



Washington FFA Advisors,

We hope you're all doing well as you're busy preparing for spring fundraisers, CDE/LDEs, state convention and all the other exciting opportunities you are providing for students! Our names are Hannah Ruth Pettyjohn and Alissa Whitaker. This year, we have the privilege of serving as **delegate coordinators** for the second year in a row. This is a process we genuinely believe in and are excited to see come to life.

Constitutionally, the delegates are the heart and soul of state convention and the association. It is vital for everyone to understand the importance of this process. For this process to work when we get to state convention, it takes preparation on both our end and the chapter/students. As we prepare please take the following **action steps**:

1. **Share** with your students that their voice matters and that this is a great place for them to leave their mark on the association.
2. **Please don't take this process light-heartedly and push your students to do the same.** This is the attitude we will reflect as well.
3. **Encourage** your students to think of changes they want to see in our association.
4. **Submit** delegate issue forms for consideration by 4/1. These can be submitted by visiting the ["Awards and Applications"](#) tab on the Washington FFA website. This submission can involve all students in your chapter. All members should feel that they have a voice in the association. This is truly *THEIR* association.
5. **Register** your primary and alternate delegate with your chapter convention registration by 4/15.
6. Have your student delegate **visit** the [delegate tab](#) **prior to convention**.

This year, we are committed to bringing information to delegates sooner. We realize last year many delegates came in feeling unprepared. As you may have gathered above, there is officially a delegate tab on the Washington FFA Website. This tab will serve as a resource for your delegate. **We are planning to upload, at minimum, a delegate handbook, Parli Basics and video examples of what students should expect from the process.** These items will take time for us to complete and upload, please be patient with us as we navigate this.

As you are registering your delegates (which will be done with chapter registration), you will also be able to register an alternate delegate. **The alternate will only be allowed in to delegate sessions if the primary delegate is unable to attend.** This means only one delegate per chapter will be in the room during committee work and the business session.

We want you to know that we hear you. Last year was a learning curve for us all with it being our first-year coordinating and convention being held in a new location. This year, we are working on a better schedule that allows us to conduct business and create a learning environment for everyone. Please be patient with us as we consider several factors going into the process and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach us at hpettyj5@gmail.com or awhit1206@gmail.com.

Thank you for all you are doing for the future of agriculture and your students.

Sincerely,
Hannah Ruth Pettyjohn and Alissa Whitaker