



# Connecticut Association of Agricultural Educators

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## CAAE Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Ledyard High School

*Call To Order - 12:33pm*

### Announcements & Updates

- [CDE Superintendents](#) (please review and email Casey Dunn for any changes/additions)
- UConn Update
  - 2 new advisors in Office of Academic Programs – Jill Deans and Laura Mlyniec-Beam
  - Meagan Ridder is still the primary contact for Ag Ed
  - Cameron Faustman is returning to ANSC faculty, no longer interim dean
  - John Bennett retired, position is posted
  - CDE Planning Dates and Deadlines for November 2, 2018: The registration link is currently active so teachers can start registering teams immediately. We need to stress the September 21 deadline for registering teams. A few schools missed the registration deadline for last spring's CDEs.
- Long-term funding for Ag Ed at UConn - Dr. Pat Jepson
  - Dr. Jepson is working with UConn Foundation to hopefully fundraise for a long-term position of Ag Ed Advisor
- Proficiency Awards - Bonnie Kegler
  - Judge first half of proficiency awards on March 12 at IMAGE (A-Equine unless revised)
  - American Degrees applications will also be due March 12
- State FFA Report - Milton Natusch
  - National FFA Officer at COLT - Piper Merritt (Central Region VP)
  - Big E – register on judging card and complete waivers ASAP
  - Register National CDE contestants now, public speakers need to secure judge
  - Big E Dairy Show Sept 14 – 3 slots available to CT FFA – if someone has skills and deserves to be in it, send name to Milton. Highest placing individual goes to national convention.
  - Housing at nationals – need information by August 28 – reduced rate for registration.
  - New system for concert tickets and new info for registration
  - Last year at this hotel, drawing for new hotel for next year - lottery
- Open positions - FFA Foundation, FFA Teacher Advisor, CAAE President Elect
- Share the Positive!
  - Bonnie Kegler – CAAE Outstanding Service Award
  - Karolyn Jordan - CAAE Teacher Turn The Key



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- Pebbles Lacross - CAAE Outstanding Early Career Teacher
- Wamogo Agriscience - CAAE Outstanding Secondary Program
- Sarah Larose earned her PhD and is now an Ag Ed Professor at Purdue
- Milton Natusch selected for National FFA VIP Award
- Harold Mackin selected to receive Honorary American FFA Degree, along with Jim Putnam and Donna Woolam
- Shepaug now has an Ag Ed program

## **Secretary's Report**

- No minutes recorded from the previous meeting, as there was no business conducted.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Dues and demographic forms available
- MOTION to accept treasurer's report and adopt the 2018-19 budget - Mark Burdick
  - SECOND, MOTION PASSED

## **Taxonomy Reports**

- Plant Science
  - Discussed Turf contest last spring – concern with communication at UConn
  - Discussed the CT Floral Assoc and connections with CAAE – will be offering student membership for \$30 before Oct 15, students can take Floral I certification course
  - Discussed CDEs – not much changing, landscape eliminating the test bank and will just use same questions for N/L and Floriculture – from past 8 years of national tests
  - PD Ideas: CFA run workshop, Arborculture Association, OSHA certs
- Animal Science
  - Discussed CDEs and determined superintendents
  - PD Ideas: Pet First Aid, EARS Animal Rescue, Ultrasound, Cargill Animal Nutrition Update, Dog Grooming, Livestock Fitting, Dog Daycare, etc.
  - ARBA Convention at Eastern States Expo on October 27-31
  - Canadian Horse Expo at Harwinton Fairgrounds on October 13
- Natural Resources
  - Discussed CDEs and determined superintendents
  - PD Ideas: GPS Mapping - CT Eco, Aquaculture Shareware - Units, Resources, and Contacts, Falconers Guest Speakers (Falconry)
- Ag Mechanics
  - Discussed certification options, PD summer or March
  - Superintendents established for Cobleskill Ag Mech CDE and Tractor Driving



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## Committee Reports

- Membership & Professional Development
  - CT STAR Meeting took place led by Dr. Jepson (see attached)
  - Proposed AET dates – let Harold Mackin choose, opportunities for webinar
- FFA Relations
  - Discussed a multiple day state convention option, UConn willing to host
  - \$3.7 million more to Ag Ed budget - \$970 per student, \$40 (4%) of that will go to FFA (state association activity fee) must be spent on Ag and evidence of that
  - This is supported by the Commissioner of Ed at the state level
  - CT Farm Bureau will manage the money and position
  - Money will be used for registration, contest fees, etc.
  - Hopefully will be put into legislation for next year
  - MOTION for CAAE to support a State FFA Coordinator position by using the increase of ASTE funds, position and funds to be managed by CT Farm Bureau - KC Dal Zin
    - SECOND, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
  - MOTION for the CAAE president to appoint representation to the FFA Coordinator Committee – Virginia Cipolla
    - SECOND, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- Alumni
  - Discussed success of National FFA Regional Conference in Woodbury. This event had great success and was well attended.
  - Suggestions – send a CAAE delegate to alumni meetings or at least develop a communication line. Create a better link between CT alumni website and our website.
  - Contacted current president – going to try to get some info about their meetings to we can be present and build relations.

## New Business

- MOTION that Pam Berlekovic, Vicky Christian, and Casey Dunn serve as the CT delegates for the 2018 NAAE conference. - Melissa Cunningham
  - i. SECOND, MOTION PASSED
- Chair DECLARES that the CAAE officer slate for the 2018-19 year stands as presented.
- Chair DECLARES the following as the CAAE meeting dates for the 2018-19 year.
- MOTION to adjourn the meeting. - Mark Burdick
  - i. SECOND, MOTION PASSED



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## 2018-2019 Meeting Dates and Locations

October 11 - Southington

January 8 - Middletown

*Snow Date January 15*

March 7 - Suffield

*Snow Date March 13*

May: As needed

## 2018-2019 CAAE Proposed Officer Slate

Retiring President - Pam Berlekovic

President - Virginia Cipolla

President Elect - TBD

Secretary - Casey Dunn

Treasurer - Karolyn Card

*Meeting adjourned - 1:49pm*

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Dunn  
CAAЕ Secretary  
2018-2019