

## Northern FFA Area Rally & Officers Task Force Recommendations

### Area Officer Recommendations:

- Area officer terms: July 1 - June 30
  - Area officers would continue to serve after a new team is elected
  - Outgoing area officers would attend banquets and would be in charge of delegates at state convention
  - New officers would begin training at state convention
- Selection of an Area Advisor
  - Advisor would serve three year term
  - An Assistant Advisor would be select at the beginning of the area advisors 3rd year.
    - Assistant Advisor would shadow area advisor in their last year and would take over after that year ends.
- Each chapter contribute \$25 per year to cover the cost of area officers
  - Roughly 46 chapters X \$25 = \$1,150 per year for area officer costs
  - Money would be put into an account controlled by Area Advisor with additional signatures/oversight from Area VP and Secretary
- Area Officer Duties:
  - Run and assist with planning of Area Rally and Area COLT Conference
  - Bring greetings at chapter banquets within the area
  - Attend federation leadership conferences, banquets, summits, etc.
  - Attend area contests to bring greetings and announce results/shake hands
  - Seek out chapter level events where their presence would be beneficial (Chapter tailgates or bonfires, parades, county fair events, etc.)
  - Serve as backup delegates as needed by the Virginia FFA Association at the National FFA Convention and Expo
  - Organize and lead area delegates at the Virginia FFA State Convention
- Chapter Advisor Agreement should be generated and signed so that the area officer's advisor understands and supports the duties of area office
  - This would be submitted with the area officer candidates application
- Area Officer Contract/Outline Update
  - Potential Changes Include:
    - President and 5 Vice Presidents to 6 Constitutional Officers
    - Advisor will be from the same chapter the president is from to will be the selected area advisor
    - Area officer selection committee and process
- Area Officer Selection
  - Conducted by an advisor appointed by area leadership
  - Committee make-up: 5 junior or senior FFA members who have not served as area officers
    - Nominations for the nominating committee will be accepted until March 1st from advisors, area officers, and state officers.

- Area Officers through the supervision of the area advisor and direction of the nominating committee facilitator will review the applications and make the selections. Those selected will be notified by the end of March.
- The area advisor and nominating committee facilitator will begin working with the nominating committee to prepare them for the upcoming selection process. This will include reviewing applications, discussing criteria for serving as an area officer, and reviewing competencies identified by the area.
- Identify competencies needed to be an Area Officers

**Area Rally Recommendations:**

- Maintain the Official FFA Dress Requirement
- Continue with the Career Fair
- Continue holding the event at the Fairgrounds this year
  - Try to negotiate a better cost for the fairgrounds for 2017 or begin checking into other locations. Potential option: SMA/Presbyterian Church (Old Military School near Fort Defiance) Would they possibly rent the location to us and would the location be large enough to host our group?
- Continue with \$10 fee per student to cover fairgrounds and lunch
- Find a location closer to the fairgrounds to hold public speaking and officer interviews
- Look into adding more CDE's to rally
  - Each federation could be in charge of a CDE
  - CDE's could be held in the morning and workshops/leadership conference like GPS held after lunch or a keynote speaker could be brought in. Career Fair could be toured during lunch.
  - CDE's we do: Small Engines, Public Speaking, Tractor Operator
  - Suggestions: Talent, Poultry, Livestock, Quiz Bowl, Crops, Job Interview

**Special Thanks To Taskforce Members:**

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Rockingham/Page Federation: Codi Jo Smith

Augusta/Highland: Kristin Beery, Christy Kerr, Mike Brown, Sarah Smith

BARR Federation: Melinda Hinkle, Lisa Martin, Rebecca Tilson, Zach Wakeman

**2015 Area COLT**

11 chapters represented

55 members in attendance

4 Northern Area Officers

6 State Officers

3 Additional Presenters

Special Thanks to Riverheads FFA &  
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**Workshops Included:**

Chapter Officer Duties (5 workshops)

Member Recruitment

Team Goal Setting and POA

Advocating For Agriculture

What It Means To Be An FFA Member

Line dancing

