

9/30/1976

California Association Future Farmers of America

STATE EXECUTIVE MEETING

State Department of Education Building  
Sacramento, California  
September 30, 1976

The first session of the Executive Meeting was called to order at 2:00 by President Randy Heinrich. Opening ceremonies were conducted finding Vice President Tom Munter, Secretary Linda Witten, Reporter Stan Myer, and Sentinel Lori Klafft at their stations.

Committee members present were:  
South Coast, David Costa  
North Coast, John Landis  
Southwestern, David Floyd  
Southern, Luis Martinez  
San Joaquin, Lori Burnett  
Central, Gary Souza  
State Advisor, Don Wilson  
Assistant State Advisor, Jerry Davis

Opening remarks were given by President Randy Heinrich and Don Wilson, State Advisor.

Minutes of the 1976 State FFA Convention were passed out to the committee members, to be reviewed and approved at the second session of the Executive Meeting.

A review of summer activities was given by the State Officers. The activities included Parent-Member banquet presentations, FFA Leadership Conferences, local fairs, H-H Leadership Conferences, and participation on the RISE Commission. Slide presentations were given by Tom Munter on the State Presidents Conference held in Washington D.C., Stan Myer on the officers participation at the State Fair, and Randy Heinrich on his trip to Farmfest '76.

A review of regional activities by the Regional Presidents included developing regional programs of work and budgets, putting displays in the State Fair, regional leadership training and conferences, membership drives, printing newsletters, officer visits to individual schools, and a proposed "Disneyland Day".

Recommendations on proposed amendments to the National Constitution were discussed.

Referring to the following articles of the National Constitution:

| Article | Section | Paragraph |
|---------|---------|-----------|
| 4       | C       | 3         |
| 5       | B       | 3         |
| 6       | C       | 5         |
| 6       | D       | 3         |
| 6       | D       | 8         |
| 6       | E       | 3         |
| 6       | E       | 4         |
| 9       | D       |           |
| 14      | B       |           |

By Laws to the National Constitution

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| Article 3 | Section A |
| 3         | D         |
| 4         | B         |
| 4         | C         |
| 5         | A         |
| 5         | B         |
| 5         | C         |
| 6         | B         |

Lori Klafft, State Sentinel moved that the California Association go on record as being in favor of all proposed amendments which refer to the elimination of sex stereotyping. Gary Souza seconded the motion, it was voted on and passed.

Article 5 - Section B - Paragraph 1

"Active Membership" Any Student who is regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture is entitled to become a member of any chartered FFA Chapter.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Any student who is regularly enrolled in and attending vocational agriculture classes at the ninth grade level or above and has paid dues is entitled to become an active member in any chartered FFA Chapter. Active membership entitles the member to full voting privileges and to become actively involved in all chapter activities.

David Floyd moved that the California Delegates vote in favor of the amendment, with the option of making an amendment to the amendment limiting active membership to the 12th grade. Lori Burnett seconded the motion. It was passed.

Article 6 - Section B - Paragraph 1 -- Active Membership Degrees and Priviledges  
Be regularly enrolled in a vocational education course for an agricultural occupation and have satisfactory and acceptable plans for a program of supervised farming and/or other agricultural occupational experience.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Be regularly enrolled in a vocational education course for an agricultural occupation and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural occupation program.

Gary Souza moved in favor of the amendment, David Costa seconded, the motion was voted on and passed.

Article 6 - Section G - Paragraph 5

"Have earned at least \$50.00" AMENDMENT: \$100.00

Article 6 - Section D - Paragraph 3

"Have earned and productively invested at least \$500" AMENDMENT: \$1,000

Article 6 - Section E - Paragraph 3

"Have earned and productively invested at least \$1,000" AMENDMENT: \$2,500

David Floyd moved that the California Association vote opposed to the 3 amendments. Linda Witten seconded the motion, it was voted on and passed.

Article 6 - Section E - Paragraph 1

Must have the State Farmer Degree and have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least 36 months, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and State Association

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: Must have the State Farmer Degree and have been an active member for at least the immediate past 36 months, and have a record . . .

Lori Klafft moved that the Association vote in favor of the amendment. It was seconded by John Landis, voted on and passed.

