

Midwinter 2021
January 15, 2021
Cambridge Middle/ High School

Attendance:

In-Person-

Brian Wolf, IATA Past President
Amy Nichols, IATA President
Cody Porath, IATA President Elect
Samuel Hoffman, IATA Secretary
Kelsey Williams, IATA Secretary Elect
Josette Nebeker, Teacher Mentor Program Coordinator
Dan Billington, South Magic Valley District
Mike Tesnohlidek, Western Idaho District
Tom Jacobson, North Upper Snake River District
Nicole Lebsack, Website Coordinator
Kyle Stapleton, North Idaho District
Jason Tindall, Treasure Valley District
Joe Blackstock, Boise Valley District
Nick Davis, CDE Chairman

Virtual-

Lucas Barnett, Agriculture Natural Resources Quality Program Manager/Idaho
FFA Advisor

Kevin Wells, Southeast Idaho District
Brandee Lewis, North Magic Valley District
Andy Nelson, East Magic Valley District
Travis Edwards, ICTE Representative
Jaysa Fillmore, CSI Representative
Marcia Jedry, Idaho FFA Foundation Director
Justin Touchstone, Idaho CTE
Alan Heikkila, IATA Treasurer
Kelsey Bender, Blackfoot Advisor

Call to Order: 11:05

Agenda Approved

Minutes Approval

- Tom Jacobsen moved to accept the minutes - Dan Billington seconded - Motion passed.

Mentor Program Update-- Josette Nebeker

- Update
 - 15 new teachers

- Monthly email from mentors to mentees to make sure that everything is going well
- University of Idaho giving credit to Mentors for free
- Welcome gifts to new teachers, perhaps provided from CTE

NAAE Region 1 Conference-- Kyle Stapleton

- Update from NAAE
 - Face to face region 1 conference
 - Conference is supposed to be hosted in Bozeman, MT
 - Possible conference in July, near the 13th
 - Cut off date is March 1st to decide on delivery format
 - All of the same opportunities would be available in July vs. April

Review Nominations for State Awards-- Amy Nichols

- IATA Awards
 - Applications must be postmarked by March 1st then the NAAE application must be turned in by May 15th
 - Idaho has had many award winners at the National level
- NAAE Outstanding Cooperation-- Postponed, need to speak with Marcia
 - PNW Farmers Cooperative
 - Peterson Group--Dodge Dealership
 - NW Farm Credit
 - Stotz Equipment
 - Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission
 - College of Southern Idaho-- Jaysa asked to wait another year.
 - University of Idaho
 - Simplot--possibly wait another year to nominate, they were nominated in 2015
 - It was moved by Cody porath to nominate the Idaho Rangeland Commission for the outstanding cooperation - Kyle Stapleton seconded - Motion passed
- NAAE Service Citation
 - Dan Sample
 - Larry Church
 - Dan Sample won the nomination with a vote of 6 to 5.
- NAAE Lifetime Achievement
 - Sue Poland
 - Keith Hyatt
 - Tom Clifton
 - It was agreed to switch Dan Sample and Larry Church will be the nominee. No objections
- Other state awards
 - Teachers Turn the Key
 - Outstanding Early Career Teacher

- Outstanding Middle School Program
- Outstanding Secondary Program
- Outstanding Administration

Committee Business update-- Cody Porath

- CDE Committee
 - Rules have been updated by Brandee Lewis
 - The updated CDE manuals are hosted on the IATA website. A link exists on the Idaho FFA website that takes you to the IATA website.
 - Employment Skills doesn't reference Gregg's Manual in the rules any longer. Instead it provides a sample resume.
 - Joe Blackstock moved that we reference the National Resume samples for the LDE - Kelsey Williams seconded - Motion passed.
- SAE Committee
 - Why must a skill area be entered for every single entry in AET
 - State Degree tests will be available to take on the 18th
 - Pass rate on the AET tests would be an 80% rather than a 60%
 - Could tests be taken at any point during a student's high school career and carry over to be used for the state degree tests
 - SAE Committee will need to be voted on to change from a special committee to a standing committee

AFNR/ State FFA Advisor Update-- Lucas Barnett

- American Degrees
 - Should be turned in to Lucas by February 15th if you want time to edit
- Idaho FFA Website
 - Has been updated with a calendar in the Advisor's Corner
- IQPS and Other Grants
 - IQPS is being converted to a OneDrive format. Several chapters have tried out the new format and can help if needed
 - PQI has a new start up grant but AFNR programs would not be eligible because of the IQPS start up grant
 - Start up grants may transition to allow cluster programs to receive it if they are transitioning into a pathway program. This will be discussed further at a later date, possibly June.
 - IQPS, 38 total applied with 8 rolling over for next year.
- Departmental Changes
 - Erin McManis is the new administrative assistant for Lucas, no longer Jacob Barber. New admin assistant will support AFNR, Health, FFA, and HOSA
- Miller Training Session
 - Lucas was asked by Jack Blattner to mention that Jack is looking for potential dates in June for a Miller Training session.

