

National FFA Organization Board of Directors &
National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees Report
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National FFA Organization

- New COO -- Dr. Dwight Armstrong joined the National FFA Organization as the Chief Operating Officer in October 2009. Since joining, Dwight has made a very positive impact on the operations of the FFA Center – staff and operations.
- More defined role for consultants – The board meeting calendar has been adjusted to hold an annual planning meeting each January. As part of this meeting, board consultants will be asked to gain input on specific topics from their representative stakeholder groups. The board will report back to the consultants in August on how the board will integrate the input and then ask the consultants to share that information back to the stakeholder groups. All of this is in hopes of opening a more clear and consistent line of communication between the board of directors and stakeholder groups.
- Board operation – the board continues to develop and implement a new form of board operations which will allow the board to provide more visionary leadership to the National FFA Organization. Within the new policy structure, the COO is given policy benchmarks under which to operate the organization. The board then measures the organization and COO based on those benchmarks.
- New members – Alice Dubois, agriculture teacher from Louisiana and Jeffrey Hicken, state staff from Wisconsin have joined the board. Rob Calvin, agriculture teacher from Missouri and Joel Larson, state staff from Minnesota both completed their terms on the board.
- Mission Based Performance Network – In January the board approved the development of the Mission Based Performance Network. This is an integrated system that incorporates all the major membership and award programs into one system that will allow the FFA Organization to better serve its members and stakeholders.

National FFA Foundation

- New Exec Director – Mr. Robert Cooper will join the National FFA Foundation as Executive Director on June 14. In this position Mr. Cooper will provide leadership to the Foundation and report directly to the Board of Trustees. A special thanks to Bill Fleet for serving as interim Executive Director.
- Board operation – The Board of Trustees is also working to modify its operating policies like the FFA Organization board to provide clearer direction and accountability.
- A year of transition – This past January the board approved changes to its By-laws that impacted the composition of the board. This transition will begin in January 2011. In most cases, stakeholder groups will now select their own representatives to serve on the Board of Trustees. Foundation Board of Trustee Terms are now all 3 year terms. Therefore, the current AA AE rotation of the two senior consultants does not fit the new Trustee 3 year rotation