Article 7 - Section A - Paragraph 2

Each state shall receive two Degrees for the first 500 members, one Degree for the next 500 members and one Degree for each additional 666 2/3 members (rounded off to the nearest whole number).

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Each state is eligible to receive two Degrees for the first 500 members, one Degree for the next 500 members and one Degree for each 666 2/3 members (rounded off to the nearest whole number).

Stan Myer moved that the California Association go on record as being in favor of the amendment. David Costa seconded the motion, it was passed.

Article 7 - Section D

American Farmer candidates must be recommended by the National Board of Directors and Board of National Officers and ~~approved by the delegates~~ present at the National FFA Convention

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: American Farmer candidates must be recommended by the National Board of Directors and Board of National Officers at the July meeting. The candidates shall then be approved by the delegates present at the following National FFA Convention.

John Landis moved that the Association vote in favor of the amendment, David Costa seconded the motion, it was voted on and passed.

Article 9 - Section C -- National officers and Procedures for Election

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: A State may recommend one candidate for National Office each year. The States candidate shall be approved by the State Advisor on a nomination form submitted to the National Executive Secretary on or before September 1st. All candidates shall be notified as to their eligibility on or before September 15. Those declared not eligible may file an appeal with the National Advisor not later than October 1st. The FFA Governing Committee shall vote on any appeal and formally notify the candidates of their decision on or before October 15.

Section D - Amendment of Former Section C

Present wording: The National Officers shall be elected annually from members holding the American Farmer Degree by a majority vote of the delegates assembled at the National Convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The National Officers shall hold the American Farmer Degree at the time of their election and must be active members for the duration of their term in office. They shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled at the National Convention.

Section E - Amendment of Former Section D

Present wording: The Nominating Committee consisting of two members from each of the four regions and one at large, shall study and review the qualifications of each applicant who is eligible and whose application has been approved by his State Advisor for consideration as a national officer. This committee shall report during the national convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The Nominating Committee consisting of two members from each of the four regions and one at large shall study and review the qualifications of each applicant who is eligible. This committee shall report on its nominations during the National Convention.

Present Section E becomes Section F.

Present Section F becomes Section G.

Motions were made in favor of Article 9 as follows:

Section C, Lori Klafit made the motion, Luis Martinez seconded the motion.  
Section D, David Floyd made the motion, Henry Giacomini seconded the motion.  
Section E, Linda Witten made the motion, Henry Giacomini seconded the motion.  
All motions were voted on and passed.

Article 12 - Section B -- To read as follows:

" . . . plus one additional delegate for each 5,000 active members or major fraction thereof above the first 5,000 . . . ."

Gary Souza moved that the California Association vote in favor of this amendment at the National Convention, it was seconded by Lori Klafit, voted on and passed.

Following completion of the proposed National Constitution amendments, committees were assigned to review the State Sweetheart Contest and the State Constitution changes, to report back at the second session of the State Executive Meeting.

First session of the Executive Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. September 30.

The Second session of the Fall Executive Committee Meeting, California Association Future Farmers of America, was called to order at 8:00 a.m. October 1, 1976. Opening Ceremonies were conducted by President Randy Heinrich, finding all officers at their stations. Committee members present were:

South Coast, David Costa  
North Coast, John Landis  
Southwestern, David Floyd  
Southern, Luis Martinez  
San Joaquin, Lori Burnett  
Central, Gary Souza  
Superior, Joe Whalen  
Assistant State Advisor, Jerry Davis

A group discussion was lead by President Randy Heinrich on the regional goals set by each slate of regional officers. The purposes and aims of a sectional leadership conference, and ideas to improve the conferences. Local membership was discussed, along with ideas on how to increase the membership of the entire association. Each Regional President set a goal of increased membership for their region, a \$50 check will go to the region with the highest percent of membership at the state convention.

MEMBERSHIP GOALS:

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Southern     | 300 |
| Southwestern | 500 |
| North Coast  | 200 |
| South Coast  | 300 |
| Superior     | 175 |
| Central      | 400 |
| San Joaquin  | 200 |

1,975 Total state membership goal

The convention minutes from the 1976 California State Future Farmers Convention were reviewed. Corrections were made on:

Committee Reports

Page 6, Paragraph 3

"It is hereby recommended that ll fairs. . ." to

"It is hereby recommended that all fairs. . ."

