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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
Executive Committee Meeting C. AG. S. 03
January 13-14, 1977

The first session of the California State FFA Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Randy Heinrich. Opening Ceremonies were dispensed with. The invocation was given by Secretary Linda Witten. Roll call was taken finding the State Officers at their stations, and all regional presidents, except David Floyd, present.

Opening remarks were given by President Randy Heinrich, and Assistant State FFA Advisor Mr. Davis.

The minutes of the previous meeting were distributed for review. Sentinel Lori Klaft moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by John Landis. John Landis moved to postpone the motion to give the delegates further time to study the minutes. Gary Souza seconded the motion. The motion to postpone was passed. The main motion, to accept the minutes was later passed.

President Randy Heinrich called for additional agenda items, which were added to the agenda.

The treasurers report was given by Treasurer Ron Lee. Ron reported that the officers have spent \$8,000 of their budgeted \$11,650 travel expenses. Remaining for officer travel is \$3,650, with an estimated \$4,000 needed for travel in the next six months.

Mr. Davis handed out membership reports to each of the delegates. The membership of the Association is close to what it was at the same time last year, but much improvement is needed. Mr. Davis suggested that each regional president should send letters to the chapters in their regions. Either congratulating them on their high membership, encouraging them to gain more members, or to pay their dues to the State as soon as possible.

Reporter Stan Meyer showed the committee members the latest copies of the California Future Farmer, and reminded the delegates to encourage the chapters to send in interesting and current articles. The importance of sending pictures with the articles was also stressed.

President Randy Heinrich gave a special report on the state officers activities. Some of the activities discussed were sending Christmas Cards to each chapter, appearing on AG U.S.A., Leadership Conferences, and chapter visits.

Sentinel Lori Klaft gave an account of the State Officers Goodwill Tour to businesses that support the Future Farmers.

Recommendations for Honorary State Farmer were discussed. The persons mentioned were:

1. Mr. Reese-State Contests at Fresno
2. Walt Minger-Bank of America
3. John Thurman- Chairman of Ag Committee, state government
4. Bob Wallace-Chico Field Day
5. Keith Smith- South Coast Supervisor
6. Mr. Peterson- Teacher trainer at Cal Poly, Pomona
7. Peter Ferrarese- California Bankers Association

Final voting for Honorary State Farmers will be held at the executive meeting prior to the state convention.

National FFA Week was discussed by Reporter Stan Meyer. The possibility of a letter to every chapter, from Stan, was discussed. The ideas for publicity suggested by committee members included a special proclamation by the town mayor, use of television station break messages, radio programs, activities on school campuses, and use of the slide programs available through the FFA.

Reports were given by each regional president on their region.

Changes to the State FFA Constitution were discussed. The proposed changes will be sent to each chapter for consideration. The recommendations of the executive committee were as follows.

1. The State Farmer Degree Installation will be handled at the State Convention. Recommend a YES vote.
2. The process of state officer elections remain the same. Recommend a YES vote.
3. Voting delegates at the state convention must be elected by a majority vote of their chapter, and be approved by the chapter executive board as active in chapter activities. Recommend a YES vote.
4. Article XI Section A- Insert that recommendations of constitutional changes be sent to the executive committee prior to January 31. Recommend a YES vote.

Topics to be brought up at the convention include: giving the power to the state advisors to bring our constitution in line with the National Constitution, and with the changes brought by the audit.

Special committee- Golden Anniversary Committee- was discussed. The purpose of the committee will be to meet at the 1977 state convention to recommend ideas to commemorate our 50th Anniversary, at the 1978 convention and throughout the year. The committee will be comprised of the newly elected regional vice presidents, or a replacement appointed by the regional president. The committee chairman will be Southern Region President Luis Martinez.

The first session of the California Association FFA Executive Meeting was adjourned by President Randy Heinrich.

The second session of the executive meeting was called to order by the President. State officer travel assignments were made.

January 19,20,21-North Coast Chapter Visits- Randy and Ron

February 5-South Coast Regional Meeting- Lori and Linda

5-State Finals Tree and Vine Pruning at Fresno- Tom

10-Tokay chapter visit- Ron

19- North Coast Region Meeting- Tom and Lori

19- Southwestern Region Meeting- Stan and Linda

26- Central Region Meeting- Tom and Randy

26- Southern Region Meeting- Lori and Stan

March 3,4,5- State Farmer Judging- all of us

12- Superior Region Meeting- Randy and Ron

12- San Joaquin Region Meeting- Linda and Tom

April 1-5- Cow Palace- Tom and Lori Burnett

12- Public Speaking Semi-Finals- Ron(north) and Tom(south)

15- Parli Pro Semi-Finals-Randy and Ron(north) and Stan and Linda(south)

16- State Judging Finals at Fresno- Tom and Randy

May 4-6- State Convention

The State Convention was discussed. The theme is FFA. . . Focus on the Future. The program will follow the same format as last years. The colors will be blue and white. Special guests invited are: John Madden, Ron Reagan, Fred McClure, Julie Smiley, Stary Gange, and representatives from CYF, FHA, 4-H, President of CalPoly, past state president, visiting state presidents, student rep from board of education, president CATA.

The executive committee dinner will be on Thursday night, May 5. State Officers parents are invited. Committee assignments are:

Nominating- Henry Giacomini
Program of Work- Tom Munter
Awards- Lori Klafft
Budget- Ron Lee
Magazine- Stan Meyer
Fairs- Gary Souza
Golden Anniversary- Luis Martinez
Special Assignments made:
Public Speaking- Ron Lee
Creed Contest- Lori Klafft
ParliPro- Randy and Linda
Best Informed Delegate- Stan and Ron

Julie Smiley, National Vice President, will speak at the awards banquet.

Each regional president is encouraged to get more proficiency applications from their region.

Each regional president will be responsible for bringing one talent from their region to perform at the state convention. Contact Vice President Tom Munter when you have decided on your regional talent.

There will be a breakfast on Thursday morning for the State Farmers. The State Farmers will be given special seating at the convention.

Each regional president is responsible for marking the voting delegate chairs of their region. Chairs on the voting floor will be for voting delegates only.

The courtesy corps will be comprised by two members from each region. The members will be chosen by the regional president and shall not be delegates. They must wear full official uniform to the convention. The Courtesy Corps will hold a meeting on Wednesday at 12:30.

The seating arrangement of each region will be rotated on a yearly basis. Beginning with the following format.

A past state officer dinner will be held on Friday evening. Each regional president was requested to relay any known past officer names and addresses to Henry Giacomini 200 North Santa Rosa Box 306-C Woodside San Luis Obispo 93401

Changes to the Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure Contests were explained by Mr. Davis. The semi-finals for each contest will consist of the four northern regions, and the three southern regions. (One finalist will come from each contest in Public Speaking, and the finals will be held at the Convention Banquet. Three teams will come from the northern parli pro contest, and two teams from the southern contest. The finals of the five teams will be on Wednesday of the Convention. A \$7 entry fee will be required on the regional level in the parli pro contest.

The meeting was adjourned by President Randy Heinrich.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Witten

Linda Witten, Secretary
California Association FFA