

2021 Summer Inservice
Committee Minutes



Committee: FFA Relations

Chair: Daniel Heikkila

Committee Members Present:

Kyle Stapleton
Justin Pluid
Chelsey Sharp
Kellsie Petterson
Jack Blattner
Ray Shirts
Kirt Martin
Carly Oman
Amanda Evans
Val Johnson
Cassidy Dutton
Kevin Wells
Hannah Mamer
Daniel Heikkila
Savannah Stroebel
Patti Matthews

Non-Voting Members Present:

Kyle Nesbitt (Mentor Committee)
Derek Jones (Mentor Committee)

Secretary: Carly Oman

Business:

- I. Call of Order was made @ 4:03 AM on June 21, 2021.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Topic: Approving of 2020 FFA Relations Committee Minutes

B. General Discussion:

C. Main Motion:

i. Motion made by: Kyle Stapleton

ii. Seconded by: Chelsey Sharp

iii. Motion as read: *“Approve 2020 Minutes as posted on theiata.com”*

iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:

1. Main Motion: Passed with 12 in favor, 0 against

III. Reviewal of 2020 FFA Relations Committee Action Items

Previous Action Item #1

A. Motion as read: *“The Idaho State FFA Association supplies a one page nominating committee application to be completed by any member wishing to represent their district. The district will develop a process to sift the applications and select 1 member to be submitted to the Idaho State FFA Association. Preference will not be given to members in chapters with or without State Officer candidates.”*

B. General Discussion

- a. Within the past years, finding 10 members, 1 from each district has been a challenge.
- b. Time requirement during SLC and the rule stating a member of Nom. Com. can't have a State Office candidate running from the same chapter, it's been difficult to find members who want to serve on that committee.

1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.

2. Motion was Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #2

A. Motion as read: *“The start time of the Nominating Committee is at 2:00 PM the day of SLC registration.”*

B. General Discussion

- a. With the usual required time of arrival from members within the Nominating Committee, it was suggested that a reconsideration of start time be changed.

- b. Due to transportation needs of members provided by individual chapters, the 9:00 AM deadline of arrival in Twin Falls is a challenge for most districts.
- c. Justification and a closer look at when a more realistic time was discussed.
- d. It was mentioned that in future meetings, another look at the other Nominating Committee process be reconsidered and evaluated.
 - 1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
 - 2. Motion was Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #3

- A. Motion as read: "Idaho State FFA Association will host a Spanish FFA Creed exhibition at SLC."
- B. General Discussion
 - a. Past years, a few chapters had members interested in a Spanish Speaking FFA Creed event.
 - b. Several states have hosted an invitation such as Washington and had good success.
 - c. States have been receiving positive feedback from members feeling more included.
 - d. Concerns were with the potential number of members wishing to compete at the state level and whether or not there would be a limit. Plus, will require bilingual judges and rubrics to be created
 - e. From a Nationals perspective, some concern is with state sponsorships needed for the competition.
 - f. Debate over whether or not the introduction of this event would create future additional events being created such as Spanish Prepared Public Speaking etc.
 - 1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
 - 2. Motion was Refer to the CDE Committee and Passed during General Session Meeting.

Previous Action Item #4

- A. Motion as read: "State CTE office conducts a survey to investigate the current district State Degree sifting process and recommend the Board of Directors create a standardized sifting process for all districts."
- B. General Discussion
 - a. The BVD wanted to discuss what are the current procedures for State Degree Sifting within the districts.

- b. Several districts across the state that are wanting to potentially standardize the State Degree sifting process.
- c. Many felt that the degree itself isn't as prestigious and is starting to create additional issues with regards to American FFA Degrees.
- d. Concerns with regards to Ag Teachers pushing more members to complete their state degrees in order to score better within the IQPS.
- e. Further discussion within the Board of Directors was recommended.
 - 1. Motion was Recommended from Committee.
 - 2. Motion was Killed during General Session.

