

CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

All In

103rd State Conference Minutes
June 19-23, 2022
San Luis Obispo, California

PRE-CONFERENCE CATA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, June 19, 2022

CATA Summer Conference Objectives

- Recognize member achievement
- Conduct the business of the organization
- Promote fellowship among the membership
- Increase understanding of the organization

Meeting called to order @ 11:01 by President Shay Williams Hopper

Roll Call

John Williams passed around a sign in sheet for those who attended, a QR code was also sent around for members to sign through AET. All current members of the governing board were present for the meeting. There were numerous other guests such as state staff, region vice presidents and other division officers not on governing board present.

Winter Governing Board Minutes

Minutes from the winter governing board were sent out through email for review. There were no changes needed or recommended.

Motion to approve by: Aireal Covey

Seconded: Courtney Castle

Motion Passed Voice Vote

Executive Directors Report

Matt Patton began his report by thanking members of the board for their service. Central Region, thank you for hosting our banquet, 70 people on the waitlist. 250 people have not been to an in-person conference, please take time to give information to members of committees to explain purpose of committee. Agenda for conference is different than in past years, the agenda is built around education of the conference and to answer questions.

State CATA Officer Candidates

Judy Aschwanden was presented as the officer candidate for Treasurer. Will be moved forward to Awards/Nominations/Bylaws committee on Monday.

Opening Session handouts

Poker chips/New teacher brochure will be handed out to members going into the general session. New teachers will be announced alphabetically on Tuesday and Wednesday general sessions. Opening session has changed, HOF is now in opening session.

Joint Division Meeting

John Williams explained the process for gathering information for the SWOT analysis. He also discussed the importance of discussion and allowing members work through a selection of questions. Teachers will be divided into groups based on years of service. The data collected from the activity will be analyzed after summer conference and then reported back to the members of the organization.

SWOT Analysis/Information to be collected via google forms

- 0-5 years of Service = MAC
- 6-12 years of service = PAC Pavilion
- 13-20 years of service = Mustang Station
- 21 years of service = UU 220

Post-Secondary Division Meeting

Tim Donovan reported that the post-secondary division is working towards a new structure of the division. With the loss of a state position a change to the division is needed.

Discussion on state wide advisory is also included in the division needs. Budgetary concerns will be discussed and reported.

Secondary Division

Lauren Peterson reported that a judging card panel will take place during the division meeting. A form will be sent out to members to ask questions for the panel. Curriculum committee will have a discussion on resources. Nomination for secondary division will take place on Monday, voting will take place on Thursday morning.

CDE Comments

Each region supervisor gave an update on their region please see the comments below from each supervisor:

Superior- Happy to only have one position, had a great region meeting lots of discussion on the agriculture teaching career and how to make it easier/better.

North Coast- NC is doing great, finishing first year as CDE Supervisor. Inspired by the NC region and learning from the region.

Central- Happy to be back to CP, excited for the week and to host banquet. Central region is great, new teachers and growing, lots of job openings in the region.

South Coast- Had a great year, back to in-person activities, special thanks to Jessica and her team for implementing leadership opportunities. Smoot state finals due to the work of Dr. Gorter, special thanks to CP.

San Joaquin- Going strong, first in-person year, really exciting for that opportunity. Thanks Fresno State and Reedley College for hosting state finals, thanks to Aerial Covey for her service the past year. Lots of job openings in the region.

Southern- Excited to be at summer conference, southern region is doing well and has a successful year. New region officers are excited and ready to serve the region and state. New partners to offer tours and opportunities for students. State conference will be in Ontario this next year. Lots of positions are available within the Southern Region.

Assistant State FFA Advisor- Tim Brown introduced himself and spoke on his role and what is going with the leadership and state officer program.

State FFA Advisor- Nice to be back at CP for conference, looking forward for the week. Katie Otto is back in the Foundation, Jacqueline Flores is the new leadership coordinator and Tim Brown the new assistant state advisor. Membership is at 98,912 in CA FFA, 340 chapters. Good data from AET for SAE's, community services hours and projects. Only 44% of members are reporting to AET. Lots of State and American Degrees. Bob Heuvels celebration was a great tribute his life and career. FFA Adult Board Budget will end the year in a positive. Speaking events will be moved back to Fresno before Fresno State Field Day. State Staff will be developing a strategic plan, state ag advisory will oversee the plan, outside organization will facilitate. Waiting on governors budget, hoping for a increase in AIG and CTEIG funding. Lots of positions open state wide, new programs, additions, 55 are ag mechanics positions.

NAAE- Eric Tillman from NAAE discussed role of NAAE on a national level and will be doing a workshop this week.

Regional President's Comments

Region presidents gave a short recap of their region reports. The region and division officer reports are attached to the minutes.

Proposed CDE Contests Process

The process of how new contests are proposed was reported by John Williams. This year there are three new contest proposals which will be voted on Thursday morning during region meetings.

Operations Division

The process to elect the curricular code chair of the operations was explained by John Williams. This year nominations will be open during the Wednesday general session. Central region will email their nominees prior to the session as they will be setting up for banquet that

morning. Courtney Castle explained the process for changes to curricular code committee and how the code changes will be reported during the general session. The following is the list of Code Proposals submitted by the June 1st deadline for contests in the current year rotation:

Curricular Code Changes – List C submitted in rotation

- Agricultural Mechanics
- Agricultural Pest Control
- Agricultural Welding
- Agronomy
- Floriculture
- Job Interview
- Marketing Plan
- Agricultural Communications

Below is the list of code changes for contests that are out of rotation. Each contest was discussed and each contest was approved to be open for changes. Below the name of each contest is the member who motioned to open the contests and who seconded the motion. All contests were approved by voice vote.

