

2023 Summer Inservice  
Committee Minutes



**Committee: FFA Relations**  
**Chair: Daniel Heikkila**  
**Secretary: Carly Oman**

**Committee Members Present:**

Daniel Heikkila (3)  
Kyle Stapleton (1)  
Clara-Leigh Evans  
Kellsie Peterson  
Jack Blattner (3)  
Alan Schoen (3)  
Carly Oman (5)  
Amanda Evans (5)  
Val Johnson (7)  
Pat Dixon (7)  
Loren Eells  
Cassidy Dutton (7)  
Savannah Stroebel  
Gabrielle Jonhson (8)  
Emma Hillie  
Hannah Mamer (10)  
Kevin Wells (9)

Casey Sanders  
Tom Woodland  
Trent Vanluven  
Katie Cooper  
Anthony Jefferies

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

**Business:**

- I. Call of Order was made @ 4:01 PM on June 19, 2023.

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## II. Approval of Minutes

A. Topic: Approving of 2022 FFA Relations Committee Minutes

B. General Discussion:

C. Main Motion:

i. Motion made by: Gabby Johnson

ii. Seconded by: Emma Hillie

iii. Motion as read: *“Approve 2022 Minutes as posted on theiata.com”*

iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:

1. Main Motion: Passed with 16 in favor, 0 against

## III. Reviewal of 2022 FFA Relations Committee Action Items

### Previous Action Item #1

A. Motion as read: “FFA Relations Committee recommends to add a column to the action item report to be filled out by the secretary elect after the committee report during general session.”

B. General Discussion

a. Over the past few years there have been some committee items discussed at Summer In-service that do not get discussed at the board meeting at the end of the week. The committee agreed there needed to be streamline process to ensure the Board of Directors see those issues that passed during the general session meeting. The committee simply added a column to the action item report to clean up that process.

1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.

2. Motion was Passed during General Session Meeting.

### Previous Action Item #2

A. Motion as read: “FFA Relations Committee recommends that the Gem State Leadership Conference has clear and concise expectations of dress on the registration form reinforced by teachers.”

A. General Discussion

a. Over the past several years, the conference was supposed to be business casual; however, that has not been the case. Advisors were seeing students in pajamas and torn jeans. Some chapters were asking for the conference to move back towards the more professional option of FFA official dress because it was not as subjective as to what constitutes business casual. Ultimately, the committee asked that there be a dress code expectation on the registration form plus be reinforced by advisors.

1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
2. Motion was Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #3A

- A. Motion as read: "FFA Relations Committee recommends that when registration for state convention opens delegate issues will be made available to all chapters."
- B. General Discussion
  - a. With growing concerns of items like new invitationals and delegate issues appearing to be bulldozer before the state, the FFA Relations Committee wanted to establish a procedure for how delegate issues are to be presented and brought before the state. It was agreed upon to from advisors and chapters,
    1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
    2. Motion was Refer to CDE Committee and Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #3B

- A. Motion as read: "Clara-Leigh works with the FFA Board of Directors to update standing rules on creating a procedure for FFA business to flow through IATA committees, student delegates, and FFA Board of Directors."
- B. General Discussion
  - a. With turnover of teaching and new developments each year statewide, it was agreed that there needed to be a flow chart of procedures for handling FFA business. The committee asked that Clara-Leigh work with the FFA Board of Directors to update the standing rules.
    1. Motion was Recommend from Committee.
    2. Motion was Refer to CDE Committee and Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #4

- A. Motion as read: "FFA Relations Committee recommends that no action be taken on limiting State Officers to one vote on the FFA Board of Directors."
- B. General Discussion
  - a. The committee came to an agreement that if a district representative is unable to attend, they need to find a fill in to ensure each district is represented. In addition, if state officers were limited to one vote, there would have to change the current constitution which threatened the integrity of FFA being a student lead organization. Therefore, no action was taken by the committee.

1. Motion was Recommend from Committee.
2. Motion was Refer to CDE Committee and Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #5

A. Motion as read: "FFA Relations Committee recommends that we take no action on the item to limit time of FFA Awards and State Convention sessions."

B. General Discussion

- a. The committee last year recognized that it's difficult to put a set time for sessions at State Leadership Convention with changes and adjustments being made every year. It was just asked that Clara-Leigh and state officers be mindful of session lengths. Therefore, no action was taken on the item.

