

Iowa FCCLA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th at 10am
Best Western Conference Room, Ankeny, IA

Present: Michael Weber, Alison Hertenstein, Janet Mann, Jane Hoegh, Sherry Vogel, Kristie Kuhse, Sarah Karkowski, Courtney Roll, Mackenzie Kokke, Aimee Marasco

Kristie Kuhse called the meeting of the Iowa FCCLA Board of Directors to order at 10:08am.

Agenda Approval

Alison Hertenstein motioned to approve the agenda and Amiee Marasco seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

Minutes of Previous Meeting (Mekayla Schilling)

Link to the previous meeting minutes: [4/19/26 Iowa FCCLA Board Meeting](#)

Sarah Karkowski motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Jane Hoegh seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Peer Education Report (Courtney Roll)

Link to the Peer Ed Report: [Peer Ed report in person board meeting June 2026.pdf](#)

- Sent out a survey about peer ed
- 37 respondents only 7 of these responses were from advisers
- Still pushing to do scholarships and recognitions at SLC
- Feedback:
 - Wanting to showcase the projects
 - Feel the students need full recognition
 - Less intimidating than STAR Events so easy way for students to be involved
 - Matching more projects to the theme
 - Showcasing more examples of projects
- Working with the State Executive Council for Peer Ed project examples and PR
- 91,000 individuals were reached with the projects this year!

Executive Director Report (Sherry Vogel)

- State Conference Report
 - SLC Feedback form link: [26 Iowa FCCLA SLC Feedback Summary.pdf](#)
 - 6.6/10 rating overall
 - Hoping there will be another hotel we can use that is closer to the convention center
 - Will offer bussing for our students at SLC as well for next year
 - 4.44/5 rating for competitive events
 - Student engagement was fairly low
 - Lasagna Love was popular but was quite expensive
 - Grilled Cheese was highly rated

- The GTSB trivia was good and we would like them to return
 - Knowledge Bowl had a lot of participants
 - The next State Leadership Conference will be **March 14-16 2027**
- Fall Rally
 - 4 locations
 - Monday, Sept 21-Ames, ISU
 - Wednesday, Sept 23-Souix City WIT
 - Tuesday, October 6th- Pella, Central College
 - Wednesday, October 7th-Cedar Rapids, Kirkwood
 - Still doing the Grilled Cheese Challenges
 - Talking with SEC about getting new Iowa Events
 - Each location will have cut offs
 - Registration will open August 1st
 - Cost will be \$55/student (this includes lunch and a tshirt)
 - Potentially add knowledge bowl sessions to FLR
- National Meeting
 - Washington, D.C. July 5-10
 - A lot of the general sessions are at night time so we can't schedule an Iowa Event
 - Close to 200 Iowa attendees
 - FCCLA has hired additional security for this event
- Final membership count: 15,701
 - Puts us at number 6 in the nation!!
- 4-H Awards this summer
 - 4-H Extension would like to partner with FCCLA because of all of the cross over that we have
 - Do we give out small monetary donations (maybe \$50 in 5 or 6 areas) and a plaque to award certain participants
 - We could also have a sign "watch out for these winners..." and have a QR code that takes them to the website
 - This would help promote what FCCLA is to a large public audience
 - Jane Hoegh motioned to approve the request of awarding \$50 + a plaque in 6 projects areas at the Iowa State Fair and Alison Hertenstein seconded the motion. Motion Passed
- Board Make-Up and Replacement
 - Krisite Kuhse and Jane Hoegh will both still serve on the board. Jane will take Justin Meyer's position as the Higher Ed Rep and Kristie will be the Post Secondary Adviser.
 - Need to recruit High School, Middle School and a Business Industry Rep
 - The board can appoint the Middle School Adviser Rep
 - Looking to potentially appoint Kathy Comstock from Johnston
 - High School and Post Secondary Reps need to be appointed at the SLC in March

- Should we propose a bylaw change and take out the post secondary rep due to them not having the CTSO for PERKINS requirement anymore?
- How can we add more students to the board?
 - Add the State VP of Finance?

Old Business

- Nothing

Alison Hertenstein motioned to close the session at 11:47am and Sarah Karkowski seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Aimee Marasco motioned to end the closed session at 1:24pm and Mackenzie Kokke seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Financial Update: Michael Weber

Links: [Financial Report 6/17/26](#) [BudgetvsActualsBudget_FY26_PL-FY26PL.pdf](#)

[Iowa FCCLA Financial Position June 15 2026.pdf](#)

- We are doing well financially
- We should set some money aside for when we do not have the extra funds that we currently have

Alison Hertenstein moved to allow the staff to submit the 2026-27 CTSO PERKINS application and Sarah Karkowski seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Mackenzie Kokke motioned to approve the budget for 2026-2027 and Sarah Karkowski seconded the motion. Motion Passed

New Business

- Personnel Committee Report
 - Consisted of Sarah Karkowski, Kritste Kuhse, Mekayla Schilling and Regina Rains
- Approved 2027 Contracts
 - Approved \$3000 Peer Ed
 - Approved \$17,000 Executive Director
 - Approved \$7,000 Financial coordinator
- Would like to make a change in the bylaws- if you go into an officer position, you need to fulfill your term and duties
- We need to fill the Vice President Position, but we are tabling this until the fall when we have all board members present
- Executive Council
 - Regina Rains (Past President), Kristie Kuhse (President), Mekayla Schilling (Secretary), Sherry Vogel (Executive Director), Vice President position is still TBD

Next Meeting

- Sunday, October 18th via Zoom at 7pm
- February 21st via Zoom at 7pm
- April 18th via Zoom at 7pm
- June TBD according to the scheduled COOL training

Alison Hertenstein motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:03pm and Sarah Karkowski seconded the motion