



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 7 • 10:00 AM
via Zoom using the call-in information below

MICHELE RICHARDS, CHAIR
CEO, OC Fair & Event Center

DAVE DILLABO, VICE CHAIR
Yuba-Sutter Fairgrounds & Event Center

JEN MCGUIRE, TREASURER
CEO, Ventura County Fair &
Eastern Sierra Tri- County Fair

CAITLYN MILLER, SECRETARY
CEO, Santa Barbara County Fair

BECKY BARTLING
CEO, Sonoma County Fair
At-Large Member

CARRIE BAYLEY
CEO, Trinity County Fair
Cascade Area

JOE BRENGLE
CEO, Contra Costa County Fair
Central Coast Area

TERESA BURROLA
CEO, Merced County Fair
San Joaquin Area

PATRICIA CONKLIN
CEO, Dixon May Fair
At-Large Member

LAURIE GIANNINI
CEO, Calaveras County Fair
Mother Lode Area

CARLENE MOORE
CEO, San Diego County Fair
Southern Area

MIC MOULTON
CEO, Redwood Acres Fair
North Coast Area

RYANN NEWMAN
Ryann's Happy Day Pony Rides, Fruit Caboose
Service Member Representative

VACANT
CARF Representative

VACANT
Sacramento Valley Area

SARAH CUMMINGS
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Attendance via Zoom name: Sarah Cummings, Caitlin Miller, Teresa Burrola, Michele Richards, Norman Towne, Alan Phillips, Dave Dillabo, Laurie Giannini, Becky Bartling, Carrie Bayley, Colton Kersey-Lopez, Carlene Moore, Tiffany Loushin, Pat Conklin, Louie Brown, Tom, Silvia Bishop, Sarah Pelle, Dan Jacobs, Lilia Kenneally, Kelly Violini, Jen McGuire, Mark

CFA Chairs Report: Chair Richards welcomed new Board members Jen McGuire, Dave Dillabo, and Caitlin Miller. She shared there was a Board planning meeting in Sacramento. A Letter was sent to the WFA Board explaining CFA's wants for autonomy. Previously, the thought was CFA would need to transition from a division to a subsidiary, but the Board now knows that the desired autonomy can happen even if CFA stays as a division. The WFA Board voted on 3/6/24 to approve the CFA request for greater autonomy as a division of WFA. A request was made to add agenda items to the April agenda: finalize bylaws and revisit budget and dues. Director Bartling requested that the Board revisit the dues structure as there has been concern from smaller fairs. WFA is in the process of updating current bylaws to reflect the change in officers and electing leadership. Chair Richards suggested the Board revisit the committee to see who will Chair each committee and see if any members are interested in joining. Current committees are Branding & Marketing, Member Communications, CDFA Liaison, Finance, Legislative

Legislative Report: Louie Brown reported that the Legislative Committee meets every other Wednesday at 9AM. There are seven pieces of legislation on which they are focusing. AB 2143 – Code consolidation, working to move codes applicable to Food & Ag Codes. The Committee is working with CDFA. AB2791 – street vendors. Currently local government can prohibit street vendors at farmers markets and swap meet, committee would like to add Fairgrounds to the list. AB3053 – Adult must sign youth's entry documentation, youth call pull entry at any time before it leaves the site (even after auction), buyer can choose to take the animal live after the sale. SB59 – all state agencies must provide free feminine hygiene products in all female and one male restroom. SB1186 - Fairs may provide credential admission to military in and out of uniform. SB 1261 – Amends AB1499 to start percentage at 5%. SB 1402 – state agencies are mandated to include state's thirty by 30 plan anytime a new policy or strategic plan is adopted.

Service Member Report – No report.

Area Reports – The Mother Lode area will be visiting the Mother Lode Fair for their on-site meeting. IAFE is working with OABA on CARE act (Carnivals are Real Entertainment) to address H2B guest worker visa problem; WFA and CFA are participating in that committee. The change would also include food concessionaires who utilize the guest worker visa program. Southern area meets regularly and will be visiting the Antelope Valley Fair. WFA hosted Supers School the previous week and gave compliments to the committee who assisted with the production of the event.

Task Force Reports – Suggestion was to collapse task forces into the committees moving forward. Replace task force reports with committee reports at April meeting.

President & CEO's Report – The Sacramento area has a vacancy with Dave Dillabo's move to the Vice Chair position. Sarah Cummings President/CEO will organize the election. WFA Supers School had over 100 attendees from 3-4 states. Fairgrounds Appreciation Month is May. Capital Ag Day is March 19th.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

The meeting adjourned at 11:02AM.