



REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

**Michigan 4-H Foundation
73rd Annual Membership Meeting
Friday, October 3, 2025**



Supporting
Michigan 4-H
Youth Development
to prepare youth for
meaningful and
productive lives.

President's Message to the Membership

Welcome to the 73rd Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting!

Since 1952, the Michigan 4-H Foundation has proudly supported Michigan 4-H Youth Development programs that prepare young people to be not just ready — but Beyond Ready — for school, work and life. In today's fast-paced and ever-changing world, youth need more than knowledge — they need confidence, adaptability and purpose. Through hands-on learning and positive mentorship, Michigan 4-H empowers more than 137,000 youth each year to thrive in school, careers, and their communities.

This incredible impact is only possible because of you. Your generosity ensures that 4-H remains accessible, relevant, and transformative for youth across Michigan. Thanks to your support, nearly \$1 million is invested annually in local and statewide programs, national 4-H experiences, and safe, inclusive spaces where youth can learn, lead and grow.

As we look ahead, your continued engagement is more important than ever. Whether you give, volunteer, or advocate, you are helping shape the future of Michigan 4-H. Together, we are building a movement — one that empowers young people to lead with compassion, innovate with courage, and serve with purpose. Your belief in their potential is the foundation of everything we do.

On behalf of the board of trustees, thank you for believing in the power of 4-H and for investing in the next generation of leaders. Together, we are building a Ready Generation — young people prepared to meet today's challenges and shape a better tomorrow.



Yours in 4-H,

Andrew Walker, President
Michigan 4-H Foundation

Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting October 3, 2025 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Welcome & Pledges

President Andrew Walker

Michigan 4-H Youth Development Program Highlights

Michigan 4-H Year In-Review

- *Lisa Bottomley, Co-Director
MSU Extension Children & Youth Institute*

Michigan 4-H Club Programming & Fair Partnerships

- *Janelle Stewart, MSU Extension Educator*

Michigan 4-H Youth Spotlight

- *Danykah Muck, State 4-H Youth Leadership Council and Livingston County 4-H member*
- *Sophia Gardner, MSU Collegiate 4-H Vice President and Gratiot County 4-H alumna*

President's Address

President Andrew Walker

Donor Recognition

President Andrew Walker

Michigan 4-H Foundation Business

Secretary's Report

Secretary Jodi Schulz

- Approval of Oct. 4, 2024 annual membership meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mark Koester

- Financial overview
- Introduction of auditors

Presentation of the Michigan 4-H Foundation 2024-25 Independent Audit

Barbara Garza, Senior Manager, Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC

Board Development Committee Report

Trustee Sheila M. Burkhardt, Board Development Committee Chair

- Trustee Elections
- Trustee Service Recognition

Remarks from the Membership

Closing Remarks

Abbey Miller, Michigan 4-H Foundation Director



2024-25 Support for Michigan 4-H

State and County 4-H Programs

Donors contributed nearly a million dollars — or \$917,884 — in new gifts and pledges to the Michigan 4-H Foundation this past fiscal year. With newly documented estate gifts and gifts from all sources including the university, total support for 4-H was \$1.5 million dollars.

A total of \$977,047 was allocated to 4-H for the 2024-25 program year. Program funding sources were \$24,000 from the general fund, \$780,280 from temporarily restricted fund and \$172,767 from endowments.

Michigan 4-H Youth Development received foundation grants this past fiscal year totaling \$834,851 of which 80 percent was granted to support statewide programs and 20 percent supported county 4-H programs. Endowment earnings provided \$226,293 of the 2024-25 program grant for 4-H programs.

The endowment principal balance at June 30 was valued at \$6.41 million. The endowment portfolio currently includes 100 state and county 4-H permanent endowment funds of which 56 are for county 4-H program support. The foundation also serves as an investment manager for counties, holding 25 agency accounts for support of county 4-H programs and the 4-H staff association investment fund.