- Agriscience-HT, Desi-Passed
Motion: Heather Thomas, Seconded Desi Molyneux
- Best Informed Greenhand**-Jill, HT-Passed
Motion: Heather Thomas, Seconded Tim Donovan
- Forestry* Desi, Heather-Passed
Motion: Desi Molyneux, Seconded Heather Thomas
- General Rules
Motion: Heather Thomas, Seconded Kevin Woodard
- Livestock
Motion: Amber Carter, Seconded Theresa Noga
- Marketing
Motion: Heather Thomas, Seconded Lauren Peterson
- Meats
Motion: Courtney Castle, Seconded Becky Freeman
- Milk Quality and Dairy Foods
Motion: Theresa Noga, Seconded Heather Thomas
- Soil and Land
Motion: Heather Thomas, Seconded Becky Freeman
- Vegetable Crops
Motion: Becky Freeman, Seconded Heather Thomas
- Veterinary Science
Motion: Gene Lieb, Seconded Courtney Castle

CDES on Probation

The following CDE's were placed on probation for not having a minimum of 5 teams compete at state finals in 2022.

Motion moved to place Ag Computers, Farm Business Management, Vine Judging, Marketing Plan and Food Science on probation for 1 year by: Lauren Peterson, Second Tim Donovan.

Discussion ensued on the motion.

Motion Passed Voice Vote.

CDE relevance review

State staff recommended suspend the Ag Computers contest due to relevance to industry stating the contest is outdated.

Desi Molyneux moved to suspend Ag Computers CDE, Heather Thomas Seconded
Motion Passed Voice Vote

State Staff Recommendation to eliminate

Trial CDES

AG Communications has fulfilled the 3 year trial requirement.

Kevin Woodard moved to remove the Ag Communications CDE from the trial list and add the CDE to a permanent rotation list on the general rules curricular code, Lauren Peterson Seconded.

No Discussion on the motion.

Motion Passed Voice Vote

New Teacher Introductions Tuesday and Wednesday Session

Brochure will be handed out of our new teachers on Monday, new teachers will be announced on Tuesday and Wednesday. Any new teacher not on the list can walk across the stage and be recognized.

Retiring Teachers Participating in Wednesday Session

Below is the current list of retiring teachers who have chosen to be recognized on stage during Wednesday's general session:

- Tim Hively – Speaking on his behalf Tracy Putnam
- Tom Vazquez – Speaking on his behalf Jacob Vazquez

Any other teachers that want to be recognized on stage please notify Kevin after region meetings.

Voting will be Digital

Ballots will sent out to paid members on Thursday morning through email. If anyone doesn't get the email, they need to reach out to Kerry and then reach out to Jill. Proxy votes need to be emailed to Matt Patton.

FFA Adult Board Appointments

Below is a list of FFA Adult Board appointments whose terms are expiring and or current vacancies.

Terms expiring – June 19 to June 22

Randy Mendes – North Coast Region

Tim Brown – Superior Region

Troy Van Bavel – Southern Region

John Williams – San Joaquin Region

Sam Meredith – Central Region

Nicole Ray – CATA Rep

Retiring

Tom Vazquez – Superior Region

Tim Hively - Southern Region

Changing Jobs

Samuel Rodriguez – Community College Rep

CATA Rep voted by Exec committee is Kevin Woodard.

Other items from the floor

-It was discussed to investigate housing for new teachers for summer conference. Discussion will move forward to next governing board meeting.

-Region presidents have a list of things that are needed to be discussed at region meetings.

-Committees are being opened, please encourage members from your region to come to committee meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:35pm.

Officer Reports:

President Shay Williams-Hopper:

I cannot believe that we have reached this point in the year where we are already at Summer Conference. This year has flown by and we are back in person! Professionally, I have finally had my first real year in my CDE position. Having been hired the year right before COVID, I made it six months before the shut down and learned to adapt to a virtual world. I enjoyed seeing FFA and CATA members throughout the school year. It felt hectic and smooth at all the same time. On the CATA front, we worked to help lessen the challenges presented with the move to Judging Card, as well as planned a ton for this conference. I am hopeful that we will have a wonderful event that will also allow us to plan for our future as an organization.

Personally, my boys are getting big and venturing into new hobbies. I am now a wrestling mom in addition to my baseball mom life. I have enjoyed getting to watch them in their events this year as they grow and change. My hope moving forward is that we as professionals remember that we are all in this together and have the same end goals, supporting student growth, and career success. Be kind, say thank you, serve as role models for all of our peers and students and work together on all levels.

Respectfully,
Shay Williams-Hopper
President

Kevin Woodard
President Elect
No Report Submitted

John Williams
Secretary

This year has been a whirlwind of excitement, craziness, new faces and new challenges. Being a CATA officer has been a rewarding experience and I am looking forward to having a conference where people can attend and feel a sense of normalcy again. As secretary I have learned many new things, it is challenging for me to take notes during meetings and I have been able to better my skills. With that being said, I am terrified about doing the minutes for this week, the main reason is because I do not have the best hearing. I have to turn my hearing aids up to its highest level in most meetings so that I can hear everything that is said. After this conference, I am happy to know that I will be done with that stress and move on to other challenges in my next office.

The best part of this organization is being able to talk with others, learn from them and have a great time. I have learned from the pandemic that not everything is sunshine and

rainbows, but it gives me strength knowing that we will move forward and work to make this organization the best that it can be. I have written numerous articles for the golden slate this year, if you have not done that, I highly recommend doing so. It is a great way to express your thoughts and work on writing skills if you need them. I am not a perfect writer, but I do enjoy it tremendously. We have had some great times in the past at summer conference and I know this year will great as we have many opportunities to serve, share our thoughts and work towards a common goal.

