

PRE-CONVENTION EXECUTIVE MEETING

1:00 p.m. May 5, 1978

A meeting of the state executive committee, California Association Future Farmers of America was called to order by state president, Gary Souza, on May 5, 1978 at 1:00 p.m. in the Agriculture Building at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Opening Ceremonies then took place.

Roll call was taken with 7 regional presidents, 6 state officers, one immediate past state president, one assistant state advisor, and one state advisor present.

State president, Gary Souza and state advisor Mr. Don Wilson gave remarks.

Gary Souza asked for new items to be discussed and added to the agenda. 1) letter writing campaign, 2) membership and 3) recommendations for parly-pro to C.A.T.A.

Those to be presented honorary state farmer degrees during the state convention are Governor Brown, Assemblyman Norman Waters, Walt Shaw of KRAK radio. Those to be presented at a later time are Assemblyman Carmen Perino, Assemblyman John Thurman, Mr. Smith and Mr. Stark.

New items of interest for the convention were discussed, those being Mickey Mouse and the talent.

Constitutional Items were then gone over:

#1. Should % of State Farmers be raised from 2% to 3%?

Sandy Mcguire moved the executive committee recommend a yes vote. Mark Haag 2nd the motion. Discussion followed. John Schouten amended toe motion to have each region make the breakdown. Sandy 2nd. Voting of the amendment failed. Tom Magill amended the motion by striking out 3% and inserting 2.5%. Greg Beard seconded. Voting took place and passed. The executive committee will oppose the main motion but recommend a yes vote on the amendment.

Sandy Mcguire moved the executive committee recommend the % fo state farmers be selected by region and be selected by one committee. Julie Silva seconded. Discussion followed. Voting took place and motion failed.

Tony Washington moved to set a limit of 65 pts. or above to recieve the state farmer degree, anything below 65 pts. be dropped. Sandy Mcguire seconded. Motion was voted on and failed.

#2. Should delegates be apportioned according to membership and % of enrollment?

Members of the Nevada Union chapter, Superior Region, Trina Kemler and Sue Henderson presented a proposal to the committee. (see attached proposal) John Schouten moved the executive committee except the proposal and recommend a yes vote. Julie Silva seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Voted on and passed.

#3. Should the State Sweetheart contest include only two members per region?

Mike Simpson moved the executive committee recommend a no vote. Greg Beard seconded the motion. Voting took place and passed. Tom Magill moved to elect a regional sweetheart from each region and the 7 sweethearts come to the state convention where the delegates would vote on the sweetheart. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

#4. All motions be stated in a positive manner.

Tom Magill spoke on this item. Mike Simpson moved the executive committee re-commend a yes vote. John Schouten seconded the motion. Voting took place and passed.

#5. Should the amount of members on the nominating committee be reduced from 3 members to 2 from each region?

Randy Heinrich moved the executive committee recommend a yes vote. Julie Silva seconded the motion. Voting took place and passed.

#6. Should the number of nominations off the floor be limited for any state office?

Sandy Mcguire moved the nominations be limited to 2 for each office. Julie Silva seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Question was called. Voting took place and motion failed. The executive committee recommends a no vote.

State advisor Mr. Don Wilson discussed the possibility of delegates to write letters to the Governor. Therefore a half hour of convention will be scheduled for a letter writing session. Mr. Wilson also discussed the membership conditions in the state. Membership was down 861 members from last year's figures.

North Coast: 176 members down from last years figures

South Coast: 232 " " " " " " " "

Superior: 182 " " " " " " " "

Central: 179 " " " " " " " "

Southern: 124 " " " " " " " "

Southwestern: 27 " " " " " " " "

San Joaquin: 59 members above last years figures!!!

The convention program was then gone over.

Julie Silva moved to accept the seven new chapters and to assign them chapter charters. Sandy Mcguire seconded the motion. Motion was voted on and passed.

Each regional president then gave short summaries and presented their candidate for star state advisor. Voting took place and the winner would be announced at the convention.

Sandy Mcguire moved to have the State Secretary write a letter to the C.A.T.A. to recommend that the two tri-regions for parly-pro be judged by the same judges or bring back the semi-finals to the state convention. Tony seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Voting took place and failed.

Tom Magill moved to recommend that four public speakers come to the state convention. Sandy Mcguire seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion was voted on and failed.

Each regional president presented their star regional reporter's scrapbook and gave a short summary for the committee to judge. The winner to be announced at the convention.

The executive committee meeting was adjourned with closing ceremonies at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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