In 2024-25, the Michigan 4-H Foundation awarded 11 4-H mini grants totaling \$8,500, making it possible to offer new and innovative programs like the Nawaygo County 4-H Embryology Program, Monroe County Environmental Animal Sciences Club, Wayne County 4-H Dog Program and Saginaw County 4-H Life Skills in Sewing Club. Garden grants supported the Madison Elementary 4-H Garden Club, Muskegon County Growing Hope, Cultivating Futures with 4-H Gardening Club and the Chippewa County Blooming Buddies 4-H Club. On-Target grants supported the launch of the first Shooting Sports 4-H Club in Cheboygan County, growth of the 4-H archery programs in Missaukee and Wexford counties, and the Monroe County Wildlife and Conservation Club.

Six outstanding volunteers received the 2024-25 Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Awards last fall: Donna Budd of Wayne County, Rick Gould and Kevin Yeager of St. Joseph County, Charity Hackett of Berrien County, Angela Oakman of Washtenaw County and Mandy Rogers of Washtenaw County. As part of the award, each recipient designated a \$1,000 grant — \$5,000 total — to support the agricultural program of their choice.

The foundation also provided \$132,588 for 26 national, state and regional 4-H learning experience sponsorships. This funding supported Michigan's delegation to National 4-H Congress and the 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute. Statewide programs funded included 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp and World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute. Also supported were 4-H skillbuilding workshops like 4-H Winterfest, 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute, the Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge, and 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Trainings, to name a few. 4-H Animal Science programs also received support for the National 4-H Dairy Conference and Judging Contest, Animal Science Career Quest, 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop and the State 4-H Horse Show.

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens

In its 32nd summer, the garden saw several updates. A major composting project improved over half the beds, with the rest scheduled for fall. The pond was cleaned and newly landscaped, and in July, artist Bim Willow refreshed the Enchanted Forest with new willow structures.

The indoor garden was transformed into the new Garden Greenhouse Classroom, with Phase 1 renovations completed in time for the April butterfly season. Upgrades included turf flooring, a new vestibule, and improved ventilation for better comfort and temperature control.

The Butterflies in the Garden program welcomed 132 groups from 64 schools, totaling 3,175 student participants. Another 2,069 visitors attended special events like Butterfly Day, bringing total attendance to 5,244 in just over three weeks. Participants explored the butterfly life cycle, visited the flight house, and planted nectar plants to take home.

Summer programs engaged 594 youth in day-long camps and themed activities, including Garden Geocache, Fairy and Elves Garden Party, Digger Day, Bubble Day, Bug Day, and the new Beach Day.

Students from over 100 schools participated in field trips, learning about plant life cycles, honeybees, and planting take-home plants.

The Garden Discovery Program hosted 2,252 students from 93 groups representing 42 schools. An additional 1,782 students from four schools joined the Seeds of Science program. Tours for MSU students and adult groups added another 550 participants. In total, 10,861 individuals engaged in 26,727 hours of hands-on educational programming.



Michigan 4-H Foundation

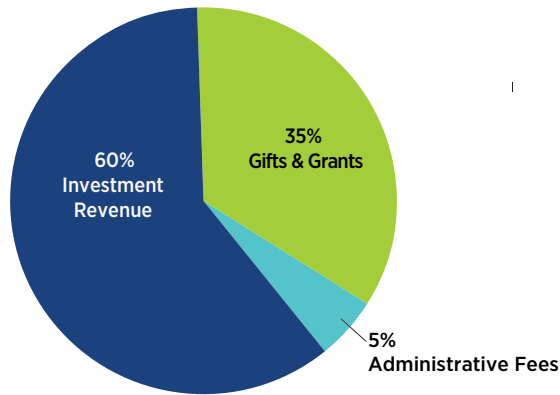
Financial Summary in Brief

For the years ended June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024

	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
ASSETS		
Current Assets	\$304,765	\$505,767
Net Fixed Assets	55,805	55,805
Investments and Other Assets	14,981,413	13,252,849
Total Assets	<u>\$15,341,983</u>	<u>\$13,814,421</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities	\$18,835	\$1,692
Long Term Liabilities	917,458	824,774
Total Liabilities	<u>\$936,293</u>	<u>\$826,466</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$14,405,690</u>	<u>\$12,987,955</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$15,341,983</u>	<u>\$13,814,421</u>
REVENUES AND SUPPORT		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$848,759	\$774,468
With Donor Restrictions	1,592,426	1,260,956
Total Revenues	<u>\$2,441,185</u>	<u>\$2,035,424</u>
EXPENSES		
4-H Programs	\$664,084	\$462,049
Administration	310,103	290,079
Fundraising	49,263	49,131
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,023,450</u>	<u>\$801,259</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$1,417,735</u>	<u>\$1,234,165</u>

