# TO: County Presidents & Secretaries

FROM: Fargo Office

DATE: May 1, 2024

RE: Suggested Agenda for May, 2024

1. Call to Order
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Financial Report – Motion to “receive & file” the report
4. Issues Discussion - As we move into the county stage of our policy development process, it is important for county leaders to actively review the current policy book. Obviously, some policies are due to cycle off, which may need to be renewed. However, some of these expiring policies may have run their course and need to be removed. Some policies may have seemed like a good idea at the time but are no longer valid with changes that have taken place. Please consider which policies are “keepers” and those which could be discarded. It might also be valuable to look with a critical eye at those policies that deviate from production agriculture issues.
5. Report from NDFB Staff
6. Committee Reports - Committees can include non-board members

(a) Resolutions, Membership, YF&R, Publicity, P&E

1. Old Business
2. New Business
3. Counties are encouraged to pick an annual meeting date outside of the traditional fall pattern. More and more counties are finding a summer picnic type annual meeting makes a lot more sense rather than trying to meet during fall harvest. Changing to a summer meeting helps to facilitate the policy development process, and generally appeals to a younger group of farmers. Try having your annual meeting during your county fair; thus giving active farmers a reason to attend both events. Pay for members’ admission to the fair, or the county Farm Bureau could be the fair sponsor for the day.
4. Please submit Membership Reward Program Materials to the Fargo Office by December 1st, 2024. Step 1 may be turned in at any time before December 1st.
5. Promotion and Education- Online Photo Contest May 1- September 1. Please submit photos to Joey at [joey@ndfb.org](mailto:joey@ndfb.org). There will be four categories this year: Animals, Lifestyle, Crop/Landscape. A $300 winner will be chosen in each category. New to this year, there will be a people's choice award as well! The overall champion picture will be printed onto a canvas for the annual meeting scholarship auction. No watermarks or you can’t win. Limit of three photos and must submit into one of the three categories indicated.
6. Consider sponsoring kids to attend 4-H camps this summer. The cost per attendee is $350-375 but scholarships of any amount would be greatly appreciated. Contact your Field Rep with any questions
7. **Discuss what to donate for the auction at the State Annual Meeting for scholarships.**
8. **NDFB County Boards can apply for USPS Bulk Mailing Rate!** Reduced prices for USPS Marketing Mail postage are available. For more details on how to apply, please click here: <https://about.usps.com/forms/ps3624.pdf>. The application for submission can be found here: [3-1.6 Submitting Application | Postal Explorer (usps.com)](https://pe.usps.com/text/pub417/pub417_ch3_006.htm)

**Upcoming Events**

County Annual Meetings have started! Check [www.ndfb.org/events](http://www.ndfb.org/events) for dates.

Nov 22, 23 NDFB State Annual Meeting - Bismarck

Jan 24-29, 2025 AFBF Annual Convention – San Antonio, TX

Feb 21, 2025 Farm and Ranch Conference, Bismarck