



Connecticut Association of Agricultural Educators

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CAAE Meeting Update

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 - Middletown High School

FFA Ambassador Update - Pebbles Lacross

- FFA is very receptive to feedback, please feel free to contact them with anything
- Brand new program, all regional ambassadors
- FFA Brand Center - business cards, certificates, emblem embroidery, templates, color codes, etc.
- Ag Ed Academy - basics of Ag Ed, good for freshmen
- Habitudes - free, good for freshmen, class set (13) - flash drive, small books
- My Journey - good for sub plans, come with choice boards. Any nonmembers can get logins as "Ag Ed Only" option. There are good SAE options (can replace those old SAE cards)
- Ag Ed Discussion Lab on Facebook - similar to COP, a lot of information and lessons
- See attached resources for more information

State Teach Ag Results (STAR) Program in CT - Dr. Pat Jepson

- See attached handout for more information

State FFA Report

- Began 2017 with IMAGE workshop with special guest Caleb Gustin
- Megan Davenport is going to Ag Day in D.C.
- JLC and State Officer Training School is March 13
- FFA Week 2/19-2/23
- Please let the state officers know when your chapter banquet is so someone can attend
- Proposed State Convention Committee
 - This committee can entirely restructure state convention
 - There is an idea of 2 day state convention - few steps at a time, add some workshops, extend an hour, etc.
 - People may attend and voice their opinions at these committee meetings
 - There is a survey for ag teachers to fill out about state convention, need input for committee to move forward
 - EO Smith is host school for state convention
- Road to Convention Tour
 - Chapters may need to sign up for workshops they would like to attend
 - Request state officers in classrooms to pump up the idea of state convention
 - Want to give our members more opportunities
 - Please complete the road to convention survey for teachers
 - Please ask officers to come to classes and events - freshmen, chapter meetings, etc.



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UConn Update (unofficial)

- Admissions deadline in January, contact the Office of Academic Programs with any questions
- Potentially 4 student teachers, but they are still in the middle of the admissions process
- Looking for clarity related to Biology dual certification

SDE Update - Harold Mackin

- ASTE operating grant fund has been sent to your school, 2 payments should have been made by now - no excuse for district to say you have no money
- Perkins - all programs have been approved
- Not looking for more people for ASTE reviews but if you'd like to volunteer, please do

Special Committee Meetings

- CAAE Professional Development Day
 - There may be opportunity for a 2 day AET professional development
 - Day will be split between taxonomy-specific PD and general Ag PD
 - Possible dates include end of June-beginning of July (a survey will go out)
 - Workshop ideas include Project Learning Tree (DEEP), artificial insemination, small engines, AET, etc.
- CAAE New Teacher Workshop
 - Wednesday, April 25 at Southington HS
 - Potential workshops include lesson planning, differentiation, FFA resources, time management, AET/SAE paperwork, grant writing, and many more
- Annual CAAE Banquet
 - Struggling with very low attendance
 - Discussion on changing when and where banquet is usually held. A survey will go out to choose a date, options will be in April and in August
 - Any suggestions for central locations would be appreciated

Taxonomy Meetings

- Animal Science
 - All chapters are posted on the website and all CDEs are on track
 - Food Science will be looking for product specification examples
 - Dairy Judging - we will check in with superintendent, should be all set
 - Discussed CASE training programs
- Plant Science
 - CT Floral Show 2/22-2/25 - Thursday (Southington), Friday (Suffield/Trumbull), Saturday (Woodbury/Middletown), Sunday (Bloomfield). There is no competition right now but schools are encouraged to send a display only.
 - Ag teacher in PA is looking for textbook donations for the Virgin Islands, anything 2008 and newer
 - Discussed pesticide use policies at schools, looking to see what other schools do
- Ag Mechanics
 - Discussed PD opportunities



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- Discussed combining initiatives with Dr. Jepson's STAR program in order to increase mechanics proficiencies statewide as well as with pre-service teachers.
- Natural Resources/Aquaculture
 - CDE on track, resources will be updated soon

Website Update - Jen Shields

- Can we go through historical archives and post award winners on website? Does anyone have access to any of this information? Input needed.

NAAE Convention Report - Casey Dunn & Karolyn Card

- NAAE is facing a same issue as CAAE - how to get teachers involved in and take pride in their professional organization. As a result, the Marketing committee talked a lot about what they can do differently. The idea of NAAE apparel was mentioned.
- We provided feedback that they should consider more PD related to leading a state association.
- They want to encourage NAAE committee involvement from all members, it's very easy to be involved in committees. All of the meetings occur virtually and your presence at conventions is optional.
- The Professional Growth committee is working on agricultural teacher retention programs. They want to provide more pre-service professional development at conventions and conferences.
- Many workshops to attend related to content areas and teaching in general. We are hoping to be able to replicate some of the workshops for CAAE PD.
- Sherisa Nailor, Pennsylvania, remains the Region VI Vice President
Robin McLean, New Jersey, remains the Region VI Secretary
Nick Nelson, Oregon, was installed as NAAE President
Jason Kemp, Tennessee, was installed as President Elect

Upcoming Meeting Date

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