

2022-2023 FAE4-HA Annual Report



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2nd Vice President

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Dear Florida Association of Extension 4-H Agents Members,

Cheers to another year of positive youth development through Florida 4-H! In a year that we worked to make Florida 4-H better and stronger after Covid-19, we were impacted by hurricanes and other challenges. In these taxing times, I was amazed by how we cared for and supported one another.

The Florida Association of Extension 4-H Agents (FAE4-HA) exists to promote the Extension 4-H profession and programs. This year, professionals were supported by a voice on the Extension Faculty Advisory Committee, as well as the Florida 4-H Foundation. The 4-H Scholarship Series organized by the FAE4-HA Program Committee offered membership an opportunity to hear about cutting-edge youth development research. At the FAE4-HA Mid-Year meeting, a presentation by Dr. Matt Benge coordinated by the FAE4-HA Professional Development Committee provided information on *Planning for YOUR Future: Bridging the Gap between your 4-H Job and Extension Career Advancement*. We have also benefitted from our colleagues' scholarship at EPAF, NAE4-HYDP, and other professional conferences and venues.

Congratulations to our state, regional, and national award winners! Florida consistently produces high quality positive youth development programs and the accolades confirm this fact. Thank you to our Member Services Committee for supporting award and recognition opportunities for FAE4-HA members.

Thank you to the FAE4-HA leadership team for their service over this past year. It was an honor and privilege to work alongside a committed team of association officers, committee chairs, and district directors.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Florida Association of Extension 4-H Agents President this year. I cherish the personal and professional growth that it provided me. Thank you to the membership, those who served in leadership roles, our retirees, and supporters. This organization is a success thanks to each one of you!

Sincerely,

Karen Henry
Florida Association of Extension 4-H Agents
2022-2023 President

FAE4-HA Past Presidents

2021-22	Kristie Popa, Charlotte County
2020-21	Vaness Spero, Southeast District RSA
2019-20	Geralyn Sachs, St. Johns
2018-19	Brent Broaddus, Southwest District RSA
2017-18	Brian Estevez, Escambia
2016-17	Heather Janney, Hamilton
2015-16	Matt Benge, Alachua
2014-15	Julie Pigott Dillard, Washington
2013-14	Georgene Bender, South Central District RSA
2012-13	Cindy Higgins, Columbia
2011-12	Andy Toelle, Duval
2010-11	Heather C. Kent, NW District RSA
2009-10	Pat Hogue, Okeechobee
2008-09	Debbie Clements, Okeechobee
2007-08	Christa Carlson-Kirby, DeSoto
2006-07	Marcus Boston, Leon
2005-06	Yolanda Goode, Gadsden
2004-05	Martha Maddox, Sumter
2003-04	Suzanne Wilson, Holmes
2002-03	Lori Wiggins, Taylor
2001-02	Kathy Leigh Wojcik, Brevard/ John Lilly, Jefferson
2000-01	Cindy Higgins, Columbia
1999-00	Dot Welch, Citrus
1998-99	Amy McMullen, Madison
1997-98	Kim Coldicott, Palm Beach
1996-97	Judy Butterfield, Duval
1995-96	Linda Barber, Santa Rosa
1994-95	Dot Welch, Citrus
1993-94	Shirley Bond, Hillsborough
1992-93	Mary Williams, Nassau
1991-92	Tom Devereaux, Broward
1990-91	John Rutledge, State Office
1989-90	Alice Hyers, Lake
1988-89	Donald Holloway,
1987-88	Albert Fuller, Levy
1986-87	Marilyn Halusky, Duval
1985-86	Marylou Shirar, Palm Beach
1984-85	Nan Jensen, Pinellas
1983-84	Brenda Coker, Okeechobee
1982-83	Elva Farrell, Sarasota
1981-82	Patty Burke, Alachua/Elva Farrell, Sarasota
1980-81	Bill Brown, Alachua
1979-80	Lowell Parrish, Bradford
1978-79	Joy Satcher, Brevard

1977-78 Shirley Bond, Pinellas
 1976-77 Shirley Bond, Pinellas
 1975-76 John Smehyl, Hillsborough

Top Honors

(* after a name with initials denotes earned through service in another state)

FAE4-HA Young Professional Award (*2013 name changed from “Rookie of the Year”)

2023 Daniel Gonazalez, Palm Beach
 2022 Beth Moore, Madison
 2021 Kelsey Irvine, Nassau
 2020 Aly Schortinghouse, Escambia
 2019 Kelsey Haupt, Duval
 2018 Kristen Poppell, Nassau
 2017 Jessica Altum Cooper, Gilchrist
 2016 Amanda Squitieri, Polk
 2015 Shaina Bennett, Baker
 2014 Tycee Prevatt, Glades
 2013 Matt Benge, Alachua
 2012 Brian Estevez, Suwannee
 2011 Heather Futch, Hamilton
 2010 Cathy Suggs, Lee
 2009 Adam Cletzer, Indian River
 2008 Karen Henry, Osceola
 2007 Jennifer Heady, Okaloosa
 2006 Sarah Hensley, Lake
 2005 Kim Millar, Marion
 2004 None
 2003 Nicole Walker, Polk
 2002 Heather (Schultz) Kent, Jackson
 2001 Jean Hink, Pasco
 2000 Kathie Roberts, Dade
 1999 None
 1998 Kim Coldcott, Palm Beach
 1997 Tamara Dinkins, Duval
 1996 Melinda Hogan, Lake
 1995 Sandy Lyon, Baker
 1994 Amy McMullen, Madison
 1993-1992 None
 1991 Judy Butterfield, Clay
 1990-1987 None
 1986 Elaine Courtney
 1985-1980 None

FAE4-HA Achievement in Service Award

2023	Paula Daniels, Okeechobee; Noelle Guay, Palm Beach; Shreemoyee Ghosh, Polk
2022	Alyssa Schortinghouse, Escambia; Andrea Estevez, Brevard
2021	Sarah Davis, Sarasota; Matthew Olson, Clay; Dr. Marnie Ward, Citrus
2020	Jessica Sprain, Osceola; Kelsey Haupt, Duval; Kelsey Irvine, Nassau
2019	Julia Kelly, St. Johns; Amanda Morgan, Alachua; Kristen Poppell, Nassau
2018	Laura Valencia, Osceola; Kalan Taylor, Sumter; Abbey Tharpe, Taylor
2017	Ashley H.K. Stewart, Marion; Shaina Spann, Baker; Jessica Altum Cooper, Gilchrist
2016	Rachel Slocum, Lake; Amanda Squitieri, Polk; Tycee Prevatt, Glades
2015	Nicole Crawson, Holmes; Laura Cash, Volusia; Neva Baltzell, State Office
2014	Becky Bennett, Madison; Stephanie Conner, Clay; Brian Estevez, Suwannee
2013	Brent Broadus, Hillsborough; Shane Michael, Seminole; Vanessa Spero-Swingle, Brevard
2012	Heather Futch, Hamilton; Sherri Kraeft, Wakulla; Melanie Taylor, Gulf
2011	Adam Cletzer, Indian River
2010	Julie Pigott Dillard, Washington; Karen Henry, Osceola; Dale Pracht, State Office
2009	Chris DeCubellis, Gilchrist; Jennifer Heady, Okaloosa; Kate Fogarty, State Office
2008	Rene Gore, Baker; Sarah Hensley, Sumter; Jean Rogalsky, Pinellas
2007	Amy Duncan, Citrus
2006	Robert Strong, Marion; Lynne Middleton, Putnam; Nicole Walker, Polk
2005	Christa Carlson, DeSoto; Heather Kent, Jackson; Tracy Tesdall, Volusia
2004	None
2003	Lori Wiggins, Taylor
2002	Janet (Harper) Golden- Pinellas
2001	Debbie Clements, Okeechobee
2000	Melinda Souers, Lake
1999	Kim Coldicott, Palm Beach
1998	Terrie Henderson, Okaloosa
1997	None
1996	Cindy Wentzel
1995	Amy McMullen, Madison
1994	Sandra Fry
1993	Judy Butterfield, Clay
1992	None
1991	Donna Peacock, Sumter
1990	Cindy Goodman, St. Johns
1989	Sheila Andreasen, Jackson
1988	David Dinkins, Leon
1987-1980	None

FAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award Recipient

2023	Laura Valencia, Osceola; Shaina Spann, Baker
2022	Ashley H.K. Gill, Highlands; Dr. Marnie Ward, Citrus
2021	Prudence Caskey, Santa Rosa; Jessica Altum Cooper, Gilchrist; Nicole Crawson, Holmes
2020	None

2019	None
2018	Dale Pracht, State Office; Laura Cash, Volusia; Tycee Prevatt, Glades
2017	Neva Baltzell, State Office; Crystal McCazzio, Putnam; Stephanie Connor, Clay
2016	Brian Estevez, Suwannee; Heather Janney, Hamilton; Elver Pardo, Orange
2015	Shane Michael, Seminole; Vanessa Spero-Swingle, Brevard; Brent Broaddus, Hillsborough
2014	Julie Dillard, Washington
2013	Sarah Hensley, Sumter; Kate Fogarty, State Office; Norma Samuel, Marion
2012	Cynthia Higgins, Columbia; Karen Miliffe, Osceola; Sonja Crawford, Hendry
2011	Jean Rogalsky, Pinellas
2010	Chris Decubellis, Gilchrist; Nancy Moores, Hernando; Marcus Boston, Leon
2009	Heather Kent, NW District; Geralyn Sachs, St. Johns; Nicole Walker, Polk
2008	Jean Hink, Pasco; Rita Law, Seminole; Tracy Tesdall, Leon
2007	Lori Wiggins, Taylor; Robert Strong, Marion; Georgene Bender, SouthCentral RSA
2006	Yolanda Goode, Gadsden; Debbie Nistler, Duval
2005	Janet Harper Golden, Pinellas; Andy Toelle, Duval; PamelaPhillippe, Charlotte
2004	None
2003	Marcus Boston, Jr, Leon; Debbie Clements, Okeechobee
2002	Vickie Mullins, Santa Rosa; Amy McMullen, Madison
2001	Cindy Moore, Osceola; Suzanne Wilson, Holmes
2000	Cora Meares, Pinellas
1999	John Lilly, Jefferson; Judy Butterfield, Duval
1998	Shelda Wilkens, Seminole; Ernest Stephens
1997	Dale Bennett, Wakulla; Dot Welch, Citrus
1996	Donna Peacock, Sue Fisher, State Office
1995	Bill Hill, Polk; Sheila Andreasen, Jackson
1994	None
1993	Damon Miller, FAMU; Bonnie Fauls
1992	None
1991	Tom Devereaux, Broward; John Rutledge, State Office; MaryWilliams, Nassau
1990	Linda Denning, Nadine Hackler
1989	Linda Cook, Terry Floyd, Orange
1988	Elaine Shook, Leon; Delores Jones, Madison
1987	Kay Brown, Escambia; Alice Kersey, Polk; Tom Greenawalt, State Office
1986	Alice Ayers, Lake; Elva Farrell, Sarasota
1985	Albert Fuller, Levy; Don Holloway, Liberty
1984	Nan Jensen, Pinellas; BJ Allen, State Office; Harold Jones, Duval
1983	Ruth Milton, State Office; Marilyn Halusky, Duval
1982	Janice O'Neil, Clay; Nettie Ruth Brown, St Johns
1981	Brenda Coker, Okeechobee; Lawrence Heitmeyer, Leon
1980	Mary Lou Shire, Palm Beach; Bob Renner, Marion; Bill Heltemes, *MN
1979	Shirley Bond, Pinellas
1978	None
1977	Tom Greenawalt, State Office
1976	Joy Satcher, Brevard
1967	Ruth Ann Miller, Polk *NY

FAE4-HA Meritorious Service Award

2023	Crystal McCazzio, Marion
2022	Heather Janney, Columbia
2021	Heather Kent, NW District
2020	Dr. Kate Fogarty, State Specialist
2019	Geralyn Sachs, St. Johns
2018	Nancy Moores, Hernando
2017	Stacey Ellison, Northeast District RSA
2016	Yolanda Goode, Gadsden
2015	Debbie Nistler, Bradford
2014	Tracy Tesdall, South District RSA
2013	Georgene Bender, South Central RSA
2012	Debra Clements, Okeechobee
2011	Andy Toelle, Duval
2010	Marcus Boston, Leon
2009	Vickie Mullins, Santa Rosa
2008	Martha Maddox, Sumter
2007	Dr. Marilyn Norman, 4-H Program Leader
2006	Judy Butterfield, Bradford
2005	John Lilly, Sr., Jefferson
2004	Elaine Shook, Leon
2003	Dr. Mary Williams, Nassau
2002	Albert Fuller, Levy

FAE4-HA 25 Year Award

2023	Lori Wiggins, Taylor
2022	None
2021	Marcus Boston, Leon
2020-2013	None
2012	Marvin Weaver, Gilchrist; Martha Maddox, Sumter; Cindy Higgins, Columbia; John Lilly, Jefferson, Pam Phillippe, Charlotte
2011-2006	None
2005	Linda Denning, Collier; Dr. Mary Williams, Nassau
2004	None
2003	Albert Fuller, Levy
2002	None
2001	Dr. Joy Jordan, State Specialist; Dr. Elaine Shook, Leon; Kay Brown, Escambia; Terry Floyd
2000	None
1999	Bill Heltemes, Alachua
1998	Bob Renner, Marion
1997	Ernest Stephens, Marvin Weaver, Gilchrist
1996	Linda Barber, Marilyn Halusky
1995	Linda Cook, State Office; Nadine Hackler, State Office; Judith Wakefield, Indian River

1994	Michael McKinney, Hillsborough
1993-1990	None
1989	Sue Fisher, State Office; Tom Deveraux, Broward County; James Estes
1988	Marylou Shirar, Ruth Ann Miller, Alice Ayers
1987	Tom Greenawalt, State Office
1986	Luther Rozar, Sarasota
1985	Delores Jones, Madison
1984-1983	None
1982	BJ Allen, State Office
1981	Martha Norton
1980	Ruth Milton, State Office
1979	Nettie Ruth Brown
1978	None
1977	Marilyn Tileston

FAE4-HA Friend of Extension Award

2023	Greg Dunn, Florida Forest Service
2022	Scarlett Redenius
2021	Citrus County 4-H Foundation
2020	Anne Peterson, Escambia County
2019	Wanda Simmons
2018	Sandy Hernandez, Hillsborough County
2017	None
2016	Erin Munz, Sumter County 4-H Volunteer
2015	Dennis Robinson, Polk County 4-H Volunteer
2014	Mark Harvey, North Florida Fair
2013	Wendy DeVito. Animal Sciences Youth Programs Coordinator
2012	Lesia Andrews – North Florida Farm Credit
2011	Vina Jean Banks, Agribusiness Director – Florida State Fair
2010	Dan Buchanan
2009	Stephanie Farmer, <i>Farm and Ranch News</i>
2008	Tropicana Products, Inc.
2007	Commissioner Robert Dallari, Seminole County
2006	None
2005	Charles Price, Central Florida Fair, Chet Taylor, DVM, Pasco County
2004	None
2003	Dr. Kenneth Keen, Hendry County
2002	None
2001	Representative Jeff Miller
2000	Richard and Kathy Lee, T.G. Lee Foundation
1999	Winn Dixie

