

1. **Call to Order:** 8:44am Patty Smith
2. **Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes:** Kylie Naylor /Owen Donnelly
  - Kylie emailed PDF copy of the meeting minutes
  - Renee moved
  - Analise seconded
  - Motion passes
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Renee Stillwell
  - Balance
    - At a similar amount right now that we were at this time last year
    - Money out: NAAE - Owen Donnelly
    - Ending Balance: 11,764.92
  - Membership
    - Don't submit for dues through ACTE website
    - Looking to get the early bird rate for the NAAE membership
      - Trying to beat the september 10 deadline
      - 10 people filled out a paper saying they want to renew
        - 5 people said they wanted their dues sent straight to them
    - Discussion of members who will be renewing
      - Spreadsheet that says "where"/when membership is renewed to
      - Owen, Deanna, Anilese, and Keeley said they will be renewing their membership and did not fill out the google form
      - Patty spoke to Jenny about also renewing her membership
      - Probably yeses:
        - Dan Delcher
        - Brian Duce
        - Erin Fargo
        - Brian Hayes
        - Andrew Morris
        - Amarylis
        - Laura Pinhas
        - Taryn
        - Adrianna
        - Nicole Smith
        - Rachel
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- Maybes

- Carmela

- Renee moved to accept treasurers report
    - Analyse seconded
    - Report is accepted pending audit

#### 4. Membership Report:

Renee Stillwell

##### a. Membership Renewal Options

- i. Summer Conference Registration
- ii. Fall Ag Ed Conference Registration
- iii. Other

#### 5. Representative Reports

NJ FFA Executive Board Representative Report: Dale Cruzan

NJ FFA Alumni Representative Report: Renee Stillwell

Meeting on June 11th finalizing June 24th golf tournament at Cream Ridge Gold course. Numbers were slightly down/in alignment with past years

Next meeting august 13th, with discussion on improvement for next year. Renee may need a replacement for that meeting

Poor banquet facilities

Will give blue courduray connection another chance next year. May try to make it more interactive and engaging

CTEANJ Executive Board Report: Robin McLean

Robin was unable to attend july meeting and minutes are not available yet

Will have a table at NJ\*\*\*\*\*8 convention floor.

Awarded 5 scholarships this year (and there are typically a low number of applicants). Scholarships can be \$300-500.

#### 6. Regional Reports

- a. Overview of regional Vice President duties and responsibilities
- b. RegionalProgram Highlights Form

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xrgHJxFkBR9TK5hWL0FbOOAWGUuGpNSIsQQPrHkZ9Ko/edit?usp=drive\\_web&oid=117806104024622759417](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xrgHJxFkBR9TK5hWL0FbOOAWGUuGpNSIsQQPrHkZ9Ko/edit?usp=drive_web&oid=117806104024622759417)

**North** - Dan Delcher

**Central** - Liam Ryan

**South** - Annaliese Castellini

*Patty noted the regional program highlights form for VPs to send out to members*

*Next year this conference is scheduled to be in the north*

*Liam had one report from Kylee, completed CASE Biotech field test, east brunswick is preparing for county fair with piscataway*

*Analise had a report from vineland and cumberland at the county fair, deanna and kylee did vet science curriculum and are preparing for the fair*

*Owen said him patty and matt are currently in the fair and Owen just completed the CASE NRE training in Alaska*

**7. Update from Office of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Ed. - Erin Noble**

Opening at monmouth and camden penn

Union, Jenn had just left and Zach \*U\*\*\*\* was hired for it

Bankridge- penny retired and they hired in the school system

Northern - Hamilton retired and Zavacky took his rool

Pburg- sam left

Mercer county tech school is starting a new program and Carie

BCspecial school - teacher left and we do not know who is taking that positioon

**a. Lots of CASE going on at NJ**

i. Biotech

ii. ASP

iii. AVHS

Changes in EOC assessments

iv. NOCTI is only offered for 3 courses (a reduction)

v. There are questions in theaet for EOC assessment for Brief Cases

vi. More changes to come

**b. Fall Ag ed**

i. Classroom instruction peice will be focused on

ii. "Rooted in knowledge" concept

The Hoot is going to be continued this tear

Will be added to

Patty as a national teacher ambassador will be adding to it

Please contribute

"I am ag ed poster series renewal"

Please fill out, name school, pic, quote of what teaching means to you, and a word

FFA updates: BIG E stuff is due August 1st  
National convention material due Sep 1st

AET /Judging card updates

New student waiver through AET that is a once a school year process that covers EVERY event throughout the year. Students will fill it out no matter what conference they go to but it will only be done once. Will be available starting September 1st

Erin working with Ben and Roger about applications. AET wants a standardized "generic" application that other states can use