Page 8, Section B

"Recognized supervisors present Master Chapter. . ." to

"Recognized supervisors present National Chapter. . ."

Page 8, Section J

Drop "Chapter" so as to read

"Encourage local officers to proclaim National FFA Week."

A motion was made to accept the minutes, with these corrections. The motion was seconded and passed.

State Vice President reviewed with the Executive Committee the State Program of Work, changes considered were:

Under State and National Activities

B. Change recognized to regional

B. Change Master to National

The duty on I and J should be of the State Executive Committee

Under Scholarship

B. Change duties to state officers

Under Conduct of Meetings

H. Duty of the State Executive Committee

Lori Burnett moved to accept all proposed changes and to send one copy of the Program of Work to each chapter president, it received a second.

Linda Witten moved to amend the motion by adding and to each member of the executive committee, it received a second.

Lori Burnett moved to amend by adding also the regional advisor, it received a second.

Each amendment was passed, and the main motion passed reading, "One copy of the State Program of Work shall be sent to each chapter president, each member of the State Executive Committee and each Regional Advisor."

The State Reporter Stan Myer discussed the state magazine. Each Regional President should encourage the chapters in their region to send in news articles every month, but especially during the assigned "region highlight" month.

November, Southwestern, and Southern

January, San Joaquin

February, South Coast and Central

April, Superior and North Coast

The calendar of activities was set for the State Officers through the month of November. The main activity will be attendance at Leadership Conferences.

State Sentinel Lori Klafft gave a report from the Fall California Seed Association Meeting that she attended on September 2. The Seed Association presents a \$25 crops proficiency award on the regional level, and the awards for the State Finals in the Agronomy Contest. They would like some suggestions on a more meaningful award than \$25. The next meeting of the Seed Association will be in March.

President Randy Heinrich spoke about the possibility of having talent at the 1977 State Convention. It was decided that an application would be made available, and that each region should have one talent for the convention.

The committee on the State Sweetheart Contest reported. Their considerations were as follows:

1. Each contestant must be a member, and in official uniform, the sweetheart jacket will be allowed.
2. Judging should be based on
  - A. Test 25%
  - B. Interview 25%
  - C. Personality 25%
  - D. Appearance 25%
3. The test should remain the same as in the past.
4. The interview should be based on
  - A. Questions
  - B. Resume
5. Personality should consider enthusiasm about agriculture.
6. Appearance should take into account clothing, and beauty.
7. The duties of the State Sweetheart shall be
  - A. To represent California FFA at American Royal
  - B. Help judge the next year's state sweetheart contest
  - C. Assist the state executive committee at the state convention

The report from the committee on State Constitution changes is as follows:

Page 1 Section C Number 1 and 5

Names to be changed

Page 2 Article 2 Section B Number 3

Solano County should be changed to the North Coast Region

Page 3 Article 3 Section B

Add R.O.P., and should be limited to the proper age and the FFA.

Page 4 Article 4 Section B

Changed to "vocational agriculture" and "supervised agricultural project"

Page 5 Article 4 Section C Number 8

Drop completely

BY LAWS

Page 1 Article 1 Section B Letter e

Change 2.25 to \$5.00

Page 2 Article 2 Section B Number 1

Letter b - at the "State Convention"

Letter c - drop "of the state association" and "state advisor"

Page 3 Article 2 Section B Number 4

Change state advisor to state president

Page 3 Article 2 Section B Number 7

Letter a - change assist to advise

Letter b - change to read "the state advisor shall review and make recommendations on all official state reports, applications for charters, applications for state and national honors, and oversee other business of a statewide business, as delegated by the state president.

Letter c - change "direct" to "under the direction of the treasurer review"

Letter f - change to read "state FFA advisor is to serve as an advisor of all statewide meetings of the State FFA Association and shall under the direction of the president perform such duties as may pertain to the furtherance of the organization.

Page 6 Article 6 Section E

change the first "state advisor" to state treasurer, and the second "state advisor" to the state advisor under the authority granted by the state president, may name a business manager

Authority was given by the executive committee to the assistant state advisor to word these intended changes in such a manner as to fit into the state constitution.

Following a final talk by the State President, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09.

Respectively submitted,

*Linda Witten*

Linda Witten, secretary  
California Association FFA

