

2024 Delegate Business Session Detailed Agenda

Call to order and welcome

KATIE: I now call the Delegate Business Session of the 95th Minnesota FFA State Convention to order. On behalf of the State Officer team, I want to thank you for your willingness to serve as delegates. You represent over 15,000 other members from across our state. This morning you are the ears, eyes, and voice of those members as you conduct the business of our Association.

Introduction of Parliamentarian

KATIE: At this time, I would like to introduce Dr. James Connor of South Dakota State University. Dr. Connor will be serving as the Parliamentarian for our Delegate Business Session. Dr. Connor, thank you for being willing to serve in this role.

Roll Call

KATIE: Secretary Murrell will be please call the roll of delegates?

ALISON: As I call your region, will the regional president please stand and state the number of delegates and the number of chapters present at this business session?

Region 1

Region 2

Region 3

Region 4

Region 5

Region 6

Region 7

Region 8

Alison will confer with Rada to get a total number of delegates and chapters then she will say,

ALISON: President Ketchum, I am pleased to report that there are _____ delegates representing _____ chapters present this morning.

Instructions

KATIE: Before we conduct the first item of business, I want to remind you of the procedure we will be following this morning. If

you wish to speak, stand for recognition and hold up your chapter name sign from the back of your chair. After you receive recognition from the chair, please state your name and chapter. We will also be using the green and pink cards for signify what side of the debate you are on.

Approval of 2023 Convention Delegate Minutes

KATIE: Our first item of business is approval of the minutes from the 2023 State FFA Convention Delegate session. These were printed and included in your chapter packet. The chair will now entertain a motion to approve the minutes for the 2023 State Convention Delegate Session as provided. Is there a motion?

Motion: Brennen Peterson GFW

Second: Tate Proeld Eden Valley Watkins

Discussion: None

Motion passed by majority vote.

The motion carries and the minutes are approved as printed.

Approval of State FFA Degrees

KATIE: Our next item of business is approval of State FFA Degrees. Is there a motion to approve the State FFA Degrees as

listed?

Motion: Andew Timm southland

Second: Jack Morris Zumbrota Mazeppa

Discussion: None

Motion passed by majority vote.

The motion carries and the State FFA Degrees are approved as printed.

Committee Reports

KATIE: We will now hear from each of our committees. Each committee group's chair will share the report from their group. Each committee chair will come to the podium to present their report.

KATIE: The first report will be from the Engaging Middle School Committee Group 1.

Committee chair gives report

KATIE: The second report will be from the Engaging Middle

School Committee Group 2.

Committee chair gives report.

KATIE: Our next report is from the Engaging in Leadership Committee Group 1.

Committee chair gives report

KATIE: Our next report is from the Engaging in Leadership Committee Group 2.

Committee chair gives report

KATIE: Our next report is from the Engaging in Career Exploration Committee Group 1.

Committee chair gives report

KATIE: Our next report is from the Engaging in Career Exploration Committee Group 2.

Committee chair gives report

KATIE: The Nominating Committee will present their report at the 5th Convention session on Tuesday.

Constitutional Amendment

KATIE: Next we will move into our constitutional amendments.

CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE X
Duties of the State Officers

Section G. The State Advisor. The State Advisor is an ex-officio member of all committees

and chairperson of the Board of Adult Directors. It is also his/her duty-to advise the Board of Student Officers, the Board of Adult Directors, delegates, and committees on matters of policy and assist the state officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs. The state advisor reviews all applications for the Minnesota FFA Degree as submitted by the regions. Submitting them in turn to the State Board of Student Officers and the Board of Adult Directors with his/her recommendations. The State Advisor reviews all applications for the American FFA Degree as submitted by the chapters, submitting them in turn to the national FFA office. **Add: In the absence of a MDE AFNR program specialist with the authority to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the State FFA Advisor, the duties and responsibilities of the position will be carried out by the State FFA Executive Director or their designees.**

Standing vote: Majority passed.

ARTICLE XIV

The State Board of Directors

Section A. The governing body of the organization shall be a Board of Adult Directors

composed of (a) Program Specialist of Agricultural Education, Minnesota Department of Education ~~who shall act as chairperson~~; (b) two members from the Minnesota FFA Association staff (c) eight agriculture instructors. (d) One representative from the Minnesota FFA Alumni; (e) One representative from the Minnesota FFA Foundation; (f) One representative of secondary school administrators (principal or superintendent). Add: g. The chairperson shall be selected annually from the Board of Adult Directors at the summer (July or August) board meeting.