1. Motion was Recommend from Committee.
2. Motion was Refer to CDE Committee and Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #6

A. Motion as read: "FFA Relations Committee recommends that the virtual FFA Chapter for ITCA's K-12 begins the process for an FFA Charter and the chapter be placed in a district. Students need to be enrolled in an accredited virtual school full-time, that receives state CTE funding and cannot be dual enrolled in another K-12 school."

B. General Discussion

- a. As virtual schooling continues to grow following Covid-19, the committee recognized that a clear process and requirements needed to be stated for virtual chapters to become chartered. In addition, came up with the criteria to ensure students were taking advantage of current local programs and were not dual enrolled to eliminate possible creations of "club teams."

1. Motion was Recommend from Committee.
2. Motion was Refer to CDE Committee and Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #7

A. Motion as read: "No proposed 2022 Audit and Budget Requested by the FFA Relations Committee."

B. General Discussion

- b. No items required budget. Therefore, no request was made.

Previous Action Item #8

A. Motion as read: "FFA Relations Committee nominates Daniel Heikkila as 2022 Chairman of FFA Relations Committee and Carly Oman as the 2022 secretary of the FFA Relations committee."

B. General Discussion

- a. Last year's committee asked Daniel Heikkila to continue to serve for next year. No other discussion.

1. Motion was Recommend from Committee.
2. Motion was Refer to CDE Committee and Passed during General Session Meeting.

IV. Old Business

*\*No previous old business*

V. New Business

**Item #1.0**

A. Topic: Presented by [REDACTED]: ***I move that a member of the FFA relations committee creates a new map of Idaho FFA chapters and programs with updated districts to be shared on the IATA and FFA webpages in a jpg and word format.***

B. General Discussion:

- i. Rational:
- ii. Housed at CTE- Adjustments can be made there.
- iii. Notify CTE to update- they are working on it.
- iv. It needs to be updated

*No action was taken since no formal motion was made.*

**Item #2.0**

A. Topic: Presented by [REDACTED]: ***I move that the State FFA Officers create an accurate thank you list of superintendents for State CDE's and State Convention to be sent out via the listserv or put in advisor packets.***

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B. General Discussion:

- i. Rational: ?
- ii. In the Ag Ed Directory, each year
- iii. Clara-Leigh and her committee will update- Email Address and Address
- iv. Clara- Leigh does not recommend this is happens state officers do not have access to the directory.
- v. Make teachers aware that this is located at the back of the directory

*No action was taken since no formal motion was made.*

**Item #3.0**

A. Topic: Presented by Joe Blackstock: ***I move the FFA Relations committee approach the State to gather more funding for CTSO programs to use towards traveling costs, specifically transportation to State Events.***

B. General Discussion:

- i. Rational: Limited on added costs where only up to 10 percentage of CTE money can be used. Athletics is covered, why not FFA for “State/ National Events.”
- ii. More freedom and funding... aimed towards smaller chapters.
- iii. Are contests considered field trips? No, if there are awards it is not a field trip. The state reimburses for field trips, but not for contests.
- iv. Normally the
- v. Is this an FFA Relations Topic? Maybe we need to send it to the legislative committee. This committee does not have the power to do this.
- vi. Chet Andres at the state office is already working on making this situation better.

C. Main Motion:

- i. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
- ii. Seconded by: Amanda Evans
- iii. Motion as read: ***“The FFA Relations Committee moves that we refer this to the Legislative Committee before their meeting session tomorrow.”***
- iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
  1. Main Motion- Passed with 16 in favor, 0 against