FAE4-HA Outstanding Specialist Award

2023	Dr. Stacey Ellison
2022	Dr. Sarah Hensley
2021	Geralyn Sachs, RES - Central District
2020	Dr. Chris DeCubellis
2019	Dr. Amy Simonne
2018	Dr. Matt Bengé
2017	Dr. Chad Carr
2016	Dr. Rebecca Baldwin
2015	Heather Kent
2014	Dr. Martha Monroe
2013	Dr. Ben Mather
2012	Dr. Art Texiera
2011	Dr. Karla Shelnutt
2010	Dr. Bryan Terry
2009	Dr. Dale Pracht
2008	Dr. Sandra Tenbroeck
2007	Dr. Kate Fogarty
2006	Dr. Marilyn Lestmeister
2005	Dr. Jerry Culen
2004	None
2003	Dr. Charles E. Chichra
2002-2001	None
2000	Dr. Millie Ferrer
1997	Dr. Nayda Torres
1996	Dr. James Umphrey
1995	John Rutledge
1994-1992	None
1991	Marie Hammer
1990-1987	None
1986	John Rutledge

SECTION I - ORGANIZATION

FAE4-HA History

The first full-time county 4-H professional employed in the Florida Cooperative Extension Service was Ernie Cowen. Ernie began work in Orange County in 1966. Before 1970 several other central Florida counties added full-time 4-H agents to their staffs. As early as 1969 a small group of county 4-H agents were meeting informally to exchange program ideas and to assist each other in dealing with the frustrations of the new full-time 4-H agent position. Cowen was the first agent to become fully aware of the National Association of 4-H Agents and the opportunities it offered. Ernie Cowen was deeply committed to attempting to enhance the 4-H agent position through establishing a state organization for 4-H agents. Although Ernie's efforts were not fruitful during his employment with Extension, he was successful in recruiting many Florida 4-H agents for the National Association and made the first (March 1970) formal request of Administration for permission to invite a National Association representative to visit with Florida 4-H agents about forming a state 4-H association. There is no doubt that his dedicated groundwork has earned him the unofficial title of "Father" of our Florida Association. Although Dr. Joe Busby, State Director, was unwilling to grant Cowen's request, he did agree to study the situation for future consideration.

Not discouraged, Ernie persuaded two other Florida 4-H agents, Leah Hoopfer of Pinellas County and Alice Kersey of Polk County, to join him in taking leave and attending the National 4-H Agents meeting held in November, 1970, at Purdue University. The three returned to Florida stunned at the professional improvement opportunities offered at the meeting. Alice Kersey agreed to serve as our state "contact person" for Florida's members of NAE4-HA, and relying on annual leave, attended a Southern Region ECOP meeting for presidents of all three associations held in Atlanta in 1971. Interest in forming a state 4-H agents association in Florida continued to grow. In a few years Dr. Busby said he learned many favorable things about the accomplishments of 4-H agents associations in neighboring states and was ready to change his position on a third Florida agents association from negative to neutral. The formal state Association of Ernie Cowen's dreams could now become REAL.

With administration's approval, Alice Kersey invited Richard Freeman, Southern Region Director, to visit with Florida agents during 4-H Congress in July, 1975. Richard made a presentation about the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents. When he opened his presentation for questions, "Could WE organize a 4-H Agents Association in Florida?" was the first question asked. Richard had come prepared with the necessary information. B.J. Allen suggested Nettie Ruth Brown of St. Johns County chair our organizational meeting since she was then president of the National Home Economics Agents Association and very experienced at that sort of thing. During the meeting our first elections were held.

John Smehyl of Hillsborough County, was elected president; however, John resigned his Extension position shortly afterward and Shirley Bond of Pinellas County served as our first active President. Serving with Shirley that first year were Alice Kersey, secretary and Bob Renner of Marion County as treasurer. Shirley was elected to serve an additional term as president and through her leadership FAE4-HA became a fully-functioning state association. Among the early achievements:

- A Professional Improvement Committee became active
- Joy Satcher of Brevard County was designated our first member to receive the Distinguished Service Award

- Tax-exempt status was obtained
- An association annual meeting time was established. It would be held at Florida's State Extension Administrative Conference.
- An annual award was established to honor "the Extension employee who developed the best 4-H materials"

President Shirley had been very active in NAE4-HA before moving to Florida. Some of her contacts in the National Association encouraged her to seek our interest in hosting the 1981 national meeting. At the December 14, 1977 Executive Board Meeting, Lowell Parrish successfully moved that FAE4-HA make a bid for the 1981 national meeting to come to Orlando, Florida. Terry Floyd was appointed chairman for the meeting if the bid was accepted by the National Committee. Dean Woeste agreed to support our bid providing FACAA and FAEHEA supported it. That afternoon at a joint meeting of the boards of all three Florida associations the proposal for FAE4-HA to bid for the 1981 4-H Agents' national meeting was supported by both the Agricultural & Home Economics Associations. Later in the year our bid was successful. In less than a decade, we had come from being Ernie Cowen's dream to making plans for a national meeting at his doorstep.

Submitted by Alice Kersey, Polk County

FAE4-HA 2022-2023 Officers and Directors

Executive Officers:

President -	Karen Henry
President Elect -	Karen Henry
1 st Vice President -	Tycee Prevatt
2 nd Vice President -	Shreemoyee Ghosh
Secretary -	Noelle Guay
Treasurer -	Prudence Caskey
Past President -	Kristie Popa

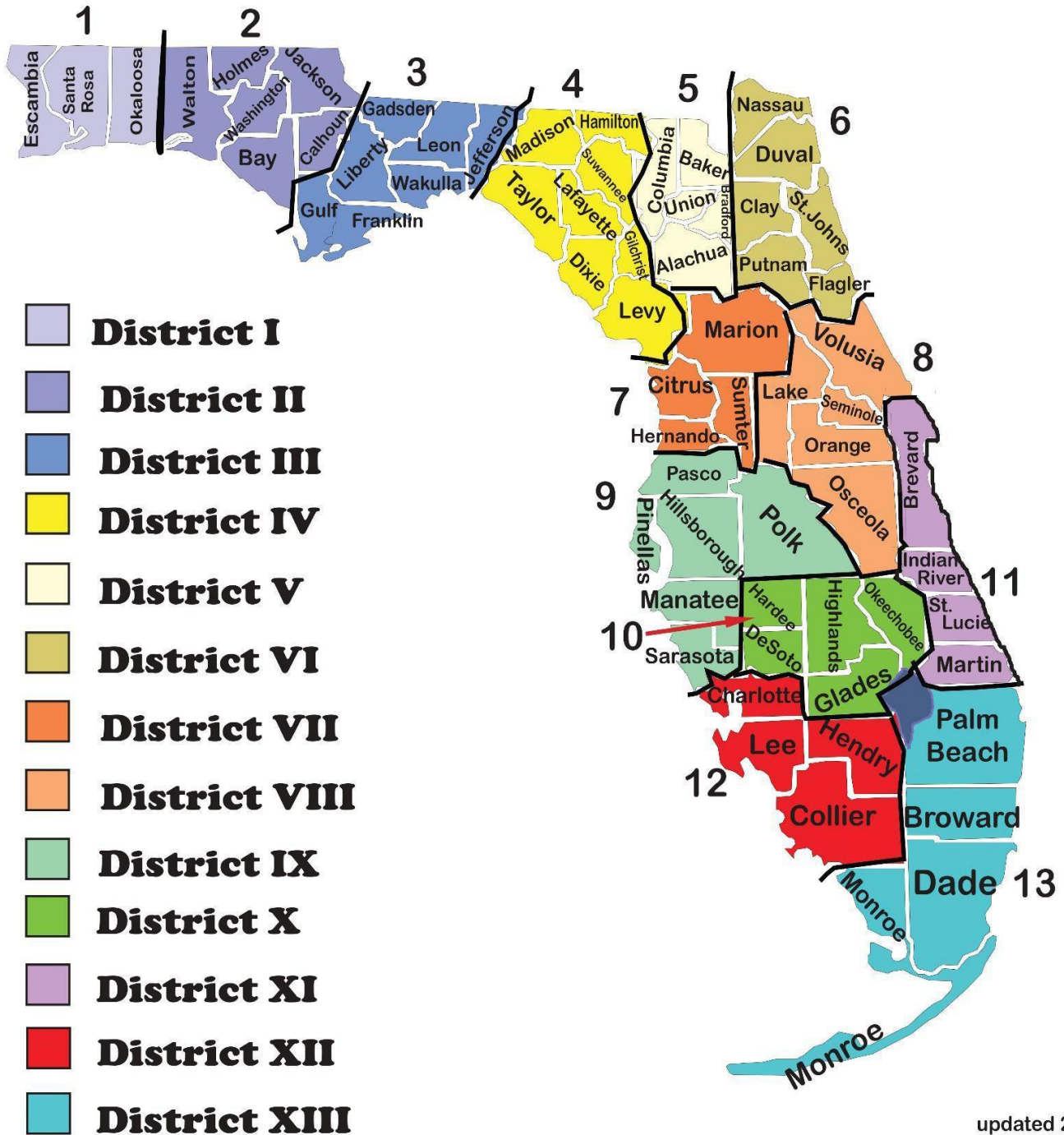
District Directors:

District I -	Ronnie Cowan	District IX -	Shreemoyee Ghosh
District II -	Claire Reach Davis	District X -	Katelyn Mulinex
District III -	Evie Bount	District XI -	Katelyn McCarty
District IV -	Beth Kerr	District XII -	Sonja Crawford
District V -	Samara Purvis	District XIII -	Whitney Thames
District VI -	Julia Kelly	District XIV -	Andy Toelle
District VII -	Marnie Ward	District XV -	Georgene Bender
District VIII -	Dallas Meringolo	District XIV -	Matt Olson

Committee Chairs:

Audit Committee	Ashley Gill
Diversity and Inclusion	Marnie Ward
Member Services	Kelsey Cook & Shaina Spann
Membership	Tycee Prevatt
Nominating	Kristie Popa
Policies and Resolutions	Jessica Sprain
Professional Development	Julia Kelly
Programs	Kristie Popa
Public Relations/Information	Noelle Guay
Research and Evaluation	Sarah Hensley
Webmaster	Laura Valencia
Life Members & Retirees	Georgene Bender

Florida 4-H Districts



SECTION II - Meeting Minutes

2021

FAE4-HA Annual Meeting – EPAF

Minutes

Date: August 29, 2022

Time: 3:00 CST

Location: EPAF 2022, Sheraton Panama City Beach Golf and Spa Resort

Members in attendance: Kristie Popa, Karen Henry, Stephanie Conner, Tycee Prevatt, Prudence Caskey, Jessica Sprain, Kelsey Cook, Shaina Spann, Andy Toelle, Ashley Houpe-King Gill, Kelsey Irvine, Katelyn Mulinix, Marissa Alexander, Shayla Reighter, Dr. Nancy Moores, Beth Kerr, Sarah Davis, Stacey Ellison, Jessica Emerson, Evie Blount, Claire Davis, Emily Nolan, Samara Purvis, Grace Carter, Meagan Daniel, Michael Shawn Jackson, Elaine Giles, Elizabeth (Beth) Moore, Katie Jones, Daniel Gonzalez, Marcus Boston, Chelsea Woodard, Julia Kelly, Crystal McCazzio, Heather Janney, Brian Estevez, Chris DeCubellis, Abbey Tharp, Chris Lauen, Aly Schortinghouse, Shreemoyee Gosh, Erin Reichel, Melinda Souers, Dallas Meringolo, Heather Pogue, Caylin Hilton, Laura Valencia, Allie Prevatt, Bailea Gnann, Ronnie Cowan, Nicole Walker, Geralyn Sachs, Truong Tran, Candi Dierenfield, Sheri Trent, Paula Daniel, Kaitlyn McCarty, Alexandra Draper,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Kristie Popa at

Pledges: Shayla Reighter

Secretary's Minutes: Jessica Sprain (standing in for Noelle Guay)-Secretary's Minutes

- Last full membership meeting minutes are on TEAMS. The review and discussion was tabled to the end of the meeting so members could review minutes.
- At 4:03 pm Kristie returned the meeting to the secretary's minutes.
 - Abby Tharp moved to accept the minutes as posted.
 - Motion passed by majority vote.

Treasurer's Report: Prudence Caskey

- Balances (See report attached.)
 - Checking: \$39,245.20
 - Savings: \$7,885.04
 - Paypal: \$448.88
 - UFF FAE4-HA Endowment Account: \$74,608.44
 - Nancy Moores moved to approve the treasurers report as presented for audit.
 - Motion passed by majority vote.

Business:

- Annual Report: Still missing many reports. Please share with Tycee. Will share in TEAMS and send to membership when complete
- 2022-2023 Budget Discussion (See proposed report attached.)
 - \$400 per specialist and Friend of 4-H for a total of \$800
 - Awards \$2,750.00 (Moved \$750 from awards shipping.)
 - Move \$20,000 from checking to savings
 - Question to move some to the endowment. No discussion occurred.
 - JCEP Conference Scholarship added for \$1,500
 - Heather Janney moved to accept the proposed budget as presented.
 - Motion passed by majority vote.
- **4-H Southern Regional Update-Karen Henry**
 - NAE4-HYDP Reminders
 - Fourward Together Conference [Fourward Together | Accommodations - National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals \(nae4hydp.org\)](#)
 - Early Bird ends 9/2/22 [National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals \(nae4hydp.org\)](#)
 - Service Projects-Plarn Mats, Cozie Toe Sock Collection-Bring adult sizes socks. [Fourward Together \(nae4hydp.org\)](#)
 - State Officer workshop will take place during the conference
 - ACTION NEEDED-Regional Breakfast-One live auction item from each state. Will also be a silent auction. Look for an e-mail.
 - Second Timers Scholarship
 - Daniel Gonzalez -Southern Region Second Timers Scholarship winner
 - To be eligible for the Second Timers Scholarship to attend NAE4-HYDP, you must attend the first timers orientation and be signed in.
 - This year, the Conference Orientation will be Monday, October 10, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Rooms are still available, but limited.
 - Discover Madison-State's Night Out-Check-in with Tycee
 - NAE4-HYDP website is being updated/re-worked, check in the next few months
 - Google Drives for Committees and Working Groups
 - Place to house resources developed and projects
 - Starting at the NAE4-HYDP 2022 annual meeting, Working Groups will transition from the current system (DropBox) to the Google Drive
 - If members log into their NAE4-HYDP profile through: [National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals \(nae4hydp.org\)](#), there is an opportunity to search and join groups, including NAE4-HYDP Committees and Working Groups.
 - NAE4-HYDP Elections: Slate of candidates will be shared soon. Please vote (September)
 - **Florida 4-H Foundation Update-Karen Henry (See attached report.)**
 - FL 4-H Foundation Auction \$22,294.00 raised

