Wisconsin FFA Center Board
Meeting at Hotel Sierra – Meeting Room 6AB
Meeting Time:  7:00 PM

Call to Order at 7:15 p.m. by President Jeff Zobeck

- Approval agenda with flexibility Hanson/Nowak
  Members Present:  Brad Gefvert, Randy Ehrenberg, Marty Nowak, Jeff Zobeck, Jeff Hicken, Kristin Hanson, Rene Lehman, Cheryl Zimmerman
  Members Absent:  Mike Robinson
  Approval of Minutes Ehrenberg/Nowak

- FFA Center Operations, Executive Director Update , and NASAE and National Council Responsibilities
  - Cream Sheet, see attached document

- Financial Report
  - Affiliation Fees - See Handout
  - GPR dollars - The discussion included whether or not there may be GPR funding in the future and that we need to be prepared for changes in the future.

- Approval of Budget - Discussion was held regarding the rate of the affiliation fee. The fee has remained at $300 since 1998. Moved by Ehrenberg and seconded by Nowak to approve the budget. Motion passed.

- 2009-2010 End of Year Financial Report - Report was reviewed.

- Equipment Update & Update on printers and software - Operations cost for printer is higher than expected, looking at ways to save money on faxes.

- Contracted Services

- Summer Assistant Position Announcement - Position description was handed out. Deadline for application is February 1st. Motion to approve by Ehrenberg second by Lehman. Motion passed.

- Reimbursement for Educational Credits - Move to draft a MOU to pay for $150 per credit for up to 6 credits per contract year for the executive director to further their education. The stipend will be paid upon the successful (passing) completion of the credits and after submission to the board president. Motion by Gefvert. Second by Ehrenberg. Motion passed.

- Review meeting schedule - Next meeting at Half-Time - January 7, 2011

- Motion to adjourn by Nowak, seconded by Hanson. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

FFA Center Board Representatives Term
Sections 1&2 Kristin Hanson 2009-2012
Sections 3&4 Mike Robinson 2010-2013
Sections 5&10 Randy Ehrenberg 2010-2013
Sections 6&7 Brad Gefvert 2008-2011
Wisconsin FFA Center, Inc. and Wisconsin Association of FFA
2010-2011 State Theme: Powered by Potential

NOVEMBER 2010

What’s Happening In FFA

Very Successful National FFA Convention!!!
New 212º and 360º Conferences introduced this weekend in Green Bay (replaces the MFE and ALD conference curricula)
Working to develop a new Annual Report Publication as a joint project of Wisconsin Association of FFA and FFA Foundation
Developing plans for the new COLT conference to be offered Summer of 2011 in Green Lake
World Dairy Expo – Development of Youth Education Committee – First Conference Call Nov. 17
Weekly FFA Updates and Website continue as key communication tool to advisors – Online Registration, State Officer Blogs
Online FFA Membership Rosters – Working with teachers in submitting membership
New National Affiliation Fee Program - 22 chapters have signed on to participate
National FFA will be introducing the new Agricultural Careers Network next school year – this will involve a new membership processing system as well as a portfolio system for every agricultural education student.
Plans to have a group of teachers meet at the Half-Time Conference to review the Wisconsin Agriscience Fair

FFA & FFA Center Activities

July:
- NLCSO – Springfield, Illinois
- Final preparation and mailing of National Award forms
- State Fair Band and Chorus entries, housing and chaperones

August:
- State Officers Partnered with DATCP during State Fair
- State Officers part of Governors Red, White and Blue Auction – State Fair
- Attended Wisconsin State Fair – August 9-12
- Jag Lake State Officer Retreat – August 17-20

September:
- Sectional Leadership Workshops - Sept. 13-16
- Sectional Leadership Workshops – Sept. 27-30

October:
- FIRE Conference - Oct. 2 – UW-Madison
- Farm Technology Days Sneak Peek – Marshfield – State Officer Involvement/Farm Tours
- National FFA Convention – Oct. 17-23

November:
- Follow Up from National Convention
- Membership Roster Assistance
- Prep Materials for District Speaking Contests

National Activities

NASAE Conference Calls
- National Council for Agricultural Education – Conference Calls – Full Board and Executive Committee

National Council Meeting – October 6-8 – Reno, NV
- Planning 2010 NASAE Annual Conference – Big Project Completed!!!!!

