

Official Chapter Secretary's Book

Chapter Name

Chapter Secretary and Membership ID

Chapter Advisor

TO BE FILED AS A PERMANENT CHAPTER RECORD WHEN COMPLETED

Duties and Objectives of the Chapter Secretary

Duties

Chapter officers serve a vital function in FFA. By taking a major leadership role, these students grow from the experience and benefit the chapter. It should be the officers' goals to lead by example and encourage other members to participate in chapter activities.

There are specific duties and responsibilities that generally relate directly to the Secretary:

- Prepare and post the agenda for each chapter meeting
- Prepare and present the minutes for each chapter meeting
- Place all committee reports in the secretary's file
- Be responsible for chapter correspondence
- Maintain member attendance and activity records and issue membership cards
- · Have on hand for each meeting:
 - The secretary's file
 - o Copy of the Chapter's POA, including standing and special committees
 - o Official FFA Manual and the Official FFA Student Handbook
 - o Copy of the chapter constitution and bylaws.

Objectives

All good leaders set goals and objectives for themselves. Your objectives as a chapter secretary should include:

- Leave a permanent, legible record of all meetings for anyone who may want to review the transactions.
- Improve the communication between the officers to the rest of the members by preparing and posting accurate minutes and agendas for each chapter meeting.
- Communicate with other local chapters of Chapter FFA Functions.
- Submit completed secretary's book as outlined in the Ohio FFA Secretary's Book Rubric for evaluation with other chapters.

Regional Chapter Secretary's Book Evaluation

Evaluation Year

Local chapters have the option to run their secretary's book either by current calendar or current fiscal year. For evaluation purpose, the book MUST cover a 10 to 12 months period to receive full points. This should be indicated in the table of contents or on the title page at the front of the book.

Rules

- 1. The Secretary's Book must be bound either in a notebook or a permanent binder.
- 2. Records shall be the product of the chapter secretary and shall show evidence of being kept form meetings throughout the year.

- 3. The book shall include all the following:
 - A. Names of national, state, and chapter officers and committee chairs.
 - B. Copy of the Chapter Program of Activities
 - C. FFA Membership Roll
 - D. FFA Member Attendance and Activity Record
 - E. Agenda of Chapter Meetings
 - F. Minutes of Chapter Meetings and Committee Reports
 - G. Correspondence
 - H. Copy of Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws
- 4. Judging is held during regional evaluations by current local advisors with the guidance of Ohio Department of Education staff. The Ohio FFA Secretary's Book Rubric will be utilized for rating and scoring the books.
- 5. All FFA secretaries that earn a Gold Rating may be awarded a gold medal that may be presented at the Ohio FFA Convention.

Chapter Secretary's Reference Material

General Information

The Official Secretary's Book must be bound in either a notebook or in a permanent binder. This could be a normal three-ring binder or purchased through National FFA. Both forms are acceptable.

The Official Secretary's Book appears in the following order: names of national, state, and chapter officers and committee chairs, Copy of the Chapter Program of Activities, FFA Membership Roll, FFA Member Attendance and Activity Record, Agenda of Chapter Meetings, Minutes of Chapter Meetings and Committee Reports, Chapter Correspondence, and a copy of the Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws. The book also needs to have the Chapter and Secretary's name and membership ID clearly published with a date range of records on a title page. The book should also have labeled sections, easy to read documents so the evaluator can find all the information with ease. This book also needs to cover a 10 to 12-month range to receive full points. This can be reflected by the current calendar or fiscal year.

The resources you may want to consider using is the Agriculture Experience Tracker (AET) and/or resources your chapter already has established that works for the chapter. Just be sure that the resource will match the rubric for evaluation purposes.

Names of National, State, and Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs

A computer-generated list of names of all national, state, and chapter officers and committee chairs needs to be included to receive full points in this section. Only one set from each area needs to be included in the book for evaluation purposes for full points. Pictures do not need to be included, however, you can add pictures if you would like. This section is worth 6 points (5%) of the final score.

Copy of Chapter Program of Activities

A computer-generated copy of the Chapter's Program of Activities (POA) needs to be included in this book to receive points in this section. To receive full points, the activities need to be in distinguishable order and all activities include an objective or description, a goal, and a plan of action for at least 15 activities. Though, it is not a requirement, it is recommended that there is at least one activity per quality standards per division outlined by National FFA. Please refer to the POA Divisions and Quality Standards link below to reference them. For a resource guide or instructions on how to set up a POA, click on the Resource Guide link for guidance from National FFA on establishing an Chapter POA. Examples of a Program of

Activities are included in the Resource Guide. As always, you can develop your own, chapter approved, template for a Program of Activities. The links and guidance in using AET are just suggestions. This section is worth 12 points (11%) of the final score.