- FL 4-H License Plate- 2 year extension!!!!!!
 - Caylin Hilton update: Under 100 currently sold, can now buy online through Escambia County Tax Collector, grow4h.ufl.edu
- Fiscal year end budget approved
- \$1.125 million earmark for Camp Cherry Lake from FL Legislature
- In addition, \$500,000 for the camping program from FL 4-H Foundation
- **NAE4-HYDP Regional Director Update**-Andy Toelle
 - Check out the Pulse for interviews about different opportunities in NAE4-HYDP
- **EPAF Responsibilities**
 - Tuesday, 8/30 lunch (6)-Candi Dierfield, Claire Davis, Katelyn Mullinax, Daniel Gonzalez, Alex Draper
 - Thursday, 9/1 breakfast (3)-Julia Kelly, Melinda Souers, Evie Blount, Sarah Davis, Chelsea Woodard
- **Election Results and Voting**
 - Shree Ghosh-2nd VP
 - Prudence Caskey-Treasurer
 - Claire Reach Davis-District II
 - Beth Kerr-District IV
 - Dallas Meringolo-District VIII
 - Katelyn Mulinix-District X
 - Matt Olson-District XIV
 - Appointed: District VI (Nassau, Duval, Clay, St. John's, Flagler, Putnam)
 - Appointed: District XII (Charlotte, Lee, Hendry, Collier)
 - Appointed: Kaitlyn McCarty District XI
- **EPAF Association Breakfast**
 - Parliamentary Procedure Workshop-Nancy Moores
- **Bylaw Discussion -write-in for officers**
 - No discussion
- **Midyear Meeting**
 - January
 - Exec Board will decide on a date
- **New Member Ceremony -Stephanie Conner**
 - Amaris Daniels
 - Bailea Gnann
 - Chante Stephens
 - Chelsea Jones
 - Chris Lurn
 - Claire Davis
 - Elain Giles
 - Erin Reichel
 - Kaitlyn McCarty

- Katie Jones
- Megan Cady
- Miranda Bird
- Shayna Nicole Johnson
- Sheri Trent
- **FACAA-Libby Johnson**
 - Thank you for the support of 4-H for NACAA Conference in Palm Beach, FL.
- **Committee Updates:**
 - Sharing about what each committee does.
 - Membership: 15 new members
 - Full reports are in the 2021-2022 Annual Report
- **District Updates:**
 - Reports can be found in Annual Report
 - Other updates
 - District V: New 4-H Agent: Megan Daniels (Union)
 - District IX: New 4-H Agents: Truong Tran (Pinellas), Alex Draper (Manatee)
 - District X: New 4-H Agent: Marissa Alexander (Hardee)
 - District XIII: New 4-H Agents: Kenan Bridges (Miami-Dade), Alexandra Goetz (Broward)
- **Member Awards:**
 - BJ Allen-Heather Janey
 - National Conference Scholarship: Heather Janey
 - Professional Improvement: Heather Janey
 - Higher Degree: Jessica Sprain
- **Announcements**
 - EPAF Updates
 - NAE4-HYDP State's Night Out-Sign-up with Google form and Remind to help with communication.
 - Membership Forms-Google Form, pay through Paypal, let Prudence know if you need an invoice
 - School Enrichment Survey-Find QR Code or e-mail Andy
 - EPAF First Timers Orientation-5:00 pm Monday
- **Adjourn**
 - Nancy Moores moved to adjourn the meeting.
 - Motion passed by majority vote.
 - Meeting adjourned at

END of September 2022
FAE4-HA Annual Meeting - EPAF

April 3, 2023

FAE4-HA Mid-Year Membership Meeting

Minutes

FAE4-HA Mid-Year Meeting
April 3, 2023 9:30 am

FAE4-HA Officers

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Welcome: Karen Henry

Pledges: Noelle Guay

Secretary's Minutes: Noelle Guay

Treasurer's Report: Prudence Caskey

Karen Henry: Officially calling meeting to order at 9:31 EST, 8:31 am CST. And we will start off with the pledges.

Noelle Guay:

Continues to the Secretary Minutes. The notes for the minutes are now on Teams. The last minutes were taken in my leave by Miss Jessica Sprain at EPAF in 2022. Thank you for doing that. Since I could not attend EPAF there are a couple of holes including the treasurer's report.

Please take a look at the notes and we will vote to approve those notes at our EPAF 2023 meeting. That is all I have at the moment.

Prudence Caskey:

Treasurer's report.

The treasurer's report for FAE4HA is in Teams under budget. The main thing I wanted to update is the endowment. We voted at EPAF to add 20,000 to the endowment. And now we have \$92,149.54 in our balance in our endowment account.

We are working on getting that money out of our checking so we could earn a little bit more money on it.

Karen Henry:

They mentioned at the EPAF board meeting that checks had been sent out for the auction last year. Have we received ours yet?

Prudence Caskey:

Yes, we did receive it and it has been deposited. I received it Friday.

Karen Henry:

Could I have a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read?

Heather Janney:

So, moved.

Noelle Guay:

I second.

Karen Henry:

Thank you. So it has been properly moved and seconded. Any discussions? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

Noelle Guay: Aye

Prudence Caskey: Aye

Jessica Sprain: Aye

Crystal McCazzio: Aye

Julia Kelly: Aye

Marissa Alexander: Aye

Derby Sale: Aye

Elizabeth Moore: Aye

Business:

Leadership Handbook

Change of committee name from Member Services to Awards and Recognition

Karen Henry:

Any opposed same sign. The report has been properly moved, seconded and voted on. Our first order of business, this is more a point of information, is the FAE4HA leadership handbook has been updated. This is helpful not only for those who are serving in leadership positions, whether as an officer position or a committee chair, but also those of you who are interested in learning more about the organization. And in putting some potential thought into where you might like to take leadership roles in the future. I am placing that link in the chat box. It is on our FAE4HA teams folder and we encourage you all to check it out. Let us know if you have any questions.

The document was originally created by Heather Kent and Julie Dillard many years ago. It is updated on a yearly basis, and this year's book is ready and we encourage you all to check that out too.

The second order of business, and we will vote on this at APAF. There has been discussion about changing the name of the Member Services Committee to Awards and Recognition to provide greater clarity for the role of the actual committee. We have a Membership Committee which deals with membership with FAE4HA and NAE4HYDP and then we have a Member Service Committee which helps to provide awarded recognition opportunities within our professional association. There have been some confusion over the years about that. The vote will not happen until EPAF. You will receive more information about that. We wanted to put that on your radar for our next meeting.

Florida 4-H Foundation update:

Shreemoyee Ghosh is our representative and was on leave during the last meeting. Noelle Guay attended in her absence. Noelle, could you give us a quick update?

Noelle Guay:

The last meeting, we were at the Florida State Fair. The Board of Directors were there along with Dr. Johnson. I believe it was his first time attending the Florida State Fair. They discussed notes from the previous meetings. They introduced the State Council, discussed the upcoming dates for the Florida State Fair events for 4-H in general for each day at the fair; as well as livestock and other competitions that were being held.

Upcoming fundraiser plans. Florida 4-H Foundation virtual auction will be held April 18 - May 4, item donations welcomed - the foundation's goal is \$30K for this year and those funds go directly to summer 2023 youth programs.

They are also still working towards getting enough Florida 4-H license plates preordered in order to continue the production of those as well.

Karen Henry:

Thank you, Noelle, for the report and thank you to Shree for serving as the FAE4HA representative to the Florida 4H Foundation. Shree is in the process of starting a 3-year term being the representative of our professional association on that board.

NAE4-HYDP Update:

Andrew Toelle:

What are needs? What can we do to have a better experience with our association? I am going to drop a link in the chat.

So, what that is, is the needs assessment according to what was sent out. It only takes about 10 minutes. The reason for this is to strengthen the experience within the association. I want to draw your attention to this because this is something that only happens once in a while, and it is pretty close and tight turn around. It is going to be open until April 17th. I believe you may have already received this. I want to reemphasize, this is the big push that we are having right now with this needs assessment and getting it done and making sure that we are meeting the needs of our folks. With that I will sign off.

Heather Janney:

Andy, I messaged you. Sorry not to add to Andy's national report, but I am Heather Futch Janney and I am the Vice President of educational programs and professional development. I wanted to add to the message Andy. I

need 2 volunteers to review abstracts for national conference. If anybody would be willing to volunteer, they had to be done by midnight tonight. I am giving Florida members a special opportunity. Just drop your email in the chat and I will get you added ASAP.

I have one position that would take ten reviews and one position that would take eight reviews. I would be happy to have you. Thank you, Kelsey Irvine and Noelle Guay. So two covered, we are good. I appreciate you all.