Discussion: No discussion

Standing vote: Majority passed.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE II

Procedure for Electing Members to the Board of Adult Directors

Section E. The staff members representing Agriculture Education, Minnesota

Department of Education, and the Minnesota FFA Association who serve on the Board of

Directors shall be those persons who have been appointed by the ~~Program Specialist Agricultural Education.~~

Add: Adult Board of Directors Governance Committee.

Discussion: No debate

Standing vote: Majority passed

ARTICLE III

The Governing Board

Section A. The Board of Adult Directors shall appoint a governing committee

~~-consisting of the chairperson and members of the office staff who are members of the Board of Adult Directors.~~

These shall be those persons who have been appointed by the ~~Program Specialist Agricultural Education.~~ Add: Adult Board of Directors Governance Committee.

Discussion: No debate

Standing vote: Passed

Since this is a constitutional amendment, we must take a counted vote. The state officers will count your section. You will stand to vote. As you are counted by one of them you will sit down.

All in favor of the constitutional amendment as presented please stand.

Count the vote- report to Secretary

All opposed to the constitutional amendment as presented please stand.

Count the vote- report to Secretary

Katie will announce the count.

Motion carries or motion fails

KATIE: Our next constitutional amendment reads as follows:

Article II - Aims and Activities of the Organization

Article II. The objects and purposes of the organization are set forth in Section 3 of the organization's charter, Public Law ~~81-740~~ 116-7.

Discussion: No debate

Standing vote: Passed

Article IV - Membership

Section A. Membership in this organization shall be of Four kinds (1) Active; (2) Alumni; (3) ~~Collegiate~~; and (4 3) Honorary.

Section B. Active Membership: To be eligible for active membership in a chartered FFA Chapter, a student must be enrolled in a secondary agricultural education program. (Chapters may consider “secondary agricultural education programs” to be grades 7 – 12.)

To become an ~~active~~ ~~student~~ member and retain membership, a student must:

- ~~1. Be enrolled in at least one agricultural education course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study; each course must include a supervised agricultural experience the objective of which is establishment in an agricultural career. Members may retain their active membership until the final day of the fourth National FFA Convention after graduating from high school.~~
- ~~2. Show an interest in the affairs of the organization by attending meetings, striving for degrees of membership, and participating in other organized activities of the chapter.~~
- ~~3. Pay all current Region, State and National dues fees by date determined by the chapter, region and state associations.~~
- ~~4. Display conduct consistent with the ideals and purposes of the Minnesota FFA Association.~~

Add: meet the qualifications set forth in the National Constitution.

~~Section C. Collegiate chapters may be established in two or four year post-secondary institutions where agriculture courses are taught. Membership shall be opened to students enrolled in Agricultural courses, or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture. Each collegiate chapter shall be chartered by and maintained under the authority of the Minnesota Association. Collegiate chapters shall submit to the state advisor an annual report covering program of activities and achievements for the current school year. All activities of the collegiate chapter of FFA shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles and ideals of the FFA organization. Activities for FFA collegiate chapter members shall be based upon the needs and interests of its members.~~

Section D-C. The State Association shall be divided into eight administrative regions: Region I, Region II, Region III, Region IV, Region V, Region VI, Region VII, Region VIII. Each region shall have a constitution in harmony with the state constitution. Each local chapter shall belong to its regional organization, and pay individual ~~dues~~ **fees** as established by the regional association.

Section E D. Schools with large enrollments and/or multiple programs in agricultural education may establish mini-chapters as a subdivision of the regular chapter. Each mini-chapter shall be organized and operated in accordance with all the provisions of the national and state Constitutions. When mini chapters are operated as subdivisions of the regular (parent) chapter, they shall be coordinated by the officers and advisors of the parent chapter.

Discussion:

1. Noah Quigley-Randolph -Why are dues being changed to fees? If this is related to affiliated membership why aren't unaffiliated

chapters allowed to simply have dues? Would “dues” and/or fees be more appropriate wording?