NASAE Annual Meeting – October 17-20 – Indianapolis, IN

NASAE – National President – 2009-2010 – Now serving last year as Past President

National Leadership Certificate Work Group – November 3-5 – Indianapolis, IN

Current Projects Underway

- Receiving and Processing FFA Center Affiliation Fees
- Assistance with Online FFA Membership Rosters
- Reviewing Evaluations and Reports of State FFA Officers’ Chapter Visits
- December Meeting Planning
- Speaking Contest Material Development
- Working to develop State Committee Work with State Officers

Upcoming Events

Farm Bureau Annual Meeting – Dec. 4-5 – Wisconsin Dells - State Officers in Attendance
State FFA Officer December Meeting - December 6-9 – Marshfield
FFA Half-Time Conference – January 6-8 – Stevens Point
First District Speaking Contest – January 17
School Board Convention – Milwaukee – January 19-20
CTSO Legislative Day – February 10 - Madison
State FFA Alumni Convention – February 11-13 - Stevens Point
FFA Board of Directors Meeting - Feb. 17-18 - Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids
FFA Farm Forum - Feb. 18-19 - Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapid
FFA Week - Feb. 19-26, 2011
National Ag Ed Summit – March 2-4 - Orlando, FL
State FFA Proficiency Award Judging – March 11-12 – Wisconsin Dells
State FFA Board Meeting – March 17-18 – Madison
Janesville CDEs – March 19
UW-Platteville CDEs – March 24
National Teach Ag Day – March 24
212º and EDGE Conferences - March 25-26 – Eau Claire
FVTC-Appleton CDEs – April 2
UW-River Falls CDEs – April 2
State CDEs – April 29 - Madison
State FFA Convention – June 13-16 - Madison

Other Assignments
DSA Board – Changes have been made so Cheryl Zimmerman is no longer a voting board member but an invited party to attend board meetings to provide input regarding agricultural education and FFA opportunities with the Center for Agricultural Excellence.

### Leadership Conference Attendance

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### 2010 Business and Industry Visits
- Genex/CRY – Shawano
- Meyer Manufacturing – Dorchester
- Tractor Central – Mondovi
- Jennie-O Turkey - Barron
- LEER Manufacturing – New Lisbon
- Dairyland Power Cooperative - LaCrosse
- Immuno Dynamics - Fennimore
- Renk Seeds – Sun Prairie
- Vita Plus – Madison
- United Cooperative – Beaver Dam
- Stoelting/Polarware - Kiel

- Dupont Cheese - Marion
- Bob’s Dairy Supply - Dorchester
- Mondovi Dairy Systems - Mondovi
- Bell Timber - Barron
- Wisconsin River Meats - Mauston
- Trelay Seeds - Livingston
- Southwest Technical College - Fennimore
- Landmark Cooperative – Cottage Grove
- Tyson Foods – Jefferson
- Scoops Ice Cream - Chilton

### 2010 NATIONAL FFA AWARD RESULTS – WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF FFA

2010 National FFA Convention Results - Congratulations Wisconsin Association of FFA!!!

Congratulations to all of the award winners, finalists, members, advisors and alumni that represented the Wisconsin Association of FFA at the National FFA Convention. You did an excellent job!! We are very proud of your accomplishments. Keep up the great work!!!