Idaho FFA Foundation-- Marcia Jedry

- Grants and Scholarships
 - Gift of blue. 68 jackets were given out.
 - WLC is cancelled for 2021
 - Peterson Dodge and Peterson Chevy is offering scholarships to chapters in the treasure valley
 - Emerge grants are available for programs
 - Tractor Raffle has raised over \$30,000 already this year. Please keep selling tickets and make sure to send in money and ticket stubs to the foundation
- State Convention
 - Leadership workshops being coordinated by the foundation. There will also be a scavenger hunt with \$1000 to \$500 for the winners and a fourth prize going to a random chapter
 - Registration fee will still be \$35 per student for state convention
 - There will be a “convention in a box” sent to chapters that register that includes some interactive pieces.
 - Flat rate available for chapters???
- North Idaho Fundraiser
 - Instead of a dinner, there will be other opportunities hosted around the state such as golf tournaments and other outdoor activities on June 10th. Marcia would appreciate input. No auction, but there will be raffles. There will also be a BBQ at the end.

IDCTE Program Quality Update-- Justin Touchstone

- PQI Incentive Grant
 - Ag Teachers are not eligible
- TSA's
- Added cost funding process
 - Fully automated system with ICEE
 - Some teachers were bumped below 0.8 FTE if they taught a middle school class or an advisory period. There is a 6 digit course code for a CTE advisory class
 - Local annual application. Districts must verify the information and Justin will be putting that information in
 - No additional funds until maybe 2023
 - Should added cost funds be based on the number of pathways taught or the number of teachers at the school
- Build Idaho Grant Money
 - State legislature gave CTE 1 million dollars to secondary programs for the modernization of programs and equipment.
 - Applications due end of January

IATA Business-- Amy Nichols

- SLC Dinner
 - Bylaw changes need to be discussed during an april meeting to vote and approve changes
- Business items from Districts
 - Face-to-face CDE's? Support needed from other districts for a push for in person CDE's
 - Decision to cancel the state convention was an internal decision made by the division.
 - There will be an IATA taskforce to push for in person CDE's
 - FFA seems to be the only CTSO passionate about in person state events
 - Kyle Stapleton moved a CDE task force to see if we can host in person CDE's - seconded by Mike Tesnohlidek - motion passed
 - Recommendations for the task force could be the Idaho FFA Board of Directors, CDE committee chair, Amy Nichols, and Cody Porath
 - Nothing has been determined for in terms of State CDE's but it seems like the University of Idaho may not be willing to host events
 - Focus on implementing mitigation plans for the following CDE's/LDE's:
 - Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Creed Speaking
 - Prepared Speaking
 - Parliamentary Procedure
 - Conduct of Chapter Meetings
 - Horse Evaluation
 - Floriculture
 - Nursery Landscape
 - Employment Skills
 - Ag. Sales
 - Farm and AgriBusiness Management
 - Ag. Issues
- State Degree Requirements
 - State Degree requirements were on the agenda but not discussed during the IATA Board meeting

CTEI Report-- Travis Edwards

- Update
 - Last time they met was to discuss REACH
 - 104 active members
 - Decrease in membership due to COVID
 - Senate bill occupational certification. Addresses how stipend often goes to the school district and never reaches the occupational instructor
- REACH 2021
 - Should have REACH 2021 in person. Conference theme is "stronger together"

- Integrating precision ag as a pathway and farm business management at REACH
- Career success tour based on different pathways
- Livestock judging workshop and event for advisors
- New teachers specifically industry certified teachers called what is ag ed

CSI Update-- Jaysa Fillmore

- CSI Department Update
 - CSI Ag Club are chartered with National FFA Alumni and Supporters, Idaho Cattle Association, and Collegiate Farm Bureau
 - Program changes for horticulture and equine departments
 - Ag Department will be posted by February 15th
 - CSI Summer Ag Academy would be from June 28th- July 2nd. Cost would be \$75 which would include a t-shirt and meals and is open for 20 students entering grades 10-12. Various topics would be covered
 - CSI has received a \$150,000 grant
- LDE and CDE opportunities
 - 10 person limits on all LDE's and CDE's
 - Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Agronomy, Others are available
 - Educational Events would also be available in topics related to Aquaculture, Precision Agriculture, Individual and group campus events
 - CSI has the ability to host in person events