IV. Old Business

**No previous old business*

V. New Business

Item #1.0

- A. Topic: Combining DOT with SOLAR Leadership
- B. General Discussion:
 - i. District Advisors from other schools taking students that are not theirs to the DOT- Big liability.
 - ii. SOLAR takes kids on buses- meet at local spots and removes advisor liability because of parent permission slips.
 - iii. This motion helps to take liability off of a single teacher/district advisor
 - iv. Need more input from Clara-Leigh Evans
- C. Main Motion: *DOT becomes a part of SOLAR Leadership.*
 - i. Motion moved by: Jack Blatner
 - ii. Seconded by: Cassidy Dutton
 - iii. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends that DOT becomes a part of SOLAR Leadership.*
- D. Postponed:
 - i. Motion moved by: Jack Blatner
 - ii. Seconded by: Kyle Stapleton
 - iii. Amendment:
 - iv. Motion as read: *Move to Postpone Motion to the next scheduled meeting.*
 - v. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:

1. Postponed the Main Motion- Passed with 12 in favor, 0 against

Item #2.0

- A. Topic: State Degree Sifting Software Cost
- B. General Discussion:
 - i. Worried about money
 - ii. Login and see all the students
 - iii. How many times can you log in?
 - iv. Where is the money going to come from—Long term
 - v. Lucas can answer some of the questions.
- C. Main Motion: DOT becomes a part of SOLAR Leadership
 - i. Motion moved by: Jack Blatner
 - ii. Seconded by: Cassidy Dutton
 - iii. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee DOT becomes a part of SOLAR Leadership*
- D. Postponed:
 - i. Motion moved by: Ray Shirts
 - ii. Seconded by: Kevin Wells
 - iii. Amendment:
 - iv. Motion as read: *Move to Postpone Motion to the next scheduled meeting.*
 - v. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 1. Postponed the Main Motion- Passed with 12 in favor, 0 against

VI. Recess was called @ 4:46 AM on June 21, 2021

VII. Reconvened Meeting @ 10:38 AM June 22, 2020

Item #1.1

- A. Topic: Combining DOT with SOLR Leadership
- B. General Discussion:
 - i. District Advisors from other schools taking students that are not theirs to the DOT- Big liability.
 - ii. SOLR takes kids on buses- meet at local spots and removes advisor liability because of parent permission slips.

- iii. This motion helps to take liability off of a single teacher/district advisor
- iv. Cost?-- DOT vs SOLAR (\$150) requiring district officers to pay that fee is not realistic. Problem solving- pay the fee with district funds or scholarships
- v. Motion is postponed until tomorrow's meeting
- vi. Reconvene 6/22
- vii. Clara-Leigh says the 4-H Camp is no

C. Main Motion: *DOT becomes a part of SOLR Leadership*

- i. Motion moved by: Jack Blatner
- ii. Seconded by: Cassidy Dutton
- iii. Motion as read: Postponed—Passed

D. Amendment to Main Motion: FFA Relations Committee “recommends” that DOT becomes a part of SOLAR Leadership.

- i. Motion moved by: Jack Blatner
- ii. Seconded by: Kelsey Peterson
- iii. Amendment: “Recommends”
- iv. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee “recommends” that DOT becomes a part of SOLAR Leadership*
- v. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - 1. Amendment to Main Motion- Passed with 15 in favor, 0 against
 - 2. Main Motion as Amended- Passed with 15 in favor, 0 against

Item #2.1

A. Topic: State Degree Sifting Software Cost

B. General Discussion:

- i. Worried about money
- ii. Login and see all the students
- iii. How many times can you log in?
- iv. Where is the money going to come from—Long term
- v. Lucas can answer some of the questions.
- vi. Called upon- Lucas
- vii. Looking to find a NEW sponsor for the platform “\$6,000” per year

- viii. Company Header within AET will provide advertising for the sponsor.
- ix. Proficiencies: Software allows the applications to be put into batches and sent out to judges- comment section allows judges to input comments and questions that will be sent back to the student—instant feedback to fix the application.
- x. Each judge is assigned and sent a specific number of applications.
- xi. Judges need to be more educated on the feedback process to eliminate negative feedback.
- xii. District Advisors have to give people access to the “State Degree” applications.
- xiii. Allows people outside of the state to judge proficiencies. Simply by sending a link through the software.
- xiv. Reason for problems in the sifting process for 2021- Too many discrepancies & variations for one rubric to be judged fairly.
- xv. Looking to create concrete standards for awards
- xvi. Saves Lucas time because he can simply send and delegate the process of grading and evaluating projects/applications.
- xvii. Software- only for proficiencies & state degrees.
- xviii. Has not been presented to the Foundation board yet

- xix. Back-up plan... go back to the way that it has been done.