## Item #4.0

### A. Topic: ***Discussed the creation of a new FFA District from the 2023 State Delegate Session.***

### B. General Discussion:

- i. Rational: Since the new creation of the High Desert District was approved at the 2023 Delegate session, the FFA Relations Committee would need make its recommendation to the IATA to be sent onto the Board of Directors.
- ii. Boise Valley split their district because of very large membership numbers.
  - a. What happened when they split?
- iii. Salmon to Teton is a 4-hour drive, it is hard to run for District office because it is hard and unsafe to make that drive in the winter.
- iv. Cutting travel time in half and with the high price of busses is a struggle.
- v. Personal vehicles are currently being used to save on costs and this can put students and teachers in a rough spot.
- vi. Schools from two other districts will be pulled to
- vii. Northern Idaho had had this discussion, they decided that they were not big enough to split.
- viii. This will help promote and provide opportunities for individual students & growth.
- ix. West Jefferson and Clark County do not want to be part of the new district, it is a longer and more dangerous commute for these two schools. They want to stay in North Upper Snake River.
- x. Potential Conflict- Will they get the option to choose, or will they be forced to stay in the new district?
- xi. Athletics will take trips that far or further, but the state pays for athletic transportation and not FFA (Only 10%)
- xii. Will this help increase membership in this area?
  - a. Students will not miss an entire day of school to get to the contest.

### C. Main Motion:

- i. Motion moved by:
- ii. Seconded by:
- iii. Motion as read: ***Move to postpone till next meeting to talk with some of the teachers from the district(s) being impacted.***
- iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:

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1. Main Motion- Passed with 16 in favor, 0 against

**Item #5.0**

**A. Topic: *Discussed the 2023 Delegate Issue of the National FFA adaption of 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up into FFA membership.***

**B. General Discussion:**

- i. Rational: For Ag Teachers to teach 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, they would have to get a second endorsement. Chaperone requirements can change with Elementary Students?
- ii. FFA works at the Middle School, but 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is going to have too hard of a pull.
- iii. Austin (Rigby Middle) Recommend 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Membership and up as an option.
- iv. Starting an SAE Project in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade can be helpful.
- v. Middle school is different than high school- you must be pickier on the students that you can take.
- vi. Where does the FTE come from for the middle school? Answer- the funds are taken out of general funds in Rigby. It was important to the community that this happens.
- vii. The middle school travels completely separately- Rigby & Rigby Middle Travel Completely Separately on almost all occasions.
- viii. In Idaho Perkins money is funneled to Middle School CTE Teacher, but just an Ag Program.
- ix. Look at Georgia's Middle School Program format and their handbook.
- x. Secondary Education is a 6-12 endorsement it does not include 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- xi. Why not leave the opportunity open to communities that may want to move FFA Membership to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade level and align with Nationals.
- xii. Elementary school teachers have a K-8 endorsement.
- xiii. Right now, 6<sup>th</sup> graders can compete on the local/district level but not at a state level.
- xiv. Will this open more opportunities for students in the student run organization?
- xv. BIG QUESTIONS. Funding and Teacher Certifications at a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Level.

**C. Main Motion:**

**D. Motion moved by: Kevin Wells**

- i. Seconded by: Gabby Jonhson

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- ii. Motion as read: *“FFA Relations Committee recommends that we move this to the Board of Directors and make an amendment to allow 6<sup>th</sup> grade members into the Idaho FFA Association.”*
- iii. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
  - 1. Main Motion- Passed with 16 in favor, 0 against

## Item #6.0

### A. Topic: **Consolidation of SLC Sessions**

### B. General Discussion:

- i. Rational: Some sessions are lengthy
- ii. We did not have a huge increase in numbers or teams.
- iii. Can we take out the Paid Keynote? Maybe a national officer?
- iv. We had limited SLC interns to help.
- v. We can change the set-up of the stage and open more seats at CSI. This would open approximately 700 seats, but we would lose a lot of seats on the floor and sides. It may be hard to see from some areas.
- vi. Some students started at 7am and not done until 10+ pm.
- vii. Extemporaneous is all day Thursday now.
- viii. Some sponsors took a lot of time talking... can we limit this?
  - a. Clara-Leigh is considering this and talking to the Foundation about solutions.

*No action was taken since no formal motion was made.*

## Item #7.0

### A. Topic: **Discussed the 2023 Delegate Issue of the following suit with National FFA and the creation of the VIP Citation Award**

### B. General Discussion:

- i. Rational: This would be an award for people who have received an honorary degree and have gone above and beyond even after that. This could be recognition for those very special people who have given back to the association and students for many years.
- ii. What does it take to get an honorary state degree or distinguished service award?
  - a. We looked that the requirements in the by-laws for these degrees.

