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President's Corner

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The last year brought many changes. It lacked the excitement and fellowship we are so used to within our organization. Hosting State Fair was cancelled, National I nstitute was delayed, and State Convention was postponed. As we look forward, the horizon already seems brighter. We are looking forward to getting back to all the great things we did, even if there are some modifications.

I look forward to continue leading you through the next year. I am asking everyone to join in and help as we get back on our feet and tackle State Fair activities and planning for National Institute. This will be an exciting year and I look forward to a great adventure with all of you.



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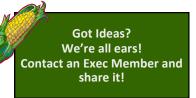
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State Updates

I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy amongst the COVI-19 pandemic. I know we all hear constantly that things are changing on a daily basis. I wanted to give a few updates for IYFA and assure you that I will continue to send out updates as necessary about upcoming State activities.

<u>Executive Committee meetings</u>—our Executive Committee is currently using conference calls to discuss upcoming events and any important decisions. We will also be utilizing conference calls for individual committees to better plan and make decisions.

<u>State Fair</u>—at present, the Indiana State Fair is still planning on this year's fair happening. There will be many changes for safety protocol that will be in place. Anyone working during the fair will be made aware of what is necessary and expected. I am in contact with our State Fair rep and making sure we have the most up to date information from them. The State Fair committee will be making decisions for our building in the coming weeks to adhere to the new State Fair guidelines. Once all details have been ironed out, we will share with our membership.

<u>Family Retreat</u>—the Membership Committee will be discussing possible locations for this year's Family Retreat. As we did not have Convention this year, we are considering doing awards, etc. during this event.

<u>National Institute</u>—the National Institute Committee is making plans for the National Institute in Fort Wayne this December (moved from 2020). If you would like to help in any way with National Institute, please let myself, Pam Berning or Jamie Michel know and we will make sure you are on the list.

As life continues to change, please know that the Executive Committee is doing everything possible to plan for our events as best as possible. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Meet the 2020-2021 State Officers



State President

James Wolff is serving as our 2021-2022 State President. He is from Fort Wayne and is a member of the East Allen Young Farmers.

Past State President

Dale Schmitz is serving as our 2021-2022 Past State President. He is from Petersburg and is a member of the Pike County Young Farmers. Dale will be co-chairing the State Fair Committee.





President-Elect

Jacob Taylor is serving as our 2021-2022 President-Elect. He is from Fort Wayne and is a member of the East Allen Young Farmers. Jacob will be chairing the State Convention Committee.

Vice President

Michael Tormoehlen is serving as our 2021-2022 Vice President. He is from Seymour and is a member of the Traditional Young Farmers. Michael will be co-chairing the State Fair Committee.





Secretary

Kimmi Hopkins is serving as our 2021-2022 Secretary. She is from Brownstown and is a member of the Traditional Young Farmers. Kimmi will be chairing the Finance/Marketing Membership Committee.

Dates and Deadlines

*June 15

Newsletter Article Deadline

* June 14-17

Indiana FFA State Convention
Indiana State Fairgrounds
Tentatively

* July 17-18, 24-25

State Fair Setup Days
Indiana State Fairgrounds

* August 6-22

163rd Indiana State Fair

* September 15

Newsletter Article Deadline

* October 27-30

National FFA Convention Indianapolis, IN

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