Program of Activities Resource Guide

National FFA POA Divisions and Quality Standards

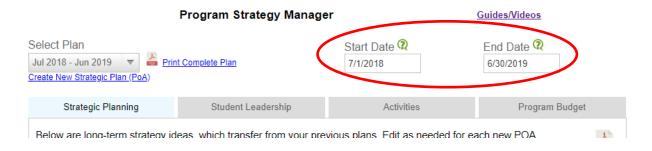


Utilize the AET to establish a Chapter POA as well:

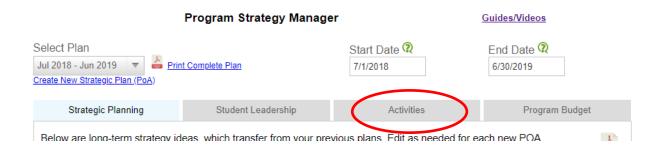
- Once logged into your AET account, click on the *Tracker* tab and click on C4. Develop and Manage your Chapter Strategic Plan and Program of Activities.



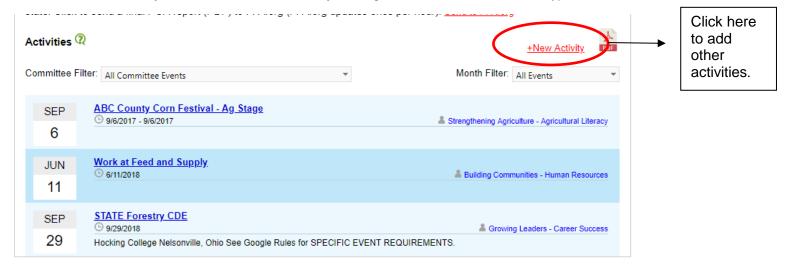
Once you click on C4, you would then need to select a Start and End date, if you have not already
done so. TIP: Be sure that this data range matches the rest of the date ranges in the rest this
book.



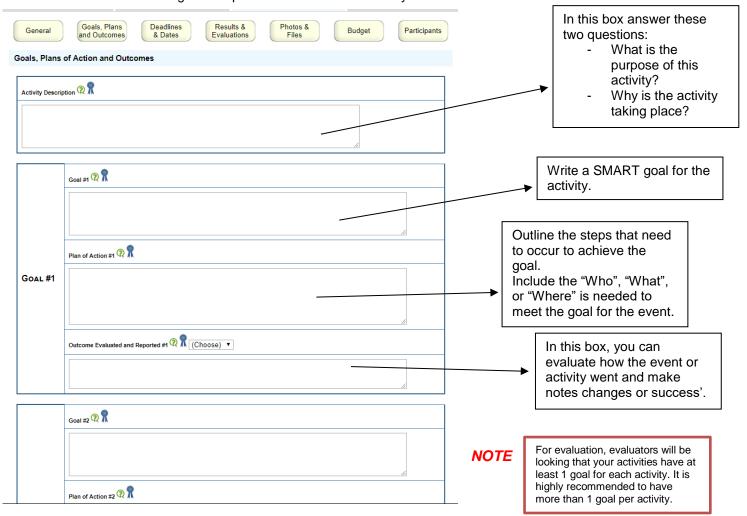
Once you have selected your date range, click on the Activities tab on this page.



- Once you click on Activities, you should see all the activities you have listed in your program calendar (Tracker Calendar) in AET. All three of these activities are on the program calendar, however, you can add other activities by clicking on the red "New Activities" hyperlink.



- If you click on each activity, you can edit the name, location, activity type, date and time, specify which committee, add which student(s) are responsible and select if you want to publish to the webpage and allow students to submit photos of the activity. Click on Goals, Plans, and Outcomes to establish the goal and plan of action for each activity.



FFA Membership Roll

This section requires a membership list that is computer generated in distinguishable order (alphabetical, graduation class, Agriculture Education Course, etc..). All the following needs to be included as well, highest degree student has earned, committee designation, office student holds (if applicable), grade level of student, course currently enrolled in, and date dues were paid.

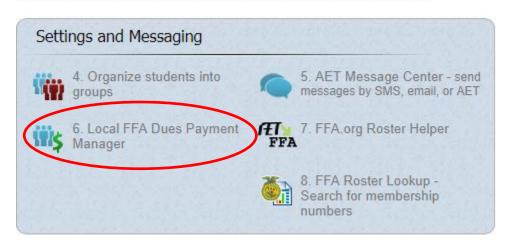
Again, you can use an FFA Chapter created document to show the above information, or the secretary could utilize reports in AET to track this information. Below is an example of a Chapter created document and how to utilize AET to track this information. This section can be in one document or several different documents. This section is worth 12 points (11%) of the final score.