Karen Henry:

Thank you, Heather, for mentioning that and reviewing abstracts for 4HYDP. It is an opportunity to have service to the profession which is within our report of accomplishment and promotion packet. Be on the lookout. There is typically a call for reviewers that takes place months ahead of time and then they send a certain number of reviews to do. Heather, I appreciate that and reminding us of that opportunity.

And as Andy said, a great way to see some really cool programs.

Committee Updates:

- **Audit:** Ashley Gill who was chair of that committee has left extension. That is a committee that is looking for leadership. Laura Valencia had mentioned to me that she would be interested in that chair position. For those of you who serve on that committee, there will be additional information about when and where and how the audit of our FAE4HA books will take place.
 - Prudence Caskey: We had planned for the audit to take place at the symposium, so that is currently our plan and since COVID and everything, we have not had the audit meeting. So, it will be back to when I took over in 2020. That is what Ashley and I had planned, so it is still kind of the plan.
 - Karen Henry: Excellent. We do have people who signed up to be on that committee at EPAF last year and we will put that opportunity out to other memberships. If you are interested in serving on the audit committee, a review will take place during the symposium. So if that is an educational program that you are planning on going to anyway, this is an opportunity to connect to the FAE4HA audit committee. Thank you for the additional information.
- **Diversity & Inclusion:** Marnie just finished up her fair. We recognize that this is fair season for many counties and parts of the state. So we will get the report from her and that will be included in the minutes.
- **Life Members & Retirees:** (Noelle Guay for Georgene Bender)
 - Georgene sent the members and retirees newsletter on April 1st. No joke, it was not an April Fool's edition.
 - The retirees have been helping with 4H and the fair judging across counties and state events via the internet.
 - We are going to add Bill Hill from Polk County to the 48 retirees list and Bill Hill was selected to the 2023 for 4-H Hall of Fame. So, congratulations to Bill Hill. A life member at that.
 - Valentine began her contact, information is no longer valid, so Miami-Dade representatives, if you have any contact information for Evette Valentine Bayonne, she is a Miami-Dade life member. We need some updated contact information for her.
 - The retirees and life members are planning a group get together in either June or October at Bonnett Springs Park in Lakeland, FL. And on Monday October 9th, 2023, the 4th Annual Life

members, retirees virtual gathering will be held during national 4H week for each week, and again, that will be a virtual gathering on October 9th.

- They also wanted to note the passing of Roberta Hall of 99 years of age. She is a retired extension associate professor, and she retired from the university in 1978, so we were sad to hear of the passing of Roberta Hall.

- Georgene Bender's term as Life member/retiree chair is ending at EPAF, so again we are looking for a replacement. Laura Valencia, again because of expressed interest and we thank Georgene for all of her hard work with this committee. The next newsletter is due around EPAF and she will submit that as well.

- **Member Services:** Shaina Spann: Good morning. Kelsey could not be with us today. She is doing some programming, so our report is we had 180 awards submissions across the board. That is a lot. I wish all of you the best of luck with your submission. We have submitted our judges list to national, so those who have submitted to judge should be hopefully receiving something from national here soon. I am judging April 4th through the 24th and you will keep my phone. Keep doing teams notifications and I can't figure out how to silence. So keep an eye out for those and April 25th through May 16th is regional judging. They have not sent out about that yet, but if you are interested, you can let myself or Kelsey know, and we will get you signed up for that as well. May 17th through June 2nd will be national judging. Our service awards will be certified and submitted. They have to be submitted April 3rd, which is today. I think you know when you write these reports and then the day happens. They have to be judged, and Marnie is our awards service awards committee chair, so we will have to get with her on how all that works. But we will certify and get those in. And I am wondering if I wrote three and not 30 for April 30. So, thank you everyone for volunteering to judge. I appreciate your help. And once again, I wish all of our award entry submissions the best of luck and hopefully we can represent for the regional and then get some national awards this year.

- **Membership:** (Prudence Caskey for Tycee Prevatt) We had 95 renewal members, 24 new members and two student members. Which puts our total at 121. And as of last year our life members hadn't changed, but based on Georgene's report, it looks like it is going to add one and then removing one so that number will stay the same. We have 24 life members. But they are not included in our numbers for awards.

- Noelle Guay: If you have not been receiving my emails with this new renewal cycle, please let me know. I got the emails. The information from Tycee from membership. So, I want to make sure that if you are not getting them that your membership is accounted for. So please feel free to email me directly. I will throw my email in the chat. So, if you are not getting my emails, we want to make sure why and then get you on that list as well.

- **Nominating:** Kristie Popa – So, we are going to be starting to look for people wanting to be nominated or nominating someone for upcoming positions. I will send an email out with more information about that and probably a Microsoft form for you to fill out. So be on the lookout for that. And remember, those elections will take place before the EPAF board meeting or the EPAF meeting. That's all I have.

- **Policies and Resolution:** Jessica Sprain – At this point we have not had a meeting, there have been a couple of requests that that have come through the board, just for clarification on policies and resolution and looking over our bylaws have provided feedback to the board and they will be moving forward with that feedback. So you will see some things as we roll into EPAF.

- **Professional Development:** Julia Kelly – The big thing that is coming up with professional development is that we are needing EPAF abstract reviewers. If the number of awards submitted is any indication, we should have quite a few abstracts for EPAF. I'm looking for these people to start, I believe, it is mid to late April and the more people who sign up, the fewer abstracts everyone has to review. So if you are

interested, put your name and email address in the chat and I am going to send out some more information on that. Also, today's professional development workshop is a result of the surveys that we did a couple of years ago. The interest that people shared the greatest percentages.

- **Programs:** Kristie Popa – We have not had a meeting but are scheduling one coming up in the next two weeks. So those of you who are on the committee, thank you for responding to the doodle and I will send out a meeting date if you are still wanting to join the committee, you are welcome to do so. If you just send me an email and I will add you to the list.
- **Public Relations & Information:** Noelle Guay – The PR and Information committee has not met. However, we completed our action plan via Tycee which includes getting together and officially submitting a survey for all of you to talk about what sort of PR information needs you see as being gaps for our membership to help us communicate with you better as well as engage new memberships as well as with their life members. So, you will see that in the coming days. I have two new co-chairs. Mr. Kenan Bridges and Ali Goetz are the new co-chairs and we will be sending out information about the next meeting. If you are interested in joining the committee, please feel free to email me directly. If you signed up at EPAF, you will see the meeting. An invite is coming soon.
- **Research and Evaluation:** Sarah Hensley – Right now we are undergoing the call for data, which includes both common measures as it did in the past. This year it will include the thriving index as well, and the announcement did go out to all agents to make you aware of that in the weekly update. You know what your families are receiving. Also just a reminder and encouragement to utilize the evaluation resources that are available on teams to support your county board, which program and there is a matrix there that aligns evaluation tools with plan of action objectives and workload indicators. I know our newer agents are much more familiar with that because they get that during new faculty academy. But if you have questions, please let me know. And then the last thing I'd like to say, well, to so many of you on here today is a big thank you to Heather Kent. She put together a 4H scholarship series. If you did not have a chance to attend one of those sessions, that was a really nice way to share research that is pertinent and relevant to Florida right now. Florida 48, those are all recorded, and you can go back and watch them. They are available on teams. But if you have not had a chance to watch those, please go back and watch them. The National 4-H call for data is underway, includes common measures and the thriving index. An announcement regarding this was sent out via weekly update so agents are aware of the survey going directly to families. Reminder to utilize the [evaluation resources](#) available on the TEAMS site to evaluate your county program. Shout out to Heather Kent for putting together the [4-H scholarship series](#) to share research local to Florida. These are all recorded so take time to go back and watch the recordings.
- **Webmaster:** Julia Kelly – If you haven't visited our website, I have made a lot of changes to it. Especially updating some of the photos and updating the information. The next thing that I plan to do there is add a tab for our award winners, very similar to what Nationals does. So, look out for that after the awards are announced.

