



# Connecticut Association of Agricultural Educators

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## CAAE Meeting Update

Thursday, October 5, 2016

Southington High School

### 1. Announcements

- State FFA Report - Milton Natusch
  - November 20 is IMAGE in Laurel Hall at UConn, students can be dropped off near the building and parking instructions will be given. They are working on getting a past national officer to be the facilitator. They believe kids will be able to eat in a nearby dining hall (cost included in registration).
  - The Ag Sales CDE will be happening at the same time, same location - Mr. Mackin in charge.
  - Our national officer candidate is Justin Ferreira from Trumbull. He just got back from a leadership training in Texas in preparation.
  - Desiree LaFontaine will be serving on the national Nominating Committee.
- Update from UConn (unofficial) - Dr. Jepson
  - Mikayla Hood - Wamogo with Casey Dunn
  - Jen Couture - Suffield with Laura Laflamme
  - Katie Gorman - Southington with Marion Stannard
  - Dr. Jepson is no longer employed by the university. Meghan Ridder will be doing Ag Ed advising, Dr. Bushmich is Associate Dean, Vicky Reiser is CDE planning. Dr. Jepson's email will remain active for at least a month.
  - CAHNR - applications are coming in, Open House on October 1.
  - Cameron Faustman remains Interim Dean. He will have that title until they are ready to open up the search.

### 2. Treasurer's Update

- Karolyn Card is taking over as treasurer and can be contacted accordingly. There are currently 43 active CAAE members. Please use the invoice form on the website and create your own as needed.

### 3. Taxonomy Update

- Animal Science
  - Checked in with all CDEs and updated general knowledge chapters. All of our CDE information on CAAE website is up to date.
  - Possibilities for PD - oral reasons workshop, lesson shares, specialty areas with possibility of certifications for students (ServSafe, Certified Vet Assistant, Artificial Insemination)
  - Robotic milker at UConn coming soon (March)



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- Plant Science
  - Floriculture CDE - looked at new rubrics. There is a new wedding arrangements team event and scoring for this was discussed.
  - Compared state vs national corsage rubrics
  - More info will be sent out through the Plant Science listserv
- Ag Mechanics
  - Did not meet
- Natural Resources/Aquaculture
  - Forestry CDE - Emily updated all the info and it's on the website
  - Natural Resources CDE update coming soon
  - For all CDEs, we do have the scantron for everyone to use. Audra needs a point person on the day of the CDEs for scantron forms (Bill D). It will be setup in George White library.

#### **4. Committee Update**

- Government and Public Relations
  - Did not meet
- Membership and Professional Development
  - Discussed the PD day for veteran and new teachers
  - A survey with date options will be sent out soon
- FFA Relations
  - Did not meet
- SAE and Agri-business Relations
  - Did not meet
- Alumni Relations
  - In March, Woodbury is hosting the Alumni Regional Conference, March 23-24
  - Mostly planned and run by Nationals, they just need bodies to attend. Please have every chapter try to send a few representatives.

#### **5. CAAE Constitution Discussion**

- Led by Pam Berlekovic
  - Any ideas of changes need to be sent out 30 days before a meeting
  - Current Quorum - 25% of active membership
  - Possible proposed changes
    - Quorum - majority of active members present at a meeting
    - Terms of office - keep president terms, all other offices change to 2 years
    - Change membership types to model them after NAAE

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

January 9, 2017 - Middletown (Snow date of January 16)

March 7, 2017 - Trumbull (Snow date of March 14)