- xx. Idaho State degrees not matching up with Nationals Standards for American Degree—cause for reform

C. Main Motion: Investigate AET Sifting Software and where the funds are coming from to pay for the platform.

- i. Motion moved by: Kevin Wells
- ii. Seconded: Amanda Evans
- iii. Motion as read: *Investigate AET Sifting Software and where the funds are coming from to pay for the platform.*
- iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - 1. Main Motion- Passed 12 in favor, 0 against

D. New Main Motion: Continue with the state degree and proficiency sifting platform as long as the State Foundation can find the new funds.

- i. Motion moved by: Kyle Stapleton

- ii. Seconded: Hannah Mamer
- iii. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends to continue with the state degree proficiency platform as long as the state foundation can find the new funds.*
- iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - 1. Main Motion- Passed 15 in favor, 0 against

Item #3.1

- A. Topic: Different virtual conference platforms not provided by the state which caused added cost to chapters.
- B. General Discussion:
 - i. The topic was discussed with the board of directors
 - ii. The process was already in motion when the topic was brought up
 - iii. Charge all chapters a flat fee to keep FFA from going in the hole.
 - iv. Question needs to be asked- Did SLC make money for the State FFA?
 - v. Conference boxes—were they paid for with sponsorship money or FFA money. Reason, “SLC in a Box” was a way to spend the money to register.
 - vi. Was Moscow in the budget at mid-winter?
 - vii. It was stated that we would not lose money on the conference.
 - viii. Talk to budget committee
 - ix. Request Clara-Leigh to be present at meeting with numbers
 - x. Discussion on the future progression of SLC either virtual or in person.
 - xi. SLC Interns can edit live videos
- C. Main Motion: If Idaho FFA has an in person convention we do not need to purchase an additional virtual platform.
 - i. Motion moved by: Ray Shirts
 - ii. Seconded by: Patti Matthews
 - iii. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends if Idaho FFA has an in person convention we do not need to purchase an additional virtual platform.*
 - iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - 1. Main Motion- Passed 15 in favor, 0 against

Item #4.1

- A. Topic: Define Community Service Activities for State Degrees
- B. General Discussion:
 - i. Define Community Service Activities
 - ii. Educate people on stating who it benefits and not who you perform the project with.
 - iii. No immediate family members or benefits to you.
 - iv. Community service does not need to be chapter activity, it can be individual.
 - v. Senior projects do not count because it is required by the school.

- C. Main Motion: Community service cannot have a direct benefit to the individual or affiliations in terms of State or American degrees.
 - i. Motion moved by: Kevin Wells
 - ii. Seconded by: Amanda Evans
 - iii. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends community service cannot have a direct benefit to the individual or affiliations in terms of State or American degrees.*
 - iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:
 - 1. Amendment to Main Motion- Passed with 15 in favor, 0 against

Item #5.1

- A. Topic: What is the minimum bar for FFA Activities for state degrees beyond the chapter level.
- B. General Discussion:
 - i. Increase vigor, kids that want it bad enough will push themselves to get there.
 - ii. Students need to be involved in three or more different activities.

- C. Main Motion: We recommend that FFA activities for State Degrees consist of 5 or more activities involving 2 or more chapters; with no more than 3 repeating events.
 - i. Motion moved by: Kevin Wells & Kyle Stapleton
 - ii. Seconded by: Cassidy Dutton
 - iii. Motion as read: *FFA Relations Committee recommends that FFA activities for State Degrees consist of 5 or more activities*

involving 2 or more chapters; with no more than 3 repeating events.

iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:

1. Main Motion- Passed 15 in favor, 0 against

Item #6.0

A. Topic: Proposed 2021 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 #7.0

A. Topic: Proposed 2021 Chairman of FFA Relations Committee

B. General Discussion: Current committee asked Daniel Heikkila to continue to serve for next year. No other discussion.

C. Main Motion:

i. Motion moved by: Kyle Stapleton

ii. Seconded by: Ray Shirts

iii. 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.”*

iv. Voting for Recommendation to IATA:

1. Main Motion- Passed 15 in favor, 0 against

VIII. Adjourned @ 11:45 am June 22, 2021