Karen Henry: Thank you, Julia. And if you have not had the opportunity to check out the website, I encourage you to, in addition to additional information being on there, Julia also added some pictures of the membership and as she said, if you have feedback for her on it, please share that. So, thank you very much. Another reminder for our committee chairs, if you have not yet done your action report got Tycee and sent it to her, she does ask that you do that, and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to her.

District Director Updates

- **District I:** Prudence Caskey – I do know our district events is planned for Cinco de Mayo and I’m really kind of pushing for a taco bar for our food, because we do it at night, so that is one of the main things. We also meeting monthly. Our district council meets monthly and quarterly. We meet in person; do we are doing zoom and in person. So, it is kind of nice and we are just rocking along in District one.
- **District II:** Claire Davis – We honestly don’t have a whole lot going on. Unfortunately, we have had some deaths in the families here. Doctor Davis’s husband passed away. As many of you know. But we also had life. I had my baby at the end of November. It is our newest 4-H member. So other than that, we’re rocking along.
- **District III:** Evie Blount – Everything is going great here in District 3. We just met last week. We have our district 3 showcase in public speaking contest coming up on April 22nd. And then we also have 4H day at the capitol where we are all preparing for. Then we have a lot of summer camps which mean all of those going on, which I know is on the way for the rest of the state as well. But everything is going great in district 3. We are all staying busy. And we just welcomed a new agent, Leon Valerie. And Anita has been on since last year, so everything is good. And district 3 is just staying busy.
- **District IV:** Beth Kerr – We have quite a few things to share with everyone on anniversaries. Beth Moore and I just passed the 4-year mark. I can’t believe it has already been 4 years and we have two upcoming anniversaries. Jessica Emerson from Levy and Katie Jones from Suwanee are sharing April anniversaries, and they are marking their 2 years. As for each agent, one of our big honors, Beth Moore of Madison County was voted Citizen of the Year. Congratulations Beth. And both Jessica Emerson from Lafayette and Katie Jones from Suwanee, not only are they doing excellent programs for each agent, but they are also working on their master’s degrees at the same time. So, they are both ¼ of the way through. So we want to recognize that effort. A success story to highlight, Abbey Thorpe from Taylor, Beth Moore from Madison, and Sean Jackson from Lafayette are actively working on a prosper grant where they are reaching 6th grade students with Botvin Life skills program. And they are also teaching a 7 week course strengthening families as part of this grant. Jessica Emerson from Levy restarted her archery program this year after a long COVID induced break. And she has successfully completed embryology in 3 schools for the very first time. Personal highlights, Beth Moore entered the drop. I know she is looking forward to retirement and doing a lot of fun things, but she officially entered the drop and let’s see, our district events will be held May 6th. Combination of Levy and Gilchrist as the leaders on that. The only other personal note is that my second son Clayton had a wedding in New York. So, I traveled to New York for the first time this past fall, That’s everything.
- **District V:** Heather Janney (Now Meagan Daniel) – So, Samara Purvis has been reassigned and currently Bradford is without a 4H agent. In addition, Shaina Baker has a program assistant, and her teaching pavilion will be built soon. In Union, you have Megan Daniel, who is a little bit newer to us, not completely brand new, but newer. And they have a new CED with a 30% for appointment, and that is Jim Divalerio and he starts back to extension today. He retired from Bradford and then he came back. And then the facilities were expanded to double the size of the livestock pavilion and soon a new auditorium. And here in Columbia, we have hired a new full time for each program. Assistant Zoe Whittington, I think she has gone around and visited some program assistants, and she’s going to be joining the association soon as well. And I asked Mary Lee for an update, but I know she’s doing fantastic, wonderful things. So district 5 is rocking on.
- **District VI:** Crystal McCazzio - Sure, I guess I will fill in. We survived the fair season. So, I think all four of us have had like back-to-back fairs or one week or another.

- Nancy Moores: I know it's not new news, but I'm not sure if we had meetings she's got her program assistant Deanna Brock. So we did leave, didn't lose Shiana and Sumter. I know they have readvertised that position. We have not heard anything yet about anybody new coming in just yet. But we are excited and plugging along. We have district events coming up May 6th.
- **District VII:** Marnie Ward – no representative present
- **District VIII:** Dallas Meringolo – Chelsea Woodard finished up her first year in Volusia County. Been finishing up our fairs and except for late county, which starts today, so wish me luck after this meeting. That's where I'm heading to. And as far as everything else, the District VIII Citrus project is finishing up on April 22nd, Area East is happening May 5-7th at Clarcona Horse Park, and District Events is happening May 13th. The last fair for our district is finishing up.
- **District IX:** Shreemoyee Ghosh – Hello, hello. Just wanted to say I came back to work, today is my first day back after literally two months, so I have no idea what is going on except that our district events are scheduled for May 6th. I know there are other members from the district. If you guys have any updates, please feel free to chime in.
- **District X:** Katelyn Mulinix – Nothing big to report in district 10, kind of as we are moving the same with most districts. We finished up with our fair and our stock show seasons. So, we kind of transfer energy back to full force 4H programming. One big thing since we met last and reported. We do have a state officer and 4H from our district. So, Daniel Howard is serving as the 4H treasurer. And then on a personal note, I will be finishing my master's degree this semester. So that has been a big focus as well. But other than that, district 10 is doing well.
- **District XI:** Kaitlyn McCarty – This is from Kaitlyn McCarty. Vacancies for new staff: the Brevard agent position is now vacant, as is the 4H program assistant position. I'm not sure when those will be advertised, but there will be eventually in Saint Lucie County. The 4H agent vacancy, the new hire will start May 8th and we have two new programs specialists in district 11. Terry Adima and Candace Wickham. And in Martin County, welcome new 4H agent David Haffner, and that forest position program assistant position is still open and vacant in Martin County. No other major updates at this time. Indian River County is successfully improving their after school guardian program and improving the school involvement with the 4H public speaking program. In Saint Lucie County, the 4H county council had a great day at River Ranch, participating in a team building event hosted by the staff of River Ranch. A lot of bonding and learning how to use their leadership skills made a great day of fun. And then David Haffner of the new 4H agent in Martin County survived his first county fair with a new program. Still follow personal personnel highlights. Kaitlyn went to Belgium in November and got engaged. So congratulations. Kaitlyn! And in Martin County, Davis's boys did well competing in their 4H livestock project. So, congratulations, everyone from district 11.
- **District XII:** Kristie Popa: I'm here but I really don't have any updates. We have counter district events coming up, but otherwise I'm not really sure about anything going on.
 - Arielle Pierce: I know that Henry County did a really awesome kayaking program and they did some clean up along the riverbanks, and I believe Bill Hill went with them. So, I don't know if he is on and can speak on that, but I saw some images of it and it looks like it turned out really well. Lee County just had county events this past weekend and had 65 youth register and most of them were registered in more than one contest. I know the county government program, which is always a very big success with a partnership between the Women's Voters League and county government down there. So, I think we all just kind of have our nose to the grindstone. We just keep on moving.