Personally, life is awesome, my boys are growing up way too fast and I enjoy watching them drive their mother crazy. Leslie is doing her thing in PD and is now a training officer for the department. I have competed numerous times this year in shooting clays, some tournaments went well, some I don't really want to talk about. All in all, I am blessed to have the family that is supportive. I am also blessed to be in the CATA and teach agriculture to students every year. I hope you all have had a wonderful end of the year and I look forward to seeing many teachers, friends and mentors this week.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Williams

State Secretary

Heather Thomas

Treasurer

Since we last met in January, the administrator I was trying to train chased his tail into being let go in April, completed a few CTEIG projects, oversaw the online contest series, mentored over 75 livestock fair projects, farrowed 2 sows with students during finals, and put on the West Coast National Swine Show. I'm still working with California Pork Producers to get fairs exempt from Prop 12 compliance and evaluating the self-certification program. I have attended the Central Region and Superior Region Spring CATA Meetings and the State FFA Convention. I was proud to have mentored this year's Star State Farmer and Sheep Proficiency Winner. And finally, I have taken the next step in self-improvement and was accepted into the CSUC Master Program for Ag Education.

Respectively submitted,

Heather Thomas, CATA State Treasurer

Tim Donovan

Post-Secondary Division Chair

Since Post-Secondary Division Mid-Winter meeting the leadership has continued to discuss possible ideas for the future of division's structure, we plan on presenting the idea of adopting a structure similar to that of CATA regional format and incorporating duties to fit post-secondary needs and planning.

The Vision committee created a survey to allow college programs to assign representatives for each of the committees, thus we will be able to correspond within each committee and allow other to easily locate a committee representative.

The leadership and the statewide advisory chair (John Scheuber) have continued to seek funding

ideas/resources to maintain the advisory. We will be discussing with members at summer conference.

Courtney Castle
Operations Division Chair

As I reflect on the spring semester, I find myself counting my blessings for the many personal and professional successes the semester brought. Wrapping up the 2022-2023 school year was an accomplishment all on its own. As an administrator, teacher and FFA advisor, the constant changes and challenges kept me continuously busy but I am thankful for the learning opportunities and growth it provided me.

Our FFA chapter has finished its first year and it included attending State Conference and showing meat birds at the Porterville Fair. Plans for our chapter next year includes integrating more consistent ag lessons in our lower grades, purchasing a school vehicle and hosting our first plant sale.

Our middle school ag committee has been meeting consistently throughout the spring semester as well. We've worked on potential components for a funding application, discussed CDEs, curriculum and summer conference workshops. This week we are presenting twice on middle school ag and meeting in-person as a group.

As I finish my role in the Operations Division, I am appreciative of my time in the CATA. I thought I was finished when I stepped away from the secondary ag classroom, only to find that there are always opportunities if you are willing to look for them and willing to step up and take on a leadership role. I'm excited to continue serving in various capacities within our organization and look forward to the future.

On a personal note, Jared and I welcomed our fourth child on May 15; 12 hours after I had left the livestock auction at fair. Noah Jennings Castle took us by surprise as we didn't find out the gender and we really thought we were destined to be girl parents. Turns out life has a way of always keeping you on your toes. Our oldest graduated kindergarten at the start of June and our second daughter finished preschool. We plan on spending the remainder of the summer adjusting to a family of 6 and soaking in all the sweet baby snuggles.

I hope you all take some time this summer to relax and spend time with your loved ones. You deserve time to recharge and take care of yourself this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Castle
Operations Division Chair

Lauren Peterson
Secondary Division Chair

Wow! Where did this school year go? The year that for many of us, was what we had been longing for after COVID but could not imagine how different it would be. It was great to be back in the classroom with student's eyeballs in front of me. I definitely had some teaching struggles transitioning back into the classroom especially for those freshman students who hadn't been in a classroom since 7th grade. A highlight of the year was moving into our new King City

Agriculture Department facility. It is a beautiful facility and I'm looking forward to starting the 2022-23 school year in the new building.

On the personal front – it's crazy how the saying "the days are long, but the years are short" couldn't be more true. I'm enjoying treasured moments and memories with my family and looking forward to our upcoming adventures.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren Peterson

Becky Freeman
Central Region President

For Central Region, we have been focused on planning a great CATA banquet! Our theme is Derby and we are hoping people will dress accordingly to theme. Doors will open at 5:30, with the program starting at 6:30. We plan to close the bar during the awards presentation. We have a great team of people working on all of the banquet details and are so grateful for their help.

Thank you
Becky Freeman

Theresa Noga
North Coast Region

The North Coast Region has had a wonderful year getting back to ALL the things! It has been great to see each other's faces again and feel a real hand shake or a hug! We sure missed everyone! There are many things happening in numerous chapters throughout the region, and a few have sent in their highlights below. We also had the addition of the Sunset Chapter to our region and a reinstated chapter in Cloverdale. It's great to be a growing region! We have many new teachers employed and many new positions opened up as the region grows. Personally, I have had a wild school year! My own children have both moved to attend Ferndale Elementary although we live about 45 minutes away. This has changed my commute to say the least. Lol. I also am the community "bus" since numerous of our friends' children have moved schools as well. I definitely know "ALL" the things that go on at our Elementary school now. Lol. We've been busy at home with cows, chickens, horses and all the things! I am very excited to have my first summer in my new home as well. Baseball has consumed most of my time outside the classroom, as well as catering a few events for family and friends. It's been a great year! Thank you for all your support as your North Coast Region President!

Sincerely,
Theresa Noga
NCR CATA President

Ferndale High School

We are excited to be adding a middle school program to our elementary school, which will bring our Introduction to Agriculture classes to the 7th and 8th grades. We had 23, 4 year program completers (out of 28 graduates), and 17 of them had received their State Degrees. We put in all new fencing around the ag mechanics shops and our greenhouse/garden areas. Our floral classes have been VERY busy with wedding season, and our farm to table program has added a new smoothie bar and has been catering multiple events including our very own Mr. O'Day's wedding. We are looking forward to meeting Mrs. Alexandre's new bundle of joy later this summer, and we have an amazing long-term sub set up for the fall so she can enjoy her new blessing. Our

2022-2023 Officer team is off to a great start putting the Ferndale flags out for flag day for the town to enjoy.