2. Name Brennen Peterson GFW.

Standing vote: Passed

Article V - Procedure for Determining Standings of Chapters and Members

Section A. A local chapter shall be considered to be in good standing with the State Association when the following general conditions are met:

1. All current region, state and national dues have been paid into the state treasury on or before May 15 or show by postmark or other reliable evidence, to have been mailed to the state office on or before April 15.
2. All reports have been submitted to the state executive ~~secretary~~ **director** as requested.
3. No provision of the chapter constitution is to be in conflict with the State and National Constitutions and P.L. ~~740~~ **116-7** hereafter referred to as federal charter. Activities are in harmony with the ideal and purposes of the national organization.
4. The Board of Student Officers and the Board of Adult Directors of the State Association shall have the power to suspend local chapters upon receipt of evidence of infringements on the provisions of the State or National Constitutions. A report of all suspensions shall be presented to the next succeeding State Convention.

~~Section D. Collegiate Membership: Collegiate chapters may be established in two or four year (postsecondary) institutions where agricultural courses are taught. Membership shall be open to students enrolled in agricultural courses, or who are pursuing~~

~~career objectives in the industry of agriculture. Such chapters shall be primarily designed for training their members in the knowledge and skill of advising and maintaining local FFA Chapters.~~

Section ~~D~~ E. Honorary Membership: Supervisors, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, instructors, teachers of agriculture, businessmen, farmers and others who are helping to advance agriculture education and the FFA, and who are rendering outstanding service may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting or convention. Honorary membership shall be limited to the Honorary Chapter Degree in the chapter, and Honorary State Degree in the State Association.

Section ~~F~~ E. Voting Privilege: Alumni and honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office in the State and local organization.

Discussion:

1. Grace visser Ada-Borup-west - If striking out collegiate chapter members and advisor are we changing something to show that advisors are still allowed.

Clarification stated that collegiate members will now just be alumni members.

2. Lauren smith Medford chapter - Why changing title of executive secretary to executive director.

Standing vote: Majority passed

Article VIII - Emblem

Section D. ~~Collegiate Chapter members and advisors are entitled to wear an owl pin of official design.~~ Honorary Chapter FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear either the official silver or gold emblem pin; Honorary State FFA Degree recipients shall be entitled to wear the official gold emblem charm.

Discussion: Alana Forliti AFSA - Why changing advisors to no longer an owl pin. Clarification was that it will not effect the owl in reference to advisor.

Standing vote: Passed

Article IX – Officers

Section A. State officers of the organization shall be a student president; student vice-president; student secretary; student treasurer, student reporter, student sentinel; eight regional presidents; an executive ~~secretary~~ director; an executive treasurer; and a state advisor.

Section B. The State student officers shall constitute of Board of Students Officers which shall be the duty of such board to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Adult Directors with respect to the conduct of the activities and business of the organization.

Section C. State officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled on annual state convention in

accordance with Article X from among the qualified members of the organization. It is expected that the state advisor shall be the state program specialist of Agricultural, Food, and Natural Resources Education ~~at the Department of Postsecondary Student Success,~~ Minnesota Department of Education. ~~The executive secretary and executive treasurer shall be a member of the department subject to approval of the Board of Directors and~~ The regional presidents shall be elected by their regions. The State Vice Presidents shall be elected by the chapters in their respective regions.

Section D. In the conduct of the annual state convention, each qualified delegate shall have one vote.

Section E. Chapter officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sentinel and Advisor. Local teachers of agriculture shall be the local advisors. Student officers of the chapter shall be elected annually or semiannually at a regular meeting of the local chapter.

Section F. State officers shall have attained the Minnesota FFA Degree. Officers in the local chapters must hold the Chapter FFA Degree after the chapter has been established in any given school for one year.

Standing vote: Passed

Article X – Duties of the State Officers

Section C. The Student Secretary: The student secretary shall perform the duties common to this office, including keeping an accurate record of the sessions of the state convention and Board

of Student Officers, one copy of which shall be given to the executive ~~secretary~~ director for the permanent files and one copy kept for the files. The secretary shall perform such other duties as directed to perform by the Board of Student Officers, the Board of Adult Directors, and by the executive ~~secretary~~ director.