- **District XIII:** Whitney Thames – Good morning, everybody. So, the district 13 updates, we have a SoFlo tailgate event. So, it's all of the agents in South Florida, our first-time kind of hosting a tailgating event that took place on March 21st. We have our district event coming up on May 20th. Karen Bridges, who is the 4H agent in Miami-Dade is having a program assistant that will be starting in May. And then Daniel in Palm Beach County just got a program assistant. She started on January 30th. Miami-Dade County is still in fair season right now. We have over 300 exhibit entries into our fair and we just hosted our county events two weekends ago. We are wrapping up our long extended fair in Miami-Dade County. If you guys never had the opportunity to come, it's going on until April 9th. Come visit. That's all for district 13.
- **District XIV:** Andy Toelle – Hi everyone. As far as degree updates go, I know Vanessa Spero is finishing up her doctorate. She plans to finish this year. So, go Vanessa! And the state team as a whole has been working together on a big strategic plan as part of the road map, Heather Kent has been leading that effort. So far, we have been really busy pulling in just all kinds of data trying to do a really good look, and I believe that is going to end well. I know Stacy's on here, but I believe that is going to end up helping us in 4H to basically create our own road map, and that is all.
- **District XV:** Noelle Guay for Georgene Bender – Georgene says many retirees are on Facebook, they are all enjoying their time with projects and travel. She hasn't heard of any new retirees or any significant health issues from the group. So, that's good news. Many retirees are becoming grandparents and great grandparents. What a great journey. Spending time with the future generation. Sue Money welcomed a new granddaughter Marilyn, and Steve Norman were in Lakeland for some sun and fun. Kathy Suggs is retired in paradise, also known as Destin, Florida, and enjoying her granddaughter and family. Joy Jordon travels between her cabin in Herbert, Mississippi, and homestead, her Saint Augustine condo, and her home in Gainesville. Nice. Judy Butterfield enjoys being a great grandmother to Sophia. And Miss Georgene Bender will be attending the 75th FFA World Conference in Austria; her and Dennis are fine and busy with church activities and hobbies. That is all from Miss Georgene with the district report.

Karen Henry:

Thank you very much, Noelle. I appreciate it. So, before we adjourn, are there any comments or questions for the good of the whole?

Alright, seeing none, May I have a motion to Adjourn?

Heather Janney:

Heather Futch Janney, so moved.

Karen Henry:

Thank you, Heather. And a second?

Daniel Gonzalez:

I second, Daniel Gonzalez, Palm Beach County.

Karen Henry:

Thank you, Daniel. So, it has been properly moved and seconded, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

Alright, the meeting is officially adjourned at 10:18 am EST; 9:18 am CST. We will come back together at 10:30 am EST and 9:30 am CST for our educational program. So you have a 12 minute break. You are welcome to stay logged in. We will stay on this channel. And at 10:30 am we will be introducing Dr. Matt Bengt with our educational program. So, thank you all for being here today. I appreciate you joining in on our FAE4H midyear meeting.

End of January 18, 2022: FAE4-HA Mid-Year Membership Meeting

SECTION III – TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Report: Prudence Caskey

08/17/2022 – up to date – not a year-end report

15 New members
86 Renewing Members
1 NEW Life member
20 Life Members

PayPal Balance as of 8/1/2022
Checking Account Balance as of 8/1/2022
Savings Account Balance as of 8/1/2022
UFF FAE4-HA Endowment Account Balance as of 8/17/2022

SECTION IV – COMMITTEE & DISTRICT REPORTS

Professional Development Committee: Crystal McCazzio

- No report

Audit Committee: Ashley Gill

- No report

Diversity Committee: Marnie Ward

Member Services Committee/Awards: Laura Cash

- No report

Research and Evaluation Committee:

- No report

Public Relations and Information Committee: Noelle Guay

- No report

Programs Committee: Kristie Popa

- No report

Membership Committee: Kristie Popa

- No report

Nominating Committee: Geralyn Sachs (Past President and Nominating Committee Chair)

Policy and Resolution Committee: Charlie Polisen

- No report

Webmaster: Laura Valencia

Life Member Report: Judy Butterfield, Life Member Liaison

District Reports

District I: Brian Estevez (District Director)

Okaloosa

Ronnie Cowan left Okaloosa County and returned to Tennessee Extension
Jatoya Booth is the new PA in Okaloosa County and is doing a great job with the 4-H program.

Santa Rosa

Prudence and Mary have been teaching Forensic Sciences to 4-H youth locally and across the state.
They also served as First Aid at many state 4-H events over the summer. Their work with rescued

trafficked youth continues to make a difference. Prudence will continue to work toward her Poultry Management Certificate; she received the Marshall and Mildred Watkins Professional Improvement Award to assist in this endeavor.

Escambia

Aly Schortinghouse was recently promoted to Agent II. Her horse, Buddy, is now at her home in Florida!

Jereme Johnson is living his best life and making the best, better as a 4-H Program Assistant.

Escambia County 4-H hired Haylee Linam as the 4-H Program Coordinator and Justin Knight as the 4-H property manager.

Brian Estevez is enjoying life with Eli (4), Cora (1), and Mindy Lou.

District II: Claire Reach Davis (District Director)

- Claire Davis, Calhoun County- Blakelee is 9 months old and growing like a weed. Big sister, Lilly, just started 7th grade. We just bought a “new to us” home, so we are in the process of renovations!
- Chris Lauen, Holmes County – Miah is starting 4th grade and happy to have her Gram teaching across the hall. Thanks to Leo we are now officially a “diaper free” household. Recently had two of the best days when we sold our last boat project and bought the next one.
- Dr. Julie Dillard, Washington County- Currently serving as the interim DED since Dr. Vergot retired. Cass graduated from CHS and is a sophomore at Chipola College. Cole is a Junior at Jacksonville University.
- Niki Crawson, Walton County – I earned my promotion to Agent III!
- Dr. Paula Davis, Bay County - Madelyn has started her Senior year, Evelyn is in at Gulf Coast State College and Paula made it through the summer!
- Jackson County – Carly has resigned from 4-H Position.

District III: Evie Blount (District Director)

District IV: Beth Kerr (District Director)

District V: Samara Purvis (District Director)

District VI: Julia Kelly (District Director)

District VII: Marnie Ward (District Director)

District VIII: Dallas Meringolo (District Director)

District IX: Shreemoyee Ghosh (District Director)

Manatee County by Alexandra Draper

Just hired an awesome new program specialist in June. We held two day camps this summer - Animal Science and Eco Explorers. This is the first time in a long time Manatee County 4-H has had any week long day camps. Hopefully by the time we are at EPAF we will also be able to say that we successfully hosted 11 youth and one adult for the inbound exchange program.

Hillsborough County by Amber Norris

- Qualified for Gypsy Vanner Horse Association National finals to be held in November.
- Joined the UF/IFAS team!!

Pinellas County by Truong Tran

- Forest Ecology Teams -Seniors (2nd at State), Intermediates (2nd at State), Juniors (1st at State)
- Insectathon Individual- Seniors- 1st at State
- Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show- Sent 7 to Regional
- Share-The-Fun 2nd place at State
- 1 Pinellas Representative chosen for National 4-H Congress this year
- 4-H Participation Increase: 63% increase from 21-22 to 22-23
- 4-H Volunteer Increase: 71% increase from 21-22 to 22-23
- 4-H Activity Increase: 77% increase from 21-22 to 22-23

Polk County by Shreemoyee Ghosh

- 30 active 4-H clubs; includes two new 4-H community clubs, 2 SPIN Clubs
- 2 new SPIN Clubs: 4-H Fishing Skills Club and Small Engines 4-H with Florida Flywheelers
- Bill Hill, former 4-H agent in Polk & Hernando County was inducted in Florida 4-H Hall of Fame
- Polk County hosted the District IX events and we had about 60 youth participate.
- Opportunity 4All Essay Competition: 1st and 2nd place winners
- 4-H Summer Camp: Nine attendees; 4 applied for scholarships and received full amount asked
- Area Horse Show: 17 participants, State: 14 and Regional: 5; Three County horse shows put by Polk County Horse Advisory Committee members.
- 4-H Legislature: Six youth attended, all on scholarship by Polk County 4-H Foundation
- 4-H Horsemanship School: Six youth attended, all on scholarship the PC 4-H Foundation; 3 volunteers attended
- Two youth and two volunteers participated at FL4-HDATC

District X: Katelyn Mulinex (District Director)

District XI: Katelyn McCarty (District Director)

District XII: Sonja Crawford (District Director)

District XIII: Whitney Thames (District Director)

District XIV: Andy Toelle (District Director)

SECTION V – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