C. Main Motion:

- i. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
- ii. Seconded by: Kevin Wells
- iii. Motion as read: *“Move to postpone till next meeting.”*
- iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
  1. Main Motion- Passed with 18 in favor, 0 against

VI. Recess was called @ 5:30 PM on June 19, 2023

A. Main Motion:

- i. Motion moved by: Gabby Jonhson
- ii. Seconded by: Pat Dixon
- iii. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
  1. Main Motion- Passed 16 in favor, 0 against

VII. Reconvened Meeting @ 10:30 AM June 20, 2023

**Item #4.1**

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**B. General Discussion:**

- i. Rational:
- ii. Boise Valley split their district because of very large membership numbers.
  - a. What happened when they split?
- iii. Salmon to Teton is a 4-hour drive, it is hard to run for District office because it is hard and unsafe to make that drive in the winter.
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- viii. This will help promote and provide opportunities for individual students & growth.
- ix. West Jefferson and Clark County do not want to be part of the new district, it is a longer and more dangerous commute for these two schools. They want to stay in North Upper Snake River.
- x. Potential Conflict- Will they get the option to choose, or will they be forced to stay in the new district?
- xi. Athletics will take trips that far or further, but the state pays for athletic transportation and not FFA (Only 10%)
- xii. This is not about size or competition.
- xiii. Will this help increase membership in this area?
  - a. Students will not miss an entire day of school to get to the contest.
- xiv. Postponed until Tuesday 6/20
- xv. Makay (Trent)- Hoping that this would help to encourage students in that area to join FFA and compete.
- xvi. Trent & Katie have paperwork from early on, there was no opposition until a week before SLC.
- xvii. Amend the motion to not include Clark County and West Jefferson.
- xviii. Logistic problems with contests, Judges & Flights. (11 districts will make an odd split, there also may not be equal representation in judges.)
- xix. Arco had a survey that went out and the community wants an Ag program, there is positive support in Carry too.
- xx. The board of directors should be tasked with creating the district and
- xxi. What year will this be done by? Trent would like the district to go into effect the 2024-2025 school year.

C. Main Motion:

- v. Motion moved by: Jack Blattner
- vi. Seconded by: Kevin Wells
- vii. Motion as read: *“FFA Relations Committee recommends that the Board of Directors allows for the creation of the new High Desert FFA District.”*
- viii. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
  - 1. Main Motion- Passed with 15 in favor, 0 against

## Item #7.1

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- B. General Discussion:
- i. Rational: This would be an award for people who have received an honorary degree and have gone above and beyond even after that. This could be recognition for those very special people who have given back to the association and students for many years.
  - ii. If we follow national suit, then a “Retired Ag Teacher” could not get the award.
  - iii. If we kept with the wording that was passed in the Student Delegate session and did not amend it
  - iv. What does it take to get an honorary state degree or distinguished service award?
  - v. Honorary Degrees are given to individual people.
  - vi. Businesses get distinguished service awards.
    - a. We looked at the requirements in the bylaws for these degrees.
- C. Main Motion:
- i. Motion moved by: Kyle Stapleton
  - ii. Seconded by: Savannah Strobel
  - iii. Motion as read: *“Move to refer to a committee, consisting of Clara-Leigh, Savannah Strobel, and Gabby Johnson to create the criteria/language for the award.”*
  - iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
    1. Main Motion- Passed with 15 in favor, 0 against

## Item # 8.0

- A. Topic: **Proposed 2022 Audit and Budget Request for FFA Relations Committee**
- B. General Discussion: *No amount was requested because no motions or items of business needed such. Therefore, no motion or action was taken.*
- C. Main Motion:
- i. Motion moved by: N/A
  - ii. Seconded by: N/A

- iii. Motion as read: N/A
- iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
  - 1. N/A

**Item # 9.0**

- A. Topic: **Proposed 2023 Chairman of FFA Relations Committee**
- B. General Discussion:
- C. Main Motion:
  - i. Motion moved by: Kyle Stapleton
  - ii. Seconded by: Emma Hillie
  - iii. Motion as read: *“FFA Relations Committee nominates Carly Oman as 2024 Chairman of FFA Relations Committee and Gabby Johnson as the 2024 secretary of the FFA Relations committee.”*
  - iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
    - 1. Main Motion- Passed 15 in favor, 0 against

VIII. Adjured @ 11:09 AM June 20, 2023