Section D. The Executive ~~Secretary~~ Director: The executive ~~secretary~~ director shall issue charters to the local chapters when ordered to do so by the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Adult Directors and shall keep the official record of membership and progress. He/she shall act as publicity agent of the State Association. He/she shall receive all reports from the local chapters, review them and inform the Board of Student Officers and Board of Adult Directors of any proceedings which appear to be in conflict with the State and National Constitution. He/she shall keep or have kept correct the complete minutes of the proceeding of the meetings, of the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Adult Directors and of any other committee or officially convened meetings or members, or officers charged with the transaction of business. He/she shall also keep a record of all officers of the organization, their terms of office, and of all members of the FFA entitled to vote at a state convention. Copies of all such minutes shall be furnished to members of the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Adult Directors. He/she shall be in charge of arrangements for the annual state convention and may perform such other duties as directed by the Board of Student Directors.

Section E. The Student Treasurer: The student treasurer shall, in cooperation with the executive treasurer, act as a custodian of the funds of the organization. Payment of all accounts shall be made

by check from the current approved accounting procedures of the ~~Association or fiscal host Minnesota Department of Education or parent agency~~. This officer shall furnish the auditing committee an itemized report of checks issued and bank deposits made and shall perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board of Student Officers, Board of Adult Directors and State Executive Treasurer.

Section F. The Executive Treasurer: The executive treasurer shall be responsible for the review and monitoring of all funds of the organization. He/she shall review, monitor, and prepare for audit current and complete books and records of account concerning all financial transactions of the organization and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Student Officers and Board of Adult Directors. Payment of all accounts shall be made by check from the current approved accounting procedures of the ~~Association or fiscal host Minnesota Department of Education or parent agency~~.

Section H. The Student Reporter: The student reporter shall assist in the preparation and publication of the state newsletter and shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Board of Student Officers, Board of Adult Directors, and by the Executive ~~Secretary~~ Director.

Debate: None

Standing vote: Passed

Article XI – Procedure for Electing State Officers

Section B. ~~The executive secretary and executive treasurer elected shall be a member of the staff of the Agricultural Education Unit, or an employee of the Minnesota Department of Education.~~

The president, the vice-president, the student secretary, the student treasurer, the reporter, and sentinel shall be elected from membership at large.

Debate: None

Standing vote: Passed

Article XIV – The State Board of Directors

Section D. The Board may designate the chairperson and members of the staff as a governing committee which consist of the State President, State Vice President, State Advisor; Executive ~~Secretary~~ **Director**, and two senior board members, and which, when the board is not in session, shall have and exercise the powers of the board subject to its direction.

Debate: No debate

Standing vote: Passed

ARTICLE XV - Fees Dues

~~Section A. Annual membership dues in the state association shall be fixed by a majority vote of the delegates present at a state convention of the Minnesota FFA Association. FFA membership year shall be July 1 to July 31.~~

~~Section B. Annual membership dues in chapters shall be fixed by the chapter by a majority vote of the members present at the annual chapter meetings.~~

Annual dues and fees shall be established by the process set forth in the National Constitution.

Debate: None

Standing Vote: Passed

ARTICLE XVI - Amendments

Section A. A proposed amendment to the State Constitution must be submitted in writing by the governing body of a chapter, to the state Executive ~~Secretary~~ Director at least 60 days prior to any state convention of the Minnesota FFA Association. A proposed amendment must be submitted by the state advisor to the chapters at least 30 days prior to the next succeeding state convention, be reviewed by the Board of Student Officers and the Board of Adult Directors and submitted by the Board of Student Officers with recommendations to the delegates in state convention.

Debate: None

Standing vote: Passed

ARTICLE IV - The Fiscal Year

Section A. The Fiscal Year of the association shall commence on the first of ~~July~~ **January** in each year and shall end on the ~~thirtieth~~ **31st** day of ~~June~~ **December of the next succeeding calendar year.**

Debate: None

Standing vote: Passed

Bylaws

ARTICLE VI Reports of the Executive ~~Secretary~~ Director

Section A. Each local chapter shall submit the following information to the Executive ~~Secretary~~ **Director**:

1. A list of the newly elected officers.
2. A list of the official delegates to the State Convention at least two weeks prior to the State Convention.
3. A completed list of the names and degrees of local chapter members each year.
4. An annual chapter report on forms furnished by the Executive ~~Secretary~~ **Director** and progress reports as may be deemed advisable and called for by the Board of Student Officers and Board of Adult Directors.
5. A report of any changes in, or amendments to, the local Constitution and Bylaws immediately following each such change.