Treasurer's Report-- Alan Heikkila

- Membership Report
 - IATA Membership 106 total, 93 active, and 13 life
 - NAAE Membership- 86 active and 20 life; 106 total
 - CTEI Membership- 104
 - ACTE Membership- 11
- Financial Report as of 1/14/21
 - Checking account balance= \$926.14
 - Savings account balance= \$26,135.91
 - Investment account balance as of 12/31/2020= \$15,907.68
 - Investment account balance as of 5/31/2020= \$14,006.32
- Membership Forms
 - Singular forms distributed for membership

Summer In-Service/ Professional Development Planning-- Amy Nichols

- June 21st-- 24th
 - Registration begins at 11AM Monday.
 - Session 1 begins at 1230PM
- Plans
 - IATA is going to go forward with an in person event in Blackfoot
 - Lunch is hosted each day

- Golf Scramble social is planned
- Tours:
 - Basic American
 - Spudnik
 - Premier Technologies
 - Flower Farms
- Hosted Dinner at Ft. Hall Hotel and Casino
- Workshops
 - Mark Pratt submitted a grant with the Beef Council for 3 rainfall simulators.
 - There would need to be training on how to use these. Could be a possibility during In-Service
 - Workshop ideas according to Joe Blackstock
 - Small School Management
 - Google Classroom
 - Your first day with AET
 - Alumni Management
 - Building a strong POA
 - Hydroponics
 - Electricity
 - Small Engines
 - Basic Livestock Judging/Oral Reasons
 - Cash Valley Feeds
 - Implementing SAE and FFA into the classroom
 - Journey 2050
 - Conduct of Chapter Meetings
 - Floriculture Program
 - Food Science
 - ENR
 - Getting back to Basics
 - Survey for workshop ideas will go out
- Lodging
 - Hotel block at Ft. Hall Casino, \$129/ night 21 rooms available
 - Best Western is also available, but no hotel block

REACH Planning-- Lucas Barnett

- REACH Planning
 - An email survey went out earlier this week asking for input for in person or virtual
 - Travis provided most of the update for REACH
 - Dona Orr, CTEI professional development director, organizes REACH

Team Ag Ed Update-- Lucas Barnett

- What is team ag ed's role

- Team Ag Ed's role was to serve as an advisory committee for agricultural education in Idaho
- Mark Poeschl has stepped down as the CEO of the National FFA Organization

Legislative Action Report--Amy Nichols

- Food Producers representative- Steve Wilder
 - Putting together factsheets for the new senate ag chair and the house ag chair.
 - Ag teachers should send in important information that they would like to see on the fact sheets

Adjourn: Joe Blackstock made the motion to adjourn - Mike Tesnohlidek seconded - Motion passed 5:15 PM

Work on the CDE task force.

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 Lance Zollinger, FFA Alumni Representative

Virtual:

Kelsey Williams, IATA Secretary-Elect
 Clara-Leigh Evans, FFA Coordinator
 Lucas Barnett, AFNR Program Quality Manager/ State FFA Advisor
 Kevin Wells, Southeast Idaho District
 Andy Nelson, East Magic Valley District
 Travis Edwards, CTEI Representative
 Herman Roberts, Past President Idaho FFA
 Alan Heikkila, IATA Treasurer
 Brandee Lewis, North Magic Valley District
 Dr. Kattlyn Wolf, U of I

Dr. Jim Connors, U of I
Clay Long, Idaho CTE
Clayton Beene, Idaho FFA President- Burley
Cade Brackett, Idaho FFA Vice President- Marsing
Riatta Chandler, Idaho FFA Secretary- Weiser
Audrey Godfrey, Idaho FFA Treasurer- Rigby
Bailey Grove, Idaho FFA Reporter- Troy
Nathan Stastny, Idaho FFA Sentinel- Kimberly

Call to Order: 8:35 AM

Unfinished IATA Business--Brian Wolf/ Amy Nichols

- SLC Dinner/ Meeting
 - Thursday, April 8th 7PM MST/ 6PM PST
 - Is this meeting view Zoom?