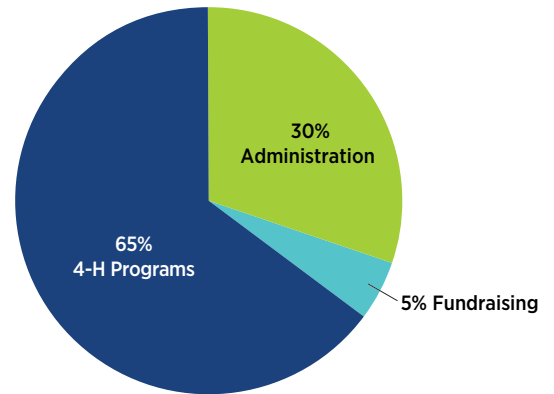
2024-25 REVENUE

Total Revenue: \$2,441,185



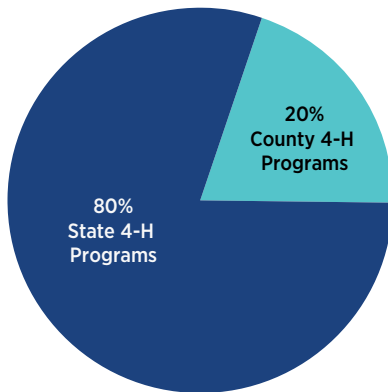
2024-25 EXPENSES

Total Expenses: \$1,023,450



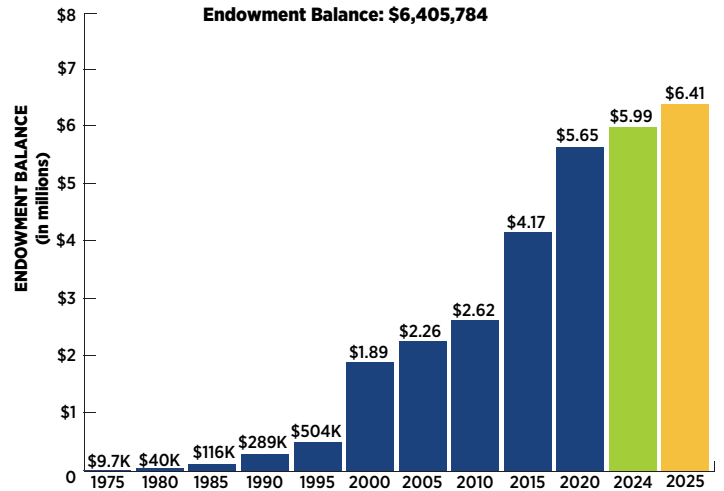
2024-25 PROGRAM GRANTS

Total Grants Distributed: \$834,851



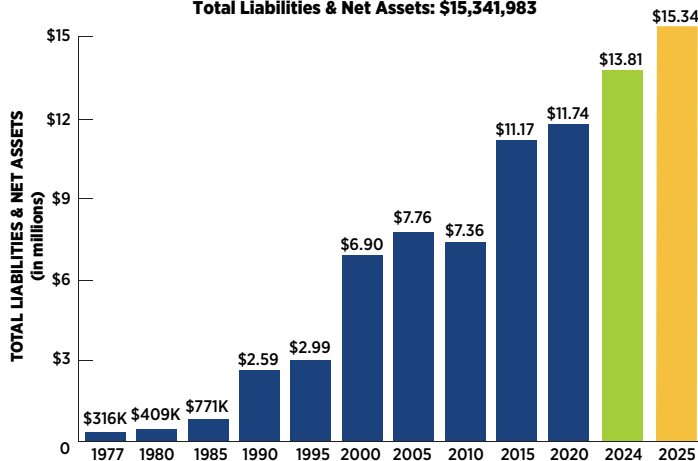
TOTAL ENDOWMENT GROWTH

Endowment Balance: \$6,405,784



TOTAL ASSET GROWTH

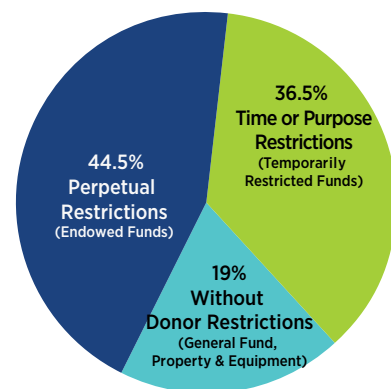
Total Liabilities & Net Assets: \$15,341,983



2024-25 NET ASSETS

Net Assets: \$14.41 million

Total Assets: \$15.34 million



Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting Minutes October 4, 2024

In attendance were 13 trustees, 1 honorary trustee, 2 trustee emeriti, 11 members, 17 MSU Extension staff members, 6 staff with foundation responsibilities and 1 representative from the audit firm.

President Tom Bosserd called the 72nd Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. at the MSU Kellogg Center. He then led the group in the pledges.

President Bosserd introduced Jodi Schulz, state 4-H leader and co-director of the Children and Youth Institute for MSU Extension, and Lisa Bottomley, co-director of the Children and Youth Institute to provide some Michigan 4-H program highlights and updates.

4-H Year in Review: Michigan 4-H experienced significant growth in 2022–2023, engaging over 134,500 youth — an increase of more than 38,000 participants from the previous year. Volunteer support also expanded, with 8,200 adults contributing their time and expertise, up by 1,350. Youth participation spanned a wide range of focus areas, including more than 6,750 experiences in citizenship, leadership, civic engagement, community service, communication, and the arts. Career exploration and workforce development programs reached over 10,700 youth, while nearly 14,000 participated in healthy living initiatives. STEM programming remained a strong pillar, with more than 35,600 youth engaged in science, technology, engineering, and math experiences.