Round Valley High School (Covelo FFA)

We had a very successful return of the Covelo FFA Mothers Day Rodeo after a two year hiatus due to COVID. This year we are excited to congratulate our Graduating Seniors for being the first pathway completers in our Agriscience and Animal Science pathways. Work on our garden site continues as we have almost completed laying the new water lines to be able to have a working garden next year. Our show team is looking forward to having an in person fair and have been hard at work with their steers, hogs and chickens. We are excited for our Natural Resource teacher Ms. Britton to make the move into admin and be our Principal next year! Our program is looking to expand by adding a new Ag Mechanics position and are hoping to add more pathways in the coming year.

Cloverdale High School

Cloverdale FFA was recognized at the State FFA Leadership Conference for being reinstated. Cloverdale FFA awarded their first ever Greenhand Degrees and the first annual Cloverdale FFA Banquet. We had students show in the local fair for the first time representing Cloverdale FFA. There were a lot of firsts this year and we are excited to see what next year brings!

Fort Bragg High School

Fort Bragg ended the school year celebrating all of our successes this year. The addition of middle school program and discovery members this year, as well as growing the high school program by one teacher. The additional teachers provided opportunities for twice the number of students. This year we also had our first region proficiency winner, our first state prepared public speaking contestant and our first regional officer elected. It was a great year. We will be welcoming Daniella Oliva to

the high school next year to continue our path of growing the program and providing amazing opportunities for students.

Middletown High School

It has been a crazy year in Middletown, to say the least- 4 Superintendents, new CBO, new Principal, VP, Secretary and Registrar- we are pooped from training everyone! We are excited to have filled our Ag Mechanics position with the student teacher from George Wold's program in Anderson. Our student leaders led a fantastic banquet where 4 year seniors were sashed, Honorary Members were installed, and our Greenhand, Chapter, State and American Degree recipients were recognized. We are 50% complete with our new showing/washrack setup, and our new apiary has already split from 2 to 5 hives! Our students are working hard with our local market through a Beef Co-Op to bring local farm raised beef to the meat department. They have their sights set on implementing pork next.

Eureka High School

Eureka is going through some major changes this year with our mechanics teacher, Mr. Shamp taking the head welding position at College of the Redwoods as well as Sandy Lovfald stepping down from the classroom after 40 years of teaching! She has been hired back by the district as a teacher on special assignment to help with the transition of two new teachers. Eureka recently hired former student Kara Forbes to lead the floral and sustainable agriculture biology classes. We are currently still looking for a shop teacher. Mr Shamp and The "Golden Owl" Sandy Lovfald will be

truly missed by the school, the students and the community.

Fortuna High School

Fortuna's agriculture department had over 260 students enrolled in courses this year, which is the highest enrollment ever. We had 11 students receive their State FFA Degree this spring and 33-program completers walk the stage at graduation. Our livestock exhibitor numbers skyrocketed as well, totalling over 75 students who will be showing at the Humboldt County Fair in August. We are looking forward to next year with a young & fun officer team of 11 student leaders!

Aireal Covey

San Joaquin Region President

The past 6 months felt like the longest and quickest 6 months of my life, and I feel like I hear others making similar comments often. For myself as well as many others in the San Joaquin Region, the spring semester provided so many amazing opportunities to travel with students, coach teams, participate in fairs and excel in the classroom. As we bounced back from the past few years of shutdowns many of us went full throttle, at times we may have even felt a little out of control! Stepping back into our traditional meetings, banquets and events was so satisfying and rewarding. However, we can not fail to acknowledge the challenge of hosting an event for the FIRST time in several years with possible new rules and expectations. BUT, we made it and we learned A LOT along the way. The SJR hosted the Spring Regional Meeting in Tulare in February, beyond covering business and reports our teachers hosted 6 different round table breakout sessions covering the following topics: Industry Connections, Applying for Grants, Ag Mech Shop Management, Opportunities in CATA, Ag Teacher Health and Wellness. Throughout the Region various LDE and CDE contests were hosted. We are proud to be the home of 507 State FFA Degrees recipients, 34 State Proficiency Finalists and 140 American Degrees that have been sent forward to National FFA. We will also be inducting two teachers into the Hall of Fame later this week. At Clovis East High School we recently opened our Farm and Floral Lab which features a Food Science Lab and Floral Design classroom. We are also saying a sad goodbye to veteran teacher Mr. Steve Gambriel who will be joining the South Coast Region to open a plant science CTE program with the Santa Maria School District. Personally I am enjoying my daughters becoming great, competitive horseback riders and we have just started our first 4-H animal for the Big Fresno Fair. My daughter will be showing a market hog.

Respectfully Submitted Aireal Covey San Joaquin Region CATA

Brian Kim
Southern Region President

Greetings from the Southern Region, we are excited to be back in-person in SLO. I, as well as the rest of Southern Region would like to thank everyone behind the scenes who worked so diligently to make this possible. We are looking forward to the annual banquet which, word on the street, is at maximum capacity. Our region is hosting the banquet in 2023 and conversations have already begun to continue a tradition of excellence. The Southern Region is extremely proud of all of the advisors and staff from Heritage, St. Jeanne, and Holtville high school and the mentorship they have provided Landon, Brian, and Melanie as they embark on their journey as State Officers. On both a professional and personal note, I have had the most fulfilling year as an agriculture instructor. I have been able to serve more agriculture students within our district with my TOSA position. This has had a positive impact on not only our district administration but our individual ag sites as well. We look forward to this partnership for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Kim

Kristi Hill
Superior Region

Greetings from the superior region! What a year it was getting back to things in person! With all the movement last year there was a lot of change with the officer team and I had to take over as President and it has been a crazy but fun one. Even with it being stressful it was a good year. It was so nice to have an in person state conference again and to get to see people from all over the state again. Our region had a lot of great success being back in person. We have a lot of amazing things happening up in the superior region. There are a lot of programs adding new positions and building new facilities. Wheatland broke ground on their brand new facility with the help from the strong workforce grant. There were a lot of new hires with the expanding of programs thanks to the CTEIG and strong workforce grants. A lot of schools still have openings and are awaiting fulfillment. There have been a lot of schools that have been updating their school farms. We are hoping to do the same at Willows next year with a brand new barn in the works. Thank you so much state officers for working so hard this year to get things back to normal and I am looking forward to being back in SLO!