FFA Alumni and Supporters Report--Lance Zollinger

- Representation
 - Representative for the Boise Valley District has been filled by Tyler Reynolds. All districts have representation at the alumni and supporters state level
- Foundation Collaboration
 - Alumni and Supporters have been helping with the tractor raffle
 - Alumni and Supporters have met regularly with the foundation and collaborate with the foundation to enhance the purpose of the two organizations
 - Contact lists are being shared between the two organizations to foster good relationships in the agricultural community
- Helpful Connections
 - Alumni and Supporters are trying to help foster relationships with community members and advisors
- Task Force
 - Alan Heikkila asked for support with the task force for holding CDE's in person. Lance stated that he would like to help with the efforts of the task force

IATA Legislative Action Report--Amy Nichols

- IDAPA Codes
 - Potential changes are coming to added cost funding. IATA needs to look at the changes before they are finalized
- Extended Contracts
 - Getting the supplemental contract language changed to extended contracts

UI Ag Ed/ Extension Ed Department Report-- Dr. Kattlyn Wolf

- Department Facts
 - Third largest department in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
 - Working on scholarships for student teacher when they leave to student teach

- Replacing Renee Hanson's position full time rather than half time. Sarah Swenson is the new part time administrative assistant
- State CDE's
 - Stage 2 restrictions on University's ability to host State CDE's
 - Tad Wheeler has left for Washington State University so Agricultural Mechanics may be difficult to host
 - On campus housing may not be available
 - If given a months notice they think they can make State CDE's happen
- Report- Dr. Connors
 - Travel restrictions on faculty and staff
 - 6 student teachers out right now
 - Classes are continuing in person
 - Virtual North Idaho District events which will serve as a pilot for the virtual events at the state level
 - State CDE's is up to higher officials and we should expect a decision by March 1st or April 1st at the latest
 - New possible dual credit course from the University taught by Dr. Connors (History of American and World Ag). Would count as a humanities credit for students
 - Able to modify a plan to have some April CDE's moved to June.
 - Just need details as to who is going to run certain events and where in the schedule it can be. The week may need to be expanded in order to accommodate extra events.

CTE Report-- Clay Long

- Legislative Updates
 - Strong recommendations for program expansion and modernization from the governor
 - Support from the governor to move fire safety and technology from Eastern Idaho to the Division of Career and Technical Education.
 - CTE Diploma which will follow the stem action center in regards to their stem diploma.
- CTE Challenges
 - No additional funds for added cost funds
 - Set aside a fund specifically for start up programs
- CTE Updates
 - 5% holdback is slated to be reallocated for the next fiscal year
 - Clay confirmed that there would be no changes to the way that IDAPA codes were entered and money would be allocated
- In Person CDE's
 - The division is standing behind the decision to move everything to a virtual format
 - Are we able to guarantee that all students have access and opportunity? (Clay's biggest question)

National FFA Update--Amy Nichols

- American degrees should have been received in the mail, they were directly sent to the student
- Owl chat sessions are open for conversations with national and state staff and stakeholders
- Living to serve grants
 - Mini grants
 - Semester Long
 - Year Long
- Career and Leadership Challenges
 - For individual members to showcase and learn skills on a variety of topics
- ENR--I didn't hear all of what Amy said
- Ag Discovery Website
 - Animal Science, Plant Science, and Natural resources
- National FFA Scholarship
 - Check your emails for Advisor verification email because it may be in your spam or junk mail inbox

CTSO/ FFA Update--Clara-Leigh Evans

- Weekly update emails
 - Please read. Details for events are in there.
 - Emails will begin coming from a CTE email instead of Clara-Leigh directly
 - Idaho FFA reaches out to Idaho Alumni and Supporters, Career Success Tours, Days of Service, Idaho FFA Foundation to put communication all in one place
- Idaho has been selected as a host training state for the National FFA Officers
 - 12 chapters have been selected by Clara-Leigh
 - February 8-11
- Idaho FFA Deadlines
 - There is a new and updated Idaho FFA website
 - Teacher and student landing spots
 - Places for parents to get on and figure out how to get involved
- Virtual Convention Planning
 - Idaho FFA is well under way in the planning for our virtual state convention
 - New simple platform for the delivery of virtual state convention. Teachers can go onto Texas FFA's website to see what virtual state convention will look like this year
 - Convention in a box for participating chapters
 - Community service is going to be emphasized in the weeks leading up to vsc
 - Career Success Tours
 - 25 students are in the State Convention class at the University of Idaho. Clara-Leigh and Dr. Bush are helping to facilitate that class
 - State Officers are working on scripting with retiring addresses to be ready to film at the end of February

- Virtual CDE's and LDE's are planned for similar times that they would typically be held at state convention
- Open for the public but while it is live participants must enter some credentials to be involved
- \$35 per student provides some income for the Idaho FFA Association. The money will go towards an online platform, t-shirts, etc.
- Virtual State Convention registration and schedule rough draft out by February 1st
- State Officer Application
 - May be posted on Monday
 - Every application will be submitted online

Additional Announcements

- There are openings in Naae committees

Adjourn: Mike Tesnohlidek moved to adjourn - Brian Wolf seconded - motion passed