4-H continues to be a vital part of MSU's youth engagement strategy. In 2023–2024, 52% of MSU's Pre-College Program Scholarships were awarded to youth who attended 4-H pre-college programs such as 4-H Exploration Days, Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp, Capitol Experience, and the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute. Michigan 4-H is also formalizing a partnership with MSU's Office of Admissions through a Memorandum of Understanding. This collaboration will increase 4-H's presence at Admissions events like Admitted Student Day and Green and White Day, and bring Admissions staff to 4-H events such as 4-H Day at the Breslin, 4-H Exploration Days, and the Michigan State Fair. Plans are underway to better engage pre-college scholarship winners and host a dedicated 4-H Day at MSU for campus tours and admissions engagement.

The second annual 4-H Day at the Capitol will take place Oct. 9 at Heritage Hall, featuring educational booths led by youth, volunteers, alumni, and staff. Booths will highlight themes such as healthy living, science, leadership, and career development, with

hands-on activities and a brief program at noon. President Guskiewicz is expected to attend.

Other highlights included the 4-H alumni reception at MSU, held for the first time in the 4-H Children's Gardens, and a new alumni engagement activity at the Michigan State Fair that invited alumni to mark their hometowns on a Michigan map and share their career journeys. The 4-H license plate initiative is progressing, with prototypes entering the testing phase.

