

**Minutes Exec Committee 8/2/2021**  
**CSU Fresno Campus**

Meeting called to order by Shay Hopper at 10:11 a.m.

Members Present: Shay Williams-Hopper, Kevin Woodard, John Williams, Heather Thomas, Courtney Castle, Tim Donovan, Desi Molyneux, Lauren Peterson (Zoom)

Members not present: Rosemary Cummings

Non-Voting Members Present: Matt Patton

A. Conference/Membership Review

Membership was at a high in 2020-2021 at 961 paid members. Participation in conference was also high at 1001 paid participants. Members took part in professional development. Conference participation was high because of virtual format, could be something to consider moving forward to offer a hybrid model going forward. Current membership as of 7/28/2021 is 471 paid members. Auto-renew program may be implemented as the CATA office looks into organizations that could provide those services.

B. Budget Update

Matt gave budget report. \$28,956 was put into reserves at the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Golden Slate was increased on budget to reflect true cost, did not generate much revenue from Golden Slate. PPP loan was used in 2020-2021 and is in the process of being forgiven. Fiscal policy in CATA Bylaws needs to be reviewed to reflect needs of organization. Currently, the reserves is too high per CATA policy. A resolution of an update will need to be made at Winter Governing Board.

C. CDE/Executive Director Update

CTEIG was increased, Strong Workforce monies was increased. A new bill to allow AP and international bachelors programs access CTEIG monies. Community colleges and universities will get a 5% COLA. AGNR is not specific in Strong Workforce criteria to access money. State Conference in 2023 will be in Anaheim, 2024-2025 will be in Sacramento. Hopeful that restrictions from Covid will not go extreme moving into the 2021-2022 school year. More money in education at the moment than in past years.

D. Fall Region Meeting Message

Shay presented the fall meeting message and a round table discussion on what should be presented at each meeting. History of CATA and other organizations and the provisions of State Staff and relationship.

E. Delta Conference

Pandemic prevented the ALC with CATA, since then, CATA has taken over the Delta Conference program. Goal is to put together a sustainable conference for members to participate in. Hopeful to host a Delta Conference in the next year.

F. Lifetime Membership Resolution

Resolution will be reworked and moved again at Winter Governing Board in January. Discussion on this topic was held with the exec committee. Discussion also included how to improve education of the organizations that serve Agriculture Education. It's noted that changes to membership dues and fiscal policy are not to be presented as CATA is being greedy. They are necessary changes to help CATA be sustainable for future years. Information is needed on different resolutions and it will be gathered prior to Winter Governing Board.

G. Division Addition

Discussion on need for pre-secondary division committee to include elementary and middle school agriculture teachers. Discussion was made to open conversations to establish something to help middle school and elementary programs. There is a need to gather resources and give an opportunity for teachers in elementary and middle school agriculture to collaborate and come up with a vision for this subgroup within CATA. Opportunities will be established for the coming year to open up these avenues.

H. Executive Director Evaluation

The evaluation was completed by the members of the executive committee. The evaluation is included in this document.

I. Executive Director Evaluation Review

The executive committee reviewed the evaluation with Matt Patton. The review was led by Shay Williams-Hopper with comments by executive committee.

J. There is a plaque for Rosemary thanking her for service.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm

Respectfully Submitted:  
John Williams