

A Proposal for the National Collegiate 4-H Taskforce



Overview

The Collegiate 4-H Taskforce will be in charge of conducting an information gathering process as means to explore, examine, and evaluate Collegiate 4-H's strengths and weaknesses. Once the information gathering process is complete, the Taskforce will analyze the data and then issue a series of recommendations to the National Action Board. NAB will then be responsible for the implementation of these recommendations.

Goals and Tasks

The overall goal of the Taskforce is to provide information-backed recommendations to the Collegiate 4-H community and its governing body, NAB, so that the organization can move forward and the needs of Collegiate 4-H can be met.

Specific goals of the taskforce will include, but may not be limited to:

- Making recommendations on examining the partnerships within the 4-H and Extension community.
- Providing ways to evaluate and explore possible options on behalf of Collegiate 4-H
- Making recommendations that will allow NAB and the Collegiate 4-H community to make well thought out decisions about the future of Collegiate 4-H in the terms of:
 - governance and structure
 - ways of representation (elected vs. non-elected, regional presidents, efficiency)
 - passing down of information from each year's NAB
 - overall purpose in the 4-H community and in society
- (other NAB nominated issues here)

Means of Information Gathering

Information mainly will be gathered by three ways:

- Polling and other means of evaluation
- Listening Sessions / Conversations
- Direct contact and feedback to the taskforce

Means of Implementation

The recommendations will be implemented by several ways:

- Implementation by NAB- NAB may be able to implement the recommendations by its own means in a manner consistent upon their opinions, as long as the changes do not violate the constitution or call for a constitutional amendment.
- Implementation by Constitutional Amendment- Not all recommendations will be able to be implemented by NAB without amending the constitution. NAB will propose such constitutional amendments, with the assistance of

the Taskforce as needed. These amendments will be voted on by the body at the next national business meeting (Columbus 2006)

- Implementation by Resolutions- Not all recommendations will be able to be made by the 2005-06 NAB, as some of them will be ongoing. To ensure their implementation, NAB will compose resolutions (statements of support) for the voting body to approve at the next national business meeting for the next, incoming governing body to enact.

The Taskforce may suggest other ways of implementation in its final report.

Membership

Membership of the taskforce will be people who understand the workings of Collegiate 4-H in a national scope.

The core membership will be the outgoing, or "old" NAB (2004-05), with a maximum of 2 members per region. Vacancies will be filled by the sitting Taskforce member from the region, with the approval of the current regional officers.

Northeast Region:

David Hartley (WVU)

Shannon Glaspell (WVU)

North Central Region:

Haley Cook (Iowa State)

Tony Rekeweg (Purdue)

Southern Region:

Patrick Voorhies (LSU)

Vacancy

Western Region:

Cindy Sperry (UC-Davis)

Vacancy

State Leaders/Advisors

Greg Hutchins (Wisc.)

Cathann Kress (USDA)

Jeff Orndorff (WVU)

Meetings

Meetings will consist of monthly telephone conferences and one face to face meeting, budget permitting.

Timeline

Summer (ending August 05):

- Budget approved, meeting dates set
- Member vacancies filled
- Preliminary work defined
- Preliminary meetings held
- Feedback solicited
- Preliminary report issued
- Guidepost questions furnished to regions for conversations / listening sessions

Fall

- Conversations/Listening Sessions held at regional conferences to solicit feedback on preliminary report/recommendations
- Monthly meetings of the taskforce continue, findings discussed

December 15:

- Final report issued to NAB

December 15 – February 2006

- NAB implements recommendations

February 2006

- National Collegiate 4-H Conference, Taskforce dissolved