Sample FFA Membership Roll 1

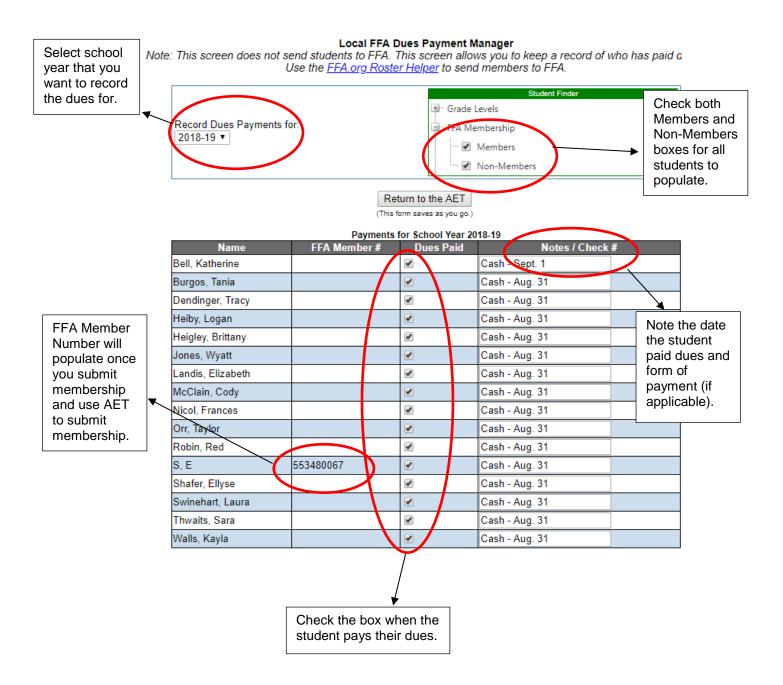
	Sample FFA Membership Roll 1							
		FFA Member	ship Records					
Name	Dues Paid	Highest Degree	Committee designation/ Office	Grade Level	Course Enrolled			
John Doe	Yes Sept. 1, 20XX	N/A	Safety Committee	9	AFNR			
Charlie Greenhand	Yes Sept. 9, 20XX	Chapter Degree	Vice President	11	Business Management for Agricultural Environmental Systems			
Sally Sue	Yes Sept. 1, 20XX	Greenhand Degree	Personal Growth Committee	10	Animal and Plant Science			
William Wong	Yes Sept. 1, 20XX	State Degree	President	12	Mechanical Principles			

Using AET to track FFA Dues

Once logged into your AET account, you can click on the accounts tab, and then number 6 Local FFA Dues, Payment Manager.



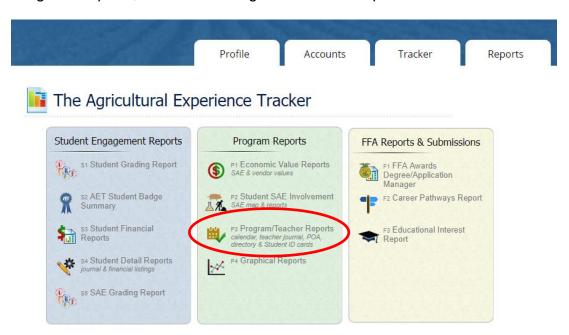
- Once you click on 6. Local FFA Dues Payment Manager, follow these steps (sidenote, names self populate):



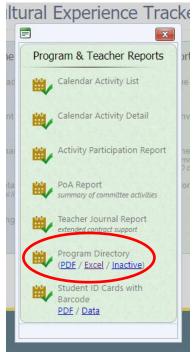


Membership list

 Once logged into our AET Chapter account, click on the Reports tab. Under Program Reports, click on P3 Program/Teacher Reports.



 Once you click on P3 Program/Teacher Reports, the following pop-up box will appear. Click on Program Directory and then Excel. This will download an Excel document of all students you have entered in AET. Delete the colmns you do not need or want to use for this section or add additional sections as well.



- Below is an example of what the Excel Documet gould look like once you delete some columns that are not needed:

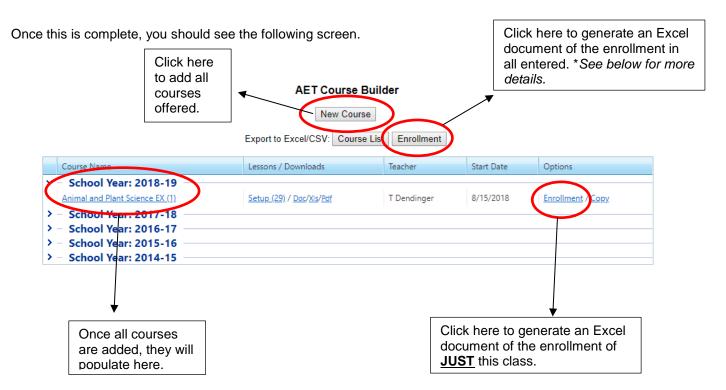
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FirstName	LastName	FFAMemberNum	SchoolGra	Degree
Katherine	Bell		12	
Tania	Burgos		12	
Logan	Heiby		12	
Brittany	Heigley		11	
Wyatt	Jones		12	
Elizabeth	Landis		12	
Cody	McClain		12	
Frances	Nicol		10	
Taylor	Orr		10	
Red	Robin		10	
E	S	553480067	11	State
Ellyse	Shafer		12	
Laura	Swinehart			
Sara	Thwaits		12	
Kayla	Walls		12	

Please note, again, that all of this information is pulled from the student's AET accounts, and you just delete the information that is not needed.