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Hill

1st General Session Minutes

Monday June 20, 2022

Called to order at: 8:11am by Shay Williams-Hopper

The session began with a welcome from President Shay Williams-Hopper and the session was hosted by the Central Region. Invocation was led by Nicole Morris and the flag salute was led by Elizabeth Kinlaw. Dr. Armstrong, President of Cal Poly, SLO, welcomed our association to campus for our annual summer conference. Steve DeRose for ICEV spoke on behalf of ICEV as they are the opening session sponsor. Kevin Woodard announced our State CATA Officer Candidate, Mrs. Judy Aschwanden from the North Coast Region. Shay Williams-Hopper presented the Hall of Fame honorees, the following is the list of those inducted into the 2022 Class: Jack Havens, Jim Aschwanden, Mike Rourke, Darlene Gilles, Max Jones, Kerry Stockton, Frank Tebeau, George Gomes. The session concluded with speaker Gian Paul Gonzalez with a message of being “All In”

Monday Region Meetings

Each region met to conduct business as needed. The minutes from each region are attached.

Joint Division Meeting

A SWOT analysis was conducted by the members of the association. John opened the session by explaining a SWOT and its purpose. Members were then divided by years of service to discuss questions presented in the SWOT. Each group submitted their responses to the SWOT questions on a google doc for analysis to be completed after conference. The questionnaire is attached to the conference minutes.

2nd General Session

Called to order at 10:03am by President Shay Williams-Hopper

Meeting began with announcements from Shay

New Teacher Introductions

New teachers were welcomed on stage for this session. New teacher introductions were divided into two groups, last name letters A-M were announced and greeted on stage. Last name letters N-Z will be recognized on stage on Wednesday’s session.

Greetings/Reports:

The following list of people greeted or gave a report to the CATA organization during this session:

- Eric Tillman- NAAE
- State FFA Officer Team- California FFA
- Katie Otto- California FFA Foundation
- Mindy DeRohan- Ag in the Classroom
- Scott Stump- National FFA

Scott reported on information from the National FFA and plans for National FFA Convention.

- Charles Parker- California Department of Education
Discussed future plans for a strategic plan for CDE, announcement of new leadership coordinator Jasmine Flores and introduction of Tim Brown new Assistant State Advisor. Also discussed information on Adult Board Budget as well as possible increase in AIG funding.
- Matt Patton- Executive Director California Agricultural Teachers Association.

Session Adjourned at: 11:40 am

**3rd General Session
Wednesday 6/22/2022**

Meeting call to order at 9:00 am by Kevin Woodard Chair-Elect

Introduction of new teachers last name beginning letter N-Z. New teachers were welcomed to the organization.

Retiring teachers were recognized for their years of service to the CATA organization.

Golden Owl Awards were announced by Shay Williams-Hopper.

Teacher of Teachers Gold awards were announced during the general session. Silver and Bronze awards will be awarded during Region Meetings.

CATA Years of Service were announced and awarded.

Nomination Speech of state officer candidate Judy Aschwanden was presented to the general membership. Jessalee Goering spoke on the behalf of Judy. Voting for the candidate will take place on Thursday morning.

Secondary division report was read Lauren Peterson, a motion to approve the report was made by: Kevy Mendes No second required as is it implied due to it being a committee report. The report is attached to these minutes. No discussion, Motion Approved Voice Vote.

Post-Secondary Report was read by Tim Donovan, motion made to approve committee reports made by: Clay Freeman, No Discussion Ensued. Motion passed, voice vote.

Operations division report was read by Courtney Castle, nominations were made for operations division secretary, the following are a list of nominees: Chris Livingood. A motion was made by Amber Carter, no second required as is a committee report.

Discussion: Dick Piersma moved to Table the committee report. Frank Orique Seconded
Discussion: Due to not enough discussion across all curricular code on the impact of the general rules changes on all competitions.

Vote failed by hand vote 112 to 109

Motion made by Chris Livingood to postpone the committee report until Thursday's general session.

Second by Dick Piersma

Discussion: Not all membership were present to discuss the topics.

Motion Passes Hand Vote: 220 in the yea and 70 in the no

Meeting adjourned at 10:20

Thursday General Session 6/23/2022 PAC

Meeting called to order at 10:15am by Shay Williams-Hopper

Meeting began with the operations division report that was postponed during the previous meeting. Shay Williams opened the floor for discussion on the motion to approve the operations division report as read.

Dick Piersma moved: to amend the General Rules Curricular Code within the Operations Division report by adding the following language:

Add to the end of:

IV.A.3 – To allow for proper vetting of contests, the changes that will allow Jr. High/Middle School FFA members to compete in all State Finals CDE events will not go into effect until after the 2023 CATA Summer Conference. All changes regarding Jr. High/Middle School FFA member participation in State CDE's will be revisited/Re-evaluated at the 2023 CATA Summer Conference during the General Rules Curricular Code meeting.

Motion Seconded by Chris Livingood

Discussion:

There's a need to allow for other contests to properly assess the impact of adding additional students to current impacted competitions. Opposition to amendment as all students who are enrolled in agriculture should have the same opportunity and we cannot allow for students to be isolated.

