

### **July 2007 Meeting:**

The Board adopted a motion to identify the following *Research Priority Areas* and *Key Research Questions* from the National Research Agenda – Agricultural Education and Communication as priorities to the National FFA Organization:

#### Agricultural Leadership

RPA 1: Develop and disseminate effective leadership education programs.

- How can leadership education programs be designed and implemented to increase the leadership capacity of youth, communities, higher education, agribusiness and allied organizations in domestic and international settings?

RPA 2: Support leadership opportunities for underrepresented populations.

- How will the inclusion of underrepresented populations enhance leadership capacity in youth, communicates, higher education, agribusiness and allied organizations in domestic and international settings?

#### Agricultural Education in Schools

RPA 1: Enhance program delivery models for agricultural education.

- What types of program delivery models best respond to the changing population?
- How do agricultural education program delivery models enhance food, fiber and natural resource systems?
- How do the components of an agricultural education program influence student success and overall program quality?

RPA 5: Determine the effects of agricultural education instruction.

- How does student participation in agricultural education programs contribute to premier leadership, personal growth, and career success?
- How do agricultural education programs contribute to student achievement and performance?
- How do quality agricultural education programs contribute to school and community vitality?

Adopted a revised MOU with the Department of Education. The updated memorandum will stipulate that one of the four Board positions is to be filled by a representative of the agriculture industry, and it will reduce the number of agriculture teacher-filled positions from two to one. It will also remove regional rotation as a requirement for NAAE nominees. A related motion passed to add an additional consultant from the NAAE.

Adopted a motion to provide a training experience for the national officers after their year of service that would continue to develop their potential for success by helping each past officer create a plan for continued development and transition back into life after the year of service as a national officer.

### **January 2008 Meeting:**

Approved a motion to name the cities of Indianapolis and Louisville as finalist cities for the National FFA Convention for the years 2013-2019.

Approved a motion to recommend that student delegates in October, 2008 set member dues a \$7.00 for 2009-10.

Approved motions related to American Degree requirements to be sent to 2008 Convention delegates with a recommended implementation date of 2011:

- Add the words “after entering agricultural education” to indicate a student must demonstrate program growth during the years involved in agricultural education.
- Raise the student required SAE earnings to \$10,000.

- Leave student required SAE productive investment at \$7,500.
- Raise the minimum required productive investment when using unpaid hours to \$2,000.
- Change unpaid hours formulation to (Unpaid Hours X 3.56) + (Actual dollars productively invested) must be  $\geq$  10,000.
- Add community involvement requirement recommendations to all degrees:
  - Chapter degree recipients should participate in at least 10 unduplicated hours of community service activities.
  - State degree recipients should participate in at least 25 unduplicated hours of community service within at least two different community service activities.
  - American degree recipients should participate in at least 50 unduplicated hours of community service within at least three different community service activities.

Approved a MOU between the National FFA Organization and The Consortium of Collegiate Agriculture Organizations for funding and management of a 1.0 FTE Education Specialist housed in the Collegiate Services Team to work collaboratively with the 16 organizations making up the Consortium.

Approved motions recommending the National FFA Board of Directors establish a national taskforce charged with the creation of an age appropriate, novice parliamentary procedure event and an age-appropriate Agricultural Education General Knowledge CDE for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade FFA members to be held at the National Convention.

Approved a motion to accept the guidelines for National Awards and Recognition Revision process which will:

- Identify and align Agriculture Food and Natural Resources content standards and related academic content standards with all applicable initiatives.
- Use quality program standards to guide all applicable initiatives (IE: National Chapter Award, SAE Awards).
- Provide opportunity to earn available or potential industry credentials.
- Assure that business and industry partners play a significant role in the development of related technical content in all initiatives.
- Establish and recognize levels of mastery related to all initiatives.
- Establish rigor based on academic content and curriculum content standards.
- Incorporate recommendations from major taskforce reports (Middle School, Hispanic Engagement, Diversity and Collegiate) into the revision process.
- Expand current award opportunities for students with Exploratory, Research, Placement, or Entrepreneurship SAE Programs.

The next board meeting is Aug 3-6, 2008 in Indianapolis. If there are questions you'd like me to ask or ideas you'd like me to bring forth, let me know.

Thanks for the opportunity to represent the Western Region AAAE!

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