Schulz then noted that healthy living programs remain a core 4-H focus. She introduced 4-H educators Kea Norrell-Aitch and Darien Wilkerson to provide an update on 4-H Healthy Living Programs. The presentation highlighted Michigan 4-H's expanding Healthy Living programs, which include gardening, nutrition, physical activity, emotional wellness, and substance misuse prevention. A key initiative is the annual 4-H Day of Wellness, to be held statewide on Oct. 10 to promote mindfulness and stress reduction through workshops like mindful eating, nutrition and meditation. The Health Rocks! curriculum, supported by a three-year, \$450,000 grant from National 4-H Council, aims to reach 5,000 youth annually with evidence-informed programming focused on decision-making, stress management, and substance use prevention. Impact data from 2019–2020 showed strong outcomes, including 95% of participants intending to avoid tobacco use and 97% demonstrating high levels of emotional thriving. Additionally, the STOP grant—a three-year, \$1.55 million grant from the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention—is funding Mental Health First Aid training across Michigan. Since 2023, MSU Extension has trained over 620 individuals, including 506 youth, in Youth and Teen Mental Health First Aid. The 4-H HealthCorps AmeriCorps program also continues to expand, with members delivering workshops and family events across multiple counties. In summer 2024, 847 youth and 76 adults participated in 65 events, and the 2024–2025 program aims to reach 2,000 youth, with measurable increases in knowledge and attitude change.

A video of President Bosserd's Address was played for the membership with a summary of accomplishments for fiscal year 2023–24. Donors contributed \$520,142 in new gifts and pledges to the Michigan 4-H Foundation this past fiscal year. With newly documented planned gifts, and gifts from all sources including the university, total support for 4-H was \$1.7 million dollars. A total of \$919,541 was allocated to 4-H for the 2023–24 program year. Program funding sources were \$24,459 from the general fund, \$724,582 from temporarily restricted funds and \$170,500 from endowments. Overall, Michigan 4-H Foundation grant

disbursements to support 4-H programs totaled \$462,049 in 2023-24, of which 42 percent was granted to support statewide programs and 58 percent supported county 4-H programs. Endowments provided \$174,487 of the support available to fund the annual grant for 4-H programs. Michigan 4-H Foundation endowments continued to grow, increasing from \$5.95 million to \$5.99 million. The endowment portfolio includes 97 state and county 4-H endowments of which 53 are for county 4-H program support. The foundation also serves as an investment manager for counties, holding 21 agency accounts for support of county 4-H programs and the 4-H staff association fund.

In 2023-24, the Michigan 4-H Foundation awarded 11 4-H mini grants totaling \$8,000, making it possible to offer new and innovative programs like Calhoun County 4-H Creative & Expressive Arts Summer Program, Let's Grow Grapes 4-H curriculum, Wayne County 4-H's Sewing for Life project and the Newaygo County 4-H Archery Club. Garden grants supported the Ray Community 4-H Club in Macomb County, the Walt Whitman Elementary School Garden in Oakland County and the Community 4-H Garden in Newaygo County. On-Target grants supported the launch of the first Shooting Sports 4-H Club in Emmet County, growth of the 4-H archery program in Monroe County, and equipment for the Iron County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Four outstanding volunteers received the 2023-24 Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Awards last fall: Katheryn Bell of Oakland County, Marie Curell of Lapeer County, Melissa Barnett LaForest of Wayne County and Dione Oliver of Alpena County. As part of the award, each recipient designated a \$1,000 grant — \$4,000 total — to support the agricultural program of their choice.

The foundation also provided \$104,000 for 4-H statewide learning experience sponsorships to support Michigan's delegation to National 4-H Congress and statewide 4-H programs including 4-H Capitol Experience, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp, and World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute. Also supported were 4-H skill-building workshops like the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration, Michigan 4-H Spectacular Youth Leadership Institute, the Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge, and 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Trainings, to name a few. 4-H animal science programs also received support for the Michigan 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging contest, National 4-H Dairy Conference and Judging Contest, Animal Science Career Quest, and the state 4-H horse and goat shows. The foundation also provided support for a 4-H creative campaign contest and statewide 4-H program promotion.

These sponsorships were made possible by generous donations from individuals, corporate sponsors, and endowed funds.

