

The Northern Area VAAE met on Wednesday May 6th 2020 with 28 members in attendance via a Google Hangout meeting. Mandy Curry opened the meeting. Mary Hardesty and Andy Seibel discussed the Area public speaking event. It was decided it will be held virtually on Zoom on May 21st. Mary will send out an updated list of participants to be verified by advisors of participants. Prepared speeches need to be submitted electronically to Mary by May 15th.

Times for the contests will be as follows: Creed 10 AM, Junior Prepared 11 AM, Senior Prepared 1 PM, Extemporaneous 2 PM. Coaches of 2nd place Federation contestants and other willing judges should contact Mary for more information on judging.

Andy Seibel gave an update on VA FFA. For the State Convention there will be sessions each night from 7 to 8. There will also be workshops each afternoon. Workshops will be limited to 50 participants each. On November 23rd there will be a State Celebration Banquet to allow for recognition of retiring and incoming state officers as well as state winning teams and proficiency winners. The Big E this year will only be holding virtual public speaking and star contests.

November 19th through the 21st there are plans to hold a fall FFA camp at Graves Mountain Lodge. State VAAE Conference this year has been postponed. 2021 will take place in Suffolk and 2022 in the Northern Area.

Mandy discussed the need for applicants for VAAE/NAAE awards as well as applicants/volunteers to take over Northern Area officer positions of Vice President and Secretary. LaVeta gave a VDOE update. She asked teachers to visit the VDOE website and look over the FAQ's. Any teachers with greenhouses or gardens who would be interested in farm to school projects with school nutrition services should pay attention to information and emails on this matter. She asked all teachers to please continue looking for ways to increase their skills and competency in virtual teaching as well as making sure that you reach out to your school division to make sure any PD you are interested in is approved for points.

Andy gave a quick update on Agriscience Fair- projects will be due by June 1st so arrangements can be made to judge. After no further business Mandy adjourned the meeting.

Kate Hawkins  
Northern Area Secretary

Members in attendance: Abbi Copp, Allison Jones, Ambrosia Church, Mandy Curry, Andy Seibel, Ashlee Edwards, Chrissy Whitacre, Dara Booer, Elizabeth Bucklen, Emily Roy, Eric McLaughlin, Ginger Anderson, Jay Jarrett, Jaclyn Ryan, Jeff Stout, Brian Fisher, Lee Meadows, Kathy Lineberg, Katie Bethke, Katie Rines, Kim Black, Lauren Marzetta, Lavetta Nutter, Mary Hardesty, Kate Hawkins, Miranda Locuratolo, Sherry Heishman, Stephanie Loring, Susan Harrison, Susan Hilleary, Taylor Richardson, Tonja Romero