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## National FFA Convention & Expo Delegate Committees

*The 2016-17 National FFA Officer Team has commissioned six special committees for delegate work at the 90th National FFA Convention & Expo this October.*

### **COMMITTEE FOR THE NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF DELEGATE WORK**

The Committee for the Nature and Structure of Delegate Work will re-evaluate the purpose of the National FFA Delegate Process, determine the most effective delegate structure (including official delegate allocation), and establish the structure of committees.

Committee Chair: Tess Seibel (Virginia FFA Association) ▪ Committee Coordinator: Lee Letsch (Oregon FFA Association)

### **COMMITTEE FOR AN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT**

The Committee for an Agricultural Education Career Development Event will examine and determine the relevance of an Agricultural Education CDE. If effective, the committee will recommend potential components of the CDE.

Committee Chair: Weston Adams (Utah FFA Association) ▪ Committee Coordinator: Tara Fastert (Harrisburg High School, South Dakota)

### **COMMITTEE FOR EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS**

The Committee for Effective Communication with Members will evaluate the current strategy of communication between the National FFA Organization and its members, including, but not limited to, written publications, digital communications and social media. The committee will also explore new ways to communicate resources such as My Journey and AgExplorer, to members.

Committee Chair: Luke O'Leary (California FFA Association) ▪ Committee Coordinator: Kimberly Bellah (Murray State University)

### **COMMITTEE FOR ACCOMODATING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

The Committee for Accommodating Students with Special Needs will evaluate the organization's role in accommodating students with special needs by exploring the creation of content for teachers/advisors, and the evaluation of resources for students with special needs, at all levels of the organization.

Committee Chair: Liddy Vinton (Nebraska FFA Association) ▪ Committee Coordinator: Tracy Kitchel (The Ohio State University)

### **COMMITTEE FOR THE INCLUSION OF UNPAID SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS**

The Committee for the Nature and Inclusion of Unpaid Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs will evaluate the requirements of the chapter, state, and American degrees. The committee will create alternative methods to quantify skill development and professional growth obtained through unpaid SAEs. The committee will identify limitations that students with unpaid SAE programs face elsewhere in the organization and propose solutions.

Committee Chair: Ryan Matthews (Ohio FFA Association) ▪ Committee Coordinator: Cade LeJeune (Louisiana FFA Association)

### **COMMITTEE FOR CHAPTER MEMBER PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

The Committee for Chapter Member Programs and Opportunities will identify the needs of chapter members in the area of leadership, agriculture, and career success, evaluate current opportunities for members at the chapter level, and offer proposed solutions.

Committee Chair: Ridge Hughbanks (Oklahoma FFA Association) ▪ Committee Coordinator: Chip Bridges (Georgia Department of Education)