### American Stars
American Star in Ag Placement Candidate - Dan Griesbach, Marshfield FFA

### National FFA Proficiency Award Winners
- Dairy Production (E) - Mitch Krahn, Brillion FFA
- Equine Science (P) - Katherine Dreier, Wisconsin Heights FFA
- Forest Management and Products - Logan Wells, Monroe FFA

### National Agriscience Teacher
Rick Henningfeld - Big Foot FFA Chapter - National 1st Runner Up

### National Agriscience Fair
1st Gold - Environmental Science - Team Grades 7, 8 and 9 - Grandon Scheil and Jacob Pintens, Barron FFA
3rd Gold - Engineering - Individual Grades 7, 8 and 9 – Joey Domine, Cochrane-Fountain City FFA
3rd Gold – Biochemistry/Microbiology/Food Science – Team Grades 7, 8, and 9 – Nicole Buss and Lance Grorud, New Auburn FFA

### Honorary American Degree Recipients
- Al Hermann
- Jim Massey
- Paul Palmby
- Dean and Mary Gagnon

### Hall of States Booth
Thank you to the Lodi FFA Chapter for hosting the Wisconsin Association of FFA Booth in the Hall of States.

### National Career Development Event Results
- Job Interview - McKenzie Baecker, Cochrane-Fountain City FFA - 2nd place Gold
- Floriculture - Ryan Spaude, Oconto Falls - 9th Place Individual
- Agricultural Mechanics - Alex Ylvisaker, Edgerton FFA - Gold
- Dairy Cattle Handling - Rob Peters, Oconomowoc FFA - Gold
- Dairy Cattle Evaluation - Brock Kasten, Mitch Krahn, Blake Kessig and Monique Levash - Brillion FFA - Gold
- Horse Evaluation - Megan Klumpyan, Plymouth FFA - Gold
- Livestock Evaluation - Amanda Patterson, River Ridge FFA - Gold
- Nursery Landscape - Jared Mehre, Eugene Schoenborn and Kira Ruechel, Elkhart Lake FFA - Gold
- Poultry Evaluations - Erica Lamers and Alyssa Gosz, Brillion FFA - Gold
Gold Rated CDE Teams
Agricultural Mechanics - Edgerton FFA
Dairy Cattle Evaluation - Brillion FFA
Horse Evaluation - Plymouth FFA
Nursery Landscape - Elkhart Lake FFA - 9th Place Gold
Poultry Evaluation - Brillion FFA - 10th Place Gold
Position Available
Wisconsin FFA Center - Summer Assistant

Position:
Summer assistant position focusing on helping the Wisconsin FFA Center, Inc. operate more efficiently to serve advisors and members during the summer. Help to develop and improve FFA public relations and assist with summer FFA activities and responsibilities.

Major Responsibilities:
* Assist with State FFA Convention responsibilities when needed before and during convention, along with assisting with convention follow-up activities.
* Assist in producing and reviewing State FFA Convention press releases and other media related items.
* Assist in the coordination of the State FFA Convention activities and helping with a variety of convention related assignments.
* Assist at the WAAE Professional Development Conference.
* Assist with the preparation of Degree, Proficiency and Chapter Applications to be sent to National FFA by specified deadlines.
* Organize State FFA Band and Chorus Registration for State Fair and serve as the lead chaperone.
* Complete other duties assigned by FFA Executive Director.

Optional:
* Write and edit Wisconsin FFA Proficiency and Star Video Scripts – To begin after March 20. To be paid as a separate project sponsored through the Wisconsin FFA Foundation.

Position Requirement:
A strong understanding of the Wisconsin Association of FFA. Skills: Excellent oral and written communication skills. Time management, organizational and computer skills. Knowledge of the Wisconsin Association of FFA and its programs and activities. Preference may be given to Agricultural Education majors.

Location/Salary:
Position located at the Wisconsin FFA Center in Spencer, Wisconsin. Some travel will be required: State Convention, WAAE Professional Development Conference and State Fair. $2,800 stipend plus expenses associated with job responsibilities. Credit option may be available through university programs.

To Apply
Send resume by February 1, 2011 including formal education, work experience, FFA experience, education and curriculum experiences and references to: Cheryl Zimmerman, Executive Director, Wisconsin FFA Center, P.O. Box 110, Spencer, WI 54479.

Critical Dates:
Employment from May 16 - August 19, 2011. (Flexible starting and ending dates.)

The Wisconsin FFA Center, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.
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Horicon – new chapter and affiliation fee is waived for 2010-2011 school year
Almond Bancroft – new chapter and affiliation fee is waived for 2010-2011 school year