Stephanie moved previous question, Hugh Mooney Seconded, Vote passed majority vote. The chair called for a vote on the proposed amendment. Motion Failed majority vote. Previous question was moved by Hugh Mooney on the approval of the operations division report as read. Chris Livingood second, Motion passed majority vote. The chair called for a vote on the operations division report. Motion passed majority vote.

It was announced that ballots would now be sent out through email to vote on new officers, proposed contest and proposed awards. Steve Ammonson was introduced as a motivational speaker. Honorary American Degrees were announced by Shay Williams-Hopper. Membership

awards were announced by Heather Thomas. Idea Show and Farm Show reports were given. The election results were announced, and the new officers were installed.

- President – Kevin Woodard
- Vice President – John Williams
- Secretary – Heather Thomas
- Treasurer – Judy Aschwanden
- Past President – Shay Williams-Hopper

2022 CATA Summer Conference was adjourned at: 11:45am

Division Minutes:

Operations Division

The Nominations, By-Laws and Professional Awards committee was called to order at 4pm by Chair Amanda Ferguson. Amanda covered the goals and expectations of the committee.

1. John Williams gathered 2 representatives from each region to form a by-law revision committee. More details will come in your regional meetings.
2. Amanda presented the candidate for CATA office and the committee reviewed her qualifications. Dick Piersma moved to approve Judy Ashwanden as a State CATA Officer candidate, the motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.
3. The committee discussed the three CDE proposals: Water Issues, Spanish Creed and Ag Mechanics Fair. All three contests will appear on the members Thursday ballot for member approval.
4. Committee members were provided the opportunity to ask questions regarding the contests.
5. The committee opened discussion on the current subject-specific CATA award applications. Currently the only subject specific award application is Outstanding Agriscience Teacher. It was the committee's desire to generate additional applications for other subject areas. Caitlyn Freeman moved to match the CATA award applications to the CALPads/CTE Pathway list. Motion was seconded and passed with a voice vote.
6. The committee discussed the potential addition of a middle school committee. This committee would be added under the secondary division. Members were able to discuss the benefits and drawbacks of adding such a committee. No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm by committee chair Amanda Ferguson.

CALPads Pathways:

Agriculture Business

Agricultural Mechanics

Agriscience

Animal Science

Forestry and Natural Resources

Ornamental Horticulture

Plant and Soil Science

Operations Division Budget and Audit Committee Meeting
June 20, 2022

Meeting called to order at 3:55 PM by Amber Carter.

Matt Patton reviewed the Balance Sheets from June of 2020 to June of 2022. Before beginning discussion on the 2021-2022 budget Hugh Mooney asked Matt to explain how the salaries for CATA employees work. The Executive Director is paid on a Step system that is posted on the CATA website. They have increased the CATA employees to 2 & ¾ employees with Kerry Brown now being increased to 70%. This transition is happening because after this summer Kerry Stockton will be moving to only working two days a week.

Matt Patton shared & reviewed the following details regarding the 2021-2022 budget:

Get REAL did have an increase in expense due to the group working in person versus virtually. Get REAL is a like minded advocacy group that lobbies on behalf of CTE programs.

There were salaries paid out for the Agriculture Pathways Program but that money will be reimbursed with grant money.

The Payroll Protection was also forgiven.

The budget is not complete as we still have conference expenses that need to be accounted for but Matt estimates that we will have a surplus of around \$70,000, which will go into reserves. This is due in part to having historically high membership as well as conference registration with around 955 people.

There was discussion about eventually having to potentially hire more staff and Matt pointed out that we have increased employees in the last 3 years.

In regards to the Proposed 2022-2023 budget-

There is a 2% COLA increase for CATA employees excluding the Executive Director.

There is an increase in Technology however it is because we will be moving to an automated membership system that will allow for easier management of your individual membership and payments. This will also include the launching of a new CATA website.

Lifetime membership was brought up however at this point there are no changes to the current Lifetime membership. It was also suggested that we create a diagram that breaks down where your individual dues go to.

Motion made to approve 2022-2023 budget proposal by Ernesto Marcial. Seconded by Amanda Boyer. Motion passed voice vote.

The last agenda item discussed was creating a guideline for how the Disaster Relief Funds are to be used. There is currently around \$6000 in the Relief Fund. Several suggestions were made including increasing awareness about donating to the Relief Fund, including a donate button on the new CATA website if possible. After reviewing the current application used by the NAAE, it was agreed upon that \$500 is not a sufficient amount.

Jennifer Knight moved to have Amber Carter create a form that outlines the guidelines and application for applying for Relief Funds for up to \$1000. Seconded by Ernesto Marcial. Motioned passed voice vote.

No other business discussed. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM.

The Certification/Articulation/Tech Prep Committee was called to order at 3:57 PM on Monday June 20th by Jordana Faria. A brief overview of the committee was given, and a recap of the work that has been previously done in the committee over the last year. After discussing the direction of the committee and our purpose, 3 action items were addressed. Call to Order at 3:57

1. Motion made by Derek Silva for the certification articulation tech prep committee to use the AET record book to log in certifications for a regional supervisor to be able to pull the resource for other teachers. Second by Cherise Duncan. All In Favor. Motion Passes
2. Motion By Stephanie Blogett Move to place the list of available certifications to our educators on the CATA website. If the list needs to be added to, the certification, articulation, tech prep committee will need to meet to approve the addition. Second by Jordan Albiani. All in Favor. No Opposition. Motion Passes.
3. Motion by Jared Castle to remove the term “tech prep” from this committee name. Second by Kevin Migill. All in favor. No Opposition. Motion Passes.

