

'NEW' AREA VII FFA ASSOCIATION (12 Area Format)
1ST GENERAL MEETING
VATAT CONFERENCE – Arlington, Texas
July 25, 2017

- **Call to Order** – meeting called to order by Melvin Pouncy at 3:16 pm
- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - **Financial Transfer** – will occur mid-March 2018. Formulas will be provided by Texas FFA. 'New' areas may request loans from Texas FFA to begin initial process. We will 'lose' approximately 41% of our current student membership.
 - All competitive events will remain in 10 area format thru 2017-2018 school year (Officer elections and talent team voting will represent the new 12 area format).
 - **2018 District/Area Meetings** – The area VII model will have regular degree check and speaking events based on the current Area VII (10 area format), arena floor will be set for the new area VII (12 area format) with officer elections and talent competition to proceed as usual, current Area VII members not in new Area VII will be seated in bleachers.
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - **State Area Alignment Timeline** – Fall of 2017 revise area by-laws. Committee from last year with Danny Kempen as chairman, just going to revise the necessary things such as district names and schools within them. Will approve as executive in September. If anyone wants to propose major revisions they can do that according to by-laws for May 2018 convention.
 - If districts have items that need to be revised (school names, etc.) they should be submitted to Texas FFA before the January 2018 Board meeting.
 - Areas and districts will need to forward records of money transferred to Texas FFA.
 - **Area Leadership Camp** – opportunity for additional campers.
 - Need names for 'new' districts. Discussed the option of not having names but rather using district numbers instead – group agreed names are preferred.
- **Adjournment** – motion to adjourn passed at 3:41 pm.
- Move to 'new' District Meetings
- Respectfully submitted: Mike Wallace