As the garden started its 31st summer some changes both large and small were made to the gardens. The garden amphitheater was in major disrepair, and after an inspection by campus Infrastructure Planning and Facilities, it was removed due to safety concerns. Two interns worked in the 4-H Children's Garden to keep the garden looking great. They started their summer fighting what seemed like a legion of ground hogs and bunnies, but after putting up lots of fencing and getting creative, they were finally able to successfully plant sunflowers and kale. The Butterflies in the Garden program had the most ever participants with 135 groups from 60 schools totaling 3,051 students. An additional 2,157 visitors toured the Butterflies in the Garden for special events including Butterfly Day. The summer program series had 765 participants for a variety of day-long camps and activities in the garden for youth. Kicking off the summer program series was Dinosaur Day, made extra special with fossils provided by the MSU Museum. We also hosted Digger Day, Water Day, Bug Day and Bubble Day. Garden field trip participation was up this year. Students from over 100 different schools were able to participate in our field trip programming. These students learned about the plant life cycle, painted with flowers and even tasted honey! Overall, the gardens had over 10,000 participants in its youth educational programs for the year.

President Bosserd presented donor recognition for fiscal year 2023-24 on behalf of the board of trustees. Then the donor honor roll was played honoring all Clover Citation donors for their gifts of \$1,000 or more in the past fiscal year. President Bosserd then thanked all annual donors for their commitment to Michigan 4-H and for making many opportunities possible for 4-H members.

President Bosserd opened the business meeting. Secretary Schulz presented the Sept. 29, 2023 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes for approval. Trustee Sheila Kneeshaw moved with support to approve the minutes. Motion supported by Trustee Doug Lewis; motion carried.

President Bosserd then asked Treasurer Mark Koester to present the fiscal year 2023-24 financial report. Koester reported that 2024 was once again a favorable market year and as a result the foundation's total revenues for fiscal year 2023-24 were \$2.04 million dollars. Expenses totaled over \$800,000 dollars with 58 percent spent on program support, 36 percent spent on administration and 6 percent on fundraising. This left net assets at June

30, 2024 at \$12.98 million and total liabilities just over \$826,000 and liabilities and net assets at \$13.8 million. This represents a change in net assets of \$1.23 million from last fiscal year, primarily due to investment gains.

At this time, Jamie Rabe, Partner with Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC presented the independent audit results for fiscal year ending June 2024. Ms. Rabe reported that the audit has been completed for the year end of June 2024. She noted they received great cooperation from the Michigan 4-H Foundation management team. There were no significant exceptions or findings as a result of the audit. The report of independent auditors contains the required provisions. The opinion report is a clean, unmodified opinion. Statements of financial position includes the balance sheet. Total assets of June 30, 2024 were at \$13.8 million, representing an increase from last year due primarily to investment gains. Total liabilities were \$826,466, which are primarily funds held in agency capacity. Endowments did increase with some additional contributions. This left total liabilities and net assets at \$13.81 million. The total revenue was \$1.4 million. Total expenses totaled \$726,905 this year. Overall, there was a change in net assets of \$676,491. Ms. Rabe noted that page 24 of the audit has details on the board appropriated funds which increased from \$1.32 million to \$2.04 million this fiscal year. She also brought attention to the foundation's commitment to MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development on page 31. She reported that the foundation paid \$490,808 in grants to support 4-H which included \$203,325 dispersed from funds held in agency capacity for the year ended June 30, 2024. She added that the foundation committed to providing funds totaling \$919,529 to Michigan 4-H for the 2024-25 fiscal year. The remaining financial statement footnotes were updated with the current year balances and contains additional information that supports the information presented. They are neutral, consistent and clear.

President Bosserd then introduced Sheila Burkhardt, Board Development Committee chair. Trustee Burkhardt reminded the membership that the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees consisted of 20 trustees, and after elections and attrition the board would have 20 trustees. There were three trustees presented for reelection to three-year terms: Jennifer Kiel, Sheila Kneeshaw, and Andrew Walker; and two trustees presented for confirmation by the membership who were elected by the board earlier in the year: Julie Becker and Julie Chapin. Additionally, one new nominee was presented for election: Reyna Atkinson. Burkhardt then reported that with the change in the leadership of both the MSU College of Agriculture

and Natural Resources and Michigan 4-H, also comes changes to the permanent appointments to the foundation's board of trustees. By virtue of their positions, Dr. Matthew Daum who was named interim dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources on July 1, and Jodi Schulz who was named CYI co-director and State Leader for Michigan 4-H Youth Development Jan. 1, became permanent trustees this past year.

Trustee Burkhardt stated that this completed the nominations and updates from the Board Development Committee and then entertained nominations from the membership, and hearing none, proposed a motion to accept the slate of trustees to be confirmed and returning trustees as presented to the Michigan 4-H Foundation membership. Trustee Doug Lewis moved to approve the slate for election. Motion supported by Trustee Mark Koester; motion carried.

Trustee Burkhardt recognized one departing trustee, Terrell Jordan, Wayne County 4-H'er. She honored former trustee and past president Sara "Sally" Stuby as trustee emerita for her 14 years of service on the board and her leadership during staffing structure changes, the pandemic and the closure of Kettunen Center. President Bosserd echoed his thanks to Stuby for her unwavering dedication and service to the board and advocacy of 4-H.

President Bosserd asked for questions or comments from the audience. With none, he introduced Michigan 4-H Foundation Director Abbey Miller to provide closing comments. Miller thanked President Bosserd and the entire Board of Trustees for volunteering and their leadership. She then recognized the staff who support the Michigan 4-H Foundation and thanked them for their work to make today's meeting possible: Julie Arter, Jack McCrary, Carrie Horstman, and our CYI communications team of Jamie Wilson and Gwyn Shelle.

With no further business, President Bosserd adjourned the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Minutes submitted by,



Jodi M. Schulz
Secretary, Michigan 4-H Foundation



**Beyond
Ready**

**Show Your Support of 4-H during
National 4-H Week Oct. 5-11**

Monday, October 6: Go Green!

On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H State spirit! A simple, cohesive way for youth, professionals, volunteers, alumni and supporters across the country to celebrate their 4-H programs being Beyond Ready. Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint— anything green goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN, on Monday, October 6! Share your 'Go Green' moment on social and tag Michigan and National 4-H and use: #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek. See attached for promotional social media image and language related to this event.

Thursday, October 9: 4-H for Good

Let's shine a light on the good! Today, we're celebrating the impact Michigan 4-H'ers are making in their communities—and the volunteers, leaders, and mentors helping them grow. From leading service projects to lending a helping hand, we're showing what it means to be #4HBeyondReady. Know someone making a difference? Or are you making change happen? Post a shoutout, share your story, and tag @Michigan 4-H using #National4HWeek.

October 6-10: Bridge Selfies

The Blue Bridge is going GREEN! In honor of #National4HWeek, Grand Rapids' Blue Bridge and Gallery Parking Ramp will be green-lit to celebrate our Michigan 4-H community! Stop by from October 6-10 to snap a photo with the bridge and show your 4-H pride. Don't forget to share your picture on social media with #4HBeyondReady so we can celebrate together! Let's light up Michigan with the spirit of 4-H!

Share Your 4-H Alumni Story!

Michigan 4-H alumni! You've come a long way — from project books to powerful careers. This #National4HWeek, we're calling on 4-H alumni to celebrate the journey. Your 4-H story didn't end with your last project—it launched everything that came next. Share your 'How it Started. How it's Going.' story. Post a photo from your 4-H project days and pair it with how those skills show up in your life today. Submit your story at the QR code/link below or post on social media and tag @Michigan 4-H @4-H and use #4HBeyondReady.

MICHIGAN 4-H LICENSE PLATE

Support Michigan 4-H and show your 4-H pride by purchasing a Michigan 4-H license plate at the Michigan Secretary of State! For each license plate sold, \$25 will benefit Michigan 4-H. The \$10 renewal fee will also benefit Michigan 4-H.



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Learn more at
extension.msu.edu/4-Hplate.



**Beyond
Ready**



How it started.

HOW'S IT GOING?

4-H has always been about helping young people become Beyond Ready—for college, career, and life. Share a photo from your early 4-H days alongside a recent one and describe how 4-H made you Beyond Ready for life and career!

