

Agri-Science Fair Committee Report

VATAT Conference 2013

The following is a synopsis of everything that was covered in the committee meeting...

Rules/Rubric Discussion

The committee voted to follow the rules and rubrics of the National FFA Agri-science Fair for our state competition. Reasoning: This adoption makes it easier for the short turn around between competition and national submission deadlines. It also clearly defines the expectations of the entire process.

The exception to the rules is that the written report will account for 50% of the overall score and the presentation and board will be the other 50%.

Judges Discussion

The committee shared the concern with judges being biased towards certain projects and students in the competition. Dr. Ritz assured the committee that extra care was taken to insure that there was no direct conflict. However, he did explain that it was very difficult to find judges which is why he used teachers and graduate students this year.

The committee will be responsible for submitting a list of suggested judges to Dr. Ritz in February to help with judge selection. Please send me names and contact information for anyone that you suggest for this list.

Timeline of Entries and the Competition

The committee discussed the timing of the entry and the fair. The entry deadline will remain the same, but the fair dates will change. With input from Mr. Maynard, the decision was made for set-up to be Monday afternoon and competition will be on Tuesday between 9 am and 2 pm. Results will still be on Wednesday evening.