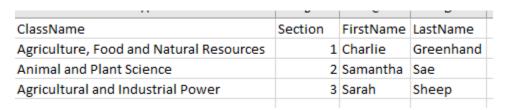
Course List

- You can use AET to generate a list of what students are enrolled in what course in AET, or you could add a column to the Excel Sheet above.
- Once you have logged into your account, click on the Profile tab and under Your School click on 5. Set up the courses that are taught at your school.





^{*} When you click it will generate an Excel document of all courses for every school year indicated in AET. School years that are not being covered in the Secretary's book. Also delete the columns that are not needed. Below is what you would be left with if you deleted all information that is not needed.



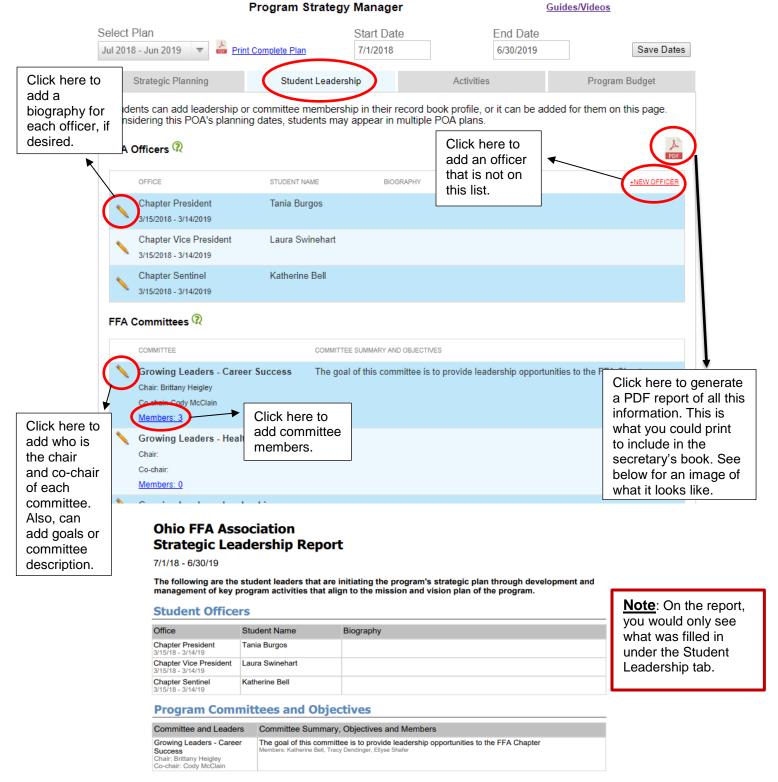
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Chapter Officer and Committee designation

- You can use AET to generate a list of Chapter Officers and FFA Committee.
 - * You can also use this report at the front of the book for the first section.
- Once logged into the Chapter's AET account, click on the Tracker tab and then C4. Develop and manage your Chapter Strategic Plan and Program of Activities.



Once in the Program Strategy Manager, click on the Student Leadership tab. If you used AET to assist in filling out the POA, the date range will still be the same. If you did not, select the time range to align with how you are filling out your book. If the officers, committee chairs, committee co-chairs, and students serving on a committee have indicated in their account their leadership role, you should see them listed under the corresponding header. If they did not, the secretary can add them in this portal.



FFA Member Attendance and Activity Records

For this section members' names need to be computer-generated and all the following listed below to receive full points. The names need to be in a distinguishable order showing activity participation (i.e. FFA and committee meetings) and fundraising participation.

You can establish a method to track chapter and committee meeting attendance and participating in chapter activities, or you can select to use AET. There are examples of both types. This section is worth 15 points (14%) of the final score.

Sample 1: Below is an example of tracking participation on a chart in Microsoft Word for the whole year.

