

**California Association FFA**  
**STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting of the California FFA Advisory Committee was called to order at 12:05 pm. Members presents included Monique Reid, Sherry Johns, Wesley Hunt, Jake Dunn, Ariel Covey, Marc DeBenardi, Tracy Putnam, Rhonda Fuller, Janice Lohse, Rick Neugebauer, Jill Sperling, Matt Patton, and Hannah Garrett. Josiah Mayfield attended via virtual connection.

- Rick Neugebauer moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes for the advisory meeting held Monday, February 5, 2018. Motion passed voice vote.
- The committee was reminded of the regions who had terms expiring. They are to communicate with Josiah Mayfield who is elected to serve.

**State FFA Convention Review Item's:** Items below are a summary of what was discussed regarding the State FFA convention in Anaheim.

- Event Planner/Budget
- Hotel List
- Tentative Schedule
- Delegate Luncheon?
- Disney Experience?
- Band and Choir – Cancelled due to lack of interest and low applicant pool

**Suggestions:**

1. Arena Notes:
  - a. Increase Security and Courtesy Corp in Arena
  - b. Parts of the arena didn't have railings
  - c. Background conversations and outside noise was a problem
2. Meals:
  - a. Food Truck portion size was small
  - b. Food Trucks didn't sell Ala Carte items only predetermined meal options
  - c. Food Truck lines were extremely long
3. Other Items:
  - a. Air Conditioner didn't work in many rooms
  - b. Proficiency/Scholarship interviews – need more interview booths

**Recommendations:**

1. Tracy Putnam moved and it was seconded to recommend eliminating the delegate lunch and bringing back the scholarship/proficiency luncheon. Motion passed by voice vote.
2. Rick Neugebauer moved and it was seconded to recommend starting the 2019 conference on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, with the Disney experience, and ending the conference on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed with a voice vote.

**Leadership Continuum:**

Hannah Garrett provided an update for the leadership continuum. Highlights included:

1. SLE Schedule: SLE has been moved back into March to accommodate the legislative calendar.
2. ALA to summer: The planned ALA move to summer of 2018, has been postponed due to the

changes the convention venue caused. ALA will be moved in the summer of 2019 along with a opening of a new Senior conference.

**National Convention Trip:**

Jill Sperling provided an update for the National Convention trip. Highlights included:

1. 2018 is the last year at the JW Marriott then we have to select from the hotel list again for 2019-2021.
2. We transitioned to an air departure from Indianapolis to Washington DC for the Washington DC tour at the end of convention.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Josiah Mayfield**

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