were Brandon Witmer, Nicole Hall, Tom Hojnowski, David Steinfelt, Melanie Berndtson, Grace Fetzer, Baylor Shunk, Abigail Yoder, Tyler Woolever, Caleb Cain, Noah Phillips, Rob Gustin, Myken Poorman, Jared Dickerson, Nina Coolidge, Chloe Whitmoyer, Renee Noll, Gage McCabe, Marissa McPeak-Kennedy, Seanna Geiger, Kenzie Mowry, Francine Ferster, Mike Shultz, Chris Davis, John Ewing, Michala Forrest, Cheyenne Bastian-Brown, Curt Turner, Adam Serfass, Mike Brammer, Chris Ulrich, Sherisa Nailor, and Brian Campbell.

**RELIEF FUND COLLECTION** - Support North Carolina Ag Ed/FFA - 50/50 raffle conducted to support NC in recovery from hurricane

### REPORTS FROM OFFICERS & STAFF

**Adam Serfass, President** - Report in folder

**Krista Pontius, President-Elect** - Report in meeting folder.

**Sherisa Nailor, Past President** - Is attending PA FFA Foundation meetings alongside Adam.

**Thomas Gabel, Executive Secretary** - Report in folder.

**Brian Campbell, Treasurer** - Report in folder.

### REPORTS FROM PA AE REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

**PA FFA Alumni, Mrs. Sherisa Nailor/ Mrs. Krista Pontius** - Report in folder. Note - jacket list for thank you cards is to be used for thank you cards only - not for solicitation. We have lost jacket sponsors in the last year because they received solicitations after their information was included on the thank you list. Ron and Renee Frederick fund will sponsor jackets for new FFA chapters.

**PA FFA Foundation, Mrs. Sarah Sparks** - Report in folder.

**PA Ag Ed Commission for Excellence, Mr. Chris Davis** - expect PAAE to be part of conversation at next commission meeting. Cannot promise funding. ACT 73 signed - making appointing of commission members easier. Commission reduced to 12 - new members started October 1st, and have some vacancies they are trying to fill. Thank you to those who responded to NOCTI memo - that process is moving along with the goal of a PA specific NOCTI. Working with bureau of career and tech ed on new CIP code area of agroecology, with more of an urban ag focus.

**PA Dept of Education, Mr. Chris Davis** - Interviews scheduled for this position. Also looking for Cliff Day's CTA 1 position to be filled. Difficulties or questions with 339 Visits - please reach out to Chris. APTE visits not an audit, they are a tool - you can ask them for improvement options. Farm show forms should be mailed to PDE - but send a note to Chris to make sure he is looking out for that mail. Exciting update - Friends of Ag Foundation, created a new contest for k-5 on hydroponics to design their own systems and design posters to display - part of department 26.

**SAE Specialist, Mrs. Carole Fay** - Report in meeting folder.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Advocacy Committee**

*The purpose of the Advocacy committee is to provide insight and recommendations on opportunities to effectively influence agricultural education through promotion, communication, and policy.*

**Board Representatives:** Lyndsay Wilcox and Amy Garber

**Report:** See slide in meeting folder.

### **Member Experience Committee**

*The purpose of the Member Experience committee is to provide insight and recommendations on the value of the PAAE organization and review the perceptions that current and prospective members have about PAAE.*

**Board Representatives:** Kelly Bier and Brandon Witmer

**Report:** See slide in meeting folder.

### **Professional Development Committee**

*The purpose of the Professional Development committee is to provide insight and recommendations on leadership and learning to improve and evolve educators for boundless classrooms.*

**Board Representatives:** Stephen Geib and Krista Moser

**Report:** See slide in meeting folder.

### **Teacher Recruitment, Retention and Recognition Committee**

*The purpose of the Teacher RRR committee is to provide insight and recommendations on topics and initiatives related to attracting, engaging, supporting, and celebrating agricultural education professionals.*

**Board Representatives:** Nicole Hall and Dylan Clark

**Report:** See slide in meeting folder.

## **REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **2025 Summer Conference: Northern Region**

**Dates:** July 8-11, 2025

**Location:** Otto Eldred High School

**Board Representative:** Executive Team

**Committee Chairperson:** Brandon Witmer

**Report:** See slide in meeting folder

**Scholarship:** Doug Brown

**Report:** See slide in meeting folder

**Sunshine:** Sarabeth Alderfer

**Regional Reps:** Kaitlin Liszka, Krista Moser, Kayla Pohle

**Report:** See slide in meeting folder

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

New logo launched at 2024 Summer Conference. If you need the logo files - please contact Thomas Gabel

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Thematic Professional Development

- Discussion on if the thematic model is meeting the membership's current professional development needs

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leadership

The PAAE Board of Directors is looking for candidates for President-Elect

3-Year Term: July 12, 2025 - End of Conference 2028

Motion Approved at September PAAE Board Meeting - allocating \$7,500 to sponsor scholarships for summer PAAE conference attendance, with priority given to members whose districts do not support their attendance

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned.