

Mid-Winter 2024

Call to order– Marty Resendez

Invocation – Danny Reaves

Texas FFA Update:

- All applications should be live on the roster system! If you experience any issues with applications, please let us know.
- For all scholarship questions, please contact Ashlee Laird. As a reminder, all state-advancing scholarships must be selected and submitted on the roster system by **May 10th**. We can begin checking as soon as they are submitted so please submit early if you have them ready.
- For all CDE and SDE questions, please contact Georgia Dunn.
- Tammy Glascock will remain the contact person for advanced Awards and Degrees and Agriscience Fair.

Minutes- Valerie Hirsch (posted for review on Area website) *moved and seconded; approved*

Treasurer's Report- Amanda Kacal

Move and approved for the overage of the Area III banner

Reports will be posted on website

♦ ATAT Report – Kevin Packman

*Aspen Heights-rejected from the City; put more earnest money so still a contract on the table
City of Austin owns land behind building*

Conference Dues will be raised by \$50 at the 2025 Conference

*2024 ATAT will be in Dallas; 900 rooms will be available on the block and increase from 750
304 members for ATAT for Area; 2524 for the state*

Quality Counts will be revamped

♦ LDE Report – Jacob Price/Heather Rahm

○ *14 Area teams advanced to finals*

○ *Berry Center has tentatively been reserved already for 2024 LDE
Contest-November 20, 2024*

○ *Telge Center is tentatively booked but cannot secure until Cy-Fair ISD
calendar is approved*

Any concerns please contact Jacob Price/Heather Rahm

♦ Animal Industries Report- Lauren White/Hunter Morgan

- *Recommendation and accommodations were discussed in the fall meeting*
- *Underrepresented by 1 Ag Mech and 2 Competitive Events*
 - *Ross Sheffield nominated; elected for Ag Mech*
 - *Nikki Reed and Brynn Wittie nominated and elected for Competitive Events*

♦ Ag Mech-Danny Reaves

- *Please send any recommendations after majors*
- *San Antonio will have a trailers class with PPE and produce a weld in the parking lot to ensure students are actively worked on the project*

♦ Tractor Tech- Kevin Packman/Ross Sheffield

- *Area III January 26 at Gerald D Young; zipgrade scantrons for test and components will be provided*

Workmaster Utility 45-110 horse

Dr Eudy-test; Chris Rouscher and Don Henson will do Components

Paetow Invitational January 12

Freddy Engelbrecht Invitational January 13

♦ Scholarship Report- Megan Koehn/Theresa Farthing

- *Scholarships for Area III will be due April 2 at 11:59*
- *Area Scholarship Check will be April 12 at the Voss Center*

♦ CDE Committee Report – Jerry Dean Shimek/Jacob Price

- *College Station will NOT be hosting Floral/Nursery/Milk Quality so needed to find a new “home” for those contests*

○ *Floral/Nursery-April 2 at Sam Houston (tentative); wildcard with Area 9*

○ *Milk-April 10 at Tarleton*

- *Area III Applied Engineering-checking March 29 for availability with TSTC Rosenberg*
- *A&M Judging Clinics-March 23*
- *SHSU Area/Invitational-April 2*
- *Region 3 Wildlife-April 4*
- *Area III Wool-April 5 at Texas A&M*
- *Texas A&M Area-April 6 (Meats/Ento/Horse/Livestock/Poultry/Vet Science)*
- *Tarleton Area-April 10*
- *Tarleton State-April 25*
- *SHSU State-April 26*
- *Texas A&M State-April 27*
- *Texas Tech State-April 20*

♦ Horticulture-Brooke Lowery/Mary Powell

- *Ensuring that each superintendent knows the contest rules*

♦ Wildlife Committee Report – Sommer Thomas/Seth Lucas

- *Region 3 Wildlife-April 4 at Welder Wildlife Refuge in Sinton, TX*

♦ Courtesy Corp - Becky Brummond/Theresa Farthing

- *No report*

- ◆ Officer Selection Process-Brooke Lowery/Emily Dennison
 - *NomCom Applications (junior/senior students) due: April 19; any student interested*
 - *Area & State Officer Applications due: May 3*
 - *Area/State Officer process May 9 at Katy ISD ESC Complex/Merrell Center*
- ◆ Speaking Committee Report-Amanda Kacal/Erynne Jenschke
 - *Area May 7 Speaking at Katy ESC Complex/Merrell Center*
 - *Documents due May 1 for Area Speaking*
 - *State Speaking will be held in conjunction with State Degree Check so speaking will be June 7 & 8; May 15 documents are due to the State*
- ◆ Ag Science Fair- Bri Arriola/Becky Brummond
 - *No report*
- ◆ Area Degree Check – Theresa Farthing/Bre Fowler
 - *Needed to uploaded by May 1 for Area check*
 - *Lonestars will be checked online May 1-5*
 - *Imperative for districts to have checks to reduce the back and forth of simple mishaps*
 - *Please turn your project off once it is completed*
- ◆ State Awards and Degree Check – Sommer Thomas/Sara Burke
 - *The American FFA Degree application submission system through AET will open January 1, 2024. Applications will be submitted directly to the state. Deadline for submitting regular American Degree applications is April 1, 2024. The review and approval process will begin immediately after the first application is submitted so that corrections can be made if needed.*
 - *If you want the committee to check Americans please send it before Feb. 1*
 - *If you submit no email or alert will be sent; it will be a note on AET*
 - *Star American applications must go through your District/Area first to determine Area winners. Area winning Star American applications must be submitted to the state by May 15, 2024.*
 - *Area III Degree Check (Proficiencies, Chapter Awards, John Justin, Ryan Mott) May 10-Gerald D. Young Ag Facility; QR code to help; please have them completed by May 8*
 - *Area will be due one day before the state days:*
 - *Star GH/Chapter/Lonestar-May 22*
 - *Proficiencies May 23*
 - *Golden Horizon/National Chapter be sure to hit submit*
- ◆ Rodeo Report-Stephanie Jones/Larry Abke
 - *No site has been determined at this time*

- ◆ Area III Leadership Coordinator Report- Ryan Frank
 - 155 students participating in the 2024 ELITE Conference. Students have the opportunity to participate in four workshops of their choice, which are being put on by the Area Officers and our Area III State Vice President, Jaime Hahn.
 - Area Officers have been hard at work traveling to 8 different chapter events throughout the area, hosting the Area III ALC where all 36 District Officers were able to gear up for their year of service
 - Hosted 144 Greenhand Members at the 2023 Greehand Camp in Katy, Tx, and now gearing up for the 2023 Area III Convention which will be held on May 10!
 - Additionally, the 2022-2023 State Officers have had a phenomenal time traveling our area! Last semester, the state officers had the opportunity to visit 11 different chapters and now they are gearing up to spend two more weeks traveling our Area March 4-8!
 - CLC is a new conference we will be hosting June 20 at Gerald D. Young; it is open to all chapters and all chapter members; Conference will be led by State, Area & District officers

New Business:

- ◆ 1 Ag Mech & 2 Competitive Events for Major Show Industry
- ◆ Redistricting
 - Recommendations:
 - Move Alief to Lake Houston; Alief would like to be Northwest District (geographically)
 - Move Spring Branch and Alief to Northwest to add chapters to the Northwest District
 - Spring Branch does not care geographically where they are placed
 - Gulf Coast will be having one school losing affiliation and could possibly lose 30+ delegates
 - Accept the recommendation with Alief moving to the Northwest District and remove the double Huffman; proposal carries
 - Update the proposal; students will vote at Convention; Board of Directors will need to approve for the 2025-2026 school year

Future Dates:

- ◆ 2024 Area III Convention- May 7 Speaking at Katy ESC Complex/Merrell Center; May 9th Officer Elections at Katy ESC Complex/Merrell Center; May 10 Area Convention at Gerald D Young

- ♦ 2024 Area III Leadership Conference- June 11-13th at Gerald D. Young Ag Facility; Area officer advisors will need to be in attendance
- ♦ 2024 Chapter Leadership Conference-June 22, 2024 at Gerald D. Young Ag Facility
- ♦ State Convention-July 8-12 in Houston
- ♦ ATAT Conference-July 22-26 in Dallas (EVERY COMMITTEE WILL HAVE AN OPENING)
- ♦ 2024 Area III GH Camp-September 21, 2024 at Gerald D. Young Ag Facility; Area officer advisors will need to be in attendance; Set up for Area Officers September 20
- ♦ 2024 Area III LDE- November 20 at Berry Center; Telge Center is booked for November but cannot confirm until CFISD approves calendar

2025

2025 Elite/Midwinter-January 10 Katy ISD ESC Complex/Merrell Center
 2025 Area III Speaking-May 7 at Katy ISD ESC Complex/Merrell Center
 2025 Area III Officer Elections-May 8 at Katy ISD ESC Complex/Merrell Center
 2025 Area III Convention-May 9 at Gerald D Young
 2025 Area III Leadership Conference-June 9-12; 9th for setup (TENTATIVELY)
 2025 Area III Chapter Leadership Conference-June 21 (TENTATIVELY)
 2025 Greenhand Camp-September 20th; 19th for setup (TENTATIVELY)