	FFA Membership Records														
	Monthly Meetings						Chapter Activities				Committee Meetings				
Name	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Fruit Sale	Straw- berry Sale	Ag. Day	Trash Pick- up	Banquet	Sept.	Nov.	Jan.
Date:	8/20	9/15	10/11	11/15	12/18	1/20	2/14	10/31	2/17	4/15	4/20	5/13	9/13	11/12	1/5
John Doe	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P - \$212	P - \$50	P	P	P	P	P	A
Charlie Greenhand	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P- \$100	P- \$150	A/E	A/E	Р	A/E	P	P
Sally Sue	A/E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P- \$300	P- \$200	A/E	A/E	P	P	P	P
William Wong	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P- \$800	P- \$185	P	P	Р	Р	P	P

Sample 2: Below is an example of tracking participation on a chart in Microsoft Word per quarter.

	FFA Membership Records Quarter 1									
	Mont	hly Mee	etings		Chapter A	Committee Meetings				
Name	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Trash Pick- Up	Parent / Member Orientation	Farm Science Review	Fruit Sale	Sept.	Oct.	
Date:	8/20	9/15	10/11	7/30	8/15	9/18	10/31	9/13	10/9	
John Doe	P	P	P	Р	P	Р	P - \$212	Р	Р	
Charlie Greenhand	P	P	P	P	P	P	P- \$100	A/E	P	
Sally Sue	A/E	P	P	P	P	P	P- \$300	P	P	
William Wong	P	P	P	P	Р	P	P- \$885	P	P	

The examples above are just samples of how your chapter can choose to layout and track this information. For fundraising participation, the secretary <u>does not</u> need to keep track of the dollar amount. For attendance at meetings (chapter and committee meetings), attendance on the minutes or the report will count for participation in those activities.

Using AET to track FFA Member Attendance and Activity Records

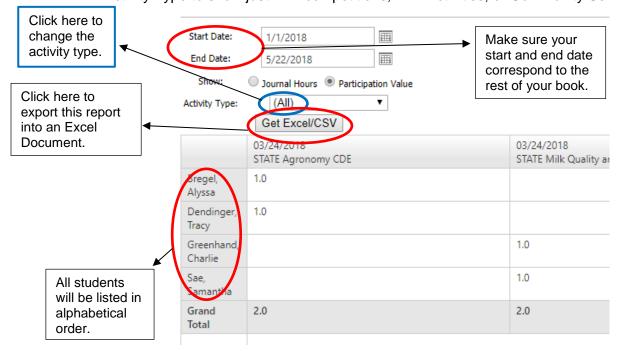
- You can also utilize AET to track FFA member attendance and activity participation.
- Once logged into the Chapter's AET account, click on the Reports tab and then P3. Program/Teacher Reports.



 Once you click on P3, more icons will appear in a sperate box of all the Program and Teacher Reports you can view. For this report, you will need to click on Activity Participation Report.



- Once you have clicked on Activity Participation Reports, a new tab or window will open. See below for more information. All information that is on this report is pulled from the student's journaling their participation in these various activities. You can change the Activity Type to show just FFA competitions. FFA Activities. or Community Service.



- You could print the report above, however, it will not print the report on the same page. For best results, you should export this report to Excel. Click Get Excel/CSV to export.
- Once into an Excel document, you can then delete the columns you do not need such as Student ID and Email address. Again, you do not HAVE to show CDE participation, and can delete those columns as well. You can change the activity type in the drop down as mentioned in the above diagram.

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First Name	Last Name	STATE Agronomy CDE	STATE Milk Quality and Products CDE	Leadership Committee	April Chapter Meeting	Sample	FFA Meeting	Forestry ONLINE Exam (NE)
		3/24/2018 9:00:00 AM	3/24/2018 9:00:00 AM	4/4/2018 12:00:00 PM	4/4/2018 1:00:00 PM	5/22/2018 3:00:00 PM	6/14/2018 8:00:00 AM	9/25/2018 6:00:00 AM
Alyssa	Bregel	1	0	1	0	1	1	2
Tracy	Dendinger	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Charlie	Greenhand	0	1	. 1	1	1	0	0
Samantha	Sae	0	1	. 0	1	1	0	0
Sarah	Sheep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Agenda of Chapter Meetings

A computer-generated copy of the agenda for each meeting that includes officer reports to be given, unfinished business, committee reports to be given, and new business. Order of the agenda does not matter, if it is in the order that will be given during the meeting. There are two samples of an agenda, one using a document and using AET – Meeting Manager. This section is worth 12 points (11%) of the final score.