Erin is working to get member of the month, state scholarships, blue jackets, student conference grant (WLC and National Convention scholarships, and NEW transportation grants for Next Gen conference), state officer application. Should be ready before 1/1/26

Still in Jotform - advisor of the year and nominating committee

Judging card changes- will be using judging card for leadership conferences and state convention

Students must already be on roster to be registered

Late fees will be added for leadership conferences and CDEs \$10 per person

CDE date changes - winter CDEs at state ag convention. Ag communications, food science, and meat/farm business will be held there. Will occur on Thursday Jan 22nd. Hort expo will have floriculture and nursery and landscape (in March) PA CDE day will no longer exist. We will be kicked out because numbers were too high. Poultry will be most likely offered during spring CDEs and livestock will likely be in April during Del Vals event. State convention CDEs- no more division 2 in conduct of chapter meetings. Changes will occur in both quiz bowl and essay event. March 24, 25, 26 will have public speaking preliminaries. Mega E conference will bring together LEAD MLS and SOCS. Will occur in January or February. Day of service, sensory garden follow up- they will be seeking volunteers in October to help, will be seeking donations of plant and hardscape materials. Date will be out next week. Karissa said a "field trip day" during the week would get more volunteers.

Alumni is hosting regional development conference at Ecocomplex. Good event for existing alumni or upcoming alumni. Free, just need to register

## **8. STAR Program Update- Erin Noble**

Boot camp is not in person this year

Tonight is the Ag teacher dinner

National teach ag day in september, rutgers event coming up. High school students can attend

Send erin ideas for teacher appreciation gifts

## **9. Standing Committees - Kylie and chairs**

Committees will be reformed during fall ag ed conference

### **a. Member Experience**

- i. Gives out goody bags at state conventions and ribbons on each members name card
- ii. Emailed out punch cards- \$25 gift card drawing
- iii. Patty attended a meeting of the national membership experience committee meeting
  - 1. Biggest thing discussed is what to call nontraditional teachers in NAAE
  - 2. Discussing experiences at convention to “see” the city
  - 3. Mentors will be set up at NAAE convention for first time attendees

### **b. Professional Development**

- i. Book for book club will be Taking a look at Visual thinking by Temple Grandin
  - 1. Will be rolled out at Fall Ag Ed conference
- ii. 11 people completed a mentorship form for areas that they feel comfortable talking to people in

### **c. Financial Review**

- i. We WILL have a buget this year

### **d. Teacher Recruitment, Retention, Recognition**

- i. This was combined with PD committee
- ii. Small discussion about if certificates and pins for tonights dinner went to dues payed members or everybody
  - 1. Certificates will go to everyone, pins will go to members

### **e. Advocacy in Agriculture**

- i. No report given

## **Old Business?**

## **New Business**

10. Region VI Winners ?

11. Vote on Region VI Spring Conference Date Change - Patty Smith/Robin McLean

There is currently a proposal to start the conference one day earlier, people would arrive Thursday 3/19 and leave Saturday 3/21st.

Muslim holiday that would allow more people to attend

Kylie went over the proposed agenda for the event

Robin moves to cast the vote in favor of date change

Deanna seconded

Motion passes

12. Member reimbursement

a. Deana said if it is an event outlined in POA reimbursement motions have been inconsistent

i. She thinks it would be advantages to put in a POA budget and approve it so theres no need for consistent approval

1. Set a threshold "if purchasing is below \_\_\_\_ it does not need prior approval"

b. Renee advised to table approval until the fall ag ed conference so she could talk to her committee and look at previous reimbursmeents to come up with a good number.

13. NJAAE Facebook Group Access

a. Any officer who would like to be an admin can be, just ask Robin or Deanna

14. 2025-2026 Book Club- Deanna

a. See PD committee report

b. Time was moved 2nd wednesday of the month at 6:00

15. Drawing for Member Experience Committee Punch Cards - Amazon Gift Card

a. This will be tabled until tomorrow during lunch

16. Good of the Order- Any member

a. Deanna- coffee tea bar continuation and for \$75 budget (total) at different FFA/Ag Ed Events

- i. Deanna moved to accept
- ii. Robin seconded
- iii. Motion passes

#### 17. Adjourn

- a. Renee moved to adjourn
- b. Robin seconded
- c. Meeting was adjourned at 10:06

#### Next Meeting Date

- Friday, September 26, 2025 3:00 p.m. Proceeding Fall Ag Ed
- Online meetings will be moved to 6pm
  - Other proposed dates from Erin will be reviewed by Kylie and Patty
  - November 11th
  - January 22nd
    - Moved to the 20th
  - March 10th
    - Moved to the 3rd
  - Robin moved to accept
  - Renee seconded
  - Motion passed