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MINUTES
Fall Executive Committee Meeting
Room 208, State Education Building
Sacramento, California
September 30 - October 1, 1977

The first session of the Fall Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by president, Gary Souza, at 1:20 p.m. at the State Education Building in Sacramento on September 30, 1977. Roll was taken with seven regional presidents, six state officers, immediate past state president, and the assistant state advisor present.

Gary Souza and Mr. Davis gave opening remarks concerning the purpose of the executive meeting.

Additional agenda items were suggested such as: 1) grace period on black skirts; 2) policies on expenditures of funds; 3) working with Randy for National office; 4) negative motions.

The state officers gave a talk on their summer activities. Mike Simpson spoke on the officer camp-out, Tony Washington spoke on the State Officer Sub-Regional Conference in Oregon, Kim Scott reported on the Rocklin conference, Mark Haag talked on the Presidents' Conference in Washington D. C., Cindy Thomas talked about the State Fair, and Gary Souza commended the regional presidents on the conference in their regions.

The regional presidents then gave reports on the activities in their regions. They were:

North Coast: Have been working with the Sectional conferences, have held two and have five more to go.

South Coast: Have held a planning meeting, working on getting region buttons, shooting for 2,500 members, hoping to work harder on communications, and are sponsoring a trophy to the chapter with the most members.

Superior: Holding four sectional meetings, have held a few planning meetings, and are working on three new chapters in the region.

Central: Sectional training conference October 1, have held three planning meetings, and are working on three new chapters in the region.

San Joaquin: Have held planning meetings concerning their conferences that are coming up.

Southern: Held an officers' planning meeting in August, planning on attending the sectional conferences, and have field days coming up.

Southwestern: Already have held regional conference, planning a Disneyland trip on November 26, and are planning an officers' camp-out. Their objective for the year is an increase of award applicants.

The next item on the agenda were recommendations on amendments of the National Constitution.

Mark Haag moved to accept the proposed amendment of Article 2, Item 1. Mike Simpson seconded the motion. Melvin Muela amended the motion so it would read as: "To be an integral part of the organized instructional programs in vocational agriculture/agribusiness as to qualify for assistance under Federal vocational occupational education legislation." Mike Simpson seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Greg Beard moved that the delegation oppose the proposed amendment of Article 2, Item 2. Bill Ritchey seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion was voted on and passed.

Sandy McGuire moved that the delegation oppose the proposed amendment of Article 2, Item 4. Julie Silva seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion was voted on and failed. Sandy McGuire moved to amend the proposed amendment of Article 2, Item 4 as to read: "To recognize achievements in supervised occupational experience programs, scholarships, leadership, and other individual and group achievements by providing awards to deserving members. Cindy Thomas seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Mike Simpson moved that the delegation oppose the proposed amendment of Article 3, Section B. Tony Washington seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion was voted on and passed.

Tom Magill moved that the delegation oppose the proposed amendment of Article 5, Section B. Tony Washington seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was voted on and failed. Greg Beard moved to vote yes on Article 5, Section B. Julie Silva seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Kim Scott moved that the delegation oppose the proposed amendment of Article 5, Section E, Paragraph 2. Tony Washington seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

John Schouten moved that the delegation oppose the proposed amendment of Article 6, Section A. Greg Beard seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Sandy McGuire moved that the delegation vote yes on the proposed amendment of Article 6, Section D, Item 5. Julie Silva seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Greg Beard moved that the delegation vote yes on the proposed amendment of Article 7, Section A, Paragraph 2. Mark Haag seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Tom Magill moved that the delegation vote yes on the proposed amendment of Article 7, Section A, Paragraph 3. Greg Beard seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion was voted on and passed.

Tom Magill moved that the delegation vote no on the proposed amendment of Article 7, Section A, Paragraph 4. Tony Washington seconded the motion. Tom Magill moved to withdraw his motion. Mark Haag moved that the delegation vote yes on the proposed amendment of Article 7, Section A, Paragraph 4. Cindy Thomas seconded the motion. Voting proceeded and motion was passed.

Mike Simpson moved that the delegation oppose the proposed amendment of Article 11, Section A, first sentence. Cindy Thomas seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion was voted on and passed.

Sandy McGuire moved to reconsider the vote of Article 11, Section A. Mark Haag seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed, so the delegation will vote yes on Article 11, Section A, first sentence.

Mike Simpson moved that the delegation be in favor of the proposed amendment of Article 12, Section B. Tony Washington seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion was voted on and passed.

The next item discussed on the agenda was expenditures of funds. Each officer read over a handout on the policies that Mr. Davis passed out. Mark Haag moved to accept the format of the expenditures of funds. Julie Silva seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

The next items discussed were the goals and objectives for 1977-78 concerning membership. It was decided that 21,000 members would be set as a goal for the year. Each region will increase by: 1) North Coast - 75 members; 2) South Coast - 83 members; 3) Superior - 100 members; 4) Central - 150 members; 5) San Joaquin - 75 members; 6) Southern - 80 members; and 7) Southwestern - 137 members. Each region's membership goal added to present membership would reach the 21,000 membership mark.

Gary Souza, president, excused the meeting for a dinner break at 4:40 p.m.

Gary Souza, president, called the meeting back to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Marina Inn in Sacramento.

The National Convention was discussed. Mr. Davis reported 266 members attending from California. He also went over some of the functions at the convention.

Honorary State Farmers were discussed. Mr. Davis explained how we select the candidates. Those suggested were: 1) Walt Shaw, 2) Assemblyman John Thurman, 3) Assemblyman Norman Waters, 4) Assemblyman Carmen Perino, 5) Mr. Noland, 6) Mr. Ron Hutchings, 7) Dean Brown, 8) Mr. Keith Smith, and 9) Mr. Paul Stark.

The next item discussed was grace period on black skirts brought up by Sandy McGuire, who was concerned whether girls has to wear them or not. Mr. Davis stated the code of dress concerning black skirts is not written in the National Constitution; therefore, the girls in California may continue wearing the blue skirts.

Tom Magill asked if it could be considered that only positive motions be considered at the State Convention to save confusion.

The calendar of events with each region were then gone over.

Randy Heinrich talked of issues and answers concerning the cutbacks on funds for vocational education. Each regional president reported on what their region was doing about the situation. Randy suggested that each regional president write a letter to every chapter president in their region encouraging them to get their members to write letters.

The next item was quizzing Randy Heinrich, California's National Office hopeful, to help prepare him for the screening at the National Convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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