Sample Agenda 1

Ohio FFA Association - Sample Agenda

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 3:00 PM

Location: Ag. Room

Presiding Officer: Samantha Sae

Call to order / Opening Ceremony

Samantha Sae will call the meeting to order

Orders of the Day

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Jimmy will present the minutes from the previous meeting

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report

Reporter's Report

Program of Activities Reports

FFA Camp

Special Feature

FFA Camp Video Presentation – John Doe presenting

Standing and Special Committee Reports

POA Committee

Leadership Committee

Personal Growth

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

FFA Chapter Sweatshirt

Freshmen Scholarship for FFA Jackets

Degree and Installation Ceremonies

None

Adjourn/Closing Ceremony

Entertainment, Recreation, and Refreshments

Recreation - Dodgeball

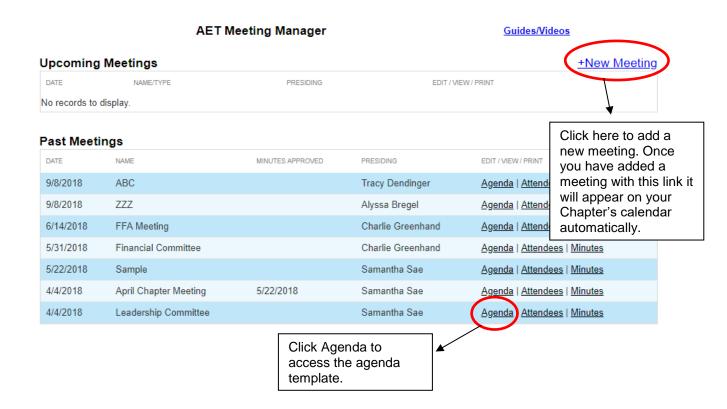
Refreshments - Cider and Donuts

(Using AET for Meeting Agenda's

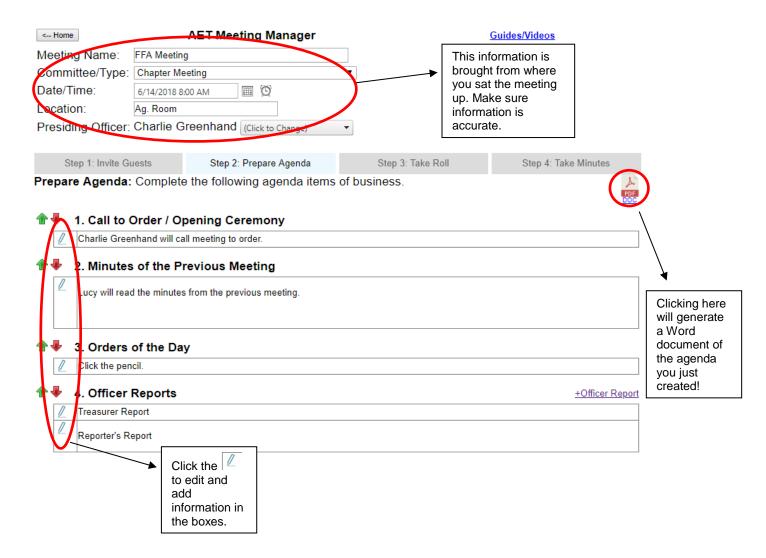
- Once logged into the Chapter's AET account, Click on the Tracker tab. Once in the Tracker tab, you will need to locate C5. Chapter Meeting Manager.



 Once you have clicked on the Chapter Meeting Manager, you should be able to see upcoming and past meetings. Follow the steps below to add meetings and establish your agenda.



- Once you click on the Agenda link, it will take you to this screen.



Minutes of Chapter Meetings and Committee Reports

A computer-generated copy of the chapter meeting for each of the corresponding meeting agendas. The minutes of the meeting format or flow of order does not matter, if the content matches the order the meeting and reflects what occurred during the meeting. This section is worth 18 points (17%) of the final score. For full amount of points, the minutes must contain at least 8 to 10 of the listed below items:

- Date
- Time
- Location
- Presiding Officer
- Officer Reports
- Committee Reports

- All Motions in own paragraph
- Correct Parliamentary Law being observed during meeting
- Hand signature by the Secretary *
- Hand signature by the President *

*Electronic hand signatures will be accepted

Ohio FFA Association – Sample Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 22, 2018 3:00 PM Location: Ag. Room Presiding Officer: Samantha Sae

Call to order / Opening Ceremony

The meeting is called to order at 3:00 PM by Samantha Sae in the Ag. Room

Roll

Members Present: 10 members

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Jimmy presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on 4/4/2018. Charlie moved to accept the minutes as read and Sallie seconded. Minutes were approved as written.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report:

Charlie Greenhand gave the following Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand at the beginning of June: \$100

Receipts (money that came in): \$51

Disbursements (money that went out): \$51

Balance on hand at the end of June: \$100

Jimmy moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Sallie seconded. The report was accepted as presented to the chapter.

Reporter's Report:

Sallie, the Chapter Reporter, updated everyone that she has submitted 3 articles to the school newspaper for the months of April and May. She has also updated the Chapter Website with photos from State FFA Convention. Sallie finally reminded everyone that if they have photos they want on the website, they need to be submitted by next Friday so she can have them approved by Mrs. Owl.

Jimmy, the Chapter Sentinel, reported that there will be apple cider and donuts for refreshments after the meeting.

Molly moved to accept the officer reports and Jason seconded. The officer reports were accepted as read.