Debate: None

Standing vote: Passed

ARTICLE VII Procedure for Issuing Charters to Local Chapters

Section A. The State Association may issue a charter to a local chapter when:

1. An application has been filed in the office of State Association and approved by the state advisor.
2. A list of the names of members and officers have been filed in the office of the State Association.
3. A copy of the proposed local constitution and bylaws has been filed in the office of the State Association and approved by the state advisor.
4. A copy of the program of work has been filed in the office of the State Association and has been approved by the state advisor and state executive ~~secretary~~ director.
5. Current State and National dues have been paid.
6. The required charter fee has been paid.
7. An undertaking by such chapter has been made to keep continuously a permanent record of the names and addresses of officers of the chapter entitled to vote.

Debate: None

Standing vote: Passed

KATIE: Our next constitutional amendment reads as follows:

Remove - Article IX. Section A: State officers of the organization shall be a student president, student vice president, student

secretary, student treasurer, student reporter, student sentinel, eight regional presidents, an executive director, an executive treasurer, and a state advisor.

a. Replace - Section A: State officers of the organization shall be a student president, student vice president, student secretary, student treasurer, student reporter, and a student sentinel.

2. Remove - Article IX. Section B: The State student officers shall constitute of Board of Students Officers which shall be the duty of such board to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Adult Directors with respect to the conduct of the activities and business of the organization.

a. Add - Section B: The State student board of directors shall be the state officers, eight regional presidents, an executive director, an executive treasurer, and a state advisor. It shall be the duty of such board to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Adult Directors with respect to the conduct of the activities and business of the organization.

3. Remove: Article IX. Section C. The State Vice Presidents shall be elected by the chapters in their respective regions.

a. Replace: Article IX. Section C. The Regional Presidents shall be elected by the chapters in their respective regions.

4. Remove - Article IX. Section F: State officers shall have attained the Minnesota FFA Degree. Officers in their local chapters must hold the Chapter FFA Degree after the chapter has been established in any given school for one year.

a. Replace - Article IX. Section F: State officers shall have attained the Minnesota FFA Degree. Regional officer requirements are established by regional constitutions. Officers in the local chapters must hold the Chapter FFA Degree after the chapter has been established in any given school for one year.

5. Remove - Article X. Section B: The Student Vice President: 1. In case the office of president becomes vacant by resignation, or in the absence of the president at the meeting of the State Association, the vice president shall assume these duties. 2. It shall be the duty of the regional presidents acting under the direction of the president to look after the welfare of the FFA organization and their respective regions.

a. Replace - Article X. Section B: The Student Vice President: In case the office of president becomes vacant by resignation, or in the case of absence of the president at a meeting of the State Association, the vice president shall assume these duties.

b. Add - Article X. Section J: Regional President: It shall be the duty of the regional presidents acting under the direction of the president to look after the welfare of the FFA organization in their respective regions

Debate: Jack Feld Randolph: By eliminating RPs of state officer it could lead to less regional representation at the state level

2. Lauren Dolezal Redwood Valley- Oppose article because it removes RPs from the standard of quality to represent their region.

3. Grace Visser Ada Borup West- State degree, there are new chapters chartering, just because they do not have their state degree, does not mean there are qualified candidates.

4. Kaiya Grossman Grand Rapids - Would this change the back of the Region presidents back of jackets from associations to the region positions.

Standing vote: 143 in favor of the amendment
136 opposed.
Amendment failed.

Motion made to reconsider made by Kayla slette – Mahnomen.
Voice vote to reconsider all in favor to reconsider: Reconsider failed.

Business from the Floor

Is there any business from the delegate floor?

If yes, proceed using parliamentary procedure. Rada and Connor can provide clarification as needed. If there is no business from the floor proceed to closing comments.

Closing Comments

We have one more item of business to complete- the Election of 2024-2025 Minnesota FFA Association State Officers. This item

of business will be presented at the 5th Convention Session tomorrow at 12:00 p.m. I encourage all of you to be present for this important decision.

At this time, I want to thank you again for your dedication to your chapter and our Association. This morning you have helped chart the future of our organization. I wish each of you all the best as you go through the rest of this 95th State FFA Convention.

At this time, the Delegate Business Session of the 95th State FFA Convention is adjourned.