Jill Sperling will contact Roger Hannagriff regarding a report to pull certifications that students are doing from AET and help with that portion of the committee. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Curricular Code

The Ag Mechanics Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 3 PM by Josh Mckenzie. The committee discussed six proposed changes. Proposals pertaining to generating a rubric for how new qualifying contests will be reviewed, allowing for one team per school to take priority in registering before allowing alternates to be registered, eliminating tool sharpening from the cold metal area, and clarifying which sub-contest areas are to be used when writing the written test were all passed by the committee. Failed proposals included splitting tool and written test into two areas and removing the second area of each option area. Meeting adjourned at 3:52 PM.

The Ag Pest Control Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21. The committee approved the removal of items B, D, F and G from the curricular code. This removes the point

deduction for misspelling the common name of any insect or pest, contestants filling in the scientific order of each pest and the current objective examination sample form. The committee approved the addition of contest sites providing a numerical specimen list to each contestant from the curricular code and a list of 5 potential hosts numbered 1-5 next to each specimen to be entered on the scan form.

The Agriscience Fair Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 3 PM by Jason Ferreira. The committee approved adding a separate scoresheet for Division 1 and 2 to match the national contest. Division 1 and 2 of the Agriscience Fair is for 7th and 8th grade participants. Currently, California FFA only has 1 scoresheet for Agriscience Fair that is not separated by divisions.

The Floriculture Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 3:15 PM by Celia Casso. A motion was made and approved to change from the lettering system to the 3 digit numbering system used by MJC. Motion passed to remove “vertical design” and replace it with “duplicate design” including a friendly amendment allowing students to make the design from a picture. Motions also passed to add bouquet egg to the Tools list, add 15 minutes at the beginning and 15 minutes at the end to facilitate set up and clean up and add scenarios to each design. A new scorecard for the duplicate arrangement was also passed during the meeting. Changes to cut flowers, potted plants, and foliage plants were moved and approved by the committee. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

The Forestry Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21. The committee approved the team event rotation through 2028. The committee reviewed areas of the contest that did not work well with Judging Card options and determined that the plant list, equipment and wood all need to be changed from letters to numbers.

The General Rules Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 3:01 PM by Courtney Castle. The committee discussed the proposed change to include middle school students at all state finals contests. Motion was made to amend the original proposal to include “unless otherwise noted in curricular code” by. Motion passed. Motion was made to adopt the amended proposal to allow middle school students to compete in state finals contests by Kristin Sheehan and seconded by Christopher Gonzalez. No further discussion and meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM.

The Job Interview Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 by Mike Albiani. The committee approved the removal of the job application portion of the contest and reallocation of point distribution to reflect the removal of the points for appearance. The committee also approved to clean up language and having the state contest coordinator post job descriptions by October 1 each year.

The Marketing Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 4 PM by Jessica Forrester. The committee approved the proposed change to separate the math portion of the

contest from the multiple choice and true/false sections to allow for the math section to be used as the tie breaker without creating additional errors.

The Marketing Plan Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 3:15 PM by Amy Erman. The committee approved to eliminate the use of physical visual aids to enable new teams to participate regardless of financial ability. They also approved to correct grammatical errors in the curricular code, eliminate the current rubric and replace it with the national scorecard. All proposed changes were passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM.

The Meats Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 3:02 PM by Jennifer Knight. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the language in the National Code for items A & B under heading III. The committee approved the use of the judging card meats form and dropped one set of 10 questions to make the contest fit on one card. The beef yield grading scoresheet, beef quality grading scoresheet and retail ID sheet will be removed from the curricular code packet since they are from the old system and not used in the contest. Total points were adjusted to reflect the drop of 10 questions (50 Points per student, 200 points per team). Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM

The Milk Quality & Dairy Foods Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 3:10 PM. The committee moved and approved to add the team presentation that is modeled after the National FFA with their rubric into the California contest. The committee approved the removal of unclean, changing score from 2 points to 5 points and cut down to 10 samples. There was another motion to expand cheeses to include all cheeses that are on the judging card form. It was moved and approved by the committee. Test questions were approved to be made 50 points to align with the judging card. Meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM.

The Ag Communications Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 4:02 PM by Kaylyn Davenport. Motion passed to eliminate the 4 practicums; Web Design, Opinion Writing, Video Production and Journalistic Writing from the contest. The committee approved all teams participating will be required to complete the Editing Exercise and Communications Quiz on Friday afternoon/evening of State FFA Finals and the Media Plan Presentations will take place on Saturday as well as a preliminary cut made on Friday if there are more than 10 teams entered in state finals.

The Ag Welding Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 4 PM by Daniel Fishman. The committee passed the addition of “cordless power tool with wire wheel only” to the tool list, removal of “portable, cordless, rechargeable, battery powered tools may not be used in the contest” and added “host site will provide all plans, tests and written documents no later than 2 weeks after the contest is completed to all participating teams.

The Agronomy Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 4:09 PM by Jerry Delsol. The committee approved the elimination of assessments, general knowledge and solutions from the agronomy judging card, add judging classes 1, 2, 3 and 4, and to change from

“parts of plant displayed” to “part of plant damaged.” A motion was made to renumber the ID starting at 100 to align with judging card. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 4:49 PM.

The Best Informed Greenhand Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 by Matthew Mashall. Motion passed on the removal of the words “first year” to make it clear only 9th grade freshmen would be allowed to compete. The committee discussed judging card E would work for three sections of the contest but would need a practicum box added. Additionally, the committee failed the motion to delete fill in the blank portion of the contest

The Livestock Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 by Lori Porter. It was moved and approved to adopt a custom two-sided judging card and leave all aspects of the contest the same.

The Soil & Land Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 4:04 PM by Tyler Dickinson. The committee moved and approved to have Judging Card create a card that reflects the current point system in California. It was recommended that portions from the Texas and Indiana cards be used in the development of the scorecard. Proposed changes to add 5 extra minutes at the end of the 40 minutes at each pit and to provide students with a practice sheet per pit that will be collected at the conclusion of each pit were also approved by the committee. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.