Program of Activities Reports / Standing and Special Committee Reports

FFA Camp - John Doe gave a presentation on FFA camp and why members should plan on attending Ohio FFA Camp this summer. For the special feature, John Doe showed a video recapping FFA camp from last year.

POA Committee - Molly, from the POA committee, reported that the summer meeting will be held at the Kokosing River Campground. She also reported that we will be playing summer games and the officers will be making burgers for those in attendance. RSVP's are due the last day of school. See POA Committee Report attached for more details.

Leadership Committee - Jimmy, from the Leadership Committee, reported that all newly elected officers attended the District Officer Training two weeks ago. All newly elected officers now understand their role as a Chapter Officer and are eager to start planning activities for next year. See Leadership Committee Report attached for more details.

Personal Growth Committee - Sallie, from the Alumni Scholarship sub-committee, reported that they meet last week to deliberate. They have selected two recipients for the scholarship that will be awarded during the Senior Recognition night. See Personal Growth Committee Report for more details.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- 1. Molly moved that the FFA Chapter sell FFA Chapter Sweatshirts year-round next year. Jason seconded the motion. There was discussion. Motion passed.
- 2. Jimmy moved that the FFA Chapter should offer a scholarship program for Freshmen needing an FFA jacket. Molly seconded the motion. There was discussion.

Sallie moved to refer this motion to a committee of 5 people (Jimmy, Jason, Molly, and Sallie) to research this more and present a proposal at the next official FFA meeting. Jimmy seconded the motion. There was no discussion and motion passed.

Adjourn/Closing Ceremony

The meeting was adjourned Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

Entertainment, Recreation, and Refreshments

Recreation - Dodgeball
Refreshments - Cider and Donuts

Chapter President Signature	Chapter President Printed Name
Chapter Secretary Signature	Chapter Secretary Printed Name

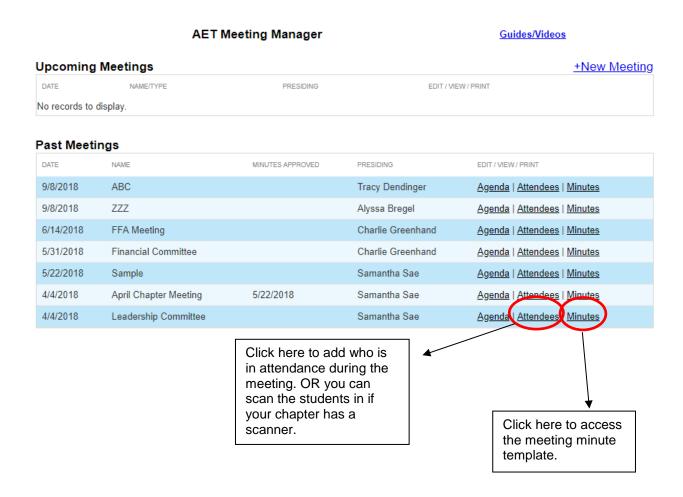
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Using AET for Meeting Minutes

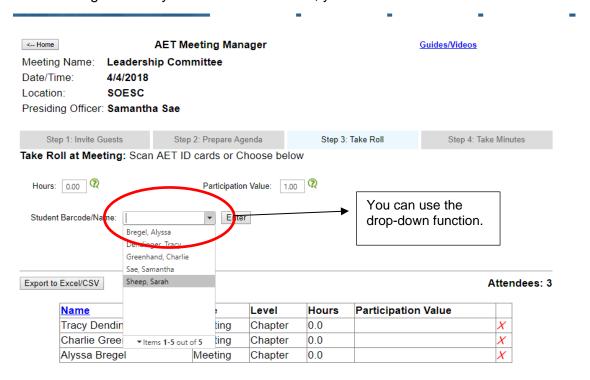
- Once logged into the Chapter's AET account, Click on the Tracker tab. Once in the Tracker tab, you will need to locate C5. Chapter Meeting Manager.



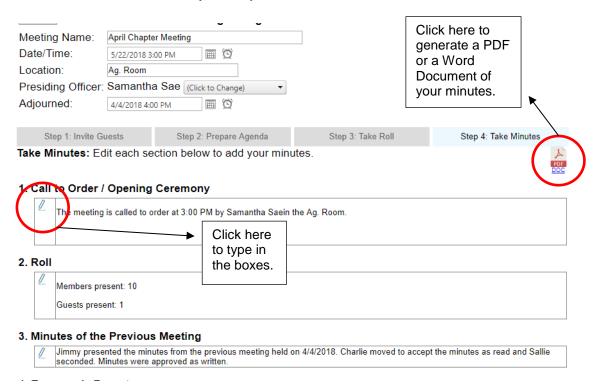
 Once you have clicked on the Chapter Meeting Manager, you should be able to see all the meetings that you added to create an agenda.