Michigan 4-H may highlight your submission on social media, in an upcoming newsletter, or in other 4-H promotions!

tinyurl.com/4xdbmnv7

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Thanks for sharing your story!

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LIFETIME GIVING RECOGNITION

Cornerstone Society

The Cornerstone Society honors donors to the Michigan 4-H Foundation whose historical gifts have totaled \$25,000 or more for individuals, \$50,000 or more for organizations or \$75,000 or more for corporations. Names in bold type indicate new Cornerstone Society members for 2024-25.

Members in this group receive:

- Special recognition for lifetime contributions in the foundation's annual report.
- An exclusive, one-time, Cornerstone Society recognition.

INDIVIDUALS \$25,000 AND ABOVE

Faye and Wayne Adam
Albert Albright[#]
The Babbitt Family
Jack and Betty Barnes[#]
Owen G. Barr[#]
Lois Beal
Sue Bellace
Janet and James Blanchard
Lewis Bordeaux, Jr.[#]
Anonymous
Norman[#] and Bernice Brown
Thelma and Leonard Burleigh[#]
Mary Ellen Brubaker[#]
Helen Card[#]
Rose Carlson[#]
Julie and Larry Chapin
Thomas H. Cobb
Eleanor Coulter[#]
Lana Dart[#]
J. Frank[#] and Bertha Mae Dennis
Judy and Walter Dever
John and Nancy DiBiaggio
Arlon and Shirley Elser
Donald and Linda Eppelheimer
Victor and Sally Fulgoni III
Sharon Fritz
Gordon[#] and Mary Guyer
Alfred and Marsha Harwood
Carroll J. Haas
Aileen and Dyle L. Henning[#]

Dyle and Oanh Thu Pham Henning
George and Deanna House[#]
Jasper[#] and Cheryl Howell
Donald and Rebecca Jost
Tricia A. Keith
Mary Kelsey[#]
Ralph[#] and Betty Kirch
Patti and Jack[#] Knirk
Anonymous
Ted[#] and Margaret Leipprandt
Daniel Lumm[#]
Donald Lusch
Alice Mahoney[#]
Merry and Jerry Malfroid[#]
Robert Mast
Russell G.[#] and Lou Ann Mawby
Raymond Mazurek
Eleanor T. Miller
Margaret Marshall Murdoch[#]
Milton Muelder[#]
Troy Nealey[#] and the Troy Nealey Family
Linda J. Nelson[#]
Alan and Jean Ott
Kenneth and Naomi Ousterhout[#]
Rod and Shirley Parsch[#]
Raymond and Karola Passage
David and Susan Peterson
Richard Pollard
Pamela and Terry Proctor

Matthew Proctor
Noel and Virginia Ralston[#]
Marvis Richardson[#]
William Allen Schiller[#]
Ronald and Jeannie Schoen
Dorothy Scott[#]
Gary and Eiko Iwai Seevers
Philip and Phyllis Seitz
Adrian R. Sengelaub[#]
Lynn and Mary Shaw[#]
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Margaret Stone
Helen Stophlet[#]
Dale and Sally Stuby
Noel and Sandra Stuckman
Michael[#] and Winifred Tate
Mary Edison Tatroe[#]
Mary and Jordan[#] Tatter
Suzanne Threadgould
Wu-Hiung and Ellise Tseng
Mary Van Allsburg[#]
Norman and Marjory[#] Veliquette
Benjamin and Norma Westrate[#]
Glenn and Cleo Williams

ORGANIZATIONS \$50,000 AND ABOVE

Reyes Adent Family Foundation
Allen Foundation
Americana Foundation
American Dairy Association of Michigan
Antrim County 4-H Leaders Council
Barry County 4-H Advisory Council
The Guido A. and Elizabeth H. Binda Foundation
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The A.G. Kettunen Society honors donors who have documented planned gifts with the Michigan 4-H Foundation. This society ensures the continued and long-term viability of Michigan 4-H Youth Development and honors the legacy of Arne G. Kettunen, state 4-H leader from 1925 to 1956 and the founding state leader of the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

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