The Vegetable Crop Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 at 4:08 PM by Tim Brown. The committee moved to approve moving the entire contest to judging card and incorporating an identification key to allow multiple choice. Spelling will no longer be a factor in determining a student’s ID score and an alphabetized list of all the ID will need to be created. Meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.

The Veterinary Science Curricular Code meeting was called to order on June 21 by Martin Castro. The committee approved contest sites providing medical math resources sheet as a resource for the exam. The committee also approved the creation of a scantron document that has a practicum section identified, an equipment/material section identified, a parasite section identified, a breed identification section identified and a general knowledge section identified. The committee also approved to form a committee of the top 5 team coaches to review and finalize the judging card.

Nominations for Operations Division Secretary:

Chris Livingood

Martin Castro

Secondary Division

Secondary Division Report 6/22/22

The Secondary Division as a whole met Monday June 21st at 3:00 pm, led by Secondary Division Chair Lauren Peterson.

During the meeting, nominations were gathered for Secondary Division Vice-Chair and Secretary. Those nominees were Michael Leishman of Bakersfield-Highland, Jean Terry of Fowler, Kristin Sheehan of Madera, Megan Tunzi of Fort Bragg and Vernon Clark of Bakersfield-Foothill. Voting for these candidates will occur electronically on the e- ballot distributed tomorrow. Caitlin Freeman moved to close nominations - 2nd by Kate Smith. Motion Passed.

A panel discussion occurred with panelist Alyssa Ewell, from JudgingCard, Dr. Erin Gorter, Cal Poly SLO, Dr. Steve Rocca, Fresno State, and Matt Patten, CATA Executive Director. The panel talked about the management, security, equipment, and cost associated with JudgingCard. Matt Patten gave a background on how CATA choose the JudgingCard system. Both Dr. Gorter and Dr. Rocca who hosts State finals competitions explained the process on their end on how JudgingCard benefited their contests. Alyssa Ewell informed members of the process and cost associated with developing cards. Jennifer Knight suggested each student receive a manilla folder to house their card to prevent damage and cheating of the card. Questions were answered via an electronic submission. No other action was taken at this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

The Secondary Division, Student Activities Committee met Monday June 21 at 3:50 pm, led by Secondary Division Vice-Chair, Colleen Lawson.

During the meeting, comments were gathered on content for GLC, SLE, Change Makers Summit and overall needs of a facilitator by Jasmine Flores.

No actions were taken during the committee meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

The Secondary Division, Curriculum Committee met Monday June 21st at 4:04 pm, led by Secondary Division Chair, Lauren Peterson.

Cameron Standridge and Jonathon Moules presented their UCCI Course “Menus” they have developed in conjunction with Agriculture Teachers across the state.

No actions were taken during the committee meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lauren Peterson, Secondary Division Chair

Post-Secondary Division

CATA Post-Secondary Report 2022

Greetings from the Post-Secondary

Our division met the last two days in which we had two future funding opportunities presented:

Carrie Peterson from the Western Grower Association-presented information about funding opportunities geared toward the Next Generation AG Worker-the Western Grower Association is developing curriculum, teaching resources and internships for students with industry partners.

Dr. Freeman from Fresno State presented information about a funding proposal being developed to submit to Farm Credit that would go towards AG Ambassador Events, she will be sharing the information with post-secondary who can then provide feedback for proposal.

History: The post-secondary has had a statewide director and grant funding for over 30 years, in which this provided the organization needs for post-secondary events and funding for our events, such as our Mid-winter (similar to regional road show) this funding also supported our statewide advisory committee, student competition and leadership activities. This position and funding has went away thus the division is currently focused on a restructure!

We decided to review the structure and the need of our current statewide advisory.

We formed a committee to review the current officer structure, in which this committee will present an updated officer proposal at our Mid-Winter meeting (December 2022). Then submit to governing board before the January meeting.

Elected new secretary: Tommy Henderson-Chico State

Elected New community college representative to FFA Adult Board: Andrew Ornelas-Merced College

Our 4 Committees met Monday afternoon here is a summary of meetings

- Curriculum
 - Ag tech curriculum discussion
 - Biosecurity/Animal and food safety project
 - Zoom with C-ID team to work through challenges,
 - Develop a form to get folks from each subject area who are interested in reviewing courses
 - Revisions to Chico State ag ed class-articulated courses need to update course
 - Jessica Cardoso new curriculum chair
- Student activities
 - CAL Events-potentially one every semester
 - Mix of leadership and competition
 - College jackpot show, MJC, March 3-4
 - NACTA competition, MJC, April 12-15
 - CAL Conference University of Nevada, Reno, Oct. 7-8
 - CAL Competition-Figure out dates before Mid-Winter

- In-service
 - Tri-chair model to be used
 - (past year host, current year, following year)
 - Judging card to be used for register
 - Use AET for post-secondary directory
 - Future Mid-winter locations
 - Consumes, Woodland Delta (2022)
 - Butte (2023)
 - Bakersfield (2024)
 - COS, MJC (2025/2026)
 - Fees for Mid-winter
 - Approved registration fee increase for Mid-winter
 - Colleges pay for their own hotel
 - Getting more university people involved
 - Higher fees for non-CATA members
- Vision
 - More events funded through colleges
 - Evaluate structure of statewide ag advisory
 - Post-secondary new structure
 - Consider Adopting a regional model
 - Use of CATA website
 - Post-Secondary Secretary will be the contact person for website
 - Links to all of the Colleges
 - Officers and Committee Chairs with contact and membership
 - Committees
 - Document Repository (minutes from meetings and other important documents)
 - Links to all of the faculty in the CATA Post-Secondary Division (note: can be accessed through AET)
 - Major Resources that were available through the grant, such as Student Competitions and CAL Leadership Events.