- Clicking on Attendees will allow you to take attendance during the meeting or as students are coming in. Once you click on attendance, you will see this screen below.



 Clicking on the "Minutes" link or click on Step 4: Take Minutes tab to go to the minutes template in AET. Click on the pencils to make edits and type in the box. For several areas, there will be areas that you will just have to fill in the box.



Correspondence

FFA chapter related correspondence received and sent by the chapter is displayed in this section. All correspondence needs to be displayed in chronological order and have 15 *different* documentations that covers the current school or fiscal year. All documentation needs to have an original date (dated copies will be acceptable). This could be sent out to stakeholders or be received from other institutes. Keep in mind that this should involve a group of members (a team or class) or the entire chapter. Meeting excuse letters will not be accepted. This section is worth 12 points (11%) of the final score.

Good examples: thank-you cards, invitations (Greenhand Night, Leadership Nights, other Chapter's Banquet), Ohio FFA Foundation Newsletters (sent via USPS mail), requests for information, and annual report.

Bad examples: Ohio FFA Newsletter sent out by Brenda every Tuesday, Ohio FFA Foundation monthly emails, meeting excuse notes, and banquet invitations from previous years.

Constitution and Bylaws

A copy of the local FFA Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws needs to be included in this book. A copy of National and/or State Constitution and Bylaws will not be acceptable. If you <u>click here</u>, there is an example of a Constitution and Bylaws or you can locate this PDF document on ffa.org. This section is worth 9 points (8%) of the final score.

Organization, Ease of use and Appearance

For full points, the Secretary's book needs to be easy to read and the evaluator (user) can find all the information with ease and the book follows the order of the rubric. All parts of the book need to be labeled for easy identification purposes. The book also must cover the entire **current** school (fiscal) **or** calendar year. This section is worth 9 points (8%) of the final score.

Ohio FFA Secretary's Book Check Sheet

This is a tool that was created to have a "to-do" list of everything that needs to be in the officer book to receive full points or ensure everything is in the book that needs to be. You still **need to use the rubric** for more details, this is just a guide.

Criteria Area	What needs to be included for full points	Yes	No
	Is the list fully computer generated with no handwriting on		
Names of national,	the list?		
state, and chapter	Is there a list of all National Officers?		
officers and	Is there a list of all State Officers?		
committee chairs.	Is there a list of all Chapter Officers?		
	Is there a list of all Committee Chairs?		
	Is the Program of Activities fully computer generated with no handwriting?		
	Are <u>all</u> (at least 15) activities in distinguishable order?		
Chapter Program of	Do <u>all</u> (at least 15) activities have an objective or description?		
Activities	Do <u>all</u> (at least 15) activities have at least 1 goal?		
	Do <u>all</u> (at least 15) activities have a plan of action?		
	Does the Program of Activities have at least 15 <i>different</i> activities listed?		
	Is the membership list fully computer generated with no handwriting?		
	Is the membership roll in a distinguishable order?		
	Does the membership roll include all members highest		
	degree?		
FFA Membership	Does the membership roll include members committee		
Roll	designation and office (where applicable)?		
_	Does the membership list show the members grade level?		
*Does not have to be on the same sheet if you	Does the membership list show the course the members		
have all the content*	are currently enrolled in?		
	Does the membership list show the date dues were paid?		
	Is the member attendance and activity records fully		
FFA Member	computer generated with no handwriting?		
Attendance and	Are the records in a distinguishable order?		
Activity Records	Does the records show individual student activity		
*Attendance on reports	participation in activities such as FFA and Committee meetings?		
will count as attendance*	Do the records show individual student fundraising participation?		
	Are all meeting agendas fully computer generated with no handwriting?		
	Do all meeting agendas include officer reports to be given?		
Agenda of Chapter Meetings	Do all meeting agendas include unfinished business (or indicate that there is none)?		
	Do all meeting agendas include committee reports to be		
	given (or indicate that there is none)?		
	Do all meeting agendas include new business?		
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Minutes of Chapter Meetings and Committee Reports	Are all meeting and committee reports computer generated with no handwriting?	
Minutes of Chapter Meeting and Committee Reports cont.	Do all meeting and committee reports include 8 to 10 of the following: - Date - Time - Location - Presiding Officer - Officer Reports - Committee Reports - All motions in their own paragraph - Correct Parliamentary Law being observed - Hand signature of the Secretary - Hand signature of the President Are there at least 4 different meeting minutes?	
Correspondence	Are all correspondences in the book FFA Chapter related? Are <u>ALL</u> correspondences in chronological order? Are there at least 15 different correspondence documentations that covers 10-12 months or at least one full year? Do all documentations have a date?	
Constitution and Bylaws	Is a copy of the FFA Chapter's Constitution and Bylaws included in the book?	
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